

JANUARY 2011

### A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Greetings Parents and Students,

It is hard to imagine that the fall semester is behind us and the year 2011 is upon us already! We have many important successes to celebrate that happened this past fall and lots to be excited about this coming spring semester. Here is just a sampling and be sure to read more throughout the newsletter.

This year's Homecoming and Family Weekend brought more than 2,500 family members, students, alumni, faculty, and staff to participate in this annual tradition. The festivities kicked off on Friday night with Casino Night, then Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) presented its annual Midnight Madness, a wonderful pep rally for our winter sports teams. Saturday we had a perfect autumn day for the fall festival. There was truly something for everyone to enjoy.

This fall was a stellar season for the RWU athletics department. Four teams claimed The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) titles, including Women's Soccer (second in three years); Women's Volleyball (second consecutive); Men's Cross Country (10th straight), and Women's Cross Country (11th straight). All four teams had outstanding student recognitions with TCCC Player/Runner of the Year, and with Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Men's Cross Country having a player named TCCC Rookie of the Year. Sailing was ranked as high as third in the nation, with Cy Thompson finishing second at the ICSA Men's Singlehanded National Championship.

Many of you may have seen the national media attention and growing concern around college students drinking stimulant-enhanced alcoholic beverages. President Champagne and the senior administration recently approved a ban on stimulant-enhanced alcoholic beverages at Roger Williams University. After the FDA announcement and what has been happening nationally and locally it was decided that these beverages pose a serious health risk to our students and the community. Please read the article by Donna Darmody (page 13) and be sure to have a conversation with your son or daughter about the dangers of these types of drinks.

Another notable event was when our LGBTQ group S.A.F.E. (Sexual Advocacy For Everyone), along with other schools from across the Rhode Island area, organized a memorial vigil on the steps of the R.I. State House to remember the lives lost due to gay bullying and raise awareness of it. The RWU S.A.F.E. group and their allies (faculty, staff and students attended) were the largest group at the vigil. The Division of Student Affairs is currently planning Safe Zone training for students, faculty and staff for the beginning of the spring semester.

Be sure to check out the calendar of events. We want to be sure everyone knows about all of the exciting things that are happening this spring. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or feedback! We are always looking to improve our work with your student, so don't hesitate to tell us how things are going!

Best regards,

Kathleen N. McMahon, Ed.D.

*Dean of Students*



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# PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello!

Please visit the Parents Association on the RWU website for information about the University, updates on initiatives, important contact information and exciting RWU News.

We are looking for parent volunteers to participate in our Accepted Students Days! This is a fun way to get involved. As you may remember, we invite all of our accepted students and their families to attend an Accepted Students Day event in March or April. The event is a great opportunity for accepted students and their families to tour campus – including the residence halls, speak with representatives from student services and students from various clubs, organizations and athletics, as well as meet with professors from their intended majors. From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. we host a University Reception at which attendees can attend a number of sessions and mingle while snacking on treats. This is where we are hoping to have current parents participate. Parents of accepted students really enjoy mingling with current parents and finding out more about the University. They have heard it all from the Admissions staff and now they want some “real life” answers to their questions. If you are interested in joining us on any of the days listed below please contact me at (401) 254-3774 or [amarsili@rwu.edu](mailto:amarsili@rwu.edu).

Accepted Students Days:

**Sunday, March 6, 2011** – all early action accepted students invited to attend

**Saturday, March 26, 2011** – students accepted into a program in the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education

**Sunday, March 27, 2011** – students accepted into a program in the Gabelli School of Business, School of Architecture, Art and Architectural History, School of Engineering and School of Justice Studies

**Saturday, April 9, 2011** – students accepted into a program in the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education

**Sunday, April 10, 2011** – students accepted into a program in the Gabelli School of Business, School of Architecture, Art and Architectural History, School of Engineering and School of Justice Studies

Sincerely,

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P.S. Don't forget to join us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/rwu.parents>

# HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2010 WRAP UP

This year's Homecoming and Family Weekend brought more than 2,500 families, students, alumni, faculty and staff to participate in this annual tradition. The festivities kicked off on Friday night with Casino Night, a favorite among our students, which featured a Just Dance Wii competition that got the crowd moving. The Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) presented its annual Midnight Madness, a wonderful pep rally for our winter sports teams. This event, which was Backlights themed, featured contests, dance team performance and an amazing light show.

A perfect Autumn day brought an excited crowd for Saturday events, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Saturday morning began with family workshops covering issues on first year student adjustment, study abroad and internship information. Family members were able to witness Homecoming King and Queen Coronation over an Autumn-themed lunch. Congratulations to our Homecoming Court: Lauren Buckley, Caitlyn Anderson, Charnele Luster, Jackie Gazelle, Megan Amylon, Patrick Byrne, Caitie Abrahamson, Julia Weis, Anthony Buzzerio, John Walsh, Samantha Eckel and Mary Randazzo. Very special Congratulations to our Homecoming King and Queen, Thomas Maybury and Lauren Elliott.

The excitement of the day was just beginning. Parents, family members and students were excited to witness our St. Balderick's Day Event. The Inter-Class Council (ICC) and Student Volunteer Association shaved their way to conquering Childhood cancer. The St. Baldrick's Foundation uses the donations to fund more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the United States Government. Our event was able to raise over \$8,000.



The excitement continued to grow with our Annual Autumn Fest on the Quad. The Quad was the place to be as pumpkin painting, face painting and arts and crafts were on the schedule as well as live music and dance performances to excite the crowd. Homemade apple cider, hot kettle corn, candied apples and other tasty treats added to the festivities of the day. The Autumn Fest was a wonderful addition to the Men's and Women's Soccer Games as well as the annual ICC Fall Classic Flag Football Championship. After a wonderful afternoon, our special performance of the night, The Blanks, excited the crowd and made for an enjoyable evening. The Blanks (a.k.a. Ted's Band from the television show "Scrubs") performed a capella and sketch comedy in a unique original show that appealed to fans of "Scrubs" and "Glee". The audience was able to sing and interact with the band after the amazing show.

The weekend ended with our President's Brunch on Sunday morning, a great place for families and students to cap off their Homecoming Weekend. We hope that you enjoyed your time at Roger Williams during Homecoming and we can't wait to see you at next year's events!





# INTERCULTURAL CENTER

Fall was an exciting time at the Intercultural Center. Maria Prezioso is our new administrative assistant. Maria has a welcoming smile and is quick to offer a cup of tea. She is shown below in formal wear for the Eid festivities, which are in celebration of the end of the fasting required of Ramadan. Students performed traditional songs and dance, in addition to watching World Cup soccer! Stop in and meet Maria!

The fall semester began with many highlights for our 186 international students. Many students enjoyed a trip to Boston with a harbor cruise as well as a Renaissance era experience via King Richard's Faire. The Haunted Hay Ride and Corn Maze was a Halloween thrill while the Boston Celtics basketball game garnered high excitement. This term seven students participated in the "Hour With" series sharing the culture, history, and geography of Zambia, France and Morocco with the campus community. During International Education Week in November, an Awareness Wall

offered a glimpse of which countries are represented on campus and Chinese students taught other students how to cook an authentic Chinese dish

from Shanghai. Upcoming spring events include the Broadway hit "The Lion King" in Providence, R.I., and the annual full day international festival, "Global Fest."

The Intercultural Center also offered a new tradition in celebration in one of America's oldest, the sharing of a Thanksgiving Dinner. All stages of the feast were prepared by the students including baking a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Students and staff shared their own feelings of gratitude and some students shared their religious customs prior to meals including an Arabic prayer

and a Vietnamese saying of "Cam on vi suc khoe toi co, kien thuc toi hoc duoc, thuc pham toi an moi ngay, va vi nhung nguoi ban toi may man gap khi xa nha" – which means "thanks for the health I have, the knowledge I achieved, food that I eat every day, and for the friends I luckily meet away from home."



**Students enjoyed lively discussion at the IC table by the big world map, sharing where they were from, literally covering all corners of the world.**



## INTERCULTURAL CENTER cont.



The fall was also an exciting time in multicultural affairs. We held a World Theater event: “Words Speak Louder Than Actions” celebrated identity recognition by showcasing an artist who uses collage based on images on clothing to champion themes of pride, self-actualization, civil rights, women rights, parenthood and freedom of speech. The workshop included poetry performed by Roger Williams University students. Look out for World Theater Spring 2011 to be held in March featuring a locally renowned belly dancing troupe which will educate the audience about this storied art form.

The Multicultural Student Union offered programs that allowed for the exploration of different backgrounds as well as common beliefs and opinions. Chrismahanukwanzakeid, a celebration of many holidays, Salsa Dance Lessons and the Discourse on Diversity series are a small example of events that allowed the campus community to learn about different cultures. Upcoming events for the spring semester include programming for Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Annual Fashion Show, Taiko Drummers, Lotus Lanterns and much more.

The Intercultural Center supports and advises the student group championing LGBTQ issues. This semester S.A.F.E. (Sexual Advocacy for Everyone) raised over \$700 for A.I.D.S. Care Ocean State with its annual Bingo for a Cure event. S.A.F.E. members were also instrumental in orchestrating Project R.I.S.E.E., which invited collegiate students, administrators, faculty, politicians and the community at large to a candle light vigil at the Rhode Island State House. The vigil served as a memorial service for recent lives lost due to bullying on the basis of sexual orientation. S.A.F.E. will be kicking off Pride Week on April 1, 2011.

The Bridge to Success mentoring program, which allows RWU undergrads to serve as mentors and tutors for local high school students, joined forces with the School of Architecture for a campus visit. The high school students were shown the ins and outs of Architecture as a major and then participated in a “ginger bread house building” competition. Next semester the high schoolers will come and visit our Law School.

A quiet prayer corner is at the IC and offers a space to reflect and renew one’s individual spiritual or religious beliefs. New this semester is a tiled washing station in recognition that several religions require purity rituals prior to praying. The station accommodates those that have a need to wash hands and feet. Zen Meditation is offered weekly in the prayer. Several multi-faith chaplains hold office hours.

The curiosity to learn about different cultures is fostered inside the classroom as well. Ande Diaz, who directs the Intercultural Center, taught an introductory course called “The American Experience.” Each week students had a chance to read, think and discuss topics ranging from trends in multi-racial identification to the structural inequalities that created the civil rights movement and other social forces. Students learn to engage in civil discourse as they listen to viewpoints other than their own.

From encountering civil discourse in our comfortable lounge to discovering an Asian stir fry in our kitchen, the Intercultural Center offers a vibrant environment for students to feel at home and make new friends. Stop by and see us!





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Rosemary Gushiken

RWU senior Mary Kate Burns is not only leaving her mark as a Residence Life student leader on campus, she is also planting seeds and paving the way for others in saving our oceans. She will be graduating this May with a Bachelor of Arts in Media Communication, focusing on Public Relations.

Last summer, Mary Kate interned in the E-Commerce Department at the fashion giant Nautica. While interning there she decided to brainstorm ideas for Resident Programs in the fall by poking around the Nautica website, and found Oceana. Oceana is a non-profit “save the world’s oceans” organization that has paired with Nautica in a collaborative effort to raise awareness about our world’s oceans. It was not until she found the website on Oceana that she began enjoying her internship. “I did not enjoy my internship at first,” said Mary Kate, “but once I found Oceana, it made my experience at Nautica much more interesting and exciting.”

Mary Kate decided to contact Carlie Brown, the liason between Nautica and Oceana, who had previously spoken at her internship orientation a few weeks prior and handed out her card. She e-mailed her ideas and reasons why promoting Oceana at RWU would be a good move. Ms. Brown responded right away, they brainstormed ideas



on how to put it together, Mary Kate wrote and presented a proposal for Nautica on this idea, and the Nautica-sponsored Oceana Beach Clean Up and Kayak Day was born at RWU.

Through this experience Mary Kate had with Nautica and Oceana, she realized “you cannot be scared to walk up to someone and introduce yourself...you need to take advantages of opportunities that can take you along the path of where you want to go.” After the Nautica-sponsored Oceana Beach Clean Up and Kayak Day was a success, Mary Kate was asked if she could help other schools along the East Coast set up a Nautica-sponsored Oceana Beach Clean Up and Kayak Day, and of course she said YES! “I did not know by putting on this event at RWU, it would become so big” said Mary Kate. “This showed me that it’s important to put myself out there, and that it’s all about taking the first step, taking the initiative, and then knowing the right people will help me along the way.”

“This internship showed me the type of public relations I do and do not want to do, and that there’s more out there in Public Relations, such as fashion, sports, and music, than I think. Look past your horizons because you never know what else is out there that might interest you.”

Mary Kate will be graduating in the Spring, and applying for public relations jobs in NYC, some of which she was able to obtain through contacts from her internship this past summer at Nautica.



# CAREER CENTER

## *Get Set... Go .... Preparing RWU Students for their Internships*

by Rosemary Gushiken



During the year, RWU Career Center staff visit many of our employers and we encouragingly found that these employers have always shared that our students

are well-prepared during the interview process and display professionalism while at their site during their internships. These same employers are then very candid about the candidates from other schools, sharing how they are not as prepared and are eager to share the stories of these experiences.

We enjoy hearing this because it confirms that providing the series of mandatory workshops for our students before they seek their internship is making a difference.

To do an internship for academic credit, all RWU students must complete a series of workshops offered by the Career Center BEFORE they are eligible to enroll/register in a co-op/internship for credit! These workshops not only provide information on the registration process, but also guide students through how to write a professional résumé and cover letter,

appropriate interviewing techniques, and assists with several resources and suggestions for their internship search. Upon completion of these one-time workshops, our students are given total access to all the internship opportunities/listings – in our online Hawks Hunt database. Having this access, in addition to being prepared with the professional tools for their search is the reason why we highly recommend that students attend these workshops even if they do not wish to receive academic credit. It's the one-two punch that's a knock-out for success!

Since the ideal time for students to do an internship is anytime upon completion of their sophomore year, we highly recommend that students register and attend these workshops during the fall or spring semester of their sophomore year.

Employers are looking for graduates with at least one, if not two or more internship experiences for their entry level experiences, and to compete with graduates from universities that require several internships as part of their curriculum, RWU strongly encourages students to obtain a co-op/internship as part of their academic studies. We hope that you encourage all students to visit our office and begin their career planning early.

# HAWK STUDENT-ATHLETES COMPETE AMONG ONE ANOTHER IN ATHLETIC OLYMPICS

BRISTOL, R.I. – On Sunday evening, the Roger Williams University Student Athlete Advisory Council held its first Athletic Olympics, an event involving all of the varsity men's and women's teams competing in various competitions. The events included a belly flop contest, water balloon toss, dizzy bat/foul shot, boxed lunch face-off, junk in the trunk, egg walk, knock out and a dance off.



The team that ultimately came away with the win was Men's Swimming & Diving, earning 18 points throughout the night. The team had exceptional performances in several events including: the box lunch face off, balloon toss, and the egg walk. The boxed lunch face off saw the winner finishing their peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Oreos and Powerade before most of the other teams could even get to each piece of the meal. This effort earned the team first place in the event and five points to be added to the team's cumulative score. In the balloon toss, the team ended up as the only squad to successfully toss the water balloon and catch it across the width of the pool, before taking second in the egg walk competition.

The Women's Lacrosse team earned second place for their efforts in the Olympics, finishing just two points after the winning team. The team also scored five points for its first place finish in the junk in the trunk competition. The team also earned four points in the water balloon competition for their determination to get the balloon across the pool. Senior Erica Palmer (Branford, Conn.) and sophomore Dana Wilfahrt (Hamilton, Mass.) were the first to jump in the pool and retrieve their balloon.

Other highlights of the Athletic Olympics came from all of the athletic teams for their creativity and effort shown throughout the events. In the belly flop contest, Ian Powers (Shrewsbury,

Mass.) decided that the low diving board wasn't for him. He made the climb up to the high dive and courageously jumped off in belly flop form with no fear. The judges Athletic Communications Director Nick Williams, Assistant Athletic Trainer Louise Humphrey-Arruda and Administrative Assistant Donna

Flannery were so impressed they held up a 15, 54 and 45 for his creativity.

In a competitive game of Knockout the last four men continuously made their shots from the free throw line. The announcers decided they needed a challenge and pushed the athletes back to the 3-point line. Junior Pat Flanagan (Somerville, Mass.) showed consistency throughout the game, but after a tough bounce off the rim he was forced to make an impossible shot. He saved his position in the game with a fade away shot from behind the baseline. Even after his valiant effort, Jonathan Ellis (Yonkers, N.Y.) from the Men's Cross Country team hit the final shot of the game.

"The whole idea behind the event was to bring all of the teams together and have some fun," said SAAC Advisor Amanda Callahan. "With that achieved, the event proved to be a huge success." Men's Swimming & Diving, Wrestling and Men's Cross Country finished as the top three men's teams. Women's Lacrosse, Women's Basketball, and Women's Soccer were the top point scorers among women's teams.

## The top eight teams of the whole competition:

Men's Swimming & Diving – 18 pts.  
Women's Lacrosse – 16 pts.  
Wrestling – 15 pts.  
Men's Cross Country – 15 pts.  
Women's Basketball – 13 pts.  
Men's Track & Field – 13 pts.  
Men's Lacrosse – 11 pts.  
Men's Basketball – 11 pts.



# RWU'S NEW ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD

*Coming in 2012*



Slated for construction during summer 2010 is a brand-new artificial turf field, expected to be completed by the start of the 2011-12 academic year. The new field will be constructed on the current Bayside footprint and include a regulation playing surface, permanently designed for use by Men's and Women's Soccer, and Men's and Women's Lacrosse.

The playing surface will be Prestige Duraspine, manufactured by Field Turf Tarkett, which is the leading turf field manufacturer in the country. The project will include four light poles, a new scoreboard, team bench areas and seating for approximately 500 spectators with 50-75 chair-back seats. Amenities include a press box, new fencing and enhancements to the walkway between the new facility and the baseball field, in addition to concurrent upgrades to the baseball backstop and fencing.

The flexibility of usage of the new field is a major reason behind the construction of the turf field. Not only will the facility be available for use by varsity student-athletes, but the benefits of the field extend to club sport athletes, intramural programs and recreational use by the general student body and campus community.

"This complex will be a tremendous addition to our facilities," said Acting Director of Athletics Dave Kemmy. "The flexibility that this field allows will give our varsity and club sport student-athletes, as well as the thousands of students who participate in intramural and recreational activities, a place where many activities can be accomplished every day. The excitement this is generating is truly amazing."

On February 12 we will host a formal kick off for the campaign to support the turf field project.  
All interested parties should contact John King at [jjking@rwu.edu](mailto:jjking@rwu.edu) or Dave Kemmy at [dkemmy@rwu.edu](mailto:dkemmy@rwu.edu).



## THE 9TH ANNUAL MR. RWU PAGEANT

By: Meg Dumaine and Griffin Labbance

The Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA), with help from the Department of Residence Life and Housing, hosted the 9th Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular pageant. Mr. RWU is a non-traditional pageant comprised of 10 male students, their 10 personal assistants and a host of other students who raise money all fall semester and then donate all proceeds to the Children's Miracle Network, specifically, HASBRO Children's Hospital in Providence, R.I.

The Mr. RWU contestants are nominated by their peers and the top 10 nominees are invited to be a contestant. Before they accept, they are given an opportunity to learn what being a Mr. RWU contestant means. As a contestant, they carry water bottles for donations every day, they hold fundraisers, send letters to family and friends, they motivate their fellow student body to attend the show and donate as little or as much as they can. Important through all of this is that they raise awareness and increase education. After accepting a position in the pageant, contestants and personal assistants will begin to meet once a week to work on the opening dance. This dance will open the pageant and will feature all of the males involved with the show. Although the dance practice is only a few hours long, contestants will begin putting in hours each day in their efforts to raise as much money as possible. Their water bottle that they carry around will be for donations from students, faculty and professors to drop change in. On top of the water bottle, contestants will

be asked to send letters to family, friends and local businesses in their hometown asking for donations toward their funds raised. Each contestant will have to prepare an individual talent which will be the main portion of the first half of the show. Contestants in the past have performed everything from dances, skits, comedy acts and instrumental performances.

All of the money raised throughout the fall from contestant's bottles, checks from families and businesses and also all of the money from tickets for the event helps to directly benefit the children's hospital in Providence. This money helps infants, children and adolescents in need of vital medical care get the treatment they need, regardless of their injury, illness, or their families' financial capabilities. This year, Maggie Casey and Erica O'Connell from HASBRO Hospital helped the students grasp the importance of their work during a tour of the hospital. They provided the history and facts of the necessity of the children's wing but mostly, importantly, they showed our students, the humanity and warmth intentionally behind every decision and interaction. Following our hospital visit, our contestants responded by having the fundraising week of the semester!

Each year, contestants will have the chance not only to be exposed to benefits of raising money for the Children's Hospital but more substantially have the opportunity to be exposed to the power of giving back



to the community. “Being a part of the pageant (2009) helped me to understand how lucky we are to have what we have,” commented past contestant Griffin Labbanche. “All 10 of us were able to see how much we had been given throughout our lives and to have the chance to give that back to families through raising money for a hospital was beyond what I had hoped for,” added Labbanche. Student’s campus-wide are exposed to the fundraising efforts throughout the entire fall and are made aware of all the efforts put forth by the contestants and their personal assistants.

The students had an additional goal this year to bridge the world between RWU and Bristol. This initiative was well-received by several active community members. Most notably, Paul Manserenie of Leo’s and Sarah Redman of Hair, Heart and Soul, responded with several events and ways to help. Paul offered contestants space during the Bristol Walk-About, a safe trick-or-treating for children as well as donated food for the night of the show. Sarah hosted a cut-a-thon and donated all of the proceeds to Mr. RWU as well as providing hair and makeup services to the girls for the night of the show. We appreciate the response and look forward to cultivating these relationships.



The 2010 contestants and their personal assistants were Brett Bergman and Jacqui Allred; Brendan Buerger and Lauren Elliot; Matthew Butzke and Erin Giroux; Travis Cournoyer and Micaela Rago; Justin Demers and Mallorely Blake; AJ Guedouar and Jenn Hamilton; Chris O’Keefe and Karlene Kiskinis; Casey Sefton and Kathryn Swanson; DJ Seigny and Samantha Brennan; and David Volle and Allie Brodbeck. This year was co-chaired by Jessica Sanborn and Amy Roach.

IRHA would like to recognize the hard work and dedication from the contestants, personal assistants, co-chairs and committee members as well as the support from the student body! This year wouldn’t have been successful without all of your help! Finally, a congratulations to the following winners: Matthew Butzke for Mr. Congeniality and Most Funds Raised, and to Mr. RWU 2010 Christopher O’Keefe!

Together, we raised over \$20,100 this year and \$150,000 over the past nine years!

Thank you for your support! We look forward to Mr. RWU 2011, our 10th annual pageant!





# CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT



(Pictured from left to right bottom row P.E.E.R.s:  
Alison Amarant, Rebecca Cleary, Sierra Helm, Amanda Leibowitz, Celina Hoar, Andrea Bradbury.  
Pictured from left to right top row Women's Center:  
Tim Adams, Abigail Clark, Tina Provatas, Kaila Madera, Jessica Hallock, Leah Peters)

The Center for Counseling and Student Development is committed to sexual assault prevention by educating members of our community. This Fall, P.E.E.R.s (mental health educators) along with the Women's Center co-sponsored an event, *Illuminate the Truth*. This event brought awareness to the number of rapes that occur daily in the United States as well as incorporated the Rhode Island Silent Witness program where individual stories of domestic violence and sexual assault are shared on silhouettes. Students from the Women's Center and the P.E.E.R.s provided informational handouts and a place for reflection. Please visit our website to learn about the many resources available to students in regards to a sexual assault: <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/sexualassault/>.

The Counseling Center continues to support students for a range of issues, including but not limited to homesickness, anxiety, depression, and relationship problems. Our services are confidential which means we cannot share information about the fact or nature of students' visits to the Center without their permission. However, as a parent you are welcome to call us to share your concerns or to consult with one of our counselors. All full-time undergraduate and graduate students (other than the law school) are eligible for our services, free of charge. The Center for Counseling and Student Development is located on the second floor of the Center for Student Development, and we may be reached at (401) 254-3124.

## DINING'S GETTING A MINI-OVERHAUL

We're now in our 5th year in the "new" Dining Commons building, which means with thousands of students passing through day in and day out, millions of meals served, and countless hours working (and a little playing) it's time for a bit of a facelift to create some excitement for our dining guests. Changes you'll begin to see in spring 2011 start with an authentic Taqueria in the Upper Commons. The Taqueria will find its home on one half of the Global station (the other side will remain true to what people have come to love as a fresh Asian stir-fry station). You'll now be able to find delicious tacos, burritos, and quesadillas daily as well as great Mexican specials. Moving downstairs to the Lower Commons, customers will now be able to indulge in a new Italian-inspired station serving meatball subs and chicken parmesan subs, hot out of the oven! Leaving the Dining Commons, the Hawk's Nest will have a great new (and healthy!) smoothie menu. The smoothie's serve up fresh, unsweetened fruits mixed with wholesome ingredients like ginger and agave nectar. Last but not least, the Law School Bistro opened their new salad and yogurt bar in the Fall. In the morning you can build your own breakfast parfaits and in the afternoon create a fresh and hearty salad. So, enjoy the new additions to the Bon Appétit dining program and of course, if there are any questions, comments, or ideas please visit our e-comment board at [www.cafebonappetit-rwu.com](http://www.cafebonappetit-rwu.com).

# FOUR LOKO HITS COLLEGE CAMPUSES LIKE A STORM

By: Donna Lynn Darmody



This fall college and university campuses around the country saw the explosion of alcohol-laced energy drinks including the increasingly popular Four Loko, manufactured by Phusion Projects, a company as youthful as its' target audience. The labels on the cans of these drinks are bright and

colorful, and look similar to the well known energy drinks such as Monster and Red Bull. According to the Wall Street Journal, in 2009 Four Loko ranked 4th in national sales growth at 7-Eleven convenience stores. Its name is derived from its four main ingredients: caffeine, taurine, guarana and alcohol. Each 23-ounce can is typically priced around \$2.50, comes in nine flavors ranging from Cranberry Lemonade to Watermelon, and often contains more than 60 grams of sugar and around 660 calories. Nicknamed "blackout in a can," the percentage of alcohol in Four Loko is around 12 to 14 percent, making one can the equivalent of 4.7 shots of hard alcohol. This combination is just plain dangerous and has led to a series of high-profile incidents that have caught the media's attention. Because caffeine is a stimulant, it masks the intoxicating effects of alcohol leading to increased heavy episodic drinking, risk taking and negative alcohol consequences such as injury, sexual assaults and alcohol poisoning.

Roger Williams University has been proactive in addressing the campus community on this issue. Early in the semester we conducted a poster campaign in the residence halls warning students of the dangers of these products. The Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force met and started the movement to ban the product on campus by collecting facts and data to present to the student senate and upper administration for support. Meanwhile, the student Health and Wellness Educators (HAWEs), crafted a letter of a voluntary discontinued sale and ban of alcohol energy drinks to all liquor stores in Bristol and Portsmouth R.I.

As quickly as this storm came into full force it dissipated. On November 17, 2010, several federal agencies responded aggressively telling manufacturers to stop distributing the products within two weeks. The Federal Food and Drug Administration deemed the alcoholic energy drinks to be unsafe and illegal. The following week, RWU announced a campus-wide ban on products combining caffeine and alcohol as well as products with a high alcohol equivalent.

We encourage all parents and students to discuss the risks of consuming energy enhanced alcoholic beverages and to make the healthy decision to say no to Four Loko.

# HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE

## Just a few health reminders to parents and students as the spring 2011 semester begins:

### Have a new Health Insurance Card?

If your private health insurance or prescription plan has changed, please fax a copy (front and back) to Health Services so we can put it in the student's health record. Fax to # 401-254-3305, or have your student bring a copy of the card to Health Services on their next visit.

### Cold and Flu Season

As we all know, with winter comes cold and flu season. Living in close proximity to one another, as college students do, lends itself to spreading germs and illness. Protect yourself:

1. We encourage everyone to get an influenza vaccine. This can be done at Health Services. Please call 254-3156 for an appointment. The cost is \$20.
2. Healthy lifestyle with proper sleep, diet and exercise is the best defense. In addition the importance of good hand washing and general hygiene should not be underestimated.
3. If our students develop symptoms of upper respiratory infection or influenza they can be seen at Health Services for assessment and care. The following website provides important information about flu prevention, assessment and treatment: <http://www.health.ri.gov/flu/>.

### Spring Break is Right Around the Corner!

In a blink of an eye the days of spring will be upon us. Many students are already planning for spring break. This can be a much needed opportunity for rest and relaxation. Whether a student stays local or takes advantage of the time to travel a little planning can go a long way for a fun, safe spring break. The following links, may provide helpful information specific to college spring break and general traveling consideration:

<http://www.cdc.gov/>  
[www.vanderbilt.edu/alcohol/springbreak.html](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/alcohol/springbreak.html)  
[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)





# STUDENT PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Student Involvement in Clubs and Organization is the main focus of the office, we are happy to work with the seven Organizations and over 60 clubs on almost a daily basis. Our clubs have grown as the semester continues; students are able to start their own club with 10 members, paperwork, and an advisor. This semester saw the creation of the Photography Club, Project Nur, and the rebirth of the Historic Perseveration Society, just to name a few. The Fall 2010 semester has been an active semester for our student leaders with event collaborations with our clubs and organizations, and collaborations with the Department of Student Programs and Leadership. This semester saw wonderful events, campus traditions and programming that brought our community together. Highlights from our Clubs and Organizations fall semester events include:

- Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) Fall Concert with Shwayze record attendance of 1,900 students
- *Hawks Herald* unveiled a new layout with a record 16-pages
- Inter-Class Council (ICC) Spirit Week encouraged Blue and Gold Spirit before Homecoming Weekend
- The Dance Club Show provided the campus community with amazing performances made possible by weeks of rehearsing
- The Musicians Guild brought together student bands for two amazing concerts
- Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA) Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular raised over \$20,000 for Hasbro Children's Hospital
- Student Volunteer Association (SVA) brought the campus community together to create 70 turkey baskets for Bristol/Warren families in need
- Multicultural Student Union (MSU) ended the semester with the Annual Christmahanukwanzakeid celebration, which showcased winter traditions from different religions

The Department believes in student learning through social, intellectual, spiritual, cultural and interpersonal development; the SOAR program, based on the social change model of leadership development embodies these beliefs. According to this model of leadership there are seven critical values of leadership, which fall into three levels: EMERGE, DEVELOP and LEAD. Emerge is designed to help emerging student leaders from any class year to gain a greater sense of self knowledge through leadership. This level is intended for students who are interested in developing their leadership skills in preparation for leadership positions. Develop is designed to help returning student leaders to learn about leadership as it relates to groups and communities; this level is intended for students who have recently taken on leadership roles on campus. Lead is designed to help advanced student leaders to learn to synthesize all that they have learned in SOAR in the form of a social change project in the Bristol community. There were 45 RWU students who graduated from the EMERGE tier and 25 RWU students who graduated from the DEVELOP tier. Our seven LEAD students will continue their hard work with the Mount Hope High School Mentoring Program throughout the year.

The spring semester will be filled with events and leadership opportunities. Orientation Advisor applications and SOAR applications will be available as soon as the semester starts. Students interested in getting involved and leadership opportunities should visit the Department of Student Programs and Leadership, located in the Campus Recreation Center. Staff members are accessible by emailing [studentprograms@rwu.edu](mailto:studentprograms@rwu.edu) or calling (401) 254-3088.

# STUDENT PROGRAMS AND LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Junior/Senior BBQ



Homecoming Court



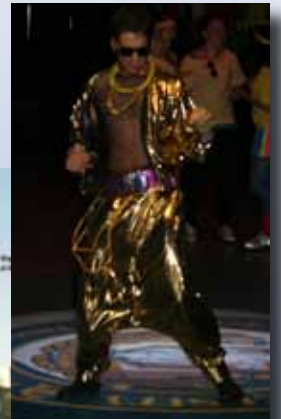
Fall Dance Show



Midnight Madness



80s Dance



IRHA Bingo



Fall Concert



# INFORMATION CONCERNING ROOM/HALL SELECTION



We know the spring semester is just getting under way, but the Housing Office is already preparing for the students to select housing for Fall 2011. We call this process Hall Selection.

There are four main steps that your student must complete in order to secure a room for the fall semester:

1. Complete a housing application and turn it in to the Bursar's Office with a \$350.00 housing deposit. Deposits are due as follows: current freshman by Feb. 4, 2011; current sophomores due by Feb. 11, 2011; and current juniors and seniors due by Feb. 18, 2011. Applications are available in the Bursar's Office. Payment must be accompanied by a housing application and made in person by the student at the Bursar's Office. Therefore, it is best if you send the check made payable to RWU directly to your student. Even if you make an online payment, your student must still complete an application and turn it into the Bursars Office. Turning in an application distinguishes the difference from a payment on the account to having it listed as a housing deposit.

There is no refund of this deposit once a space is assigned or reserved though the hall selection process or by the Housing office. If a student withdraws from housing for any reason, including but not limited to: academic/judicial suspension, transferring, etc. anytime before or during the academic year, a housing cancellation fee of \$350 will be charged to the account. If a space is not reserved or assigned, this deposit will remain on the student's account and go towards any outstanding balance.

2. Students must be financially cleared (no outstanding balance on the account). Students who are not financially cleared will not be able to complete the next step

3. After making the deposit, students declare their housing intent online (agreeing to the Housing Contract) on Feb. 23rd – Feb. 24th. Students that do not declare their housing intent on-line during this time will not be eligible to receive a lottery number and will not be able to participate in any portion of the hall selection process. Lottery numbers and additional information will be forwarded to students via their university e-mail address on Feb. 28, 2011.

4. Select a room during the hall selection process: March 2, 2011 through March 25, 2011. Students who do not select a room during this time period will be placed on a wait list and assigned in any remaining spaces, including temporary assignments after all new students have been placed.

Most information including the Hall Selection Guide is available on line. This guide contains all the necessary details, specific dates and timelines for the process. You can also access this guide at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/residencelife/universityhousing/hallselection/>.

Please remind your student that there is a two-year residency requirement for all current freshmen. Also be aware that by selecting a room during the process your student has entered into a binding contract and is financially responsible for all costs associated during the 2011-2012 academic year. After fulfilling the two-year residency requirement, students who decide not to participate in the hall selection process may not be eligible to return to housing in the future. Keep in mind, class registration begins on March 28, 2011. Students who do not register on time may lose their housing assignment.

Should you have any questions please refer to the Hall Selection Guide online or e-mail us at [rwuhousing@rwu.edu](mailto:rwuhousing@rwu.edu).



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## A Message from the Director of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety would like to welcome all new transfer, international and returning students to Roger Williams University for the spring 2011 semester.

The Roger Williams University Department of Public Safety's mission is to enhance the quality of campus life through the creation of a safe and secure environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. The task of maintaining a safe and secure environment conducive to the learning, working, personal growth and social interaction of all can only be achieved through a collaborative effort involving the entire University Community.

The Department of Public Safety routinely patrols all properties owned by Roger Williams University and offers many different types of services to the University community. Some of our services include building checks, campus security patrols (foot, bike and vehicle patrols), traffic and parking enforcement, campus-wide crime prevention, emergency medical technician (EMT) services, campus safety escorts, shuttle transports to and from scheduled locations (both campus and off campus properties) and investigate a wide variety of incidents. Our presence is felt throughout the university community and we are always willing to assist anyone in their time of need, which is illustrated in our motto of, "In Service of the University". The Department of Public Safety is staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week (24/7) and is just a phone call away by dialing (401) 254-3333 or extension 3333 from a campus phone.

The Department of Public Safety announced their new emergency number for campus emergencies during the fall 2010 semester, which included the following safety message.

"At RWU, Public Safety is Key. In case of Emergency just Dial 3!" Extension 3333 from a campus phone or (401) 254-3333.

The purpose of this number change is to provide the University community with an easier number to remember during campus emergencies. All students, faculty and staff are asked to store this number in your cell phone.

### **Students, faculty and staff are urged to report any suspicious activity to:**

- Public Safety at (401) 254-3333 or dialing 3333 from a campus phone.
- Resident Assistants (resident students)
- Bristol Police Department at (401) 253-6900 (Campus and Town of Bristol related emergencies)
- R.I. State Police Portsmouth Barracks at (401) 849-4444
- Portsmouth Police Department at (401) 683-0300 (Town of Portsmouth related emergencies).

### **Public Safety – Bristol Campus**

- Emergencies – (401) 254-3333 or dialing 3333 from a campus phone
- Non-Emergencies – (401) 254-3611 or 3611 from a campus phone
- Crime Prevention – (401) 254-3212 or 3212 from a campus phone
- Campus Emergency Information – (401) 254-4400 or 4400 from a campus phone (campus emergency notices, cancellation of classes and other significant events on campus, etc.)
- Shuttle Services – (401) 254-7333 or 7333 from a campus phone

### **Public Safety – Providence Campus**

Providence Campus - (401) 276-4830

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**Extension 3333 from a campus phone or (401) 254-3333**

# TAKING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL OR APARTMENT

**“Be Aware, Be Safe, Be Respectful and Secure Your Doors”**

## **Be Aware:**

**Think of your residence room or hall as home.**

Students should think of their residence rooms and halls as their home while living at RWU.

- Would you leave your front door at home unlocked when leaving?
- Would you allow a stranger to enter your home without any question?
- Do you prop any exterior doors of your home and leave them unattended?

## **Don't allow tailgating.**

This is allowing strangers to follow you into your residence hall or campus home. If people have reasons to be in the residence halls, they should have their own access cards or call someone who will give them access. Just say no to tailgaters in order to maintain a safe and secure residential environment.

## **Be Safe:**

### **Don't hold the door open for strangers.**

Allowing strangers into the residence halls only serves to jeopardize safety and security at RWU.

### **Never prop open exterior doors.**

This action endangers everyone in the residence halls and any propped-open doors should be immediately secured and reported to Public Safety and or Residence Life.

### **Never lend keys.**

Do not lend your keys, ID card, or electronic access card to anyone, even a friend. Not everyone will take the same care as you would.

## **Be Respectful:**

### **Don't damage or mistreat any RWU property.**

We have a beautiful campus at RWU and let's keep it that way by being respectful and responsible with any and all RWU property. Immediately report any acts of vandalism to Public Safety.

## **Secure Your Doors:**

### **Lock doors, Lock doors, Lock doors.**

Nearly all reported burglaries of residence hall rooms involve unlocked doors. Whenever sleeping or stepping out of the room to visit the bathroom or hallway friends, lock the door! Locking your room door is the best deterrent to theft in the residence rooms.

## **AT OTHER LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS**

### **Never leave valuables in plain view or left unattended.**

Valuables should not be left in plain view in public places or vehicles and never left unattended.

### **Secure your bicycle at all times.**

Buy a good lock and use it (“U-locks” are recommended). Record your bike's serial number.

**Remember to Be Aware, Be Safe and Report Suspicious Activities to Public Safety.**



# STUDENT AFFAIRS SPRING 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

8th	Scott Viera Wrestling Tournament, 10am Campus Rec. Center Softball Team Olympian Dinner, 4pm Global Heritage Hall
24 & 25th	New Student Orientation, Various Locations

## February

4th	Deadline for current freshmen to make the \$350 Housing Deposit for Fall 2011
5th	Orientation Advisor Selection Process, 11:30am-3:30pm Baypoint
6th	Resident Assistant Selection Process, TBA College of Arts & Sciences Women's Basketball & Alumni Game, 9:30am Campus Rec. Center Men's Basketball & Alumni Game, 10:00am Campus Rec. Center
8th	Lecture: Barnaby Evans, 5:30pm Mary Tefft White Cultural Center
9th	Last day to make meal plan changes/deletions by 4:00pm
11th	Deadline for current sophomores to make the \$350 Housing Deposit for Fall 2011
16th	Socrates Café, 7pm Mary Tefft White Cultural Center Career Center Art and Art History Panel, 4pm Location TBA Career Center Marine and Natural Science Networking Reception 5pm, Location TBA Law School Admission Open House
18th	Deadline for current juniors and seniors to make the \$350 Housing Deposit for Fall 2011
21st	University Closed for President's Day
23rd	Civil Discourse Speaker: Robert Quinn 6pm, Campus Rec. Center
23rd-24th	Students declare housing intent online
28th	Students receive Hall Selection Lottery Numbers (via student MyRWU account)

## March

2nd	Hall selection process – Continued Occupancy 8:00am – 7:00pm
5th	Women's Center Presents: V-Day, 8:30pm Campus Rec. Center
11th	Residence Halls close at 7 p.m. for Spring Break
12th-19th	Spring Break Alternative Spring Break trip to Arkansas
15th	Career Center Gearing up for the Educators Job Market 4:30pm, MNS 200
20th	Residence Halls Open at 12 p.m.
21st -25th	Hall Selection On-line Lottery by appointment
25th	Junior Class Semi Formal Dance, Details TBA
30th	Career Fair, 1-4pm Campus Rec. Center

## April

2nd	Inter Class Council Cake-Off Fundraiser for Dana Farber, 1pm Campus Rec. Center Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) Gala, Details TBA Church & State Conference (2nd-3rd), Times TBA, Global Heritage Hall
6th	Global Fest, 2-4pm Campus Rec. Center Up Till Dawn Fundraising Event for St. Jude Hospital Fournes Film Festival (6th-9th), TBA Student Senate and Class Officers Elections (6th-7th)
8th	MSU Fashion Show, 8pm Campus Rec. Center



# STUDENT AFFAIRS SPRING 2011 CALENDAR cont.

## April cont.

9th	Campus Entertainment Network End of Year Comedian, 8pm Campus Rec. Center Men's Lacrosse & Alumni Game, TBA
11th	Career Center Gabelli School of Business Networking Reception 5pm, Baypoint
12th	Lecture: Kitty Felde, 5:30pm Mary Tefft White Cultural Center
13th	Dance Club Show, 8pm Campus Rec. Center
19th	Career Center RICE Education Career Fair, TBA
22nd	University Closed
27th-30th	Campus Entertainment Network Spring Weekend

## May

4th	Socrates Café, 7pm Mary Tefft White Cultural Center
7th	Senior Class Commencement Ball at the RI Convention Center
9th	Athletic Banquet, 6pm Campus Rec. Center
10th	Student Involvement Recognition Reception, 6pm Campus Rec. Center
11th	Last Day of Classes Academic Achievement Banquet, 6pm Campus Rec. Center Inter Residence Hall Association Late Night Breakfast, 9pm Dining Commons School of Engineering, Computing & Construction Management Senior Banquet (tent)
13th-18th	Exams
17th	Graduate Hooding Ceremony (graduate students only), 6pm Campus Rec. Center
18th	President's Reception for Graduates, Location & time TBA
19th	Residence Halls Close (except graduating Seniors) 12 p.m. Commencement Rehearsal/BBQ, 12noon, D'Angelo Common & Campus Rec. Center
21st	Commencement, 9:30 Processional. 10am Ceremony Residence Halls Close for graduating Seniors 7 p.m.

**If you know others who would be interested in receiving this newsletter, or care to change your e-mail address, please send current email addresses to [advancement@rwu.edu](mailto:advancement@rwu.edu).**

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