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YOUTH TURN OUT FOR OBAMA

Help elect nation’s first African-American president

Allison Collins
Asst. News Editor


CIRCLE, a nonpartisan research center studying youth civic engagement and civic education, reports that 18 percent of the voting population was young people.

An estimated 23 to 24 million young people voted in the election, which marks an increase in turnout by at least 2.2 million over 2004, according to CIRCLE.

A national exit poll displayed on CNN.com showed 66 percent of 18-to-29-year-olds voted for Obama, according to CIRCLE.

White voters over age 30 voted more often for McCain than Obama. But white voters ages 18 to 29 voted for Obama 69 percent of the time.

The polls also show that voters making more than $200,000 a year voted for Obama 52 percent of the time, and for McCain 46 percent of the time.

Obama will be inaugurated as the 44th president on Jan. 20, 2009. McCain, in his concession speech Tuesday night, promised to help Obama in whatever way he can.

Thursday, Obama announced his chief of staff would be Rahm Emmanuel.

More announcements regarding Obama’s potential cabinet are slated for the coming days.

SEALING THE DEAL

Caitie Abrahamson of the Campus Entertainment Network colors in another blue state for Sen. Barack Obama Tuesday night in the Hawk’s Nest as election results for the 2008 presidential election pour in.

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VOTE: Hawk's Nest buzz with election night coverage

Compiled by Julia Weiss, Multicultural Student Union Advertising and Outreach Liaison

HANNOVER, GERMANY—Twenty people were killed when a tour bus caught fire after a passenger snuck into the bathroom to smoke a cigarette on board. In addition to the deaths, thirty people were also injured, including three with serious burns. The only people who were able to escape were the few passengers situated towards the front of the bus. Approximately 30 people on board. (www.cnn.com)

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Hundreds vote at Performing Arts Center

Courtney Costello
Herald Staff

Roger Williams University opened its doors as a polling location for the first time in the school’s history on Election Day. Students and local residents who live in this precinct were able to vote on campus Tuesday for the presidential, state, and local elections.

Voting opened on campus early in the morning with a group of volunteers including Roger Williams’ students working the polls.

By day’s end, 932 people had voted at the Performing Arts Center. Of these people, 594 voted for Sen. Barack Obama and 313 voted for Sen. John McCain, according to data released immediately after the election.

John King, Vice President for Student Affairs, said, “It was chosen as a polling place for students and the buzz in the community centered on this location.”

The board of canvassers made a decision on Election Day. Students and local residents and student voters was 68.1 percent of the vote against Robert Tingle’s (R) 31.9 percent.

The turnout on campus was really easy and convenient being on campus,” said sophomore Evan Kenett.

There were a lot of Bristol residents along with students and the buzz in the polling place was really exciting.

There were no reports of any voter disenfranchisement in the campus polling places. The campus seemed to be one of the most popular polling locations in Bristol and this turn out. They also voted Jack Reed (D) for Congress for District 1 to represent in Congress for District 1 to 68.1 percent of the vote to Robert Tingle’s (R) 31.9 percent.

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As cold weather sets in and people are walking to and from classes, gone are the days of doing homework on the ground. In the snow. Rushing class to class in the cold air, people hardly stop to notice the changes on campus. We were a couple of weeks into campus construction has seen tremendous progress. Walls have gone up on the admissions building, making it possible to get a good idea of what the building will look like. The brick siding goes on the building, it is already fit in wonderfully with the campus and help welcome people onto this campus.

The new dorm is taking shape near North Campus. The brickwork on the building looks almost complete. Some solid panels are now being placed on the outside. This dorm structure is alluring to students who look forward to the changing of the old dorm. In 1969, our camp was opened with brick buildings, only one of them a dorm. Since then, the campus has grown in both acres and buildings. As we watch the construction of our newest dorm, the sixth complex on campus, we cannot help but think about the change once again is in the air.

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This then, doesn't stop with just the physical change. As a school, we have also evolved academically. In 1969, the school was called Roger Williams Western College and since then, it has become an independent institution.

Originally, Roger Williams College was seen as a second-chance institution, with rolling admissions. There were days that the front of the school was called Roger Williams University.

The university is improving its campus, its standards and its ranking. This attitude of limitless potential makes it the dream school. The school is more than just a sign of prestige; it is a place where everyone is scared of them. They held their coats tightly around their bodies because they are intimidat ed by the e-board. Is really the culture we want to create on in this school is not going to matter from now on, it is not going to matter to those who thrive on the best days ever. What is great an event was. What matters is what you have done in the professional world.

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**TUES:** Pasta Night & Karaoke

**WED:** Party Night DJ Resq .25 Cent Wings, Pitcher & Drink Promos

**THR:** "Thrifty Thursday" $9.95
Buy One Get One FREE With College ID Menu...Live Acoustic

**FRI:** Prime Rib

**SAT:** 2 Dinners & A Bottle of Wine Or Pitcher of Beer

**Band Schedule:**
- 11/7 Sat Night Special
- 11/8 Rich Kuhns
- 11/14 Acid Reign
- 11/15 Krazee Rita
- 11/21 Simply Rad (80's Cover)
- 11/22 Big In Europe
Flipping through the pages of the Guinness Book of World Records, you would find the most tattooed man in the world, the largest monkey... and possibly soon, the world’s largest periodic table built by Roger Williams students.

This idea was brainstormed and attempted by the 30 Roger Williams students in the American Chemical Society (ACS). On Oct. 23, also known as 'Mole Day,' the students constructed 177 model squares of each element in the periodic table at 22 inches across and 28 inches long.

For those who aren’t fluent in chemistry, a mole is an atomic unit in chemistry used for measurement. After assembling the blocks, students connected and taped them together on the quad, taking only about an hour. The project received a lot of attention from students and faculty passing by. Even President Roy J. Nirschel made an appearance, asking about the project and quizzing students on the elements.

The periodic table event is a part of ACS’s 'Chemistry Week' and was not the first time ACS attempted to win the record. Two years ago, ACS students came up with the idea to create the periodic table and had already constructed the elements. In their picture they had submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records, each student held up an element. ACS then learned that since the elements were not connected, they would not be allowed into the Guinness Book.

Now in its second year, the purpose of the largest periodic table is not only to break a world record, but to give some awareness to ACS. Jack Fuller, president of ACS, says that the club is growing, but many people at Roger Williams still are unaware about what ACS does.

"If we won, we’d be proud that we were trying to show that ACS and the chemistry club at Roger Williams is getting bigger," Fuller said.

At the same time, ACS wanted to open up the project to any students interested in chemistry.

"We had a bunch of faculty show up for the pictures, people who worked in the stock room show up for the pictures so it just wasn’t about the ACS getting involved in this periodic table," Fuller said. "We wanted anyone who had any involvement in chemistry. We even told people as they were walking by, 'If you know what this is and you want to take a picture with us, that’s fine. If you don’t, we’ll tell you and you can come over and take a picture.'" ACS also produces other events throughout the year.

Each year, the group takes a trip to a national conference, last year to New Orleans and this year to Salt Lake City in Utah. Fuller says the group is also trying to build awareness for green chemistry.

"Right now, we’re starting a club trying to do a biodiesel experiment where we’re actually taking canola oil from the Commons, a couple liters of that, and we’re going to make our own biodiesel," Fuller said.

All are invited to attend ACS meetings at 5 p.m. on Mondays in the Marine and Natural Sciences Building lounge.
Witches and pirates and princesses! Oh my!

Kids in costume hit up Bayside for candy

Young abuse survivors trick-or-treat on campus

"It was really sweet," Meghan Rickard of Bayside said. "I think it kind of gave students a touch of being home for Halloween while we are at school." Bayside's National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) chapter provided pumpkin frames for each child to construct so that they may place a photo from the night inside to remember their night at RWU. NRHH also provided pillowcases and many arts and crafts supplies to decorate them with, so that each child had a collection bag for candy for the program and for trick-or-treating on Halloween night.

"The program was a huge success for Bayside and is the first step in bringing the community back to Bayside," said Bayside CORE Daniel Labonte. The Bayside Hall Council, Assistant Director of Housing Carol Sacchetti and NRHH made the event possible.
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**MEET THE MEN**

The Hawk's Herald interviewed the guys competing in the 2008 Mr. RWU pageant, a benefit for the Children's Miracle Network. It happens Nov. 22 in the Recreation Center. Get to know the contestants every week in the newspaper, leading up to the big night.

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**BRIAN WAKEMAN**
Sophomore, Vista, N.Y.

Why do you think it is important for RWU to hold the Mr. RWU pageant every year?

It is an excellent way to get a message out to college kids that say, "We are really fortunate people and any little bit that we can do to help these children out in such a huge way I've always loved being with children and any way that myself and the rest of the pageant can help out these children that are in need really touches my heart.

Has your involvement with Mr. RWU changed your perspective on life?

In participating in Mr. RWU changed a lot about me. It first made me realize how blessed I was growing up and made me appreciate the things that family and friends did for me. It also made me realize now how much I grow up and mature, it is my turn to take the responsibility and help out the children in need. It definitively has made me into a better and more appreciative person.

What types of tricks will you pull out for your talent? Or is that secret information?

I don't think I can say. That's really top-secret information.

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**TOM MAYBURY**
Sophomore, East Longmeadow, Mass.

What have you learned from this experience so far?

I've learned a lot since I started Mr. RWU. For one, I've learned how to dance and keep a beat, but on top of that I've learned to step out of my comfort zone and just have fun. The nine other guys and I have really gotten to know each other. Mr. RWU has taught me a lot about why we are raising money.

Why do you think it is important to host the pageant every year?

The important of this pageant is unexplainable. The money we raise goes to a place where it is needed the most. The number of kids, including me, are born premature and have very small chance of making it. The equipment needed to keep them alive until they can take care of themselves. The equipment used to be very expensive but has become more expensive on the family that has to pay the bill, but the money we raised this year, and every other year, will help to pay for things like that.

Fun fact about yourself?

I have a twin sister that was born in the United States (including Puerto Rico).

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**PHIL DICANZIO**
Junior, Foxborough, Mass.

Has your involvement changed your perspective on life?

I would say it definitively has. Earlier this semester, all of the contestants went to visit the Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence and that, for me, was my first visit to a hospital for children. It was great to see all of the work that Hasbro and the Children's Miracle Network is doing to not only provide excellent care, but to create a really friendly and cheerful environment. It didn't really feel like I was visiting a hospital because the atmosphere was so comfortable. It was just really nice to see how hard people are working for these children.

Why do you think it is important for our campus to host this pageant every year?

Honestly, I think RWU should host this pageant every year! It's great to be able to help the Children's Miracle Network and it's great to have so many different people involved. I'm really glad to have been a part of this year.
The Hawk’s Herald Fun

Dead Ringers

Celebrity look-alikes across campus

Juno McGuff & Paul Bleeker (Top)
DJ Sevigny & Sam Brennan (Bottom)

RWU student body voted 4.5 stars out of 5 on Facebook

“They are so similar it’s creepy.” – Brittany Featherstone, sophomore
“I can’t tell who has better legs.” – Lindsey Sullivan, junior
“Where did she get that belly?” – Sarah Scafidi, junior

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Volleyball prevails over Gordon in tournament quarterfinals

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Asst. Sports Editor

The volleyball team hosted Gordon College on Tuesday night for its TCCC Quarterfinal showdown. With a win, the team would clinch their fourth straight semi-final birth. The team has played especially well lately and seemed poised to make a push for the finals.

During the first set, the Hawks got off to an early lead and never looked back. The team ultimately won 25-16 while recording 15 kills during the set. Erica DeVale led the charge and was able to score six straight points on her dominate serve. After DeVale's set-changing lingers on fire lately, the team was too much for Gordon to handle for the third straight set.

In the end, Kristina Dolan posted a game-high score of 10 kills to lead the way for her team. The final score read 25-22 and Roger Williams was able to shutout Gordon in sets, 3-0.

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News & Notes

The 20th ranked Roger Williams University wrestling team opened the season Saturday with a win against 27th ranked Stevens Institute of Technology at the Premier Training Center in Saddle Brook, N.J.

The Hawks won the meet 21-16 and were led by their captains seniors Dan Woods and Zakery Weinrich who each recorded wins and who are each ranked tenth in the country in their respective weight classes.

Below are the final meet results.

120 (RWU) Mahoney def Maselli 10-3
133 Bistis def (RWU) Trayser Pinfall at 1:46
141 (RWU) Hawley def Boloney 5-3
149 (RWU) Tuminelli def Conrad 10-2
157 (RWU) Rodgers def Leo Dorrman 13-2
165 Favia def (RWU) Zottolo 7-3
174 Dorrman def (RWU) Czarski 8-7
184 Termini def (RWU) James Woods 6-5
197 (RWU) Daniel Woods def Guaimano 5-0
285 (RWU) Weinrich def Riazonov 13-4

SOCCER: Women travel to Endicott for final match

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The rally sent the two to overtime where daCunha took over once again. The midfielder received a throw-in by Pendleton just inside the box and sent in a waist-high shot that bounced into the net.

The goal sent the Hawks into celebration and into the final game of the CCC Tournament for the third consecutive season. The Hawks will travel to Endicott on Saturday at 1 p.m. to take on the number one-seeded Gulls who beat Gordon College 1-0 in their semifinal match.

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Two overtime thrillers puts women’s soccer in CCC championship game

Dan DeBlasio
Sports Editor

The women’s soccer team escaped elimination twice this week when they won both their quarterfinal and semifinal matches of the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament in double overtime.

RWU hosted the Golden Bears of Western New England College in their quarterfinal match on Saturday and managed a lone goal some 100 plus minutes into the game to extend their tournament life.

Both the Hawk’s and WNEC put forth strong defensive efforts, spoiling any chance the other had at goal. The stalemate looked as if it was headed to penalty kicks, but with just a few minutes left in the second overtime period, junior midfielder Amanda daCunha delivered the game winner. daCunha took the ball inside the eighteen yard box and delivered a hard shot to the right corner of the net, beating the diving Golden Bear keeper.

Junior keeper Jen Garside made two saves to continue her streak of 12 consecutive shutouts and WNEC keeper Jessica Covino stopped four before giving up the overtime goal.

This exciting win moved the Hawks on to the semifinals to take on the third seeded University of New England Nor‘Easters who defeated Colby-Sawyer College 1-0 in their quarterfinal match. The two faced off on Tuesday at RWU in another drama-filled double overtime thriller.

The Hawks got on the board early when, in the sixth minute of the match, daCunha somehow bent a corner kick just inside the post into the far side of the net. This gave the Hawks momentum as they controlled the ball for most of the half and held the Nor’Easters to just one shot in 45 minutes of play.

Laurin Pendleton added another goal in the 53rd minute when she ran onto a long ball sent in from daCunha and chipped the UNE goalkeeper to put the Hawks ahead 2-0.

Men’s and women’s cross country teams take first place in CCC Championships

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The men’s and women’s cross-country teams celebrated Halloween by winning their eighth straight TCCC Invitational Championship this past Saturday.

The team continued its supremacy in The Commonwealth Coast Conference and remains a dominant force on all levels. For the most part, the invitational was won once the Hawks’ bus touched down in Springfield, Mass., as they would prevail in many ways.

Senior Kevin Clark, who came into the race as the back-to-back champion and runner of the year, would continue his streak by posting an amazing final time of 26:05.

Senior Alex Parulis would cross the finish line next in second place with a strong time of 26:37. Both Clark and Parulis have had extremely strong seasons all year and were able to continue their excellence during this crucial race.

Jonathan Ellis and Thomas Maybury finished their day in seventh and eighth place and were also named to the All-TCCC team. The rest of the Hawks team performed especially well and collectively as a group ran a good enough race to bring a victory back to Bristol.

When it came to the women’s team, Emily Bome led the way with an impressive time of 24:12. Her final time was good enough for a second place finish on the day. After Bome, it was all Hawks on the final scoreboard where they would dominate the next few finishing spots.

Susan Thaxter finished with a time of 24:30 in third place, Megan Fish in fourth with a time of 24:39 and Julianna Fernandes in fifth place with a time of 24:49.

Alyssa “1 2 3” Donovan rounded out the top 10 when she scampered across the line for a strong final time of 25:07. All five runners had terrific days on the course and were able to qualify for the All-TCC Championship team.

“As a team, we are all so proud to have won another championship,” Donovan said. “We know there is still a lot more to accomplish this season, but this is a great feeling.”

The team has clearly been dominant all year and should remain strong through the next competition. This Saturday should be a dogfight for every school in attendance, where Roger Williams will host the ECAC Championships at Colt State Park.