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**WQRI plays the blues**

**Courtney Nugent**  
Features Editor

Beginning in September of last year, decisions to move the radio antennas for WQRI, the student-run radio station, were discussed. Although the station was originally supposed to be back on air Aug. 20, the date was pushed back again to Monday, Sept. 15.

Due to problems in the galvanization of the new radio mast, as well as a number of miscommunications between WQRI, RWU, the administration and TechNet, a company based in New Hampshire, many problems have arisen, resulting in WQRI delaying going back on air, as well as a number of disgruntled DJs.

For a radio station to go off air and for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve their new location, the station's new contour maps must be delaying.

**Caught on tape**

Surveillance images helped police arrest student senator who wrote threatening letters.

**Allison Collins**  
Asst News Editor

The student senator who was expelled and arrested this summer for allegedly sending anonymous threatening letters to himself and another senator was caught with the help of surveillance cameras, according to new information released this week by the Bristol Police Department.

Police also released the contents of the letters, which contained threats, obscenities and racist language directed toward Senate President Alicia Merschen-Perez and then-treasurer Shashwat Baxi, who police said wrote the letters.

Baxi, 21, of Southington, Conn., was charged with falsely reporting a crime and disorderly conduct. The charges were dismissed Aug. 6.

The acting director of Public Safety at the end of last year, Dan Gough, suggested to the police that Baxi might be behind the notes on May 3.

Surveillance cameras caught Baxi twice, both times holding papers that looked like the notes Senate received shortly after.

Then Baxi confessed that he had written the notes, according to police.

The police report included the contents of one of the letters.

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**Deston bids farewell**

Sarah Cournoyer  
Managing Editor

Scheduling meetings, getting John King where he needs to go, fielding phone calls, responding to e-mails and helping students with a myriad of problems including deaths, illnesses and academic issues were just a few of Peggy Deston's responsibilities. However, after 18 years with Roger Williams University, she retired Sept. 5.

"I was going to leave here quietly," Deston said. "Somehow, word got out and I have been getting e-mails from everyone."
BAXI: Police release new information about former senator

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Although students at RWU look to Deston as a kind of grandmother figure, she has her own grandchildren to spend time with after retirement. She has two grandchildren and another one on the way in January.

"It has been a wonderful ride and I thoroughly enjoy higher education," Deston said. "I always work commencement day and I thoroughly enjoy being in the stands watching the students go off into the world." Many come back and visit, and she even has gone to a few students' weddings.

Although Deston plans to remain at her position until she has trained the new person, she remarked that she built the position from scratch and that the new person will have to as well.

"It just takes time to establish relationships and patterns for doing things," Deston said. "I spent my time building relationships with faculty, administration and of course students. Whenever there is a problem that I know, I have a host of people I know to call. My head is full of these phone numbers."

Although Deston admits that her career at RWU has been quite the journey, her hope is to continue helping others achieve their dreams.

"All the while, Scott Yonan (university president) was hurrying me along to keep things moving, but I couldn't see where I was going because there were tears in my eyes," Deston said. During her retirement, Deston plans to join an organization that teaches children in inner-city schools to read and continue being active in her community. She already is involved with fundraising and helping others.

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Carolyn Reid
Herald Staff

Don't have the money to waste on gas insurance? Do you have a car that will make the trip to college, or do you just have a car at all? Well, Marc Fawthrop, a freshman in film, became this school year, all upperclassman and graduate students have access to free RIPTA passes through the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This is in addition to the freshmen who were able to get free RIPTA passes last year. These passes, which include the student's picture, are non-transferable, so if lost, RIU won't be losing money by having someone else use it.

The 2007-08 school year was the first year that free RIPTA passes were given to all freshmen. Subsidized multi-pass books were available for upperclassmen to buy. These books were 50 percent off the retail value and available only as first comes, first serves. Student Senate and Student Affairs helped make these books available.

According to Board of Student Trustee (BST) committee efforts of John King, vice president of Student Affairs, senior Juan Escoriza, Tim McCormick, manager of RIPTA's planning department, and many others, this was just the beginning.

"The program was "approved by President (Roy) Nissel in support of sustainable efforts, in recognition of the high cost of operating a car for students and reducing the demand for parking," McCormick said. "We truly believe that using public transportation helps to protect the environment, traffic and parking." McCormick added, "I was first found out that a car at all? Well, we have a free RIPTA pass at free. RIPTA is free for me, I do not get it and the rest of the money. More than the majority of the students here on campus don't have a car, which is why I thought it was unfair that only freshmen get this pass. I believe that students who take advantage of this will take advantage of free RIPTA."

"Our core mission is to get people out of their cars and onto buses to help with air quality and congestion," McCormick said. "Our relationship with RWU directly impacts our achieving that goal.

Cash boarding time takes 20 seconds to board each person, whereas boarding RWU students only takes three seconds. This means that boarding a bus of all people paying cash would take 15 minutes, yet boarding a bus of students would only take three minutes, and the less boarding time, the faster the bus arrives to its destination.

McCormick said some people have the mistaken perception that most college students are rowdy, but claimed RIPTA has never had a problem with RWU students.

"Service cuts will most certainly affect RWU students, faculty, and staff," McCormick said.

"Approximately 20 percent of RIPTA service is slated to go away. This includes night service to the Bristol campus which is perhaps the widest used by students. Hopefully those service cuts won't happen as students will still have a free and easy way to get around.

Information about transit on the RIPTA is being sent to a database that tracks utilization by class year so that RWU can learn who is utilizing the service. According to McCormick there were 39,197 rides taken by RWU students in the past 12 months. In August alone, there were already 1,844 rides.

Endowment decreases by $10 M

Allison Collins
Asst News Editor

The university's endowment lost more than $10 million between June 2007 and June 2008, decreasing from more than $114 million to $106 million. The decrease is attributed to a decline in stock prices during the fiscal year ending June 07 to June 08 is a year when the university realized a surplus," said James Noonan, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, regarding the decrease in the endowment.

"Our endowment, in terms of scholarship opportunities for our students, spins off maybe $50,000 a year," said Noonan, "so we're going to lose significant money as it relates to paying teachers' financial aid," said Pawthrop.

This year, Pawthrop estimates the university will lose between $27 million on financial aid. The term "endowment" is used loosely and actually refers to a university's investment portfolio and endowment.

Only about $10 million of RWU's endowment is restricted, according to Noonan. The earnings from that money can only be used for purposes defined by the donor.

The investment portfolio makes up a large portion of the endowment, between 11 and 12 percent, according to Noonan. The university has been allowed by the Board of Trustees to use a certain percentage of this investment portfolio to fund operations.

Operations range from construction, paying teachers salaries, to other expenses, said Noonan.

Even with that decline, the endowment has increased 53.89 percent since 2002, according to Noonan.

"The effect on a student is there because if you go back six years ago, we have $40 million in our investment portfolio, which provided us with about $2 million of funding source to pay our expenses.

"Now that it's up over $100 million, we're getting 4.5 to 5 million, which means that $2.5 to $3 million is being added to the student's tuition in room and board in order to take the loss," said Noonan.

"To the extent that it grows, it benefits the students now and in the future by providing an alternative source of revenue to the university other than tuition and room and board," he said.
Buena ‘Vistas’

Campus volunteerism a full-time job for pair

Sarah Berre
Herald Staff

Roger Williams University holds roughly 3,800 undergraduate students. If that number was multiplied by about 9,736, it would roughly equal the 37 million people in this country who are forced to fight poverty, and has been doing so for more than 40 years.

Members of this AmeriCorps national service program serve full-time for an entire year as a non-profit organization. They help to build networks and the capacity to change the community.

Both Read and Corrente are serving through Campus Compact in Rhode Island. Outside the state, only 10 other states in the nation are involved in this organization. It is a statewide coalition of higher education institutions.

"Each school’s president makes a commitment to use their resources for the good of the community," Read said.

Read grew up in Warren, R.I. and then moved down to Miami where she received an education degree. She previously worked as both a museum educator and administrator. She said she wanted to experience the field of community service firsthand, not just through computers and numbers.

"What better way to understand the needs of this community?" she said. Now she is back up north to help out.

Read said she is extremely busy all day trying to build community activities on campus. She supports the expansion of service opportunities through the Federal Work-Study program and promotes the importance of service at RWU. She also works closely with the Bristol/Warren school system to help them with their needs, such as finding tutors, supports faculty who want to do service learning projects and is working on setting up next year’s Community Connections.

"How I’m spending my time is the most important thing, I wanted to take a year to work for a purpose," he said.

Corrente is working directly with the Bristol Good Neighbors (BGN) soup kitchen and pantry. He is trying to connect RWU with BGN through students interested in community service opportunities. The soup kitchen serves 20 to 45 people daily for both breakfast and lunch.

"I try and take this one day at a time. I love it. I couldn’t be happier," he said.

If you would like to help Read and Corrente, visit the Center for Student Development.

On seventh anniversary, community remembers 9/11

In one way or another, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 touched every American life.

Television screens across the country broadcast the horrifying images out of New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania on that sunny Tuesday morning.

Whether they were in school, at work or on their living room couches, people stopped their daily routines and watched. They watched and they waited for answers.

Other people are closer to the tragedy. Some lived through the attacks, know people who survived or know people who died.

On the seventh anniversary of the tragedy, students came together to honor the memory of the victims. A weeklong tribute sponsored by the College Republicans and College Democrats kicked off Monday night. Students gathered on D’Angelo Common behind the Roger Williams statue, where they planted 2,977 flags, each one representing a life lost.

"The attacks affected so many people, especially in this community," Barry Lucier, chairman of the College Republicans said, noting the large number of RWU students from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. "Many stayed close to the attacks on the World Trade Center.

"No one should ever forget," Lucier said he hoped that the flags would demonstrate the magnitude of the attacks in ways a written number cannot.

"They can be a part of this display," he said.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, students watched "The Path to 9/11," a two-part ABC miniseries that chronicles the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and the events leading up to the 2001 attacks.

The weeklong remembrance concludes on D’Angelo Common with a memorial service scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight.

Phil Bessut, Editor
Waiting on the world to change

Students demonstrate for change in front of the Recreation Center Sept. 10 at 4:30. The underlying theme of the rally, led by Students for Change, was “Not on Our Campus.” Students took turns voicing their opinions on offensive behavior on campus.

Courtney Mogen/The Hawk's Herald

Wired

Campus welcomes high school students

Lorin Richardson
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You might have noticed that every other Wednesday afternoon, 60 high school students from Providence and Newport come into the dining hall in the Commons. But the question is why? Knowing that Roger Williams is becoming a more diverse campus, a lot of people do not know about the Bridge To Success program at RWU that has been going on since 1993.

Bridge to Success is bringing students from local high schools and 35 mentors from RWU together. RWU students tutor and mentor between seven schools every week, helping students with their classes and being there to talk. While mentoring a couple of days a week, BTS mentors aim to show students that college is a possibility and to aim at any future goals they might want to pursue.

Activities such as hosting this are regular events for the mentors. The high school students are taught in workshops on topics such as time management, money managing, murder mysteries, and mock trials. And the connections students make with their BTS mentors can last many years through their decisions in high school. Nicole DeSlooochee, a junior mentor, says that one of her favorite parts about the program is getting to do something different. "I like being a leader. It was nice to have a chance doing something different with the kids. You also make a lot of connections.

Don Mays, director of Bridge to Success, says the experience is unforgettable. "It gives you a better understanding of communities that are very different from the RWU community," he says.

These 35 RWU students not only mentor the high school students, but over the summer are involved in a program called Summer Institute where they live with them for 10 days. Jen Duprey, a junior mentor, talked about how close she became with many of her mentees. "There are so many connections you make. We did summer institute and I still have kids texting me. Knowing that I made a difference in their lives and that kids still think about the program is really amazing."

From the time they enter high school, any student in participating high schools are applicable for the program. Freshmen year they are known to get help with just looking at colleges, or thinking about what they might want to go into, while Senior year they will get help going through their application process.

Morgan Smith, Mentor, says she would find herself thinking about her mentees in the middle of classes. "I would leave when they called me," she said, explaining that the job is very personable and that mentors can become an outlet for the students to discuss their lives. A lot of the students come from low income families and family issues.

Mays says that it is not only rewarding for him to see the students grow but the mentors grow as well. "The cool thing about the program is that it is a two-way street. It is also great to see what the under-grad reactions are and their educational experience with the program. They learn about students' schools, their families- they really build relationships not just with the students but with their world."

Senate “Did You Know?” of the Week

Did you know that student senate president Alicia Merschen Perez is from San Francisco?

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Come see the softer side of Senate... Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
in the Senate Chambers
IN OUR OPINION

9/11: You are not alone

American flags flutter around the brick path near Dunbar Commons as the people hurry by. They stand as a reminder to the upcoming anniversary of Sept. 11.

But has anyone forgotten yet? Show me one person that walked by those flags and felt nothing. Our campus has many students that have been directly affected by the events on that day. As a campus, we observe Sept. 11 reminding ourselves of that day and respectfully observe a day of tragedy.

As each year passes and a new class is ushered into the campus community, we become one year further away from the actual events. This freshman class was in sixth grade when the attacks happened, yet our memories from that day and that time is still fresh. We are in no way forgetting.

Every year, we recognize this day and every year as a nation we heal. It sounds cliché, but it is true.

When talking or writing about Sept. 11, it is hard not to be cliché. Everything it seems has already been said about Sept. 11, but that doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t still talk about the event. What we should do is sensationalize or desensitize ourselves to the event itself.

For each person, the day was different and it is important to remember to listen to the different experiences. While some people suffered greatly, those who were lucky enough to live could be reminded of the nightmare alongside their neighbors, relatives and friends.

In years to come, we must remember that day because our memories will live on future generations. There will be documentaries, stories and other forms of information but personal stories will be valuable beyond measure. It will be our memories that make the day real for future generations.

Those of us alive that remember Sept. 11 need to make it our responsibility to never forget the way that we felt on that day and every anniversary still.

So we face this day with varying emotions but it is comforting to think that we in no way face them alone.

YOUR VOICE

Senate ready to move forward

Welcome back to campus, we hope your summer was relaxing and fun. As you know, this is a new year with a chance for a fresh start after the events that occurred at the end of last semester. As you know, there were several attacks toward the Student Senate with regards to race, religion and ethnicity. As a Student Senate, we are aware of the fact that you guys were affected and we as a body are ready to serve you, the student body, better than before.

We are aware that there is a common knowledge that a former Senator committed these acts, however we want you all to know that we were just as shocked as everyone else when we found out who was the perpetrator. As a Student Senate, we do not condone what the former Senator did, and the Student Senate does not support any act of hate in any way. The Student Senate fully supports all of the student groups that have been created to combat all of the isms that are present in society today, and we are very proud of their efforts to silence these acts.

Moving on, we know that you will maintain your trust in us, as we are your elected governing body. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to attend any of our meetings, which are every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber in the Ken Center, or stop by our office any time. Also, feel free to contact us via e-mail at student@hawks.rwu.edu, or via telephone at (901) 351-2222.

Letters submitted to The Hawk’s Herald for publication must include the writer’s name, e-mail address, and phone number. Contact information will be used to verify the writer and will not be published. Letters should be typed and no more than 400 words. Letters should not be libelous and should have relevance to other readers. Letters may be edited for space and grammar.

Since the start of my travels to Italy, a quote by Mark Twain continuously pops into my head. "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the ballast, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." The idea of experience is something that I have always cherished, and I feel that in order to grow and learn about yourself, you must be able to go out and experience everything you can.

Sometimes this means stepping out of your comfort zone and doing things you normally would never do. Speaking from my own experiences, whenever I break that comfort level, I always have the time of my life.

This past weekend was one of those moments.

North of Florence is a national park known as Cinque Terre (translated to Five Towns), and it offers a hiking trail and train route along the western coast of Italy that connects the five small coastal towns. These towns are set upon the high cliffs overlooking the Mediterranean, and some go farther down to the coastal edge and offer rocky beaches for hikers to cool off. It’s a great spot to visit in Italy, and for students, it is fairly inexpensive and worth trying.

When I first heard about Cinque Terre, I wasn’t sure if it would be worth going. Originally, I was going to make a day trip out of it, however, when an opportunity to hike for two days and camp overnight came into play, the mountain in me couldn’t resist. So, needless to say, myself and three friends packed our bags with all of the -isms that are present in our society

Reflecting on our two day experience in Cinque Terre, I have to say that it was one of the best weekends of my life. Never before had I slept on a beach, especially when I was unsure as to how safe it really was. We went out on a limb, and took a chance, and I am so glad I did. I now realize that I am capable of doing the things I’ve always dreamed of doing, and I look forward to the other adventures we have yet to see.

My suggestion to everyone out there is to never turn down an experience of a lifetime. Although it may seem a little scary or may be outside of your comfort zone, it is always worth trying. You learn about yourself and what you are capable of, and you can leave your experiences with memories that will last a lifetime. As Mark Twain once said, "Explore, Dream. Discover."
Men's soccer kicks off CCC play with late win

The Roger Williams University men's soccer team won a late game thriller in their Commonwealth Coast Conference opener on Tuesday when they defeated Eastern Nazarene 1-0 on a goal in the last 10 minutes of the match.

The Hawks controlled the tempo for most of the game, moving the ball as well as possible on the wet and soggy surface, and staying physical throughout.

Their goalkeeper Andrew Trice was able to keep Eastern Nazarene in the game coming up huge and shutting down RWU at the doorstep time and time again. The Hawks fired 13 shots in the first half but all of them either were denied by Trice or nearly evaded the goal.

The second half was no different. The Hawks continued to put pressure on the Eastern Nazarene defense but Trice relentlessly continued to deny anything from crossing the goal line, recording eight saves in the last 40 minutes of the game.

In the 84th minute the Hawks were awarded a free kick in a dangerous area outside the 18-yard box. Senior Dan Saccoccio stepped up to take the kick and struck the ball past the defenders as well as Trice and found the net breaking the scoreless tie with just minutes to play.

RWU was able to close out the game and protect the lead for their second win of the season. Sophomore goalkeeper Peter Plate recorded three saves, all of which came in the first half, earning him his first shutout of the season.

The Hawks return to the field when they travel to Commonwealth Coast Conference opponent Wentworth Institute of Technology on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
**Women's soccer posts back to back wins**

Dan DeBiasio  
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams University women's soccer team tied up their record at 1-1 last Thursday, beating the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth last Thursday, beating the Hawks up 2-0. Pendleton's first goal came of a rebound given up Crossfire goalkeeper Taryn Braga in the 23rd minute. Pendleton delivered the shot and when the ball was not handled by the keeper she made her way up and forward to score from close range.

The second goal of the match came just seconds remaining in the first half when Freshman Katie Fusaro delivered a pass in front of the goal to Pendleton where she was able to beat Braga again. This put the Hawks up 2-0 going into the break.

The game was capped off in the 75th minute when a foul was called in the box and a penalty kick given to the Hawks. Pendleton stepped up and buried the kick completing the hat trick, all but sending the Corsairs home.

Junior goalkeeper Jen Garaside was strong in net recording seven saves and her tenth career shutout. Braga stopped seven shots on goal for Rhode Island College with 11.

The Hawks were back in action again Monday night when they took on an state rival Rhode Island College. It was a very close battle the whole way through, but RWU was able to cut out a 1-0 victory on a goal in the 89th minute.

Each team's goalkeepers kept them in the game and turned away a strong barrage of shots with RWU putting up 20 shots and Rhode Island College with 11. It was a very late in the match when, on a corner kick taken by junior Amanda daCunha, Fusaro got a handle on the ball after it was headed down by sophomore Taryn Mancarella and slipped past IHC goalie Maddie Perri. The goal would hold up and prove to be the game winner for the Hawks. With the victory RWU has now won two consecutive and improved to 2-1 on the year. Garaside has also posted two straight shutouts.

The Hawks will travel to Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass. where they will hope to keep the streak going in their Commonwealth Coast Conference opener.

**2008 Women’s Soccer**

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**Changing the guards: Cassel to lead Patriots rest of the way**

Dan DeBiasio  
Sports Editor

Eight minutes and 22 seconds. That’s all it took to cripple the hopes of a team, the hearts of their fans and media who say otherwise. It was a football play, one that most everyone can recall, a night when Tom Brady, the three-time Super Bowl Champion and holder of the record and was able to record victories over the New York Jets, but Cassel was able to scratch out a shutout. Braga stopped seven shots on goal for the third year in a row in impressive fashion, not by dropping a single set in their three games played.

RWU finished second in the competition with a 2-1 record and was able to record victories over 12-0, and shutting UNE 3-0.


The Hawk’s streaking Randy Moss down the sideline when Tom Brady, the quarterback in the country in his senior year was ranked the number eight athlete in high school and in his senior year was ranked the number eight quarterback in the country in ESPN's Top 100 of high school football players.

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