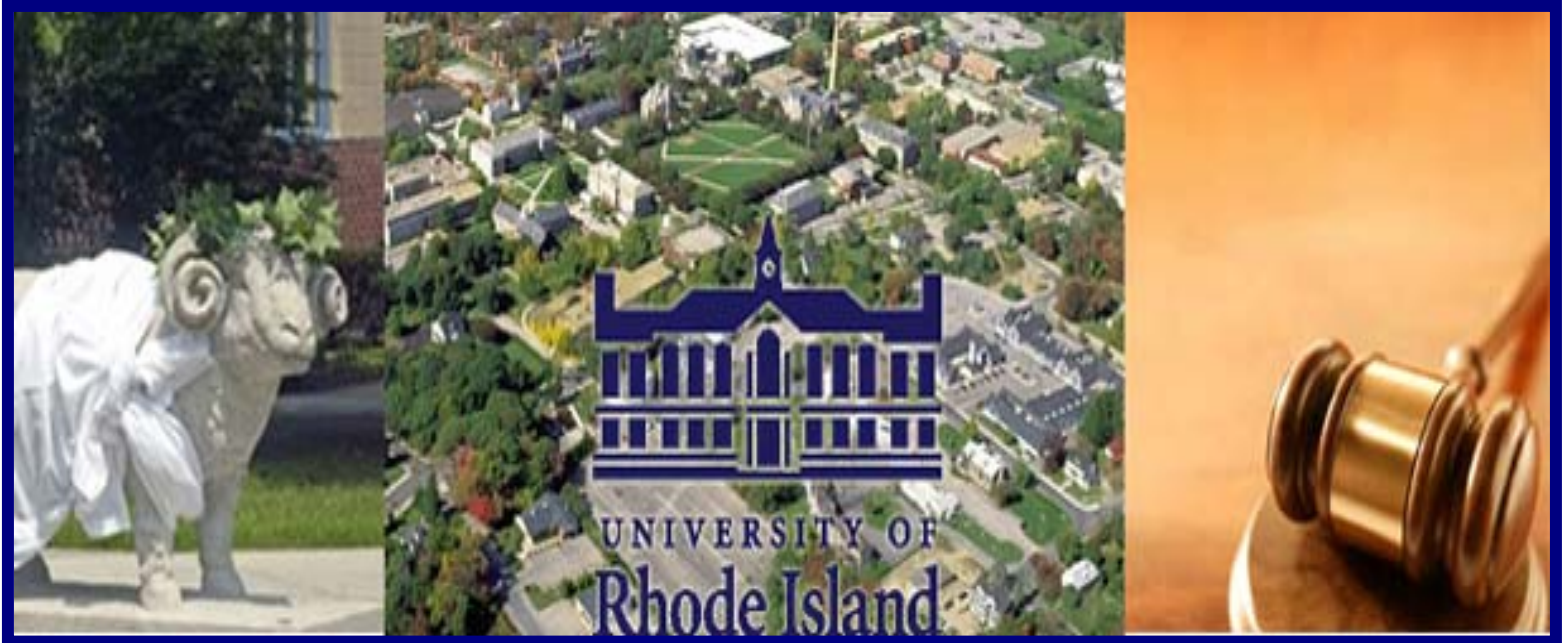


# THE RHODY REVIEW

*Formally known as "The Student Senate Scribe"*

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## For New Readers...

The Rhody Review was created this year to help inform and connect student groups and Student Senate with the entire URI campus. The newsletter will be published once a month and feature groups, tips, upcoming events, Senate and the University.

## HELPFUL LINKS

**Student Senate's Website:**  
<http://www.uristudentsenate.org>

**Full Calendar of Events:**  
<http://www.mu.uri.edu/calendar/index.html>

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# Thinking Outside of the Box Fundraiser/Programming/Event Ideas

During the last president's meeting, different members of different organizations suggested some very unique, interesting, and fun event ideas. Here is the list that was made along with some additional event ideas. Make sure to get advised by SPO and talk to other organizations.

- Comedians
- Concerts
  - Local Bands
  - URI Student Bands
- Hypnotists
- Speakers/Lecturers
  - Authors, Poets, Politicians, Sports Stars, Activists, Psychologists, Artists, Journalists, Etc.
- Date Auctions
- Debates/Discussions
  - Multicultural/Diversity
  - Campus Issues
- Dances
- Fashion Shows
- Banquets
- Tournaments
  - Video Games
  - Sports

- Competitions
  - Bingo
  - Trivia
  - Battle of the Bands
  - Jeopardy
  - Talent Shows
- Movies/Films

**\*\*Why Collaborate with other organizations?**

- Organizations hold similar events (Dances)
- Large Events (Such as Dance til Dawn)
- Organizations may offer different support
- Large Organization-Small Organization
- Brainstorm ideas to help make events more successful
- Learn something new
- Networking

## **WANTED: SPO Interns for the 2009 Fall Semester**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.  
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 17, 2009.**

**IF NO ONE IS IN THE OFFICE, APPLICATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE  
MAIN OFFICE (ROOM 201) IN JOE BERARDI'S MAILBOX.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE.**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!**





# Simply Student Senate



## The purpose of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate is to...

Provide an official and representative student government, to investigate student problems and take appropriate action, to provide the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, to encourage the development of responsible student participation in the overall policy and decision making process of the university community, to foster an awareness of the student's role in the academic community, to enhance the quality and scope of education at the University, to participate in University and Faculty committees, and to provide means for responsible and affective participation in the organization of student affairs.

## *A time for Change and Transition*

### Student Senate's New Executive Board

- President:** -----David Bedard
- Vice President:** -----Vidhi Shah
- Treasurer:** -----Steven Boiteau
- Director of Communications:**-Juelia Simon
- Secretary:** -----Joelle Harrington
- Finance Chair:** -----Allen Petit
- SOARC Chair:** ----- Katherine Holland
- External Chair:** -----Amanda Clarke
- Campus Affairs Chair:** -----Anthony Sinapi
- Academic Affairs Chair:** -----David Coates
- Cultural Affairs Chair:** -----Jon Aronoff

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please stop by the office. All members would be happy to help.

### Just a few of the many goals for this upcoming year...

- Establish a strong relationship with the new University President.
- Continue the Narragansett Orange Sticker lawsuit
- Promote multiculturalism on campus
- Improve Greek/non-Greek relations
- Increase student involvement
- Increase Student Senate discussion
- And much much more

### PLEASE READ

Since this is the time for transitions and new members, it is important to update your contact information on the [uristudentsenate.org](http://uristudentsenate.org) website. To do this, just click on the list of organizations, scroll down to the bottom, and click on update your organization's information.

We appreciate your efforts, thank you!

# Advertisements



April 14, 2009 at 6PM

## Come Rock and Roll with the Union Board at the Annual Block Party!

**Date:** April 15, 2009

**Time:** 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM

**Place:** In front of the Memorial Union

### *What will be there?*

- Build your own stuffed animal
- Make Street Signs
- T-Shirts
- Gel Gandles
- Laser Tag
- Gladiator Joust
- Photo Booth
- Tye Dye T-Shirts
- Sandy Candy



## FIRST NIGHT

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Be on the lookout for the letter/signup sheet for student organizations in your mailbox in the Student Senate Office, Room 201. They will be in your mailboxes in the next week or so.

All organizations are encouraged to join us for an exciting night. This is a great way for organizations to introduce themselves to the class of 2012, all 3000+!

Any questions stop by the Office of Student Involvement, Room 210 in the Memorial Union or email Maureen McDermott, Assistant Director Student Involvement at [mmcdermott@uri.edu](mailto:mmcdermott@uri.edu).

# More Advertisements



## 2009 URI Rammies!

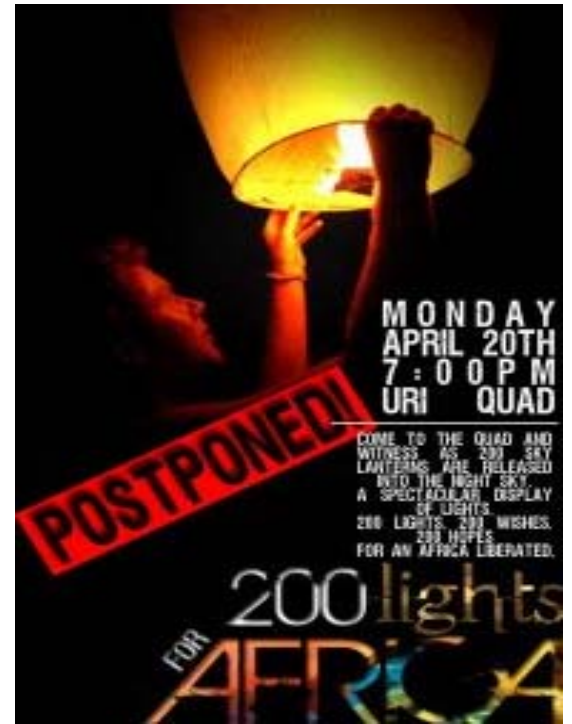
**Date:** April 28, 2009

**Time Red Carpet:** 6:30  
**Time General:** 7:30-10 PM

**Place:** MU Ballroom

**What it is:** The Rammies is a new event that honors all Student Senate recognized groups. There are different award categories such as most unique fundraiser and organization of the year.

Hope to see you there!



## Outing Club's Spring Workshop Series

The Outing Club is hosting a series of classes that teach various outdoor activities. This includes everything from how to start a fire while camping, to rock climbing and hiking.

Meetings take place every Tuesday at 5:30 in room 318. The series follows at 6:00 in room 314.



## Ping Pong Club

\*The ping pong club will be playing in the Chi Phi transfer house. Everyone is welcome.

\*Meetings are Thursday at 5 P

\*If you have any questions please email Steve Malen at: [stevenmalen@gmail.com](mailto:stevenmalen@gmail.com)

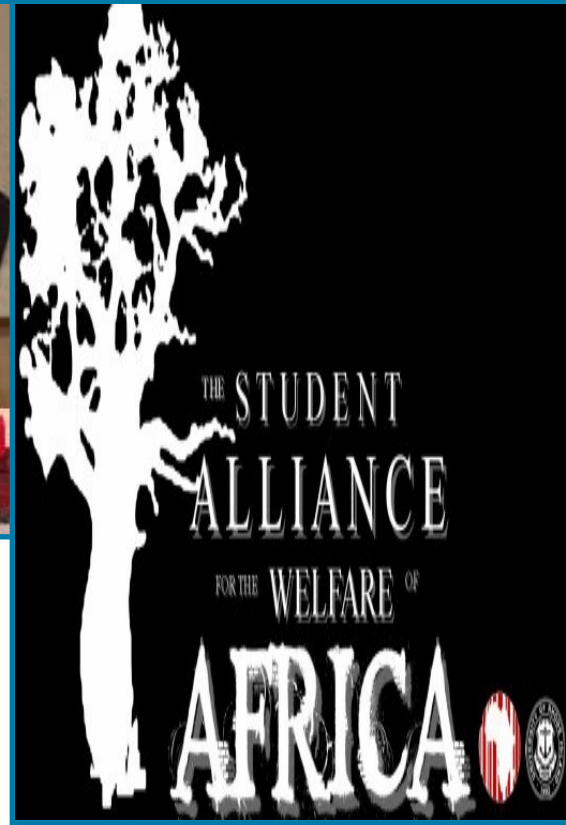


If you would like to advertise an event, please contact the Director of Communications, Julia Simon.

[urirhodysenate@gmail.com](mailto:urirhodysenate@gmail.com)

# STUDENT ORG. SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS SAWA!

**“There’s Sweet...and Then There’s SAWA!”**



The University of Rhode Island **Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA)** is a student organization dedicated to placing the continent of Africa under a positive light; to expose all who work and study at the university and its surrounding community to the full African experience: to enlighten and aid in their understanding of the rich, varied and multifaceted heritage and cultures of the African people, and the current issues that are crippling the continent.

SAWA’s presence on campus, and throughout the Kingston Community, is to be a reliable outlet (forget the discovery channel with their loin-cloth typecasts) through which all may learn about the great continent and her people. The Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa is engaged in several programs and activities throughout the academic year including artistic and social functions, discussions, forums, cultural presentations, etc that serve to obliterate all fallacies about Africa.

Indeed, this is an African organization but as per our I AM AFRICAN Campaign, we are *all* African be ye Black, White, Yellow or Green; you do not have to be born of the continent to join our organization-our diversity is what makes us strong.

SAWA is very active, and does not tolerate seat-fillers: there is always something for every individual to do. If you are interested in becoming a part of the SAWA team our meetings are every Tuesday at 6PM in the Memorial Union Room 300. Hope to see you there!

Also, April 20-24<sup>th</sup> is Africa Week. SAWA will be putting on numerous events, including the Lights for Africa, on April 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM on the quad.

Please come out and support your fellow student organizations.

\*\*Information provided by SAWA Presient: Samuel D. Aboh

