

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dear Parents and Students,

This semester our new students were welcomed to campus with traditional move-in assistance from faculty, staff, and returning student volunteers. However – as you are well aware – our first week of the new academic year had an unwelcome visitor named IRENE! Over ninety percent of the entering class moved in before the tropical storm passed through campus that Sunday. The first year students, along with our fall athletes and student leaders, experienced varying degrees of power outages and communication challenges. However, many new students reported the storm and its effects contributed to a strong feeling of community and friendship building. Hundreds participated in day trips off campus arranged by Student Programs & Leadership and enjoyed outdoor dining at sunset behind Global Heritage Hall. The cooperation by our new students couldn't have been better and staff and faculty have affectionately nicknamed them “the class that took RWU by storm”.

1400 students enjoyed an outdoor BBQ and concert by Andy Grammar and Shad on September 4th sponsored by the Campus Entertainment Network and Weeks of Welcome programming. Student Senate is off to a fast start with a full slate of officers and agenda items for their open meetings every Monday night at 6:30 p.m., held in the Recreation Center Student Senate Chambers room.

On September 6th the campus community enjoyed a featured lecture by poet Billy Collins who served as Poet Laureate in 2001 when the 9/11 attacks occurred. Mr. Collins, author of this summer's Common Reading text *Sailing Alone Around the Room*, shared the background and inspiration for many of his poems, including “The Names”, written for congress as a tribute to the victims and their families. The Collins appearance led off a full week of events designed to assist the University community in reflecting upon the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy.

Theatre is alive and well with the recent first-year student performances of Lanford Wilson's *This Is The Rill Speaking*. This one act show set the stage for our first Main Stage performance of the Tennessee Williams classic *The Glass Menagerie* scheduled for October 14, 16, 20, 22 and a One Act Festival featuring student directed plays scheduled for October 28–29.

The campus is buzzing over the grand opening of our new synthetic turf field stadium last month and our unbeaten men's (9-0-2) and women's (5-5-1) soccer teams have been drawing record crowds as each prepares for participation in post-season play and the women striving to defend last season's conference championship. Both teams have played a very challenging schedule each facing – and defeating – nationally ranked teams. Both cross country teams have recent top 10 finishes in large regional races and women's tennis has improved to 6-2 with their eyes set on returning to the conference final. Women's volleyball (17-3) currently sits in first place ready to defend their conference championship and the gym has been jumping with fans supporting our very talented team.

All of us at the University are very excited about the Inauguration of our 10th University President, Dr. Donald Farish, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th in the Recreation Center. There are multiple events that week celebrating academic life, discourse, arts and culture, diversity, and community service. For a full schedule of events please visit <http://inauguration2011.rwu.edu/>.

We hope to see you during our Homecoming and Family Weekend taking place October 21–23. Online, late and on-site registrations are welcome and you can view the full schedule of activities at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/homecoming/>.

Sincerely,

John J. King, Ed.D.
Vice President – Student Affairs

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Hello!

I hope the beginning of the school year is going well for you and your student. I am excited to announce that the Parents Association will be hosting their annual meeting during Homecoming and Family Weekend again this year. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Marine and Natural Sciences Building. Please consider attending this meeting as part of your weekend activities. RSVP for the meeting to amarsili@rwu.edu.

We are looking for parent volunteers to join us at our October 30, 2011 Open House. Having current parents at our admission events speaks volumes about our University. While we have a lot to share with perspective parents, they love to hear from you--parents who have already been through the process and who have had a great experience at RWU! If you are interested in volunteering at the October Open House, or would like more information about other volunteer opportunities, please contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming and Family Weekend! If you are on campus before then, please stop by and visit me. My office is located in the Alumni and Admission Center.

Sincerely,

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NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION



Not even Hurricane Irene could dampen New Student Convocation on Saturday, August 27 as the University community formally welcomed the incoming class of students into our academic community. New students, their families and University faculty and staff assembled under the tent on Paolino field to hear welcoming remarks from President Donald Farish, presiding over his first convocation ceremony at Roger Williams University. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. John King, encouraged students to take advantage of all of the

opportunities ahead of them at RWU and Provost, Laura de Abruna, provided the academic address. Students were also welcomed by Student Senate President, Nick Tsimortos '12, and the Invocation was said by Tim Clarkin '14, President of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The culmination of the ceremony occurred as each of the academic deans instructed students to don the academic robes provided as a symbol of their membership in the University and Dean Stephanie Manzi led the incoming class in the Pledge of Academic Integrity.

COMMON READING

One of the most celebrated poets of our time, best-selling author Billy Collins famous for his accessible, conversational poems that offer readers a genuine – and often humorous – take on the suburban, middle-class world, was chosen as this year's Common Reading Author. *Sailing Alone Around the Room* is the first collection of poetry used as the common reading in the history of the program at Roger Williams University. This selection also tied in the University's observance of the ten-year anniversary of 9/11, as Collins offered a rare reading of "The Names" during his lecture. "The Names" was written as part of the U.S. Congress' one-year remembrance ceremony in 2002 to honor the victims and survivors of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks during Mr. Collins' appointment as U.S. Poet Laureate from 2001-2003.

During his reading on September 6, Mr. Collins read his poetry, offering an inside glimpse into his inspiration and writing process to a record crowd of attendees. He then took questions from the students and participated in a book signing following the lecture. While on campus Mr. Collins also taught classes, including Literary Publishing and Expository Writing and did an exclusive interview with the Hawk's Herald. Mr. Collins was also the guest of honor at a dinner hosted by President Farish

with members of the University community including the student winners of the common reading writing contest.

Common Reading Writing Contest

The University is proud to announce the winners of this year's common reading writing contest. For the freshmen division: first prize was awarded to Mackenzie Brennan for her poem "Afternoon with an Irishman", second prize went to Sarah DelSanto for "Stranded in Sleepless Silence" and the two third prize winners were Stephanie Nesbet for "Composition" and Katherine Richards for "No One in the World Can Hear You". In the Upperclassmen division, two winners were selected: Zachary Bissett was awarded first prize for "The Pilot Whale" and second prize went to Nicholas Musilli for "Procrastination". Congratulations to our winners!

For the two-part contest, students had to write a poem that was a direct response to one of Collins' poems in *Sailing Alone Around the Room* as well as an artist's statement that clearly articulated their goals for the poem and how the particular poem influence their own poem. The contest was held in two categories- freshmen and upperclassmen- and the faculty committee judging the entries were delighted with the number of entries as well as the high quality.

CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The fall semester can be a challenging time for incoming freshmen to adjust to campus life and for returning students to face the new challenges that lie ahead. Challenges can come in the form of learning how to balance increased responsibility, finding a social niche, negotiating conflicts with roommates and friends, and reexamining personal goals, values and priorities.

The Counseling Center offers support to students in a variety of ways. First, the Center offers individual counseling to students seeking guidance as they navigate their college journey. This year we are also expanding our outreach efforts by creating a “Student Success Workshop Series.” The workshops are on such areas as happiness, procrastination, wellness, healthy relationships, and sleep to name a few.

In October the Counseling Center participated in the National Depression Screening Day. The screening consisted of students completing relatively brief questionnaires and receiving immediate feedback from a trained counselor.

It also provided students with the opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment at the Counseling Center. Students may complete any of the screenings at any point throughout the year at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/>.

Additionally, the Counseling Center has increasingly utilized the internet to provide information to students, parents, staff, and faculty. Various brochures can be found at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/resources/>. Weekly mental health tips can also be accessed anytime throughout the academic year at <http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/counselingcenter/resources/mhtips.htm>. There is helpful information on many topics including, but not limited to, adjusting to RWU college life, depression, anxiety, and overcoming procrastination.

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 2nd floor of the Center for Student Development, and we may be reached at (401) 254-3124.



WEEKS OF WELCOME KICKS OFF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

“Around the World in 80 Days at RWU”



Weeks of Welcome (WOW) is sponsored by the Department of Student Programs and Leadership in conjunction with various campus departments and student leaders to provide activities to kick off the academic year and connect with our first year students. Our theme this year of Around the World in 40 Days at RWU showcased events that covered the first 40 days of the academic year. The WOW Coordinators, Jennifer Hamilton '13, Megan Kopf '12, and Elizabeth Perreca '12, spent the summer creating a comprehensive schedule of events, working with various offices and students organizations, and creating marketing materials. WOW's traditional events included Peter Boie, magician for the non-believers, CEN's 123 Weekend, and our

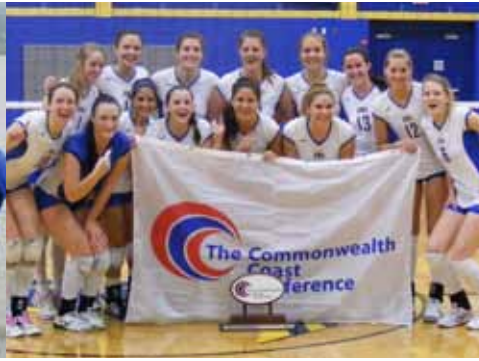
Merchant Fair. Peter Boie proved to be a favorite event for students and Peter who performed outside on a basketball court with a generator following Hurricane Irene. The student body was encouraged to attend our new events including the Spirit Soccer Nights on the Turf Field to support both the Men's and Women's Team, tours of Downtown Bristol, and attend our Library Open House. The highlight of WOW is an our annual Student Involvement Fair which allows the student body to 'shop' all of our clubs, organizations, and club sports to see what Roger Williams University has to offer. This year's theme was 'Catch the Spirit' which allowed students and staff to showcase their Hawk Pride.



A listing of Fall 2011 events can be found at www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentprograms/events.

ATHLETICS

Hawks Boast 9 Conference Championships



To cap off a successful year for Hawks athletics, the Roger Williams University Sailing team earned the APS/ICSA National Championship title in May 2011. Competing for the Walter C. Memorial Trophy were fourteen teams, two from each of the ICSA conferences. On the first day of competition, Roger Williams out-sailed Georgetown University in their first match-up before completing the remainder of the morning undefeated. Going into the final race, Roger Williams was tied with Boston College, but the Hawks managed a first and second place finish to secure the championship.

Throughout the 2010-11 academic year, the Hawks claimed nine Commonwealth Coast Conference Championships. In the fall of 2010, the Women's Soccer and Volleyball teams each won TCCC Championship titles against school rival Endicott College. The volleyball team swept the Gulls 3-0, while the soccer match up ended in an exciting fashion with the Hawks' win 4-2 in penalty kicks.

The Men's Tennis team upset top-seeded Nichols College in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship with a 5-1 victory. Roger Williams swept the doubles side while Jeff DeNunzio, Kevin Erikson, and Dan Kleitz had strong performances on the single side taking each opponent in two sets.

The Men's Cross Country team clinched their 10th consecutive title with a 23- point performance at the home course at Colt State Park. Mitch Leveille finished in first place in the 8-kilometer race with a time of 27 minutes, while teammate John Ferguson took second place with a time of 27:16, both of these runners received TCCC honors Runner of the Year and Rookie of the Year, respectively.

The Women's Cross Country won the Commonwealth Coast Conference title for the 11th year in a row. Liliana Rutler, who placed first with a time of 23:50.68, led the Hawks. Vanessa Camiolo and Kaitlin Crowley finished 7th and 8th respectively. Roger Williams placed five runners in the top 12 helping them clinch their title.

The Women's Swimming & Diving team prevailed over the competition, winning its sixth consecutive TCCC title with 543 points. The Hawks finished first in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and the 400 Yard Medley with times of 1:45.07 and 4:20.07 respectively. The Hawks also took swept the first three spots in the 200 Yard IM and first in the 100 Yard Backstroke.

The Men's Swimming & Diving team also secured its sixth consecutive TCCC title by destroying their competition with a final score of 565. Phillip Jacques had a strong performance that day placing first in the 200 Yard Medley Relay and 100 Yard Backstroke. Rob Husta also contributed to the 200 Yard Medley Relay and first in the 100 Yard Butterfly.

The Men's Track & Field team won their third consecutive TCCC Championship with a dominating performance. The Men took first place in the 400 Meter Dash, 4 x 400 Meter Relay, 800 Meter Run, 110 Meter Hurdles, 400 Meter Hurdles, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, the Triple Jump, Shot Put, Javelin and the Discus.

The Women's Track & Field team won their second consecutive TCCC Championship, with Megan Breault accounting for 32 of the Hawks' points. She won three individual events and one relay, including setting a new school record in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 15.91.

RWU REMEMBERS 9/11



The University community marked the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a campus wide series of events focused on honoring those lost and remembering the sacrifices of those who responded. A committee, made up of students, faculty and staff, was formed in the spring to plan the commemoration activities and focused on planning activities and events that would allow members of our campus community to observe the anniversary in a variety of ways so everyone could find a way to participate that would feel most comfortable for them. The final schedule of events included educational activities, opportunities for service, an interfaith gathering, a wreath laying ceremony to recognize first responders, passive programs like the Wall of Remembrance in the Commons, and time for quiet reflection.

The activities began on Tuesday, September 6 with the Common Reading Event featuring former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins who did a rare reading of *The Names*, a poem he wrote at the request of Congress for the first anniversary of 9/11. That evening “RWU Remembers” kicked off, giving members of the community a chance to write a remembrance on a star that were then hung on the “Wall of Remembrance” in the Commons all week. The College Democrats & College Republicans collaborated on a display of American flags on the quad and the Sustained Dialogue student group organized a conversation circle on the Impact of 9/11. Friday, September 9 a commemoration ceremony was held with remarks from President Farish, a presentation of a poem by student leaders, a musical tribute by Rebecca

Carreiro, Class of 2008 and an opportunity for those in attendance to throw a white carnation in the pond as a remembrance of those lost on that day.

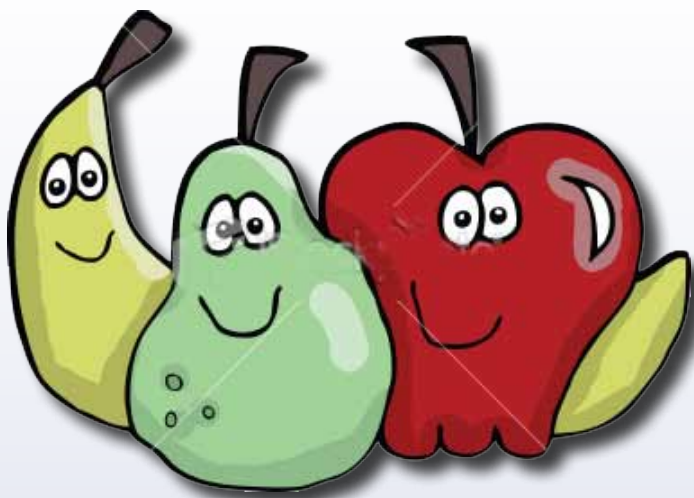
On Sunday, 9/11 the library bells tolled to mark the times when each of the towers were hit, as well as the attack on the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 going down in Pennsylvania. The University encouraged everyone to participate in the National Day of Service & Remembrance by serving in the community on the anniversary. At 4pm that afternoon, President Farish and the Spiritual Life Program invited members of the RWU community from all faith backgrounds to come together to reflect and remember the 10th anniversary at an interfaith service in Global Heritage Hall.

The final events took place on Monday, 9/12 with a wreath laying ceremony with United States Senator Jack Reed and President Farish at the Administration Flag pole. Members of the RWU Cramer Saber Battalion posted the colors and assisted Senator Reed and President Farish in the laying of the wreath. Music was provided by the Special Delivery a capella group and a RI Highlanders bagpiper. The final event was a panel on “Rights, Remedies, and Terrorism: 9/11’s Challenge to the Legal System” sponsored by the Law School with an extraordinary panel of experts, including Senator Reed, United States Attorney for RI Peter Neronha, Prof. Peter Marguiles of the law school and others from the legal community.



TRIPLE THREAT THURSDAYS

Programming geared towards those students in temporary triples.



On Thursday, September 8th – Ryan Holmes won the Triple Trivia – Sports Edition. Ryan correctly answered 5 sports questions all related to triples. Ryan has received an RWU Sweatshirt.

On Thursday, September 15th - 65 students were treated to a night out at United Skates of America. Students enjoyed laser tag and rock climbing in addition to traditional roller skating to top 40 music. Many even got to laugh at watching Assistant Director of Housing David Lewis attempting to roller skate.

On Thursday the 22nd – all students in temporary triples will receive coupon towards 25% off one item in the RWU bookstore.

On Thursday the 29th – students can participate in Triple trivia – Music Edition.

On Thursday, October 6th – students can participate in the “Triple Room Makeover”. Housing staff will award prizes to the best decorated room, most create use of space and, best triple themed room.

The most recent edition of the Hawks’ Herald, Editor-in-Chief, Ben Whitmore, interviewed students living in temporary triples. “Kaitlyn Feraco, a freshman living in Cedar Hall’s 2-shouth wing said she enjoys living with her two roommates. ‘Honestly, I’m just really lucky. I like my roommates. We share responsibilities for everything, Feraco said.’ Another interview included Nick Villeneuve, Tommy Franco and Michael Buckley. ‘Everyone knows everyone’s boundaries and all that. Everyone tries to respect each other when they’re sleeping when we come in said Franco.’”

For those students who remain in temporary triples on Sept. 22nd, the temporary triple credit of \$650 will be posted to students account by September 23rd.



PUBLIC SAFETY

A Message from the Director of Public Safety



Pamela C. Moffatt-Limoges
Interim Director of Public Safety

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety I would like to extend a warm welcome to all transfer, international, new and returning students to campus for the fall 2011 semester!

There have been significant changes within Public Safety over the past few months that have changed the dynamics of the department. First, we bid farewell to Director, John Blessing, who led the department for the past three years. Director Blessing left the University after Commencement 2011 to take a job closer to his home in South County. The department wishes him luck and happiness with his new endeavors. I am pleased to announce that I have accepted the role as Interim Director of Public Safety.

New Staff:

I would like to introduce new Public Safety Officer, Christopher Moy, who will be working 8pm to 4am nightly. Officer Moy is a retired Sergeant from Bristol PD. He brings with him a wealth of experience that will only enhance his abilities to perform a great job on campus. Recently hired Public Safety Officer, Kelly Mitchell, comes to us after serving 23 years on the Middletown Police Department. Officer Mitchell retired her post as a Lieutenant. We are excited to have Officer Mitchell on board. Officer Mitchell will handle investigating incidents that occur on campus. Lastly, we have increased Crime Prevention awareness on campus; Officer Fred Comella is our Crime Prevention Officer and he will continue this post. Officer Comella has organized the second annual Crime Prevention Fair. Attendees include Police and Fire agencies around the state to participate, along with a RAD (rape aggression defense) presentation. I commend Officer Comella for the time and effort he puts into making the fair a success.

About the Interim Director:

Here is a little about myself. I am a retired Lieutenant from the Rhode Island State Police after serving 23 years.

I have vast experience in investigations with expertise in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Hate Crimes. I served 18 of my 23 years in the uniform division where I worked in all barracks around the state. I served 3 years in the Narcotics and Auto Theft Units and my last three years serving in Technology and Communications. I was appointed by the Governor to sit on the Sex Offender Board of Review, where I sat for 4 years. I also sat on the Governor's Commission on Prejudice and Bias for 3 years. I started as the Associate Director of Public Safety at RWU in May of 2008. My goal for the Department of Public Safety is to enhance the quality of campus life through the creation of a safe and secure environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors.

About Public Safety:

At Roger Williams University, we are committed to your safety and well-being. The Department of Public Safety's mission is to enhance the quality of campus life by providing a safe and secure environment for the campus community. Public Safety is available year round 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The combination of our beautiful location and our continued commitment to keeping students safe makes Roger Williams University one of the safest campuses in New England.

The department's 24 full-time staff members includes an Interim Director, Interim Assistant Director, a four member command staff and 17 patrol officers who are trained to enforce campus rules and regulations as well as local, state, and federal laws.

Officers patrol all properties owned by Roger Williams University on foot, bicycle or motor vehicle. We monitor the premises at fixed posts which include the Main Entrance to the campus. Some of our services include building checks, campus security patrols, traffic and parking enforcement, campus-wide crime prevention, Emergency Medical Technician services (EMT), courtesy transports, shuttle transportation to and from scheduled locations (both on campus and off campus properties). Our presence is felt throughout the university community and we are always willing to assist anyone in their time of need.

The task of maintaining a safe and secure environment conducive to the living, learning, working, personal growth and social interaction of everyone can only be attained through a collaborative effort involving the entire University Community.

“At RWU, Public Safety is Key. In case of Emergency just dial 3!” You may call (401) 254-3333 or 3333 from a campus phone.

Crime Prevention

Public Safety has various programs that are designed to inform students and employees about campus safety procedures and practices. These programs encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own personal safety.

- The University has established a standing Safety Committee to assist in reviewing, recommending and establishing policies, procedures and practices. The committee is made up of staff. An example of an on-going review is lighting surveys and occupational safety hazards.

- First year students are provided a security orientation program as well as material advising them of precautions they should follow to help avoid becoming victims of crime on the campus.

- Staff members are provided with public safety information at the new employee orientations which are held for new university staff and faculty members once a month.

- Crime prevention information and personal safety classes and programs are presented to student and staff groups throughout the year. Example: personal safety tips and theft prevention practices.

Students, faculty and staff should report any suspicious activity to:

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

Public Safety – Bristol Campus

- Non-Emergencies (401) 254-3611
- Crime Prevention (401) 254-3212
- 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

Crime Reporting

One of the functions of the Department of Public Safety is the generation of reports and documentation that reflects the current status and historical data of the University related to campus security and safety.

The reports includes crime statistics, policies and procedures, and other information designed to inform students, employees and visitors about prevention of crimes and how to respond if a crime occurs.

Please visit Public Safety on our RWU website at

www.rwu.edu/about/administration/publicsafety/

Or feel free to call me for questions or concerns at (401) 254-3146

Thank you and welcome to RWU!!

**Pamela C. Moffatt-Limoges
Interim Director of Public Safety**

BON APPÉTIT



Serving up Gray's Ice Cream!

Bon Appétit has made it a constant effort to increase our local purchases, and what more delicious way to do that than an ice cream sundae bar?! New to the Lower Commons café is a self-serve ice cream sundae bar featuring Rhode Island favorite Gray's Ice Cream. Gray's Ice Cream, a landmark in Rhode Island originally out of Tiverton, RI, has been serving homemade ice cream for eighty-eight years! The owner – Marilyn – owns all of the cows which produce the milk that goes into their delicious creations. Once the cows are milked, the product is sent to Guida's in Connecticut to be pasteurized and proceeds to make its way back to Rhode Island. Gray's Ice Cream then turns it into the ice cream that Rhode Islanders have come to love; creating 50 different flavors! Bon Appétit at Roger Williams University is proud to now serve their ice cream in our Lower Commons café, where guests can choose one of six flavors, add their toppings, and even get a mouth-watering waffle bowl made right in the café. Local eating doesn't get much tastier than that!

Roger Williams takes part in Bon Appétit Management Companies 7th annual "Eat Local Challenge"

IN YOUR CAFÉ

Once a year, Bon Appétit Management Company issues an "Eat Local Challenge" to all of our chefs. On Tuesday, September 27th, the Roger Williams community will be able to enjoy a lunch that is made completely of ingredients from within a 150 mile radius of the café. This act, while seemingly simple, has far reaching implications.

FLAVOR

At Bon Appétit Management Company, everything starts with flavor; we are committed to creating food that simply tastes good. Food that is grown locally is fresher and dramatically more flavorful than food that is harvested early so it can be transported great distances. Locally produced food is picked at the height of freshness, often making it to market within 24 hours of being picked, while food from non-local sources may have been in transit for more than seven days and been warehoused for many months. Have you ever eaten berries straight from the field or picked an apple right off the tree? Wouldn't you like all your produce to taste like that? On September 27th it will!

ENVIRONMENT

Local farmers, who use more sustainable growing practices, act as stewards of the land. By buying from local growers you help support sustainable farming practices that nourish and replenish the local land rather than stripping it. You have the power to ensure that the food you buy is produced in a manner that steers away from pesticides, hormones, and antibiotics.

COMMUNITY

The purchases you make can have a profound impact on your community. The family farm is dying and when the family farm dies so too does our agricultural heritage. However, if you eat locally then you are simultaneously investing in your own community and helping to preserve local farmers and artisans ensuring that their traditions continue. If you buy local, you are helping to ensure that we can savor these authentic flavors in the future.

There are many other reasons to eat local, and on Tuesday, September 27th while grabbing your lunch, pause to find out more about how your food choices impact our local and global communities.

For more information on food and sustainability, visit www.cafebonappetit.com.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming and Family Weekend **OCTOBER 21–23, 2011**



Homecoming and Family Weekend is favorite traditions for many students and family members and this year's events should not be missed. The Homecoming and Family Weekend Planning Committee has been hard at work planning for this year's events. Here is a brief schedule of our confirmed events:

Friday, October 21st

Casino Night: Come and enjoy the excitement of our Homecoming Casino where you can play blackjack or Texas Hold'em' and enter to win fabulous prizes. The highlight to watch is our Wii Dance Tournament.

Midnight Madness: Show your Hawk Pride as the Campus Entertainment Network (CEN) celebrates our winter sports teams.

Saturday, October 22nd

Family Workshops: Attend workshops on topics including Study Abroad, Co-ops and Internships and A Student's First 100 Days

Autumn Lunch: Join the campus community at our annual Autumn theme Lunch where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced

Autumn Festival: The highlight of Homecoming Weekend is our Annual Autumn Festival with activities such as pumpkin painting, carnival games, live music,

and food. This family friendly event is a favorite of students who attend. The Inter Class Council (ICC) will once again sponsor St. Balderick's Day, a head shaving competition to benefit Cancer Research.

Athletic Events: Cheer on Hawks Soccer as the Men and Women's teams are both in action. The Finals of our Annual Fall Classic Flag Football Competition will also take place

Special Event Upright Citizens: The Homecoming Planning Committee is excited to bring the Upright Citizens Touring Company to campus as our special event on Saturday night. This improve comedy troupe will have students and family members laughing; as its been called 'The Juggernaut of American Comedy' by the Charlestown City Paper.

Sunday, October 23rd

President's Jazz Brunch: Join Dr. and Mrs. Farish at our Jazz Brunch in the Dining Commons. This event will be a great chance to say goodbye to your student before heading home.

Registration, Schedule Updates, Photos from Homecoming 2010 and other information for Homecoming Weekend is available at www.rwu.edu/studentlife/homecoming

A MESSAGE FROM HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Insurance Reminder

All students living in University housing and all international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa have the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan, which is provided through the residential fees. This is also available upon request to all full-time day commuter students. The insurance cards will be mailed to enrolled students by mid October. Student should seek out this mailing at the address they have provided the school, such as local RWU Box #, or other street address. If you have not received the insurance card please contact Health Service at 254-3156.

Information about the student insurance can be found at this link:

<http://www.rwu.edu/studentlife/studentservices/healthservices/insurance/>

The Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan is a per semester coverage. If you are a full-time day commuter or graduate student and would like to purchase the Student Insurance please complete the appropriate form at link below and follow direction to submit with payment. The deadline for enrollment is September 30, for the fall semester and February 28, for the spring semester. If you have moved off campus second semester and would like to continue coverage you must sign up by February 28.

Full-time day commuter undergrad:

<http://www.rwu.edu/depository/bursar/Undergraduate-Insurance-Enrollment-Form.pdf>

Full-time graduate student:

<http://www.rwu.edu/depository/bursar/Graduate-Insurance-Enrollment-Form.pdf>

School of Law students:

<http://law.rwu.edu/sites/default/files/rwu/Finance/pdf/Insurance%20Form%202011-2012.pdf>

The student insurance plan works in conjunction with your private insurance. All students should also have a copy of their private insurance card. Parents can fax a copy of the front and back of the card to health Service at 401-254-3305.

Influenza

Student Flu Vaccine Clinics Scheduled for October

In preparation for the 2011-12 influenza season, Health Services is encouraging all students to be vaccinated with the influenza vaccine. Flu vaccines will be available starting in October. We will be holding “Flu vaccine clinic” thru out the fall. The date and times will be posted and distributed through the usual communication net work of email, web, and signage.

If a student receives the vaccine at the flu clinic most private insurances can be applied. Vaccine received at Health Service will cost \$25 with receipt provided as we are unable to do third party billing.

For more information on the vaccine as well as tips on influenza prevention and care, please visit the following links:

- The Rhode Island Department of Health
<http://www.health.ri.gov/flu/>

HEALTH SERVICES cont.

The Department of Health Services

Center for Student Development, 2nd Floor (401) 254-3156

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30am-5pm

Who to Know:

Anne Andrade, *Director of Health*
Karen Lebreux, *Administrative Assistant*
Brenda Bishop, *Nurse Practitioner*
Carline Fleig, *Nurse Practitioner*
Kathy Yorks, *Nurse Practitioner*
Marjorie Bobola, *Registered Nurse*
Ana Cabral, *Medical Assistant*
Rachel Sardinha, *Medical receptionist*

Top 10 Things to Know:

1. Services Provided Include:

- A. Illness or Injury Care
- B. Routine Physicals Including Gyn/Birth Control/Sti Screening
- C. Emergency Contraception , Plan B Now Available as Otc
- D. Immunizations
- E. Lab Services / Prescription Services
- F. Smoking Cessation Counseling and Nicotine Patch

2. Same day service for illness or injury, by appointment calls 401-254-3156. Emergencies seen as walk in.
3. For after hours care, contact your RA, CORES or Public Safety at 254-3333. DO NOT call 911 for on campus emergencies.
4. Consulting physician is available at Health Service Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. Off site referrals will be arranged as needed to Bristol County Medical Center, Newport Hospital or other specialist.
5. Over the counter medicines, condoms and Plan B are available at reduced price without an appointment. Purchase at the front desk, no questions asked.
6. It is very important to have a copy of your private insurance card available. Please bring to Health Service so we can make a copy.
7. All residential students have the Student Insurance and this is secondary to private insurance.
8. All medical records are confidential. Medical information is release only with permission of student. (Including released to parents.)
9. No question or concern is too big or too small. Don't hesitate to ask. If we can not help we will refer you to someone who can.
- 10 State mandated health forms and immunizations are due to Health Service prior to arrival to school. Missing data will delay registration for classes. These forms can be found on the RWU web site:

<http://www.rwu.edu/depository/health/RWUHealthForm.pdf>

<http://www.rwu.edu/depository/health/GraduateRWUHealthForm.pdf>

THE CAREER CENTER

Re-organizing to meet students needs



The Career Center has been able to provide specialized services to students, faculty and staff based upon specific functions of our team. Students would come to a staff member based upon the student's desired outcome. They would see Alyssa or Susan if they wanted to do career counseling or Patricia or Carolyn if they wanted to do an internship. Maybe they'd see Robbin to do a mock interview or to determine if they wanted to go to graduate school. Students would bounce between staff members based upon the staff member's job responsibilities. That has changed to better serve our students and faculty.

Beginning on July 1, the Career Center staff aligned with specific schools to deliver services for all four years (or more) to our students and to provide a specific point person to students, faculty, alumni and employers. This model allows for students to build long-term relationships with staff to better manage their career planning. Faculty now have one point-of-contact for all of their Career Center needs: events, internships, jobs, graduate school and more. Staff have an opportunity to build relationships with employers who meet the needs of their students and alumni to better serve as a conduit between them.

The Career Center is centrally located on the RWU campus. We are open Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5:00 pm. Students can have their resume or cover letter reviewed by an HR professional with our Employer-in-Residence Program every Tuesday and Thursday between 1:00-4:00.

Stop by during Family Weekend on Saturday, October 22nd for our Open House from 12:00-2:00. Enjoy refreshments and our fireplace as you get warm and take a break from all of the fun activities planned for you. Speak to the Career Center staff about our programs and services and learn how you can help position your RWU student for success.

To know more about our office, fan us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/careercenterrwu



THE CAREER CENTER – FALL EVENTS

Accounting Reception

Join your fellow students, faculty and employers at the Accounting Reception at the Baypoint Inn & Conference Center. Don't wait - the Accounting industry conducts interviews during the fall semester for spring internships and employment! This will be an opportunity to network with recruiters and alumni from the Accounting industry while learning about possible internship and full-time opportunities. Bring your resumes, research companies as they register. Professional dress is highly suggested! This event is free! Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

Baypoint Inn and Conference Center – 09/29/2011 • 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

SECCM/SAAHP/USGBC Career Reception

Join your fellow students, faculty, and employers at the 2011 SECCM/USGBC Career Reception. This is a great opportunity to network with recruiters, learn about their companies, and learn about potential internships and full-time employment. Bring your resume! This event is free. Snacks and soft drinks will be served. Professional dress is suggested

Recreation Center Field House – 10/12/2011 • 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

From Lesson Plans to Job Search Plans

In this first part of a two part series, learn EVERYTHING you need to know about obtaining a job as a teacher. Discover career opportunities by discovering web sites, teacher job fairs and other networking opportunities. Learn critical elements to a teaching resume, an interview portfolio and a successful interview.

Location: TBD – 10/26/2011 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Gearing Up for the Educator's Job Search

In the second of a two part series, learn how to be the best possible teacher candidate by listening to advice from the people who hire them. Learn what the future hiring needs are for teachers in New England. Join us for this panel presentation that included k-12 hiring personnel including Principals and Human Resources.

GHH 01 – 11/2/2011 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

School of Justice Studies Career Reception

Join your fellow students, faculty and employers at the 2011 School of Justice Studies Career Reception at the Baypoint Inn & Conference Center. Don't wait - This will be an opportunity to network with recruiters and alumni from the legal industry and learn about possible internship and full-time opportunities. Bring your resumes, research companies as they register. Professional dress is highly suggested! This event is free! Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

Location: TBD – 11/8/2011 • 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Dining Etiquette

Enjoy a four-course meal while being guided through proper etiquette with a dining expert. You may have a job interview during a meal. Would you know what to order? How to eat it? How to excuse yourself to use the restroom? All of this and more will be covered in this fun-filled event. A \$5.00 fee will reserve your seat at the table!

Baypoint Inn & Conference Center – 11/10/2011 • 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

INTERCULTURAL CENTER

The Intercultural Center is taking the fall by storm! With new hires, new initiatives and tried and true programs, the Intercultural Center puts its slogan into action “Welcoming people of all nationalities, faiths and social identities.” The Intercultural Center lives the core values of civil discourse across multiple perspectives and embodies the university initiative of Inclusive Excellence -- or as Associate Dean and Director Ande Diaz puts it -- “ensures that principles of diversity, equity and respect are present in all that we do.”



Our newest staff addition is **Rev. Nancy Soukup** our University Multifaith Chaplain. She has worked for many years in higher education and most recently as a program and pastoral associate at Brown’s Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life. She is currently working on a D. Ministry at Andover Newton Theological School, focusing on the effectiveness of humanitarian interventions by religious groups during refugee crises. Rev. Nancy led the community in an Interfaith Service of Prayer and Remembrance for 9/11 that featured students signing Amazing Grace and readings from sacred texts ranging from the Torah to the Koran. Rev. Nancy welcomes hearing from students and the community as a whole about Spiritual Life at RWU at nsoukup@rwu.edu.



Another new face at the IC is **Fr. Stephen Dandeneau**, our new Catholic chaplain, joins us from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Bristol. Fr. Dandeneau graduated from Mt. St. Mary’s seminary and is the uncle of 12 nieces and nephews! Fr. Dandeneau celebrates Catholic Mass every Sunday in CAS 162. All are welcome.



Lastly, the IC welcomes our new Graduate Assistant **Alicia Halley** who leads our international programming efforts. So far Alicia has bring students to the Boston Duck tours, a sailing adventure and helping them plan for International Education Week. Students are looking forward to excursions with Alicia to a trip to Providence’s Water Fire.

Welcoming our 66 new international students this fall semester was experienced Assistant Director Maria Adkins. Maria manages the immigration and acculturation support for our current 230 international students from 58 countries. During orientation week the students enjoyed a fun day in Boston including the famous Boston Duck Boat tour. The “Hour With” series which gives international students a chance to share their culture and geography with the campus community will start off with “An Hour With Nigeria,” and “An Hour With Saudi Arabia.” Many of the Muslim international students have just finished fasting during the month of Ramadan and celebrated with a big “Eid” party marking the end of Ramadan. This year international students were invited to Professor Irene Glasser’s class to share their cultural perspectives with other students. The students are also excited about planning International Education Week which happens November 14-18th.

Supporting student-centered initiatives, Assistant Director Reuben Tillman provides innovative and collaborative programming. The Intercultural Center in collaboration with various departments is kicking off Diversity Week with its semi-annual World Theater Celebration. World Theater Fall 2011 will be held on October 11th at 6pm and will feature Annawon Weeden as he provides an interactive, soulful look into the dance, music and culture of the Wampanoag Indian tribe. Be on the lookout for World Theater Spring 2012 – a musical celebration of the Cambodian culture.

INTERCULTURAL CENTER cont.

September also welcomes the Mooncake festival and Hispanic Dinner. Rhode Island state representative Grace Diaz will be the guest speaker for a discourse recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Upcoming events include a Salsa Dance workshop in October which will be part of Diversity Week. Diversity week will also feature a Henna workshop and a parade. MSU's programming also includes el Dia de los Muertes, a Native American themed dinner, a talent show and the annual Chrismahanakwanzaeid, which is a celebration of all winter traditions.

The Bridge to Success Summer Institute was highly successful. It welcomed over thirty-five high school student onto campus for a two week residential SAT prep program staffed by college students. The BTS academic year has been restructured to offer monthly comprehensive campus visits staffed by RWU college students who will maintain ongoing connections with high schoolers during the college application season. Campus visits will devote time to highlighting the intricacies of various majors, college tracks, and helping students prepare for college and financial aid applications. Assistant Director Tillman along with the Office of Admissions will be working together to invite regional high school to be a part of this first ever venture.



Mr. RWU celebrates its 10th year of raising money and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network and the Hasbro Children's Hospital

by Meg Dumaine, Coordinator of Residence Education for Cedar Hall and Advisor to the Inter Residence Hall Association (IRHA)



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The Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA) with help from the Department of Residence Life and Housing is excited to host the 10th Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular pageant this November. 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 during the fall semester. All of the proceeds for this amazing event, benefit the Children's Miracle Network, earmarked specifically for HASBRO Children's Hospital, located in Providence, RI.

The Mr. RWU contestants are nominated by their peers and the top ten nominees are invited to be contestants. This is by no means a small undertaking! Before they accept, the candidates are given an opportunity to learn more about what being a Mr. RWU contestant really 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. Each contestant also prepares 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. Most importantly, the Mr. RWU contestants are able model the University's core value of commitment to the community through service by raising money and awareness.

After accepting to take part in the pageant, contestants and personal assistants meet once a week to work on the opening dance. The dance number is the kick off to the event and features all of the men involved with the show. Although the dance practice is only a few hours long, contestants also begin putting in additional hours each day in their quest to raise as much money as possible for the children that Mr. RWU honors. The personally decorated water bottles that each contestant carries are for spare change donations from students, faculty and professors. In addition, contestants reach out to family, friends and local businesses in their hometown through a letter writing campaign asking for donations.

Over the past nine years, the Mr. RWU Spectacular has raised over \$150,000 to help 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. In an effort to make this year's 10th Anniversary event the greatest in RWU history, we will be hosting a number of programs connected to the Mr. RWU event and sending out hundreds of letters to meet this goal.

If you would like more information, please contact the IRHA Advisors, Meg Dumaine (mdumaine@rwu.edu) or Jordan Lewis (jclewis@rwu.edu).

Thank you for your support! We hope to see you at our 10th Annual Mr. RWU Spectacular on November 19, 2011!

RWU's | gender resource
Center

Located in the Maple 9,10,11 Tower, the Gender Resource Center is a place where students, faculty, and staff can connect and seek out resources for services, education, and leadership opportunities related to exploring gender identity, expression, and sexuality.

The Women's Center

Women's advocacy and discussion group

The Women's Center seeks to improve the lives of all women through education, awareness, empowerment, and self advocacy. It works to break down societal gender structures, roles, and stereotypes to ensure every woman's right to freedom of choice and voice around issues of economic, political, and educational equality, sexuality, reproduction, and health. The WVC meets **Wednesdays** from **4:00-5:00 pm** in the GRC!

Contact: Jessica Hallock (president), womencenter@rwu.edu
Jen Stanley (advisor), jstanley@rwu.edu



S.A.F.E.

Sexuality Advocacy For Everyone

S.A.F.E. works within both the RWU and Rhode Island community to advocate for LGBTQ equality. S.A.F.E. is a group developed and dedicated to creating a safe zone where all students can feel comfortable whether they identify themselves as gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or transgender.

Their purpose is to create a safe environment through awareness and programming to acknowledge and celebrate diversity, and to be a place where any student can feel safe in discussing any issue. S.A.F.E. supports diversity regardless of age, background, gender, race, religion, sex and/or sexual orientation.

Contact: Reuben Tillman (advisor), rtillman@rwu.edu

The Locker room

Men's advocacy and discussion group

The Locker Room was designed to be a safe venue for men at Roger Williams to discuss what it means to be a man in today's world. It was created as a place for men to have fun and feel comfortable while talking about social definitions of masculinity. The group meets **Wednesday nights** from **7:00-9:00 pm** in **GHH 108**. Check out our Facebook page: [facebook.com/rwulockerroom](https://www.facebook.com/rwulockerroom).

Contact: Laurel Dreher (advisor), ldreher@rwu.edu



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