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Primary '08: Clinton takes Ocean State

Penn pushes for Obama support

Phil DeCvisit
Managing Editor

In the 2004 film, "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle," actor Kal Penn played a starry-eyedoner on a late-night quest for the perfect burger. But an entirely different cause brought him to campus last week: Democratic Sen. Barack Obama and Rhode Island's March 4 primary.

Penn, best known for portraying goofy characters in teen comedies, was serious Thursday as he stumped for Obama in the Bay Room of the New Academic Building, his last stop on a one-day tour of several Rhode Island colleges.

Sen. Hillary Clinton won Rhode Island over Obama Tuesday by 18 percent, though early exit polls showed that Obama had a six percent lead with voters ages 18 to 29. Clinton also swept Texas and Ohio, keeping her in the race after a series of losses to Obama last month.

Republican Sen. John McCain secured the nomination for his party in the four-state primary.

Penn, 30, told the audience of about 50 people, many of them students, that young Americans can have a major impact on this year's election. And they already have.

Chelsea Clinton campaigns for mother at RWU

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

The presidential campaigns swept through Roger Williams last week; Chelsea Clinton came to campus Friday afternoon to advocate for her mother just one day after Sen. Hillary Clinton spoke in favor of Senator Obama. Over three hundred people gathered in the New Academic Building for the chance to hear Clinton speak. Clinton, 28, spoke for about 10 minutes before opening the floor to questions. Over the course of the hour-long meeting, she responded to questions on a variety of subjects from the war in Iraq, the economic crisis, health care, Darfur, the Supreme Court and gun control.

Immediately following the question session, Clinton stepped onto the floor to meet students and pose for photos. Roger Williams was just one of the many colleges Clinton has visited while advocating for her mother's campaign. During her speech she made repeated references about how

The Cost of Discourse

Some students question benefits of guest speakers

Michele Batast
Herald Staff

Matt Pacific, a third-year Communications major, filed into the RWU Rec Center alongside both fellow students and an overwhelming majority of Bristol residents. He quickly found a seat behind an older man with a "Dubbs for President" sign and one row in front of two men deeply discussing politics.

"There were a lot more adults in the crowd than students," Pacific said. "I guess I expected that more students would show up," and Pacific, who unlike most students who were there, decided to attend RWU's Civil Discourse Series voluntarily, "I knew Lou Dubbs was controversial and I wanted to hear what he had to say," said Pacific, who made himself comfortable in the sea of Dubbs fans.

Dubbs went on to voice his opinions on immigration, the middle class, and our current presidential candidates. Pacific, who keeps up with the news regularly, felt out of the loop during the event.

"All of a sudden, he started talking about taxes and mortgages, and once I heard those words, he lost me," Pacific said. "It was almost like he wrote his speech for other adults, not the students. I wasn't a big fan when I left."

"Some people love Dubbs, some hate Dubbs," he said. "I was an independent, then I was a Democrat, now I'm a Republican."

Since RWU is a private institution, monetary rumors will often remain rumors. As a strategic business tactic, RWU will most likely not disclose the numbers on speakers' paychecks.

"Negotiation is a really

Bus pass usage underwhelming

Allison Collins
Herald Staff

Freshman Lauren Lane was given a very useful tool at the beginning of the fall 2007 semester. It was a tool that would allow her to get off campus, experience the area, and travel around Rhode Island.

"I have yet to use it," said Lane, referring to her RIPTA pass.

Last semester, for the first time, the university gave RIPTA passes to all freshmen. While the RIPTA bus pass program began with good intentions, few freshmen have actually taken advantage of it.

Fees for these passes are referred to in RIPTA terms, as "L-upasses."

Tim McCormick, manager of RIPTA's planning department, approached RWU with the idea. John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, says he respected the original proposal, which he says would have cost RWU $800,000.

A PowerPoint that McCormick says was presented to administration suggested that the sen­eral cost for all students to have a bus pass would be $213,800. The cost was calculated with each bus ride costing the university $1.75, and with a rough estimate of how many rides RIPTA thought students might take.

"For us at Roger Williams, it never made a lot of financial sense at that $200,000 figure for us to do it, because that's a lot of money," King said. "But now it's making more and more sense because we're paying for exactly what we're getting."

During the Fall 2007 semester, freshmen took 14,192 rides, although in September not all rides

"I think that my mom is really her mother and she highlighted her mother's many achievements."

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Dear Editor Cournoyer,

I am writing in regards to the article titled "Senator removed after closed door vote." There are a few logistical things I feel the Student Body should know when formulating their opinions of this situation:

The bylaws can be amended by any senator who wishes to do so by writing a piece of legislation. A senator may state their case as to why their appeal should be granted through their appeal letter.

The motion to close a meeting can be introduced by any senator. Meetings are not closed by the chair. All of the student senators who resigned this year were due to personal reasons. While some individuals were dissatisfied with senate proceedings, the majority resigned due to personal reasons including academic commitments or going abroad.

All of the Student Senators are leaders on this campus; they are all charged with making changes on campus. The Student Senate is the advocate of student rights, responsibilities, and opinions. Acting as a liaison between the student body and the University's administration and faculty, the Senate is responsible for representing the myriad of student thoughts and resolving their concerns. Assisting in the creation of an inclusive community that encourages intellectual, social, and personal development, the Senate is dedicated to promoting diverse thought and action amongst our pluralistic student body. The Student Senate endorses its clubs and organizations by providing a comprehensive network of support and recognition. Committed to collaborative leadership, the Student Senate places a strong emphasis on constant improvement for the benefit of the current and future students of Roger Williams University.

The following are questions you had posed to me last week but I was unable to answer due to the lateness of the questions. When you interviewed me earlier in the day, you did not ask these questions. You sent me your follow up questions late at night and my responsibilities as a student prevented me from answering them. I had to study for a quiz the next morning, so the immediate deadline you gave was not feasible.

How do you respond to numerous former senators claim that the senate is inefficient and meetings are unnecessarily drawn out?

The Senate meetings length is based on a number of external factors. Many people are at the meetings to give updates and participate in open debate. As you know, members of each organization give a weekly update, members of the student body are invited to participate in meetings, and there are many issues discussed by members of the General Senate as well. The length of meetings is solely based on the amount of discussion in a given meeting.

They also argue that certain viewpoints are not welcome and that your decision to ask Joe off was a way to get rid of those viewpoints. Response?

The Senate represents the student body as a whole and any and all viewpoints are welcome. This was not a consideration in the request for Joe's resignation.

If Joe had been talked to throughout the year, why weren't demerits given? Joe had been pulled aside numerous times by advisors and three members of the executive board as a means to assist him in growing as a student leader and to help him to understand that these actions were wrong. Again, these conversations were not the only issue in the request for his resignation. The decision was based on his behaviors.

Why were three student senators given demerits for underage drinking at a senate function while Joe was asked to step down with no demerits?

The request for Joe's resignation did not pertain to underage drinking. Other allegations claim that you tend to make "unilateral decisions." Did you consult others before you asked Joe to step down? I realize that bylaws do not require you to do so.

During an executive board meeting, I consulted each and every member of the executive board and all gave me their support at the time. Though others may have the opinion that I make "unilateral decisions," you will notice in meeting minutes that I tend to refrain from voicing an opinion on most issues. If students have concerns with the way the Student Senate is functioning and they should direct their concerns to senate@hawks.rwu.edu or stop by the office and speak with any Student Senator or member of the Executive Board.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Student Senate please stop by the office to pick up an election form.

Regards,
Veronica L. Columb
Student Body President

Editor's Note

Send us your thoughts, comments or suggestions. E-mail them to: hawksherald@gmail.com.

Letters to the editor must be signed and under 750 words.

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BUS PASS: Students want program expanded

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were recorded, King said. Each ride costs $12.453.76. Of those who did take rides, many use their passes to go to Providence and Newport. "I use it at least twice a month to go to the mall or shopping in Newport, or to go out to dinner," freshman Elyse Dolde said.

Some ask whether the money provided by the entire student body should be used to bus freshmen to leisure activities. Some students think the program should be expanded to include more students. Student Senator Juan Escorza, a junior, is one of them.

"I think if we're paying $35,000 a year, we should have [RIPTA passes]," he said.

"It would be really cool if in the future they considered upperclassmen," said senior Greg Bem. King is aware of that interest.

"I received probably four or five emails from sophomores who said they really wanted it, and wanted me to know that they thought they should have it and everybody should have it," King said.

Student Affairs and the Student Senate fund this program, each covering 50 percent of the costs, according to King.

"Call us the program an "enhancement of student life,"" said Cormick. "I presented it to the vice presidents and president in August," he said, "as an initiative to allow more students to get into the community and experience Providence, particularly first-year students who are not allowed to have vehicles on campus."

At the beginning of the fall 2007 semester, freshmen were supposed to pick up their RIPTA passes at the Student Affairs office. Some reported picking them up in the Commons. But some freshmen did not bother to pick up their RIPTA passes at all.

"You would be surprised at the number of first-year students who didn't pick up their passes," said King.

Some who did say they are making frequent use of them.

"Freshman Heather Berkley said, "I use mine a lot, around four times a month or so. I go into Providence and Newport a lot. Berkley's use of the pass is fairly typical."

"I've used it three or four times to go to the mall, Providence and Salve," said freshman Jackie Giroux.

Many freshmen barely use their RIPTA passes at all.

"I use it on occasion," freshman Amber Thomas said. "The only time I really use it is if I'm going to the Providence Place Mall."

King said the university has not received feedback from any of the freshmen, "I have gotten a lot of response from upper-class students, particularly student leaders, who thought it was a great idea," says Cormick.

"I'm happy for them but at the same time I think that it's really not a good thing for the upperclassmen such as myself," says Bem.

Other Rhode Island schools are engaged in similar programs. McCormick reports contracts with Salve Regina, Gibbes College, Providence College, Johnson & Wales, the University of Rhode Island, Brown University, and the Rhode Island School of Design. "All schools pay for whatever portion of the fare that the student does not pay," McCormick said. "Salve, Gibbes, PC, J & W, Brown, RWU (for freshmen), and RISD all let students ride free and pay the whole fare. URI and RWU (non-freshmen) pay half the fare by reselling regular RIPTA fare cards at half price."

Prices vary for all schools, and are based on the number of rides that schools are expected to purchase for the year, according to McCormick. He said prices range from 55 cents to $1.

McCormick said he noticed two trends with colleges. They are filled with "financially strapped" people who were not taking the bus, and that most colleges are lacking parking spaces.

"I decided to see if we could kill two birds with one stone by lowering congestion, and solving overcrowding in campus parking lots by inviting the students to ride for free."

"I used it a lot first semester, and believe it or not. I used it a lot over break, but then I gave it to my boyfriend because he comes down here every weekend via bus," said freshman Jessica. The RIPTA passes given to freshmen are adorned with their pictures. One might wonder why the bus driver doesn't realize that this freshman's boyfriend is not the person pictured on the card.

"Bus drivers are not necessarily supposed to check the picture on the student ID... If they suspect something, they can check, or they can check every one, but if they are late, or otherwise stressed, they don't have to," said McCormick.

A purpose of giving freshmen RIPTA passes this year was to encourage them to explore the Bristol and RI communities, according to King. A RIPTA bus pass gives students an excellent opportunity to get off campus. Freshmen cannot have cars, and the bus pass allows them relatively easy, and completely free, access to the outside world.

It apparently also allows relatively easy and completely free access to campus for at least one outside student.

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CLINTON: Chelsea speaks to students

"I passionately believe in my mom as a daughter but also as a mother," said Clinton.

Though she spoke at length about her mother's ideas, she also made numerous references to the failure of the Bush administration.

"She doesn't agree with almost anything the current administration has ever done," said Clinton. She said her mother believed in "getting behind a president that believes in things like evolution."

When Barack Obama's name was not mentioned once during Clinton's speech, she only briefly referenced him as her mother's opponent. When questioned if Clinton and Obama would consider running on a single Democratic ticket, Clinton answered, "I hope she [Hillary] has that choice."

Clinton was repeatedly questioned on the war in Iraq, and specifically her mother's stance.

"She is against preemptive war," she said. She clarified that her mother did not vote for the war in Iraq but instead voted to send weapons inspectors there, which would have led to a war to end in Iraq, "said Clinton, "and a war to resolve in Afghanistan."

She also pointed out that fact that her mother has visited the Middle East more frequently than any of the Presidential hopefuls.

"It is great that President Bush visited Iraq several weeks ago. It is tragic that this was his first visit," she said.

Clinton repeatedly made allusions to the importance of a president who wants "to get back to fiscal responsibility." She stressed this notion when questioned about Social Security, stating "Both Medicare and Social Security would be solvent if we get back to fiscal responsibility, instead of a president who is borrowing from the Medicare and Social Security trust funds."

"A lot of Americans feel that we are in a recession," Clinton said when she spoke of the suffering U.S. economy. She informed the audience of her mother's dedication to raise the minimum wage to $10 an hour, to introduce a 90-day moratorium on home foreclosures, and provide heating and energy assistance. She emphasized the importance of taxes and the tax cuts made during Bush's term.

"I think we should have to pay higher taxes," she stated. "I think the country needs more help for this country's future."

When questioned about the AIDS epidemic Clinton explained that more needs to be done, and that more people are working to do more. She stressed her mother's work to the Bush administration. The question was, "Whether the United States will only fund health initiatives internationally and domestic support abstinence only sex education. We need more honest sexual health education. We need to have lost during this administration."

She said, "When my mother's seen on many serious issues, she did draw some laughs when she added a little light to the differences between all the political parties."

"As a Democrat, I just wish that the Republicans were carrying their weight much more...or everything." Instead of advising her listeners to vote for her mother, she suggested, "We all as voters should think about what is fundamentally important to us."

She did, however, suggest that she felt her mother is the "right candidate given the current issues."

Clinton visited Roger Williams a day after Obama supporter, Kal Penn, addressed the campus. Nearly 150 people attended Penn's speech, compared to the 300-plus that turned out for her.

On Tuesday afternoon Clinton returned back to R.I. to speak at Rhode Island College.
'important piece,' said Josh Hiscock, Associate Director of Student Programs and Leadership. "If you disclose how much you're paying for a performer, it can hurt your negotiations in the future with other performers because they know what your financial range is. There's that practical purpose in the industry of entertainment... that's not something you share.

Tory Peman-Dupoir, a junior majoring in Criminal Justice, was frustrated that the money had gone to someone like Dobbs, who had much different opinions than hers. "I just didn't understand why they brought him here when he doesn't really fit the tone of the school," she said. "If I'm going to be paying for something, I want it to be something that I think is worth it."

While no exact price tag has been disclosed on Dobbs' appearance at RWU, most journalists and broad- casters of his caliber reportedly starts at $30,000 and their pay only increases from there. Popular personalities such as Joan Lunden, Connie Chung, and Andrea Mitchell are paid $30,000 to $50,000 to speak, according to the All American Talent and Celebrity Network. While this speaker's booking fee is not disclosed, one might assume that he makes as much as Chung or Lunden, and probably more. For example, Dobbs' CNN colleague Anderson Cooper, who is more in the public eye, still does not have as many viewers watching his show as Dobbs does. But Cooper gets paid $50,000 or more per appearance.

Despite the apparent high price of having a credible speaker come to RWU, most of the money used for lecture series are from deals with companies and from donations, not from students' pockets. We had a deal with Barnes & Noble where they gave us $20,000 a year for the Presidential Lecture Series," said James Noonan, RWU Vice President of Finance. "So for five years they gave us $100,000 and that was used to pay for a lecture series. Several donors have given us money for speaker series."

Often, money that the school receives through donations also goes into the endowment. The earnings of the endowment are used to pay for these lectures, Noonan even describes the amount of money that comes out of students' pockets for events as "small money."

Hiscock believes that students should recognize the benefits that these speakers are bringing to the school, as they most certainly outweigh the cost.

"It's a real benefit that students get a real-life experience out of the people that they meet through the different lectures and performances on campus," he said. "There are a couple of students who have met amazing speakers, made great connections, and perhaps gotten jobs or internships through those experiences."

Hiscock also described how students involved in setting up other entertainment events reap these benefits. "For the student-activities end, they practice actually programming the event. They book the performers, they bring them in, and they plan the entire event," he said.

"Students that are on the committee are getting all those real-life opportunities. Many people get ten jobs after college because of their work managing budgets, and so on."

"Although Chase Padula, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and a strong supporter of the Civil Discourse Series, said speakers such as Dobbs not only benefit the students, but also the faculty and those living in Bristol. I think for the Bristol community, it may be one of the few times that they get to hear this kind of caliber of speakers. I think by the university opening it up to the public, it does them a great service," she said. Padula said this particular lecture series has guided those living in Bristol and Roger Williams students into becoming a community. "It gets the Bristol community to have interaction with our students and our faculty, which is a good thing, too."

"I think the notoriety the school gets puts you on TV, puts you in the newspaper, and make more people interested in Roger Williams," Hiscock said. "It brings in lots of different aspects to the university in terms of a more diverse student body."

Despite all the benefits speakers bring to Roger Williams, Pacific "still wonders" why the university chose Dobbs to come to a liberal arts institution.

"Isn't it better to have a variety of speakers come on campus with different points of view?" Noonan said, "I may not agree with some of those points of view, but I'll listen, I'll disagree with that person without throwing a rock at them. That's what this is all about - that we can have disagreements or we can discuss it because we learn every time we have a discussion like that."

"You want to make sure that you're providing a wide variety of options and backgrounds," Padula said.

"Because there are so many voices on campus, you want to make sure that you get a lot of those voices in.

As for next year, the school promises to continue forward with the series and bring it to new levels.

"We are going to get a true variety of folks," said Padula, who could only describe the lineup next year as including all kinds of aspects.

"We'll have someone from entertainment, academia, business, and so on," she said. "It's something that I'm really excited about, and I definitely think it's going to appeal to a lot of people on campus."

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Teddy Applebaum
Herald Staff

Scores were left dead last week after an Israeli offensive was launched into Gaza in what Israeli says was a response to continued rocket attacks by Hamas militants in the region. In light of this news, it seemed especially pertinent that Daniel Ayallon, a key player in road map for peace was asked by president Nicosia to talk about prospects for peace in the Middle East. Ayallon made no secret of his subjective outlook on the situation.

More than 200 students, faculty, and community members, turned out to hear the former Israeli ambassador to the United States Ayallon speak as part of Roger Williams' continuing speakers series Reassess and Respect Civil discourse," on Wednesday, March 27. Past speakers in the series include Nobel Peace Prize recipient David Trimbile, noted writer Salmun Rambali and TV news personality Lou Dobbs. Ayallon began his analysis of the region's complicated dynamics by referencing modern historical. He sees the Middle East as a tumultuous tapestry of warring factions whose problems began long before Israel's creation in 1948.

"I'm just looking at the last 50 or 60 years, but to say that the Palestinian Israeli conflict is the root cause of the conflict. I'm not sure that holds much water," Ayallon said.

Ayallon said there are many views on why the problems between Israel and the Palestinians began and just as many misconceptions. For instance he lamented Israel's lack of natural resources while disputing claims that this was the origin of the conflict. "I guess the Bible, the prophets and God promised us a land of milk and honey but no oil, I joked.

Instead he said he believes the issue to be cultural, and that responsibility lies with a group he labeled the "silent majority." These are people whom he said disagree with the actions of their leaders towards Israel but sit silently instead of speaking their minds.

The clergy, the Muslim clergy, the political leaders, the silent majority are literally killing people. I would expect them to come forward and to show the real true face of Islam," Ayallon said.

While Ayallon went on to say that the conflict was not religious, at one point calling Islam "a very great religion," he also accused the faith of being the sole breeding ground for global extremism.

"It is true to admit that all Muslims are terrorists but if you look at today's world, all terrorists are Muslims.

Ayallon added that while negotiations for peace could eventually be successful in the region, much would have to change for that to happen. "It's not enough to put Israelis and Palestinians together in a room because we hardly agree on anything," he said. Prior to any such negotiations certain preconditions would have to be met; specifically an end to acts of violence and extremism.

"So long as we have Iran, Hamas, and Hezbollah supported by Syria and others, every time we make any progress on the peace process we will go back because of terrorism," he said.

Ayallon said he believed the Palestinians took their lead from Lebanon and Egypt whom he says suspended attacks while negotiating with Israel on route to peace agreements.

Ayallon said that any successful negotiations would require leaders who were willing to compromise. He recalled the failed peace process of the late 1990's when he said Israel made a series of offers to then Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and never received a single counter proposal.

Ayallon said he doesn't believe there is a peace-minded leader on the Palestinian side of the conflict at the time.

After his talk Ayallon took questions from the audience. Ayallon's remarks were from whether Israel has nuclear weapons to the Summer War with Hezbollah.

Senior Will Grapentine asked about the consequences of countries like the U.S. negotiating with known enemies of Israel such as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. "You wouldn't think to negotiate with Hitler, negotiations would be about what would be the arrangement of your own funeral," Ayallon said.

Senior Eric Sullivan questioned Israel's commitment to regional peace, asking why the nation had yet to sign the Nuclear NonProliferation Treaty (NPT), and pointing out that this implied they may have nuclear weapons.

Ayallon explained that historical- ly signing the NPT has not always signaled a country peace-seeking and vice versa.

"Iraq and Iran are distinguished members of the NPT, did it really stop Iraq in 1983 from hiding its nuclear facilities from NPT inspectors?" Ayallon also said that Israel's geographical situation justifies their strategic ambiguity on whether they possess nuclear weapons. "Israel is a very small country, a sliver of land, and we are surrounded by 22 hostile nations.

However, he reiterated Israel's position that it will be the first country to introduce nuclear options in the Middle East.

"Israel is prepared and is willing to take a painful compromise to achieve peace but one compromise we cannot take it about our security and our ability to take care of ourselves," he said.

Professor Joseph Roberts, who specializes in the Middle East questioned whether Ayallon's rhetoric reflected a country that was truly aiming for peace.

He was addressing how the Israeli issue was always a part of a larger situation. We need to move beyond the territorial Israeli world view to talk real on the ground problems, and I don't think his discussion moves us in that direction.

Couple of the Moment:
Carol Sacchetti and Tony Montefusco

Carol
Reporting by: Lorin Richardson

1. When did you meet?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged. It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

2. What is the sweetest thing he has ever done for you?
I guess the hardest thing she has ever done for you? I cleaned up after my dog when she was dog sitting when I was out of town.

3. How often do you fight and how do you resolve it?
We fight daily about little things and then laugh afterwards. We tend to bubble about a lot of things, especially on our radio show and then we have fights about what we talk about.

4. What is Tony's favorite thing to do when he is stressed out?

5. What is the most memorable moment you have had with Tony?
I promoted her to a Core to an Assistant director position, so I think that that I knew she had the job.

6. What is the most memorable moment you have had with Carol?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

7. What is Tony's favorite movie?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

8. If you had to describe Tony in three words, what would they be?
Punny, dedicated, and his knowledgable about so

Tony

1. What was one of the first things you noticed about Tony?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

2. What was one of the first things you noticed about Carol?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

3. When did you meet?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

4. What is your favorite thing to do when you are stressed out?

5. What is your favorite movie?
It was one of those moments that I will never forget even though it was arranged.

6. What is your favorite couple of coworkers but not an actual couple
What's the buzz with honey?

"I found Betty's Bee farm," says Castanza. "We always try to find a local connection to our theme," said Gabieta who was very excited to have Betty's Bee farm here. We bought a gallon tub of honey to serve in the commons," he said. Bon Appetit plans on cooking with the honey as well as leaving it out for students to try. Menucci, the owner of the bee farm, was happy to be at RWU and share her experience as a beekeeper with students. "I really didn't want to be a beekeeper but my father was a beekeeper and when he died suddenly I inherited ten hives of bees," Menucci said. "I focused on honey for the month of February because I want to promote it as a natural, sustainable product." said Menucci, the owner of the bee farm. "I want to show the students that honey can be treated as a health food."

"As a beekeeper Menucci says she gets stung here and there 'but it's not that bad," Menucci responds to bee problems and she produces liquid honey, hand cream, and hand soap. She also teaches beginner bee keeping classes at Davies technical high school in Lincoln, R.I. and responds to bee problems for the URI gardening hotline.

According to Menucci, the colony flourished. "It's a warning the human mind is capable of something that we need to be aware of and we need to do something about," Castanza says. The exhibit serves as constant reminders of a failure of human nature.

"It's a warning the human mind is capable of doing these things, technology which is designed to improve mankind can be perverted into something that does or weaker mankind in ways that are probably irreparable," Menucci said.

"We have situations today of genocide, there are situations that are occurring now that we need to be aware of and we need to do something about." Castanza said. The exhibit shows the resilience of the Jewish people.

"People ought to take away from [the exhibit] the longevity of the community," Stein said. "The exhibit will be on display until March 15 and can be viewed whenever the library is open."

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Katie Marz
Herald Staff

It’s supposed to be a week of fun and craziness, without a worry in the world. Just you and your friends on the vacation of a lifetime. This “vacation of a lifetime” ended for 22-year-old Nelson Webster from Massachusetts, when he died at the Oasis Cancun Hotel in Cancun Mexico last year.

After he was pulled, unconscious, from the hotel pool, he had to wait there’s more danger in Mexico than just drinking the water.

What these sun seekers don’t know is that draws in thousands of families every year. What those sun seekers don’t know or don’t want to believe is that there’s more danger in Mexico than just drinking the water.

Several students every year are arrested, drugged, involved in car accidents, and learn about the dangers of the streets outside of the hotel.

According to the International Travel Safety Information for American Students website, “Americans have been badly injured or have been killed in automobile accidents, falls, and other mishaps. Many of these incidents are related to alcohol or drug use.

Other Americans have been sexually assaulted or robbed because they found themselves in unfamiliar locales, or were incapable of protecting themselves because of drug or alcohol use, or because they were the victim of a ‘date rape’ drug.”

Student Kristina DeTufo got to see what it was like outside the resort. “Senior year in high school, my friends and I went to the Bahamas with a bunch of people.

The company we went through told us not to wander around alone, it was too dangerous. They also told us not to get into any car saying they are a taxi, it had to say taxi on the license plate. One night, me and seven of my girl friends decided to go out to dinner, in the middle of downtown Bahamas.

We were the only ones getting dropped off, everyone else went to a club. When we came out of dinner, we realized we were on a side street in downtown Bahamas with no one but locals around. There were about four guys claiming to be taxi’s outside, but they weren’t. We had to walk through downtown Bahamas by ourselves. We were followed by cops, stray dogs and a bunch of locals.

Many other students have experienced getting robbed, getting held up by cops, and getting kicked out of hotels being left with no where to go, like senior Abigail Tavill, who was in Acapulco last year. “We were threatened to check out onto the streets and leave after some friends threw water over the balcony.”

Students can find more safety tips about traveling abroad at travel.state.gov. Travelers can also, and are strongly encouraged, to register their foreign travel on the State Department’s website at http://travelregistration.state.gov before the trip begins.

Travel registration makes it possible for the State Department to contact a traveler if necessary, whether because of a family emergency in the United States or because of a crisis in a foreign country.

Health Services reports flu, other illness, on rise

Kimberly Sabatto
Herald Staff

Sickness is rapidly spreading through the Roger Williams campus affecting an overwhelming amount of the student body. Students have been visiting Health Services in substantial numbers with complaints of influenza and respiratory illnesses. Although the flu season has hit the campus, as well as the rest of the country, later than usual, it is just now weaving its way through the RWU community.

Considering illness spreads so easily through dorms, the Health Services office has seen 56-60 cases of influenza so far this season. Aside from the flu, strep, minor colds, bronchitis, and sinus infection germs are also finding their way onto campus.

A majority of the students visiting Health Services are freshmen. Anne Andrade, Director of Health Services, said that “part of it is that freshmen get exposed to a new environment, new germs, and have to build immunities.”

Freshmen are newly emerged into this pool of germs. They do not know how to independently take care of themselves. Andrade also admits all students, freshmen through seniors, experience difficulty at times; sometimes they simply have bad luck and are continuously exposed to the same Illness. This causes them to become run down and their immune system to be unable to fight off sickness.

The Health Services office follows a strict policy regarding notes for absences. We don’t want to promote the overuse or misuse of services. Nor do we want to promote a population of students that think, ‘every time I get a cold I should go to my doctor.’ It’s just not practical, feasible or cost efficient,” says Andrade.

Students often miss class for something fairly routine that they could successfully take care of on their own.

She said a majority of time they do follow instructions to get better, but clearly, sometimes, whether it be they’re too busy with work, school work, too busy playing hard, they don’t do what they should do and we absolutely see them back.”

Andrade remembers some students returning to the office complaining of a recurring illness while the medicine prescribed to them during their last visit was still sitting at the front desk. The Health Services office is also available to students for guidance with independence and self care.

Math Professor Joe Simone agrees with Andrade in regard to students’ overall well being. “My class has been pretty good as far as the amount of students who actually show up for class who aren’t feeling well.”

Simone’s main concern when students miss a repeated number of classes is a short amount of time is that the student falls behind in material covered in class or homework. Luckily, Simone has an in-class tutor, Cora Tretouault, to help students who miss class.

The RWU campus is definitely experiencing an intense flu season; however, we are at the same time pushing forth a powerful recovery.

Andrade says, “we’re lucky in that the population in general is very healthy, he healthy strong population that’s going to bounce back quickly almost no matter what.”

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Dressing the part: college students in the professional world

Kellieh Welch
Features Editor

It’s Monday morning, 8:45, and Noelé Allard has exactly 15 minutes to get to her first class. Not exactly the way she would want to start off the week. Allard, a senior, sometimes throws on the pair of sweatpants she wore all weekend, and no one will notice her outfit, as most students in Allard’s class are dressed the same way or half asleep.

However, life after college is a different requirement. An outfit that might be acceptable on the Rhode Island University campus may be completely inappropriate in the “professional world.”

There are two types of professional dress. One is the more well-known kind of “Business Dress,” which is expected in a business career. The other is the less obvious, student professional dress, where students may be expected to dress in certain outfits at certain times, but may never have to obtain the “Business Dress.”

“Business Dress” is exactly what is expected,” said Kelleigh Welch, PEER, RA, and a senior. “Men should wear business suits, while women should wear skirts or dresses, always wear nylon, and have conservative makeup, and fragrances.”

For Ellie Amaral, Store Manager and Assistant Features Editor at The Hawk’s Herald, RI, professional dress should be classic and clean.

“We can wear a nice twin sweater set, while blazers or twin sweaters just look like a second-hand look. There is a new classic look that goes with great shirts. Men’swear is a woman in where you can take the typical men’swear look and change it to be more appealing,” Junior, Ashley Lago, says that a simple collared shirt or sweatshirt or slacks would be fine. “Then again, some places want their employees to dress like they can look at the max with a business suit and a professional demeanor.”

Depending on the occupation, the dress code may be different. “A job in computing may not be as formal as a shirt, which would be fine,” Associate Professor of the Computer Science Department, Kathleen Mckissick said.

Beaufchamp also said, “The perception of ‘Business Casual’ is dictated by the organization. However, when interviewing, dress as professionally as possible. When you are there, look around and see what others are wearing.”

Dressing professionally also involves other minor requirements. "Ties are required," says that and make-up you make far more marketable than if you don’t pay attention to those features.

You should be neat and well-groomed,” said Beaufchamp.

“If you are not a conversation while you should not wear any jeans and especially nothing torn,” Junior, Ashley Lago, says that a simple collared shirt or slacks would be fine. “Then again, some places want their employees to dress like they can look at the max with a business suit and a professional demeanor.”

An outfit is expected to be visible in going to work with a shirt that says "You’ve Explained Like Me Better."”

One consideration, however, is that while you are trying to look professional, as Amaral pointed out, "We want to be comfortable." Areturn for dressing for a job or an interview, you make yourself more presentable. It also helps you receive positive first impressions from future employers.

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Junior, Auden, Deal agreed.

“When you dress, you are making a statement. People notice you. If you are dressed well, people will talk to anyone, but everyone makes that initial judgment. It could make people come to you more.”

When being interviewed for a future job, you need to market yourself. However, you also need to dress properly once you land the job, especially if you want to advance in your workplace.

“Don’t dress for the job you have, but dress for the job you want,” said Beaufchamp.

“While a student prepares for an interview, they must research the dress,” said Mckissick. “We don’t want students to be uncomfortable.”

So if professional dress is so important, why is the typical Roger Williams student with what it has to take to dress for their future occupations?

Amaral said his tools that while students are dressed for the job, professional dress is not as big of a concern. ”The college atmosphere is relaxed, which fine,” he said.

If you graduate, professional dress becomes a big deal. This is why preparing for the professional world is so important. Many classes on campus encourage professional dress for certain occasions and are taught throughout the semester. In the School of Law, graduate students are taught in their elective classes that dress that just that.

(The class) Mock Trial encourages students to dress like they are in trial, said Logan. The tradition in that class was that they were going to court, even though it is a mock. However, some of the last classes follow the rules of dress as you are.

The School of Business also encourages professional dress on the students. McKissick said that when you graduate, you must forge a presentation, you must research the dress; you may want to be more presentable. It also helps you receive positive first impressions from future employers.

“The Other Boleyn Girl” review

Kellieh Welch
Asst. Features Editor

Want a “can’t put it down” book to read this spring break? Barack Obama, fans, competition, deix, sex and rivalry are only a few of the many themes that are woven masterfully into the book “The Other Boleyn Girl” by Philippa Gregory.

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Betrayed by her family Mary wishes to be a returner, and she slides right into the book “The Other Boleyn Girl” by Philippa Gregory. The book begins when Mary is an innocent young girl at court that catches the eye of the king. Pushed forward by her own family.

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The main character, Marv Bolevn, is the older sister of Anne Boieyn. However don’t let the length of the book scare you away from reading this book. The book "The Other Boleyn Girl" review

Linda Richardson
Asst. Features Editor

If you feel like applications are pouring out of your head, your feet are throbbing running from office to office, and you can’t stop thinking twice about an interview, you have caught this spring. This spring, attention is focused around Roger Williams University and it is on college applications. According to some students, they feel like someone shouldn’t convince them that they should apply to college. They feel they feel they deserve, Opportunities and positions such as RA, PEER, HAWE, OA, and SA are in the loose as well, job oppor­tunities for Seniors and Intern­ship interviews for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.

This year students’ participation in leadership positions has skyrocketed. There were 100 applicants for 60 RA positions, 45 for SA positions, and 25 for 10 overall PEER positions. The reason is that being assigned to a leadership position is being passionate about making a career about the RA process. There are so many skills that can be learned from different careers such as a teacher where you make bulletin boards and floor plans. Therefore, the RA positions and interviews are great ways to get involved around campus and further your learning. RA positions are a way to build confidence, while gaining great experience. There is a process to every application. RAs,
Ashley Willox
Herald Staff

Finally: The writer's strike is "McOver." But where are the shows?

After months without McDreamy and McSteamy, an ugly girl named Betty, and some desperate housewives, The Writers Guild of America (WGA) on both East and West, agreed to end their hundred-day-long strike on February 12, 2008, according to the WGA.

On that Tuesday, Patrie M. Veronne, president of the WGA West said "The strike is over. Our membership has voted, and writers can go back to work."

The strike hit the Hollywood movie market harder than studios expected, and unfortunately, more than 60 series have been cancelled and television ratings are down according to the Los Angeles Times.

Regardless, enthusiastic followers of the shows on strike are not worried about current ratings, but they are more concerned about when the shows will actually be back on air.

I'm glad the strike is over. I thought it was really disappointing because there was nothing on. You get into a routine where you can relax and watch your shows with friends and just take a break. My friends and I would drop whatever we were doing to watch "Grey's Anatomy,"" said Ashley Wilcox, a sophomore at Brown, University, and a rather avid "Grey's Anatomy" fan. "It's so sad. Because of the strike, I haven't had anything to do on Thursday nights...except homework!"

However, while some were bothered by the TV halt, others were the least bit disturbed by the strike and the resultant pause in shows.

"The strike's over!" said sophomore, Tyler Curtis. "I didn't even know there was a writer's strike until I went home.

Another sophomore, Chris Meier, was also unaware that the strike had ended. "I guess I'm glad it's over," Meier said. "I liked House.

Regardless, other fervent fans or just occasional viewers, everybody will regrettably have to continue suffering through a few more lackluster weeknights because in reality, although the strike is over, the hit shows won't be starting up for quite some time if at all.

According to NBC, Los Angeles, one of the victims of the strike, is being cancelled after five seasons. However, other shows on the same network, such as The Office and Heroes will be returning with brand new episodes. The Office will hit the air again on April 10 and Heroes will return the next fall.

The ABC network also has confirmed when their hit series are coming back. Separate Housewives will return on April 15 and Brothers will hit the air on April 19. It's just too late. The Grey's Anatomy" spin-off, "Private Practice," will not return to the screen until April 24. "The Grey's Anatomy" series will return on April 10. "Heroes" will return on April 8. "The Office" will return on April 14.

"The strike's over, and viewers will still return to watch "Grey's Anatomy,"" said Cicely Hasop, a sophomore at Brown University and a rather avid "Grey's Anatomy" fan. "It's so sad. Because of the strike, I haven't had anything to do on Thursday nights...except homework!"

According to the Fox network, the hit programs "House" and "24" were affected by the strike in quite different ways. House will be returning to television on April 28 with brand new episodes, however, "24" won't be back until January 2009, when it can run its 24 episodes consecutively. The strike hasn't had an effect on the recent series "Back to You." It will return on April 16 with brand new episodes.

Yet one big question still remains. Will the once devoted viewers return to their long lost TV programs after such a long hiatus?

"Actually, I don't even remember what happened in the last episode, it's just been too long. I feel like I'm not really going to get into it as much because of the big break and I may not even pick up the shows again," Seward said, referring to her time off from "Grey's Anatomy."

"I guess it's not as necessary now. Once you break a routine it's hard to get back into it. I've picked up other shows that don't need writers like 'American Idol' and 'Deal or No Deal,'" Seward said.

As for sophomores, Cicely Hasop, she doesn't plan on getting back into the show affected by the writer's strike at all. "I watch them sometimes, but I can't keep up with them," Hasop said. "I just watch other shows instead, like 'American Idol' sometimes."

And it turns out, it's these unscripted reality shows such as American Idol and "Deal or No Deal" that have been taking over the Nielsen Ratings, according to USA Today, but what happens when the shows on break return?

"I don't think the shows have to worry about competition when they come back," Seward said. "I think the shows that didn't need scripts will retain their ratings because people have become so hooked on them there was nothing else on. So, when the shows return, audiences will want both. They have a lot of fans, and even if they [the shows on break] lose some of their audience, there are enough people who are looking forward to them to maintain their popularity."

The strike to keep shows off air a bit longer
Men's basketball: loses shot at NCAA tournament

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Following the layup Barranger scored an additional 10 points to give the Hawks a 56-51 lead with just over two minutes remaining in the game. Gordon came within five points of the lead after Gordon sophomore Aaron Trigg made a successful free throw attempt.

However, the Hawks continued to widen the deficit with a three-point shot by junior Ryan McGinn and a successful free throw shot from junior Billy Barrett with a mere 19 second remaining to play. Although Gordon would come within three, sophomore Mark Mastrullo scored a total of 29 points in the game, while Trigg and Barrett scored 15 points each. Gordon sophomore Chad Barranger brought the Hawks within six points of taking the lead, but that is as close as they would come.

At the buzzer, sophomore Billy Barrett made a successful free throw shot to 67-66 with the last second three-pointer for Gordon.

"I thought it was a good game," Tully said. "I thought both teams played well. We were able to defend well and get a little more intensity five minutes into the second half and I think that is really what made the difference." game against Curry got off to a similar start for the Hawks, as the Colonels held the advantage for the entire first half. Although RWU came within three points of the lead at 12-7 in the final minute of the period, a Curry six-point lead advantage at the close of the half.

The trend continued in the first five minutes of the second half as Curry increased their lead to 12 points. A three pointer by freshman Corey Fava and a jumper by Barranger brought the Hawks within six points of taking the lead, but that is as close as they would come.

Curry responded with a 15-6 run, bringing the score to 84-64 with ten minutes remaining in the game. After this run the Colonels continued to overtake the Hawks and they were able to hold on for the 83-66 win.

Junior Ryan McGinn and senior Billy Barrett had a successful free throw shot at NCAA tournament. difficult conditions and Hawks a were able to defend with a made two successful free shots made by junior Billy Barrett and Gordon would come within a successful free throw shot.

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and they've gotten off to a great start for the Hawks, and I think that is really shocking enough, has seemingly given new life to the Mets and has given new life to the Mets and has shocked the world.

The lefty Venezuelan who holds a career 3.22 ERA will anchor a rotation that has seen success in WBC but, certainly needed a valuable addition. He is followed by the three time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinz, and young rising star John Maine and Oliver Perez.

Around the diamond, the Mets score changes both the batting and the fielding and outfield adding veteran catcher Brian Schneider and right fielder Ryan Church. The construc-

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Men's basketball falls short of CCC championship title

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

After coming from behind to win the Commonwealth Coast Conference semifinal game against Gordon College 67-66 on Thursday, the Hawks fell short of their final goal as they lost the championship round to Curry College 83-66.

The loss brings an end to a season in which the Hawks posted an overall record of 17-11 and a conference record of 11-2 and takes away their shot at a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. With the win, Curry College finishes their season with an overall record of 18-10 and a conference record of 11-2, while the CCC title gives them an automatic bid for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"Curry is a very talented team and they played to their potential and when they do that they are tough to beat," head coach Michael Tully said. "Our kids played their hearts out and they played well, but we needed to make a few more shots in order to win on Saturday."

Tully's defeat also marks the end of the college basketball careers of the Hawks' three senior point guards: Larry Canore, Scott Hasbrouck, and Dan Gumb. All three seniors made significant contributions in their final game, combined they scored a total of 32 points and made 18 rebounds.

"They've been great," Tully said. "Those guys have had a great four years here. I can't say enough about them as individuals, as basketball players and as captains this year. They did a great job of leading this team from day one. They have responded well for four years, they've done everything we asked and I was happy to see that all three of them had great senior years on the court."

In Thursday's semifinal game, Gordon controlled the game in scoring and held a 21-27 lead as the halftime buzzer sounded. Gordon would hold the lead until the seven-minute mark, when a layup by Barranger tied the game at 48-48.

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Outside regional rivalry, Mets look to have strong year

Daniel DeFlorio
Assistant Sports Editor

This could have been another typical article about who will win the AL East, or arguing once again about who has the better team - the Red Sox or the Yankees, but it's not. It's not because I'm tired of hearing about it, writing about it, or even thinking about it.

This article is about a team that is overshadowed and forgotten in a land referred to as "Red Sox Nation" or "Yankee Country." It's for those fans that live in an overwhelming minority, and still proudly stand out. It's for those fans wearing the red, or the blue. It's all about the orange.

Yes, there is a third team in this neighborhood and it is the New York Mets. Usually placed on the back pages of even New York newspapers, here in Rhode Island the men from Queens are merely afterthoughts when it mention baseball.

This is a tale of two home and home series with the Yankees and an occasional tango with the Red Sox over the years. Mets are often forgotten.

Come April, though, this all may begin to change. The supporters of the orange and blue may find respect easier to come by and growing numbers of their city's sports fans will be forced to pay attention.

Their terrible end to last year's season doomed the Mets as the laugh stock of baseball, casting a shadow over their training and soul of the team. This year, the Mets are looking to do everything they can to erase that memo.

Their desire is to achieve even higher levels of success than they've found in the last few years.

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Hawks pitcher back on mound after surgery

Krisimo DelRio
Herald Staff

Straight from a freshly opened box, the 94-inch, 5-ounce baseball is perfectly pristine. Like any baseball, there are 216 waxed cotton red stitching, holding together two pieces of white leather. Underneath those pieces of leather are layers of yarn, twine or wool. Beyond those, in the heart of the baseball, is a ball of rubber.

Brian Hurld, a junior at Roger Williams University, picks up the baseball from his desk, and although this one ball was perfectly round, white, stitched and unused, it was obvious that it was perfect to Hurld in so many other ways.

"I remember throwing a ball at a very young age," Hurld said, "and I was good at it. It felt right." Beginning at the age of eight, Hurld was a natural on the baseball field. Bouncing from little league to little league in South Boston, Mass., Hurld was always kept himself busy. From playing on the field wherever he could, to playing forward and goalie in hockey on the side, he was an athlete through and through.

His constant hard work paid off when he started high school at Catholic Memorial High School in Roxbury, Mass., he was able to walk onto the team as a starting left-handed pitcher. Through his high school career, Hurld was an all-star. Along with another player, Hurld was a lead pitcher, someone the coach knew would win games for the team.

In Hurld's sophomore, junior and senior years at Catholic Memorial, he received the most valuable player award, along with many others. This was only the beginning of his career, though.

Graduating in 2005 with three varsity letters, he became one of the first pitchers recruited to play on the field.

Sailing gets off to a strong start with a fifth place finish in their first team race

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

Tricky conditions did not prevent the sailing team from earning fifth place out of 16 teams in the John Jackson and Graham Hall team-racing event at Georgetown University and the United States Naval Academy this past weekend.

"I thought this weekend was a good way to start off the sea; son," head coach Amanda Callahan said. "It shows how much work we need to do in order to make it to nationals this year."

This strong start to the spring season comes after a fall season in which the team was ranked as high as sixth nationally. Although the Hawk's ended the fall season with an eighth place finish in the Atlantic Coast Championships and a national ranking of eighth, the latest Sailing World coed college rankings place them in ninth place.

The team began regular practices on Saturday March 23 and since they have had six days on the water.

"This time of year the weather is always the biggest factor and it can be pretty fickle," Callahan said. "But last week we ended up with five really good days on the water."

"So far at practices we have been focusing on team racing and getting our team racing skills up to speed. Progress has been slow but I think we are heading in the right direction."

The first day of racing this weekend took place at the Navel Academy in Annapolis, Md. where the Hawks posted an overall record of 5-2, falling only to the Naval Academy and top-

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