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**Nirschel fields student questions**

**Says university endowment has lost millions**

Allison Collins  
Asst. News Editor

University President Roy Nirschel held his eighth President's Forum Monday night in the Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, where he announced the university's endowment is still decreasing, discussed economic issues and answered student questions.

The president said the endowment has lost between $17-18 million since July 1.

"Economic challenges that families face, universities face them, too," Nirschel said.

"Someone catches a cold at Yahoo! and the entire market goes down 500 points," he said. "Part of the challenge is the uncertainty."

Multiple students brought up questions about the athletic fields to the president.

The women's lacrosse team said that it is not realistic to have a grass field and that it could lead to students being injured.

"We can't build a field absent resources," Nirschel said.

When a member of the women's rugby team brought up the fields again, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs, pointed out that RWU only used the tower to be shorter, saving the school $18 million since July.

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**Sophomore takes historic win at sailing championship**

Den DeBlassio  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Cy Thompson made history this Sunday, becoming the first ever sailor from Roger Williams University to win a national championship. Thompson won the IC3A Men's Singlehanded Championship at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The three-day, 18-race event showcases the best male laser sailors from colleges and universities across the country. The championship is an individual competition and points are awarded based on finishing times and places.

The achievement is an amazing accomplishment, but the way Thompson won the competition made the triumph even more remarkable. Entering the last day in third place with just six races left to be sailed, Thompson was able to use his at-times risky sailing techniques to make his way toward the front of the field.

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**Construction is underway on a 300,000-gallon water tower**

Ben Whitmore  
Herald Staff

Construction is underway on a 300,000-gallon water tower that will be placed on Roger Williams University's front lawn. Technical borings have been drilled for a pale blue, 96-foot-tall, legged water tower to be built in early 2008.

The water tower will be placed among the trees located between Old Ferry Road and the administration building's parking lot, east of the Ferry Road and Old Ferry Road traffic light.

Roger Williams is erecting the tower in order to have a single, reliable source of water to supply all of the school's newly constructed buildings' fire sprinklers.

Each new building would have needed a separate water tower to regulate water pressure.

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Campus ‘ghosts’ abound

Dee DeQuattro

Herald Staff

It was Friday afternoon when the hunt began. The objective was to find a ghost on the RWU campus. Some might have claimed that there were a few and the ghost hunters were determined to expose these ghosts or the truth behind them.

The hunt began at the Barn. Not much was known about the Barn except for some brief history. The RWU Performing Arts Center, or The Barn, is known to have one of the most famous ‘ghosts’ in Rhode Island. Originally, it was built as two buildings for a farm in Gloucester, R.I. The entrance was constructed in 1844 and 50 years later, the seating section was constructed. In 1884 the barn was moved head by head to the RWU campus.

It was able to buy the barn for a nominal price because the owner just wanted to “get off his hands,” said theater professor Peter Wright.

“Until this day, we have a seat up in the gallery that, we have reserved for him. The students had placed an old wooden chair up in the gallery of the barn with a picture of Banquo from Shakespeare’s ‘Macbeth’ behind it. The chair stands in what is used to be the hay loft of the barn, where the farmer was found dead. Former student Karl Pelliotet, said, “If some one sits in his chair throughout a production, something is bound to go wrong. Other students and recent grade agree, including alumni Lindsey Moyers. Moyers graduated last year after spending four years learning and acting in the Barn.

“Someone moved his chair once and the lights kept going off.” Moyers said. Other instances that students said was to the bad ‘mop’ of sitting in the chair are a light falling during a dance, a case member breaking an arm and most recently, a show being almost cancelled due to cast disputes.

Andrew Laird, ghost hunter from the Rhode Island Paranormal Research Group described the power of the imagination.

“Ninety percent of the time there is an explanation for this stuff! Sometimes people just believe the urban legend.” Professor William Grand agreed.

“We were told the story in 1984 when the barn was being moved to the RWU campus...imaginations were quickly to work, and somehow a story got in the paper that there would always be a ghost hunt was determined to find another haunting on campus. The next stop was Cedar Hall.

The haunting of Cedar was once well known among students at RWU but today the story is fading away. One woman will never forget the story of the haunted doll in Cedar. Carol Sacchetti, former CORE of Cedar Hall during the doll incident, remembers the experience like it was yesterday. She tells the tale of a doll that discovered inside the ceiling boards on the third floor of Cedar in 2001.

“It was a rag doll with a ‘guest’ chair is left for Banquo on the second floor.

“Something awful has happened every time someone has sat in this chair,” said senior Mandie Boggs, for­mer student of Cedar Hall.

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Of course, there are people who take a different approach to the theater spirit: the ‘ghost light’ has nothing to do with the theater. Professor of theater, director, and chair of the Performing Arts Depart­ment at Roger Williams University. “It is a single work-light that is left on every night when the house is turned out to prevent accidents.”

At RWU, the Performing Arts Center (known as the Barn) has its own ghost named Banquo. He was once a real person—a farmer who froze to death after a night of drinking in the Barn. Although the PAC was not located at RWU at the time of his death, it was moved to campus and the Historic Preservation Department rebuilt it “piece by piece, like a jigsaw puzzle,” according to Boggs.

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One such superstition is that actors to ‘break a leg,’ a saying that comes from many different roots.

It is a theatrical term, the ‘3’s’ generally mean an end to the excitement of the curtain. If a play was successful, the audience would have many curtain calls [the applause of performers at the end of a play to receive applause], the device would raise and lower the curtain. If the lights are out, the audience would ‘break a leg’

Another such superstition is that stage performers will never say the name of Shakespeare’s play, “Mac­beth” inside a theater. Due to many accidents (coincidence or not) after saying the name of the play, theater people are reluctant to say it; in fact, if one accidentally does use the term, they must go outside, turn around three times, and quote Hamlet, according to Boggs.

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The spirit of a farmhand is said to haunt the Performing Arts Center (above). Balcony seating is reserved for the spirit, known as Banquo. Very superstitious: Theater rituals keep spirits high
DEE DEQUATTRO

Nerves worn out and the night we embarked on our journey to find a ghost.

We thought we would visit a haunted house, but a burned-out cemetery, and then head to Fall River to visit the giant pumpkin grave. No one knew what to expect.

We first drove Route 44 in Rehoboth to the graveyard where a local hiker who is said to have appeared before. After several times we turned it around and down the road to no avail, we continued to the next sight, a local cemetery. The cemetery was dark and the fence was surrounded by some strange reason it was always dark. I want to hang out there a bit longer.

We took out the equipment: the camera and the recording devices. We sat at the cemetery that I captured the sound clip.

When playing back the recording, we could hardly hear the sound of the grave. It was more human than anything. We decided to go for a walk.

Nerves were really old, and it was dark and a little scary. We took pictures on the way in, but then someone told me I had to put the wind up.

After exiting the graveyard, we decided to go to the Borden house. Something about the basement windows was a little unsettling. I’m not sure what it was about that frightened me out of my wits.

Next was the Borden house (right), where the gruesome murders took place. I closed my eyes over the camera. Phil did an inscription. It was more human than anything.

On the way home, I was feeling a little uneasy. I thought she saw something.

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Pumpkin life is only life for ‘guru’

Annie Malone Oliver

Special to The Herald

This is my “nutree” family. My father is the Pumpkin King. Hebreathes pumpkin sense, is fluent in pumpkin growth, and along with the patch every night. Then there is my mother, the Widow, who somehow has been way of living.

My family has a hobby called Giant Pumpkin Growing with one quarter-sized seed that we planted in the backyard. This giant pumpkin is 1,600 pounds, but this record will soon be broken.

This is my life. My life is forever revolving around growing season - a season that kicks off in March and lasts until October. It begins in early March when you file pumpkin seeds and let them sit under light before you can put them in the garden.

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PHIL DEVITT

I see so many ghost hunting shows on TV nowadays that I can’t help but laugh at the equipment we brought along on our short adventuring through Rehoboth, Fall River and our hometown, Westport, Mass. We’re on a budget and couldn’t get too high-tech. I think we did pretty well with the equipment we brought along on the short adventure through Rehoboth, Fall River and our hometown, Westport, Mass.

Before we got there, some one started talking about a ghost that was supposed to be in these woods next to where we were driving. I got a little scared and I was from the headlight to appear on the side of the car that I was sitting on.

I thought she saw something.

We drove down the street to a graveyard.

The lack of streetlights in Rehoboth only added to the graveyard’s creepiness.

We drove in really slowly. All the graves on the way in were really old, and it was dark and a little scary. We took pictures on the way in, but then someone told me I had to put the wind up.

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We stopped somewhere that was supposed a Native American burial ground. There was a weird ancient-looking structure there. The roof was supposed to be burned. This place just felt weird. I don’t think I’d actually want to get out of the car. I was taking pictures again, and when something fell in front of the camera. I jumped. I didn’t realize it was a leaf.

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Monster Mush Ingredients:

2 cups of Vienna sausages
Bottle of ketchup

Instructions:

Spread Vienna sausages in groups of five (to make looks like hands) on a plate. Squirt desired amount of ketchup onto each sausage piece. Add one cheese candle. 1/2 cup pumpkin. 1/2 cup Halloween gummy worms.

Marshmallow Mummies Ingredients:

1 bag marshmallows
2 boxes “Rainbow Punch” flavored Fruit-by-the-Foot
Popcake sticks
Black food coloring

Instructions:

Push one popcake stick through sides of three marshmallows. Press and squeeze the two lower marshmallows to form a rough triangle. Before unrolling Fruit-by-the-Foot, cut roll in half lengthwise. Unroll and wrap marshmallow around a mummy, leaving a small open space for eyes. Dot eyes with black food coloring on a toothpick.

Celery Brooms Ingredients:

Celery stalks

Instructions:

Trim roots and cut off leaves of celery; separate stalks and wash. Cut into 1-inch lengths. Tie narrow end for broom handle. Cut other end into many fine strips, 1 inch long to make brush part. Chill in ice water until brush strips separate easily. Use to scoop up your favorite dip or spread with peanut butter or cream cheese.

Bubbling Bat Brew Ingredients:

1/2 bottle of grape juice
1 1/2-liter bottle of ginger ale
1 1/2-gallon lime sherbet

Instructions:

Add grape juice to punchbowl. Add the ginger ale and stir thoroughly. Add the sherbet before serving.
FORUM: Nirschel gets candid with students

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have two fields, and that the school has already invested resources.

"But if we could have more money, we'd do more."

Nirschel said.

The tower, built by the school, is a possibility of coming into the entrance at this point in time because of all the construction.

"We're making a real commitment to inclusive excellence and diversity," Nirschel said. "We want everyone to leave here with global competencies. We want everyone to leave here with the knowledge and capacity to create a better world."

Students also asked Nirschel about the Multicultural Student Union being the only student organization on campus without an office and brought up the probability of a change in the core curriculum and the security of the North Campus entrance.

Nirschel said he had already made a commitment to increase the size of the Inter­national Center, and King said that there is a possibility of MSU being able to move into the Center for Student Development once the Center moves to the new buildings.

John Blessing, Director of Public Safety, said that nothing can be done about the North Campus entrance at this point in time because of all the constuction.

Nirschel also announced that RWU's enrollment has grown by 25 percent. He talked about the construction taking place and talked to the students on how this will impact them. Nirschel said the students would be able to sign up for classes by the end of the semester.

Nirschel said that RWU received 9,000 applications for a class of 1,080.

"We want to reflect all those racial groups and ethnicities that helped build this part of the world," Nirschel said.

"Despite the economy, despite the demographics, despite the fact that we're young...there isn't a place more happening than Roger Williams," he said.

His job is to make sure that in 2020, Roger Williams is a place people want to be, he said.

TOWER: Water to be stored on campus in '09

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money on having to purchase a taller tower. The natural tower, the tower the water will make it higher than any of the buildings it services, permitting the natural flow of water and eliminating the need for a pump.

Also, the water tower's proximity to the way people will make it easier for the tower to be integrated into current pipes.

"It's a win-win situation," Wilbur said.

Originally, the tower was to be built in the wooded area behind the Nike academic building off of Metacom Avenue. However, many Bristolians voiced their complaints about the tower being an eyesore. They suggested that the tower be moved to its current location.

This was a welcome suggestion to the school, which could not have built the tower on the Bristol-owned land that borders Ferry Road without the town's permission. The school was pleased to be able to erect their tower "hydraulically best build," Pangborn said. "It worked out very well."

The tower itself will not be a new structure. It was previously erected in southern New York. The tower will be disassembled in New York, shipped to Bristol in pieces, and then reassembled on a new foundation built by the school.

"The reassembling of the water tower is part of Roger Williams' effort to "try to do con­struction projects in a sustainable manner," Wilbur said.

Besides reducing its carbon footprint, the school saves money buying used. "Purchasing the water tower pre-assembled allows us to get a better warranty than if we bought a new tower," Wilbur said.

The water tower's construction, which started in the spring of 2008, is projected to be completed in February 2009. However, if the upcoming winter brings overly-harsh weather, the tower may not be completed until late spring. "It all depends on the winter weather," Wilbur said.

World Watch

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN-Arabian News

At least 150 people were killed and many houses were damaged during a quake that hit the southwestern part of Pakistan this week. The U.S. Geologi­cal Survey reported that the quake made it an initial level of 6.4. Pakistan is known to have a history of severe earthquakes. In October 2005, Pakistan experienced a 7.6-level earthquake that killed about 80,000 people, according to the United Nations.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico-An official has fired or arrested at least 36 agents from an elite unit of officials for drug trafficking in connection with the name of the Beltz Ignay cartel. According to prosecutors, the agents have been leaking information to the traffickers in exchange for monthly payments ranging from $1,900 to $6,000 each.

NIGER, NIgeria-A 24-year-old woman testified that she was forced to work as a sex slave and domestic servant until 2005. The country of Niger banned slavery in 2003, the West African court ruled that Muhammed M., the defen­dant, is to be awarded 10 million West African francs (approxi­mately $20,000 U.S. dollars), which will be paid by Niger's gov­ernment in compensation for M.'s being sold into slavery at age 12.

GOMA, Congo-The UN peacekeepers' compounds were surrounded by chaos as angry protesters threw rocks outside claiming that the UN peacekeepers had failed to protect them from the rebels, a group of hatred troops that are left from the 1994 Rwandan genocide and the country's civil wars. As a re­sult, helicopter gun ships attacked rebel forces in Kitumba, 30 miles north of Goma.

Compiled by Julia Weiss, Multicultural Student Union Advertising and Outreach Liaison
Dee DeQuattro, Matt's Dish

Did anyone hear Howard Stern quiz voters on Obama's name? I tried to catch Obama's name and matched it to McCain's policy. He sent a street team out and interviewed voters in Harlem. They asked questions such as, "Are you voting for Obama because he is pro-life or because he wants to win the war in Iraq?" The voters were always agreed with the claim and said that they support Obama for his views. These views were the complete opposite of Obama's views, though. In fact, they were the views of John McCain.

People even and they supported Sarah Palin as Obama's running mate is a sad world.

That's why I think there should be a poll test. If people are too uneducated to answer some basic questions about the U.S. government and the candidates, then they should not be voting.

The section is the epitome of it. I bet more students could tell you the exact ingredients in a Long Island Iced Tea than be able to answer some basic questions about the presidential candidates, which makes me think these students live under or rock or maybe a bottle of rum.

DeQuattro, Matt's Dish

Being a football fan in Italy takes work ... and some cabbage

When you think of American sports, the term stadium is the head of a football or baseball project. People watching 22 men in tight pants and pads running around the ocean tackling your head is a stadium experience. Sports, the first image that pops into my mind, is a stadium experience. The term football that we know and love.

However, when it comes to the fans of the country's "national sport," nothing is as simple as you might imagine. But of course, if you are going to Fenway, there is an American section, and is surrounded by a fence at least as high as a church, with barbed wire at the top. Around each side of the section, security guards stand in a straight line, and any action from the spectators to each side are empty, just like the stands.

Sadley, the game we saw was all a game of skill and struggle, and ended with a tie of 0-0. After going on and on about how a goal would have been, it was entertaining to watch the game itself, as well as entertain myself with some people watching. I will say this though, as fun as a trip to the Fiorentina stadium is, I would end up at Fenway any day.

Kelleigh Welch

Letters from Abroad

The presidential election will affect all of our lives in the future and is absolutely irresponsible for someone who votes for himself or herself an educated adult to not care.

We now have a polling place on campus to encourage students to vote. Who or why? Should you really vote if you are unaware of the issues? Is it morally responsible of a person to decide the fate of the country based on little knowledge? No.

A poll test would provide that only voters who care and know about the issues and the candidates would be able to decide the country's future. Even the states future will only care about the national election, than perhaps there should be a ballot or you can vote (the poll test). Students who have been registered to vote in Rhode Island most likely did it as a matter of convenience, so they could vote for president, and know little about the state's local politics. This is a huge year for state politics here in Rhode Island. This year, the General Assembly will face a giant budget crisis and it will go into session in one of the worst fiscal years in the state's history. The Assembly will have to regulate record amounts of road and bridgework as well as deal with the unemployment rate, which has spiked at 8.4 percent, the highest in the nation.

For those students who do not plan to live in Rhode Island after graduation, this is not of concern to them, but somehow, they are allowed to blindly vote at Rhode Island polling places.

There needs to be a poll test. Quiz people a little.

Put a few state questions on the test, a few questions about the United States government, and a few about the presidential candidates. That will weed out the incompetent fools at the polling places.

Voting is not a right, it's a privilege. To truly earn that privilege, it is the duty of the American voter to be aware of the issues in the election and have knowledge of all candidates, local and national. The only way that we can be sure that voters have earned this privilege is through a polling test to prevent African Americans from voting and weeding them out of the polling places. Most of America today is literate and a poll test would be administered to all voters, young and old, black and white. The test can be offered in many different languages as not to exclude non-English speakers.

This test is a safeguard for the future of the United States of America. We cannot continue to let under-educated, apathetic voters hit the polls. If you or anyone you know is one of those voters, do the country a favor: stay home.

Ciao!

Kelleigh Welch

Letters from Abroad
The Midnight Madness pep rally kicked off a busy Homecoming and Family Weekend last Friday as student athletes, including the cheerleaders, rushed the gymnasium floor and showed their Hawk pride. The rally also included performances by belly dancers and sword swallowers.

Students and their parents tried their luck at roulette during Casino Night in the Field House.

The weekend also included some fun for future college students, who waited in line to get their faces painted.

‘Scariest billboard we’ve ever seen’

Comic brothers give act local flavor during Homecoming performance

Allie Conn
Herald Staff

Identical twins Randy and Jason Sklar performed their stand-up comedy act at the Recreation Center last Saturday as one of the highlights of RWU’s Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend.

The 36-year-old brothers, only distinguishable from each other by Jason’s black-framed glasses, gave their CEN-sponsored comedy routine to a nearly full auditorium. As a duo, they offered an unusual dynamic by relying on each other for material and effortlessly completing the other’s sentences.

“We saw the scariest billboard we’ve ever seen in our lives,” Randy said. “Our entire lives,” Jason added, finishing his brother’s thought.

The Sklar brothers began their careers when they moved to New York in 1994 to pursue their love of comedy. Since then, Randy and Jason have had roles in “Apt. 2F,” a sitcom based around their lives; an episode of “Grey’s Anatomy” as conjoined twins; and the 2007 season finale of “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia.”

During the performance, which lasted about an hour, the Sklars spoke about a variety of topics, including revealing their dislike of fellow comedian Andrew Dice Clay. Who, after introducing them at a tag-team show at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles, said, “I got news for yous, they’re lucky I didn’t do any of my old s-t. If I did any of my old s-t, they wouldn’t be able to stand on this motherf---ing stage.”

“We couldn’t let it die that he said he didn’t do any of his old s-t,” said Jason. “Cause I remember... hearing him use this phrase: ‘Call waiting, what the f--- is that s-t all about?’” Randy added.

“Call waiting? Wasn’t call waiting old when you started in comedy?” said Jason.

The brothers also parodied local television news’ advertisements of their technological equipment, such as a New York station’s Chopper 4 helicopter. This section of the performance showcased their natural ability to complete the other’s thoughts.

“Chopper 4,” Randy said in a radio announcer’s deep voice. “With a self propelling...propeller,” Jason finished.

Audience members, like sophomore Jack Pereira noticed their skill at performing as a team.

“I thought it was really funny and that the two comedians worked exceptionally well together,” he said. “I would like to see more shows like that.”

Their performance was well-received by the audience, although some commented that the twins appeared reserved. This was possibly in respect to the several parents that attended. In fact, a majority of their material seemed to target the older members of the audience.

“They used some dated information, but my parents enjoyed it,” said senior Dan Percopo.

Other parts of their performance, however, were tailored specifically to Roger Williams students, as well as to anyone else familiar with the Bristol area. The previously mentioned “scariest billboard we’ve ever seen” serves as an example of one of these customized bits. Upon mentioning the billboard, the majority of the audience burst out in laughter, aware that the Sklar Brothers were referring to the famous Linda Clarke billboard on Metacom Avenue.

“I loved the Linda Clarke part, obviously,” said Percopo. “And the fact that everyone laughed as soon as they said ‘scariest billboard.’”
Students discuss the issues

Francesca Cangialosi
Herald Staff

Last Wednesday in the Mary Tefft White Intercultural Center, students gathered to discuss the upcoming election in a discourse co-sponsored by Multicultural Student Union, the Intercultural Center, and the Political Science Department.

The idea was sparked by a conversation Milagros Cueva, a senior and the secretary of MSU, had with a fellow student, with whom she had just been introduced. Their conversation quickly turned to politics. Each had opposing views, but Cueva claimed they talked for hours. She said, "I think it is important that two people who never knew each other could get together and share their beliefs."

Cueva’s goal, then, was to have a discourse that was about more than just facts or issues, but reached a more personal level—one where there was no debate, but a real sharing of ideas and the reasons behind them.

"Community Conversations" is a series of discourses which the Intercultural Center hosts annually, according to Don Mays, assistant director of the Intercultural Center. This particular discourse, since it was Cueva’s brainchild, was co-hosted by MSU’s Political Science Department, represented by June Speakman, a political science professor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mays said that his job is to augment the students’ ideas, and he only "helped bring this project to fruition."

The majority of the program was planned by a committee of students within MSU; Milagros Cueva, Meghan Smith, and Darwin Almone, along with help from Speakman.

The committee decided the main points of the discourse would be Education, Environment, and Healthcare. Smith said that these topics were chosen because of their relevance to college students and their overall importance. The economy, she continued, is tied to all three things, and therefore did not have to be included as a main point, as it would undoubtedly be mentioned.

Another role the committee played, along with Speakman, was acting as a sort of mediator in the discussion. Although Almone played a large role in planning for the event, he was unable to make it to the actual conversation, because, according to Cueva and Smith, he was too ill to attend.

Before the discourse began, the "Ouch Rule" was set. If a speaker said something that offended a listener, the listener could say "ouch" and then apologize for his or her comment and stop speaking, or could respectfully continue, if that was his or her honest belief.

The conversation opened with video clips: attack ads from both candidates attended. "I didn't want people to come as College Democrats, or College Republicans," Cueva said, explaining her reasoning for not inviting either group to co-sponsor the event. For her, the conversation was about Sen. Barack Obama versus Sen. John McCain, and transcended peripherality.

Both Smith and Cueva conceded that there was consensus where there could easily have been debate, had an equal number of Right-leaning students attended.

When the students in attendance and the committee thought the event to be a success, Gonzalez said that he enjoyed the intimacy of the group, and felt that there was a good exchange of ideas. "There are so many sources of information, it was good to get to a group and work together," he said. He said that his perspectives were seriously considered, and further, that he felt comfortable communicating his opinion, though he was a minority. "Every student," he says, "should be able to talk about the election, and feel that their opinion was heard."

For more information on the political science department, you can visit its website at http://politicalscience.rwu.edu.

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Poll: Obama wins with students

Students who said they were voting

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Erik Johnson
Johnson's Gist

My fellow students, possibly the biggest election of our lives is upon us. Will we decide to further pursue the ideals of conservatism or usher in a new era of progressive policies? By now, you have all likely made your decision as to who you are going to vote for. Anyone who has read my columns knows how I feel about the election. But even if you are choosing "the other guy," I can respect that and want you to make sure you are prepared come Tuesday. I work with an Obama committee to enforce voting regulations, and I've compiled a list of things you must know. I urge you to pass along these tips to your classmates as many of them are voting for the President for the first time. Heck, this will be my third presidential election and I didn't even know some of these.

In Rhode Island

You do not need a valid ID to vote. You simply need to give your name and address. Anyone who asks for your ID is misinformed.

If you got to the polling station and they don't show you as being registered, go to Town Hall, and that means ANY town hall. They will allow you to vote. If you don't have the time, you can go to another location, do your voting there, and then head back to the polls. Again, it's the town hall or the polling location. You can still vote.

You can't vote for any other political races, but any citizen of the USA can vote for president. And this is for any jurisdiction. Go to the town hall or polling station.

Happy Voting - And remember, every election is always the year that the "young people" are going to show up in record numbers and offset the outcome. And even if the young people do not happen, 'the only way to truly make your local politicians "listen up" to your concerns is to make them realize that you don't vote, and when you tell them you will pay with a swift kick to the rear as they are voted out of office.

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Halloween is a perfect time to watch a dark-themed film, whether it’s spookily set in a psychological suspense, a ghost story, or all-out gore. However, some re­
spectacular films are often overlooked, mostly due to their obscurity or at least not getting as much attention as the Michael Myers hype. Still, some noteworthy horror films are worthy of a second look. We picked a few that are sure to make your skin crawl.

Phantasm (1979)

12-year-old Michael has recently lost his younger brother. After the death of a family friend, little Mike begins to notice strange disturbances in the town cemetery. A ghostly mortician known as the Tall Man has been stealing (and creating) corpses for sinister means inside his labyrinthine funeral. Nobody seems to believe Mike until the whole town begins to rise through the Grave.

Audition (1999)

A South Korean girl soon finds herself a hotbed of horrifying rumors after the mysterious death of a teacher, the story of the former student has returned to haunt the school. Soon she discovers that one of the majors working with a child in a coma. Soon she discovers that the actress is chosen based in a circle, the leader in the center and has been very successful. The leader is chosen based on her performance. The Barron, the students gather in a circle, the leader in the middle. The leader is chosen based on the fact that she is a senior at RWU and has been very involved, in conflict. It is their turn to confess before each performance, which is the audience’s chance to say what they want. The circle of students chant the "banshee’s song" verse, their arms and legs loosely flat (like the left, to the right) by a big light, the students were peeling.

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Senate “Did You Know?”
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Did you know that Senator Brian McGrath’s favorite musical artist is Seal?

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MENS SOCCER: 
Settles for 1-1 tie with Colby-Sawyer College
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into the net from the right side of the eighteen yard box just 10 minutes later.

The two teams were held scoreless for the remaining 60 minutes, although both teams had opportunities to score. Moah just missed giving RWU the lead in the 53rd minute when the Chargers keeper got a hand on his breakaway shot, sending it sailing just over the crossbar.

Plate and a strong Hawks defense held their ground as well, shutting down the Charger offense and recording four saves.

Roger Williams (10-4-3, 9-1-3 CCC) was set to finish off the regular season with a win, but the Hawks managed four shots a piece it was the only goal that went in the final and deciding the eighteenth race.

The pressure was on and the table was set for both Thompson and Rogachenko to capture a national championship. As the race started out, both were must-must and soon after the first turn, Rogachenko started to pull ahead. Thompson fell back to fourth place and it looked as if his hopes were falling out of his grasp.

Thompson never gave up, though. He wouldn't stop pushing until the very end, and with just more than 100 yards left, he managed to get around two sailors and creep into second place, where he finished just behind Rogachenko.

The first and second place finishes created a tie between the two for the overall point leader, a tie that was decided by overall head to head finishes, a category Thompson has dominated this season.

Thompson was the new national champion.

"It's a really big accomplishment for me," said Thompson. "At the beginning of the season, a goal sheet was put together and this is what I had on there, this was what I wanted. It's a great feeling."

Thompson walked away leaving everything on the water, and he walked away a champion. He is now the top laser, or single-handed sailor in the collegiate world. It hasn't come easy for Thompson, though, who has had to come a very long way this season to get where he is now.

Thompson left school last year to pursue racing for his native Virgin Islands. He left the singles racing arena and for 14 months competed with his national team in Olympic qualifying for a spot in the 2008 Olympics.

After his campaign, the thought of competing in singles again or even returning to college was a decision that did not come easy to the islander.

"It was just dreams that got me back into the mood of sailing for the school. I wasn't sure I was ever going to come back to school but I'm very glad I have, and all the working hard has paid off."

These accomplishments highlight the exceptional work the sailing program puts forth and how much of a true player RWU is in the sailing world. It might seem that competing against the large Division 1 colleges that Roger Williams does is a feat in and of itself, but the Hawks have been able to not only hold their own, but overtake many of the large potential powers across the sailing world.

"It shows that the program has gotten to the point where we're recruiting some of the best sailors in the world," said Callahan. "We've noticed a huge pickup and recognition from everyone in the sailing community, and this victory will for sure enhance that."

Thompson returned to campus Monday and was congratulated by many of his teammates and peers. Many people around the school have recognized the great accomplishment and are thankful for what Thompson has been able to do.

"This really means a great deal," said Director of Athletics George Reef. "Everybody should really be proud about what Cy has done, and not just Coach Callahan or the athletic department, but the admission department, the president. It really is a victory and a championship for this entire university."

While everyone else rejoices in his success, Thompson, like a true competitor, is already looking down the road to the next chance for the university to grab hold of another national title.

"We have a great, solid, fast racing team. I think in June when the team racing nationals come, we have a really good shot to possibly take another championship," said Thompson.

Thompson will be working hard for the next eight months until the opportunity to win another national championship and to rewrite the Roger Williams' record books arrives again.

Women's soccer wraps up regular season with two more wins

The Roger Williams University Women's Soccer team added to their already impressive run this season with two more victories, closing out their season with an impressive 15-2 record. The Hawks will be entering the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament red hot having won their past 12 games by an unprecedented scoring margin of 37-0.

With the two wins, a 3-0 decision over New England College and a 1-0 finish over Brandeis University, the Hawks secured the number two seed in the tournament. There opponent will be the seventh seeded Golden Bears of Wistar.

New England College who they will host on Saturday at a time that is yet to be announced.

The senior tri-captains Kristin O'Gorman, Julie Hamor, and Kelly Capek, in what would be there last regular season home game at RWU, were honored prior to the start of the game against UNE and they didn't wait long to make their impact felt.

Just under five minutes into the match Capek received the down ball from freshman forward Lauren Pendleton that she was able to strike on her first touch into the net for her third goal of the season.

The second goal came in the 23th minute when junior Amanda daCunha was able to b...
Wrestling prepares for promising season

Dan Malkin
Aatr. Sports Editor

Winter is just around the corner which means a new round of Roger Williams University sports is soon to begin. The Hawks 2008 wrestling team is projected to be one of the best ever and is currently ranked 20th in the National Wrestling Coaches Association. After a strong showing during last season, The Hawks are ready to improve on their success.

Their current ranking is the highest ever by a Roger Williams University wrestling team to begin a season, this thanks to a group of potentially standout wrestlers.

This year’s team will be led by senior Jared Czarneski, senior Dan Woods and junior Zach Weinrich. Czarneski is ranked ninth, woods is ranked sixth while Weinrich is ranked tenth in their respective weight classes.

Czarneski finished fourth last year for a second straight season. He compiled a final record of 19-11 while being named to the Pilgrim League All-Star Second Team. He is poised and ready for a strong senior season this year.

Woods, the senior from New Jersey, also seems to be on track for a great final season. Last season, he finished as a member of the All-New England team and is looking to accomplish this feat for a second straight season.

“As a team, we are very excited and motivated after the season,” said senior Andy Jackson. “We feel that we are strong from top to bottom and ready for a successful and fun season.”

Coach Dave Kemmy is entering his 14th season as the head coach of the Roger Williams University wrestling program. Kemmy has had great success in Bristol, posting 11 straight consecutive winning seasons. He has high hopes for his team this year and expects greatness from his squad.

This year’s team has a chance to become the highest-ranking Hawks wrestling squad ever. They currently are the second best school in the New England area, just under 10th ranked Williams College.

The team consists of a strong core of players and most of the wrestlers are returning from last season. The season should be interesting and highly competitive while the Hawks work hard to once again send representatives to the wrestling championships at the end of the year.

The Hawks will kick off their season this Saturday, where they will be traveling to compete against Stevens Institute of Technology, currently ranked 27th in the Conference.

Malkin’s Mind - Ten sports topics I can’t stop thinking about

Don Malkin
Aatr. Sports Editor

1. Favorite College Football Sign This Weekend

While I was watching Lee Corso this past weekend, I saw a lot of funny posters. Chase Daniel has a PUPA, definitely the best... I love Chase Daniel. I think he is a great college quarterback with a lot of talent, but every time I sign this on College Gameday I could not stop laughing.

2. Favorite Fight I Have Read About Lately

Pacman Jones fighting his bodyguard... We all know this guy is a complete fool. But fighting your own bodyguard is just insane. All I have to say to Pacman is enjoy rehab and your permanent dysfunctional life outside of the NFL.

3. Kellen Winslow and the Cleveland Browns

After the fifth Browns player to suffer from staph infection this season. Winslow said he was very upset about the situation and that no one from the organization checked up on him at the hospital. “I feel like a piece of meat,” said Winslow. “Sometimes I feel like I am a part of this team.” Here’s the deal; when you’re healthy, you don’t produce on the field and you’re killing my fancy

Men’s soccer has strong final week

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The Roger Williams men’s soccer team finished its regular season play this past week with a 2-0 win over New England College and a 1-1 draw with Colby-Sawyer College. The two decisions move the Hawks to 9-3-1 in Commonwealth Coast Conference play for the year, assuring no worse than second place in the conference tournament, and a possibility at the number one spot.

It was the freshman midfielder Arnie Mosh that led the way for RWU against the Pilgrims of UNE with a goal and an assist in the match. The first goal, which came in the 28th minute, was off a pass from Mosh delivered to sophomore forward Michael Patriarca. The initial shot was saved, but the Pilgrim keeper could not control the ball, Patriarca then gathered his own rebound and tucked the ball into the net.

Later in the second half, Mosh finished one of his own when he outran the entire Pilgrim defense and slipped the ball past the keeper for the breakaway goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Peter Gleck was only forced to make one save en route to his tenth shutout of the season.

Before the match, RWU honored six seniors on the roster in what was scheduled to be their last home regular season game. Those honored included Ardy Jagne, Brandon O’Donovan, Dan Sanchez, Jeffrey Traniello, Joseph Summa, and Nate Bouffard.

In their second game against Colby-Sawyer College, the Hawks needed to get the win to ensure themselves the top spot in the conference. Unfortunately, the hard-fought match ended up in a tie and keeps RWU playing the waiting game to find out their seed.

The Hawks got on the board first in this one when senior midfielder O’Donovan received a long ball from Bouffard from the left side of the box and dropped it in for the 1-0 lead.

The Chargers came right back though as their forward Brian Lombard drilled a ball into the net.

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