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## 5 INTRODUCTION

### 5.1 ABOUT THIS BOOK

The Brown Book is published semi-annually by the Graduate Student Council as a guide to student life for the graduate students of Brown University. This book is a revision of (and so owes much to) the ten previously printed handbooks (1975, 1978, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1999, and 2001). The content of this handbook derives from student footwork and input; so while we strive for accuracy, we are only human. (Plus, of course, - if you are one of our advisors reading this - we really are busy with writing our dissertations. Honest. In the library at all hours. You'd be amazed at how much of the material in this book we made up, just because we didn't want to tear ourselves away from research. Now *that's* dedication.) (Okay, for the rest of us, let's rewrite that last section . . . "Plus, of course, - if you are one of our advisors reading this - we really are busy with working on our dissertations. Honest. In the lab at all hours. Mixing weird chemicals. Or biologicals. Or drinks. Whatever.")

### 5.2 EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I've had a lot to say in this book already, so I will keep this relatively short: I think that this book is a useful tool for picking up some information about Brown and about Providence. It is not, however, the be all and end all of such information. If you don't know something, have some arcane question, or really, really want to try that Rhode Island delicacy known as the "Awful-Awful" ("Awful Big, Awful Thick") milkshake (known here as a "frappe"), which is only available from Newport Creamery, and you want to find one, make sure that you (a) ask a graduate student who has been here for a while, and (b) check Google. You will be AMAZED at the amount of random information floating around in the brains of your fellows - and if you are non-technical you will be even more amazed by how you can find anything online.

The most useful tool for getting involved on campus in any way, shape, or form: when you get onto your computer, go to <http://www.brown.edu/Students/GSC/>, click on the "listserv" menu option, and subscribe to the Graduate Student listserv. This is where many of the graduate student conversations take place, and you will quickly find that you know and love many of the regular correspondents.

Anyway, we hope that you enjoy your stay here. The beds are not made, the pillows not fluffed, and there is no chocolate on your graduate-student pillows - but we are a *friendly* community, and we provide free beer.

Welcome to Brown!

### 5.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to the recession. Without it, where would we all be today? (Perhaps not in graduate school?) Also, thanks to Erica N. Boyd and the contributors to the previous edition. In many ways, your words live on. (Actually, in some cases, they are your words.)



## THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

**THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC)** is like the student council you may have had in high school or college. Basically, it's what all the "cool" and "popular" grad students are doing.

The Graduate Student Council serves as the primary political and social body for the approximately 1,500 graduate students at Brown University. The GSC is made up of representatives from each department and of officers elected from the entire graduate student population by the representatives. Each department is responsible for appointing or electing its representative(s); representation is roughly decided by department size. The GSC holds monthly meetings, usually on the first Wednesday of each month during the academic year. Meetings are open to all graduate students. The activities of the GSC are funded by the \$30 annual activities fee, which every graduate student pays upon enrollment.

Ever since we were created in 1966, we've had several jobs: the first is to work with the University and the Graduate School to maintain the quality of graduate student life on campus. In this role, the GSC acts as a voice for Graduate Student concerns, and has an impact upon a wide range of issues that affect Graduate Student life. The GSC has been instrumental in getting a subsidy for health insurance, improving on-campus housing for grad students, securing free summer access to the athletic facilities for grad students, working with the University to provide the Graduate Student Lounge in the Graduate Center, helping to seek a raise in the basic graduate stipend, and working for increased and regular summer and travel support. The GSC also serves as the body that approves Graduate Representatives to University Committees - probably the area in which we as graduate students can contribute most to the bureaucratic processes of the university.

The GSC's second job is to provide graduate students from different departments with some semblance of social lives and with opportunities to meet people from other departments. We organize several different types of social events during the year, usually including Halloween and Spring Dances, ice-skating parties, bar-tours, Salsa-Dancing lessons, movie nights on the 65-inch television at the graduate student lounge in the Graduate Center, etc. The pinnacles of our efforts are the semi-regular social hours, where you can feast on free potato chips, candy, veggies, crackers and cheese, and beer. (Actually they're not free; you've already paid for them, but we'll get to that later.) We also help to sponsor various campus events that are of general interest to Graduate Students such as various departmental colloquia, film series, etc... In its continuing quest to better the social lives of grad students, the GSC has also purchased (and regularly does purchase) memberships in the Graduate Center Bar (the GCB) (see the sections on NIGHTLIFE) for all graduate students.

The GSC's third job is to act as an information broker for graduate students. As such, we have at times organized informational meetings to discuss such things as the unionization debate at Brown a couple of years ago. We also try to help new Graduate Students in their adjustment to Brown by doing small things such as answering questions at orientation and bigger things such as writing this book. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we maintain the Graduate Student Council web site, which contains all sorts of cool information, at <http://www.brown.edu/Students/GSC/>.

### **Who the heck are we, anyway?**

Officially, the GSC consists of a bunch of graduate students who represent the concerns and interests of the various graduate departments at Brown. In September the graduate students of each department are entitled to select one representative to the GSC plus an additional representative for every fifty students in their department. Some departments fail to select representatives. This is cool with everyone else since they get to use the lazy department's money for their own whims. Sadly, there's a pesky clause in the GSC constitution that says that if a department fails to select a representative, anyone from that department who shows up to a GSC meeting can be that department's official representative and claim their piece of the pig's trough. The rep's duties include coming to GSC meetings and scarfing down free pizza, making sure the department is informed of all GSC events, and submitting the petition for your rebate mentioned above.

This academic junta is headed by a board of officers (read: unwilling volunteers), including the President(s), V.P. Administration, V.P. Social, Treasurer, Secretary, and Technology Officer. Officers are elected at the December Graduate Student Council meeting to one year sentences. Anyone can run for any office. They are the suckers who get to do all the work when no one else can be bothered to do it. Their duties are to plan everything, do everything, pick up the slack when no one else is doing their share, and listen to people whine and complain when things aren't done the way they had hoped.

## **Your Student Activity Fee**

Those who have actually bothered to look at the breakdown of their tuition bills will have noticed a \$30 yearly student activity fee. Some of you may have even wondered what this fee is for. Basically, this fee goes to us. We decide what to do with it (hint: gambling). So if "you" want to be part of this "we", come to the meetings!

So as not to be too fascist, we allow departments to reclaim some of their student activity fee. All graduate departments are entitled to get an annual rebate of somewhere around \$4 or \$5 dollars per student. To receive a department rebate, all you have to do is to get a petition together, stating how many students there are in your department, what the money is to be used for (we need to make sure the people in your department are in agreement on this - sorry), and into which university account you would like your money placed. This petition needs to be signed by a majority (50% plus 1) of the grad students in your department and then sent to the treasurer of the GSC by the May meeting. In the past departments have spent the money on parties, BBQs, microwaves, TVs, couches, and lectures.

## **Meetings, Bloody Meetings**

The GSC meets once a month on the first Wednesday of every month (school breaks excluded) from 7-9 pm. In the past meetings have taken place in Miller Hall, but probably from now on meetings will take place in the new Grad Lounge in the Graduate Center. (See the GSC web site for more information.) At these meetings, we plan parties and social events, allocate slim funding, complain about how hard life is for graduate students, and then try to do something about it. Anyone interested in participating in any of the above is encouraged to come. You need not be a department rep in any capacity to show up, although you may become your department rep when you arrive.

GSC meetings are supposed to be fun. We try very hard to keep them so. Unfortunately, this is not enough to get people to show up on a regular basis, so we have had to resort to bribes. Since meetings are during the dinner hour, we supply **free pizza and drinks** to those who show up to GSC meetings. Remember, if you don't come, that means more pizza for the rest of us.

## **Comments? Questions? Complaints?**

Do you have any questions or do you have something to say to the GSC? You can get in contact with us by:

- 1) Showing up at any GSC meeting
- 2) Contacting your department representative
- 3) checking out our WWW page
- 4) Emailing the officers (email addresses on the website)

Please remember that everyone on the GSC is a volunteer - that means we don't get paid!! So if something is not being done to your satisfaction, don't blame us. Instead come out and fix it yourself. New volunteers are always welcome.

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ULTIMATE QUESTIONS ABOUT BROWN,  
PROVIDENCE, & RHODE ISLAND

## 11 HOUSING

### 11.1 MILLER HALL

**MILLER HALL** is currently the only residential hall for graduate students, and it fills up fast. Interested students should contact Chad Mank (863-3500, Chad\_Mank@brown.edu) at the Brown Residential Life Office located at 27 Brown St. (Wayland Arch) as early as May to obtain a place for the following academic year. Rates are \$5030 for the 2003-2004 academic year. Miller has approximately 50 single rooms available for graduate and medical students. Students do not have to vacate their rooms over the winter break, however, you will have to pay an additional \$1322 to stay during the summer break.

Be warned: the rooms are small, on average 9 ½' x 12', and that's the primary complaint of former residents. However, one big advantage to Miller Hall is its convenient location (although it should be mentioned that studios can be found just as close to campus for a comparable price). The rooms are furnished with a chest of drawers, desk, bed, bookcase and desk chair. Also included in the rent are all utilities and connections to Brown's Ethernet computer network, to Brown's cable system, and to local phone service.

There are two kitchens (2nd & 3rd floors), two bathrooms per floor, a basement laundry room with 6 washers and 6 dryers and one TV lounge. The kitchen facilities are not highly praised by former residents, although, whilst personal hot plates are banned, you can keep a microwave and small refrigerator in your room. Miller Hall is certainly not the place for any budding gourmet chefs. However, if you like the convenience of having your kitchen and bathroom cleaned for you and don't mind coming home to a small room (graduates students don't have much free time to spend at home anyway!), then Miller is probably ideal for you. Last, but not least, living in a grad dorm is a great way to meet other students (including roommates of the future) during your first year.

**Complaints**, should you have any once you become a Miller Hall resident, should be sent firstly to Chad Mank (863-3500, Chad\_Mank@brown.edu). If the results aren't satisfactory your next port of call should be Katherine Tameo, acting Director of Residential Life (863-2092, Katherine\_Tameo@brown.edu, Box 1864), followed by Elizabeth Huidekoper, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration (863-9400, Elizabeth\_Huidekoper@brown.edu, Box 1940)

**Cleanliness problems** at Miller Hall should be brought to the attention of Facilities (863-7800). If they fail to solve your problem within a reasonable amount of time contact John Noonan, Associate Vice President, Facilities Management (863-1297, John\_Noonan@brown.edu, Box 1941), who oversees the people who oversee the people who are supposed to be cleaning the dorms.

### 11.2 BROWN OWNED HOUSING

**THE BROWN RENTAL PROPERTIES OFFICE** (863-2541) is located in room 228 of South Wayland House (the entrance is underneath Wayland Arch) on the corner of Brown and George Streets. They have maps and listings of the 100 housing units (efficiencies, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments and houses) available for graduate students to rent. The housing lottery sign-up takes place in **January** and will be advertised in the *Brown Daily Herald* and through letters sent to all graduate students; assigned lottery numbers are posted in February. The greatest advantage of Brown owned housing is location; most buildings are within a 10-minute walk of the center of campus. Prices depend on location and will typically fall in the ranges of \$850-1000 for a 1br, \$1100-1350 for a 2br and \$1800-1950 for a 3br place (these prices include utilities so the prices are quite reasonable). Brown owned housing is preferable to Miller Hall, particularly if you like privacy, baths or cooking. For more information check out Rental Facilities' website at:

[www.brown.edu/Administration/Rental\\_Facilities/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Rental_Facilities/)

### 11.3 OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

**Rents in Providence have risen quickly in the past few years. This is due in part to the renaissance the city is undergoing, typified by the relatively recent openings of Waterplace Park, the Fleet Skating center downtown, and the upscale Providence Place Mall. Many professionals who work in Boston are choosing to live in Providence and commute, and more and more undergrads are living off campus, driving up rents. What's a poor grad student to do?**

THE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OFFICE, (863-2541) located in room 228 of South Wayland House (the entrance is underneath Wayland Arch) on the corner of Brown and George Streets, is a good place to start. They have many listings for houses, apartments and rooms. You can also find listings of students looking for roommates, or if you already have a place and are looking for roommates this is a great place for you to advertise. There is a lot of free, useful information available here including *An Off-Campus Living Guide* and the Rhode Island minimum housing code. Most useful of all is a database cataloging previous tenants' comments about specific houses and landlords. For more information check out their website at:

[www.brown.edu/Administration/Rental\\_Facilities](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Rental_Facilities) .

Other good places to look are the classified sections of local newspapers, e.g. *The Providence Journal* ([www.projo.com](http://www.projo.com)) and *The Providence Phoenix* ([www.providencephoenix.com](http://www.providencephoenix.com)). Housing vacancies are also advertised on the graduate student listserv (see the section on THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL for how to subscribe).

Rents range from around \$500-1500 per month, depending on how fond you are of things like cleanliness, well-lit rooms, and modern conveniences such as a sink in the same room as your stove. You can reduce your rent by sharing with roommates. Check to see which utilities (i.e. heating, gas, electricity and hot water), if any, your rent includes. Heating bills can run high in Providence during the winter and utilities can add up to about \$150 per month. [*Rents have made a big jump in the past few years and will probably continue to do so as property taxes are proposed to go up 8% this year alone -ed.*]

If you own a car, check out the parking situation - see the AUTOMOBILES section.

There are many burglaries in student apartments due to predictable departure times for classes and vacations and the likelihood of stereos and computers. Thus, renter's insurance (which usually costs about \$160/year) is a good idea. Living above the ground floor is also a good safeguard against surveillance and break-ins.

Providence has a **minimum housing code**. You can get a copy of it and/or a pamphlet on landlord-tenant relations from the Brown Rental Properties Office. If your landlord is in violation of the minimum housing code, or maintains conditions you estimate to be too cruel for a kennel, try calling the above number or contact the Brown Student lawyer for advice (see LEGAL INFORMATION). If you feel discriminated against for any reason, contact the Brown Office of Residential Life (863-3500).

If you need **temporary housing** while you're moving or hunting, and you have a car, renting a cheap hotel room in East Providence or Seekonk is a good option (see HOTELS AND MOTELS section).

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#### 11.5 BEST AREAS FOR HOUSING

**THE AREA RIGHT AROUND THE CAMPUS:** streets such as Thayer, Brook, Benevolent, Prospect, Olive, Bowen, etc., can be noisy and expensive, but they are convenient. The streets near Bowen are reasonably calm, and a lot of graduate students live here.

**THE WAYLAND SQUARE AREA, EAST OF CAMPUS:** Wayland Av., Waterman, Angell, Medway, East Manning, Elmgrove, Pitman, etc. Graduate students live in droves here--and for good reason. The rents tend to be slightly more reasonable than near the campus; there are lots of convenient stores in Wayland Square; and the area is reasonably safe and calm.

**THE HOPE STREET AREA:** off Hope on either side, roughly between Doyle and Forest. Varying Prices. Can find good, quiet apartments to the east of Hope St., but you are pretty far from campus. Apartments to the west of Hope St. have recently been subject to violent crime, theft, and noise problems. Avoid them. One exception is University Heights, which has reasonable security and is fairly safe if you're not on the ground floor.

**THE ARMORY DISTRICT:** due west of downtown, along Westminster St., about two miles from Brown. It is more of an "inner-city" neighborhood than the East Side, being ethnically and economically mixed, and lacking amenities like

grocery stores. It is not the safest area for single women living alone. However, it abounds in recently renovated Victorian mansions with spacious and beautiful apartments, and the rent is substantially cheaper than on the East Side. Many houses have yards and almost all have off-street parking. The neighborhood has a high concentration of artists and RISD students, many of whom walk to downtown. If you want more living space, are used to an urban environment, don't mind a long walk and/or have a car, this can be a great place to live. The main realtor is the Armory Revival Company, 272-2720; they usually have a few apartments advertised in the *ProJo*.

**FOX POINT, SOUTH OF CAMPUS:** Brown has a policy, available through the Brown Rental Properties Office, discouraging students from living in Fox Point. It basically requests students not to live there, because we would drive up rents beyond the means of long-standing local residents. However, the increasing number of nice restaurants and antique shops on Wickenden has been drawing many new residents as well. Many undergraduates, graduates, and professors do now live in this area, providing rental income to the long-standing residents.

**ELSEWHERE:** There are apartments in the downtown and Federal Hill areas of Providence--although crime and vandalism may be a problem. You should also note that the suburbs are very close to Brown. One can reasonably live in Johnston, East Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston, Lincoln, Seekonk, Barrington, or Warwick if you don't mind driving in (see AUTOMOBILES-PARKING section) or taking the bus (see OTHER TRANSPORTATION-BUSES section). Renting houses is much more common in the suburbs than in the city.

## 12 LIVING IN PROVIDENCE - BASIC STUFF YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

All phone numbers are in area code 401 (which covers all of Rhode Island) except where marked.

### 12.1 ELECTRICITY

**NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC**, 280 Melrose St., 1-800-322-3223 (Mon-Sat, 7am-9pm). Be sure that you tell them the date that you officially move in so that you won't be charged for electricity before then. Note also that sometimes charges are based on a projected usage. If your bill states "projected meter reading" you have the option of calling the company and someone will come do an actual meter reading. To report power outage ONLY, call 1-800-909-1212. <http://www.narragansett.com/>

### 12.2 GAS

**NEW ENGLAND GAS COMPANY** (formerly ProvGas), 100 Weybosset St., 831-8800. Your monthly gas bill will come in a reversible, reusable envelope because the New England Gas Company really does care about the environment around us despite the tons of hydrocarbons their product unavoidably releases into the atmosphere every year. In an emergency (Gas odors - i.e., non-human - or fire), call 911 directly. <http://www.negasco.com/>

### 12.3 PHONE

**LOCAL SERVICE: VERIZON**, Customer Service: 1-800-895-8044; Automated Acct. Info: 1-800-244-3737. The phone company will usually get your phone running in about 5 business days. When you call, be prepared to tell them your choice of long-distance carrier. <http://www.verizon.com/>

**LONG DISTANCE SERVICE:** For long distance telephone rates and information try these numbers:

**AT&T:** 1-800-222-0300; <http://www.att.com/>

**MCI:** 1-877-777-6271; <http://www.mci.com/>

**SPRINT:** 1-800-877-7746 or 1-800-877-4646; <http://www.sprint.com/>

**VERIZON:** 1-800-244-3737; <http://www.verizon.com/>

Alternatives to the major long-distance carriers:

**WORKING ASSETS:** 1-800-788-8588. A politically conscious, socially responsibly company. A percentage of your phone charges gets donated to progressive nonprofit organizations. <http://www.workingassets.com/>

**USA DATANET:** 1-877-499-2368 or 1-877-532-8263. You can use USA Datanet in addition to a long-distance carrier, or in place of one. You dial their local access number and PIN first, and then long distance calls are only \$0.99 per call in the Northeast and \$1.99 per call anywhere else in US. I swear by them, check 'em out! They also have internet access for \$16.95/mo (but this is less successful, dial-ups can be very slow). <http://www.usadatanet.com>

**DIRECT ONE USA:** Another alternative for long distance. With Direct One, you can make calls from anywhere, including cell phones, pay phones, home phones. You buy monthly pre-paid plans, and get a flat rate of 4.9 cents/minute. Check their website out at <http://www.directoneusa.com> or call 1-800-665-5276.

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### 12.5 CABLE/ INTERNET

**CABLE, ETC. - COX COMMUNICATION**, 50 Houghton St., 243-1900 (Mon-Fri 8:30-7; Sat 9-3). Basic cable with the preferred channels (i.e. normal cable with no movie channels) costs about \$36 per month. A must if you can't live without your MTV. Just remember that there may be some truth in the song lyrics, "57 channels and nothing on." (Springsteen, 1992) They also supply high speed internet, digital cable, and local telephone service. <http://www.cox.com/>

**INTERNET (ISPs)** - The University does not provide dialup service, so grad students living off-campus (and faculty and staff too) looking for internet access are pretty much on their own (see section on Computing below). There are dozens of

Internet Service Providers out there; here are a few:

**Dialup:**

**AT&T Worldnet** - <http://download.att.net/dbsitelet/> Currently \$22/mo or \$17/mo for AT&T long distance customers, unlimited access. 1-800-967-5363.

**Prism** - <http://www.prism.net/> Currently \$16/mo; unlimited access, 8 email accts, 20MB web space. 1-800-941-7420 (Mon-Fri 9-7, Sat 11-7).

**Galaxy** - <http://www.galaxy.net/> \$15 activation fee if you sign up online, \$10-18/mo depending on plan. Call 1-888-387-5412.

**Cable/DSL:**

**Verizon** - <http://www22.verizon.com>, Currently \$35/mo; includes DSL modem, 9 email accts. Call 1-800-895-8044.

**Cox** - <http://www.cox.com/NewEngland/CoxHighSpeedInternet/> Price varies. Includes cable modem if ordered online, 7 email accts, 70MB web space. Call 1-800-895-8044.

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**BROWN POST OFFICE STATION**, 75 Waterman St. (under the Faunce Arch, lowest level).

**EAST SIDE MAIN POST OFFICE**, 302 Thayer St. (across from Oop!).

**PROVIDENCE MAIN POST OFFICE**, 24 Corliss St. (off Charles St.), 276-6812. For all your late-night and weekend mailing needs... Hours: M-F 7am-11pm, S/S 8am-6pm.

For hours of any branch, call 1-800-ASK-USPS. Other useful information, such as package tracking and zip codes, can be found on their website, <http://www.usps.com/>

Receiving mail and packages: You will be able to receive mail and small packages via US mail at your department's box number, in ZIP code 02912. That code is only for Brown University mailboxes; if your department allows you to receive packages via UPS and FedEx, it will be at the street address of the building your department resides in, in 02906. Consult your department's staff before getting anything shipped there!

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12.9 BANKS

Make no bones about it, banks are now (if ever they weren't) in the business of making money, not trying to help you keep yours. So there's the Big Three: Fleet, Citizen's and Sovereign, and smaller local rival, BankRI. Other options are credit unions and other teeny local banks, but as far as versatility is concerned, the Big Three will give you the most flexibility. Once I tried opening an account with Domestic Bank, but I only kept it for a day, since they only have one branch with an ATM in Cranston... whatever possessed me? For a listing of all Rhode Island banks, go to <http://www.providenceri.com>, click on the "Business" link and then the "Bank and Financial Links".

**BANK RI**, 137 Pitman St. (between Butler and Wayland; next to the Eastside Marketplace), 456-5160. No ATMs near campus. Nice, small local bank, but not convenient to campus. <http://www.bankri.com/>

**CITIZEN'S BANK**, 120 Waterman St. (corner of Brook, across from Minden Hall), 456-7050; and 792 Hope St. (past Rochambeau), 455-5800. ATMs in Waterman branch and in Store24 (Thayer and Euclid). Also with branches at several grocery stores. Free student checking is available, but you need to ask for it, and apparently in some cases you may need to ask for a manager. Brown's paychecks are drawn on this bank, so depositing a paycheck here makes the funds instantly available. <http://www.citizensbank.com/>

**FLEET BANK**, branches at 457 Angell St. (near Wayland Square) and 111 Westminster St. (downtown); ATMs in Faunce House basement and in the Brown Office Building/Bookstore. Call 1-800-841-4000 to reach any branch. The main pro and con is that it is a big bank absorbing many smaller banks; it has something of a monopolistic streak going

and its customer service isn't very good, but then, its ATMs are all over New England. Branches are not close to campus, but ATMs are and they will have a table somewhere on Thayer (probably near the bookstore) during the first week of classes. <http://www.fleet.com/>

**SOVEREIGN BANK**, 272 Thayer St. (between Meeting and Cushing), 131 Elmgrove (corner of Lloyd), and 551 N. Main (at the University Marketplace). ATMs at branches only. Call 1-877-768-2265 for any branch. Beware their "Totally Free Checking", which isn't. There is a \$12 annual fee, and they are the masters of the hidden fee. FYI: the Sovereign ATM is exposed right on Thayer (not inside a card-access lobby area); although Thayer is well-patrolled and there have been no incidents, some people still feel uncomfortable using this ATM after dark. <http://www.sovereignbank.com/ne/>

**ONLINE-ONLY BANKS.** You might also try banking online (use at your own risk!). Most banks have an online banking component, but there are some banks that are run completely online. The Motley Fool (<http://www.fool.com/>) has a summary of the pros and cons of online-only banks (do a search for "internet-only banks").

## 12.10 NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION/RADIO STATIONS/OTHER

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**THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL** and **THE EVENING BULLETIN**. The Journal and its evening edition are Rhode Island's main daily paper. It has local news, comics, advice columns and daily features. For home delivery call 277-7600 or 1-888-697-7656. Once you've subscribed, you can request a "ProJo Press Pass", which is good for 20% discounts at many restaurants on Thayer and around Providence. <http://www.projo.com/>

**NOTE:** The Journal and The Bulletin may be purchased at a reduced subscription rate through Brown Student Agencies. BSA also distributes the Boston Globe and The New York Times. If you prefer home delivery of the Times call 1-800-631-2500.

**THE PROVIDENCE PHOENIX** is a weekly paper distributed free in stores and cafés on Thursdays. The paper has "alternative media" stories (i.e. left-wing), snipes at The Providence Journal, classifieds, *Life In Hell*, Washington, and 1-900 numbers galore. There are also good music, movie, book, and theater reviews, and a weekly listing of movies playing about town. <http://www.providencephoenix.com/>

**THE FEDERAL HILL GAZETTE** is published monthly and includes local information on festivals, "articles" which are really paid advertisements, and a short entertainment section. It is available free of charge near the entrances to businesses downtown and on Federal Hill.

**THE BROWN DAILY HERALD** is the newspaper at Brown University. You can pick it up for free at various places around campus, or else check it out online at [www.browndailyherald.com](http://www.browndailyherald.com).

**THE BROWN DAILY JOLT** is the undergraduate-managed community bulletin board/forum/weird place for Brown University. According to their web site, "Dissatisfied with the web sites of their school and with lame attempts on the part of companies to create sites for the college market, two students from Amherst College decided to create their own page. Brown was the first school to acquire the Jolt and 40 others quickly hopped on board . . . The Brown Daily Jolt, which was one of the two original schools in the Daily Jolt Network, was started in 1999 as a useful, but not widely-used web page at Brown. Over the years, the Jolt has added new features, such as the professor quote archive, new forums, online coupons, and more, attracting a large percentage of the Brown community every day." Very useful for figuring out what is going on - but be careful about reading the forum . . . students sometimes gossip about their TAs. [www.brown.dailyjolt.com](http://www.brown.dailyjolt.com).

## 13 VOTING, TAXES & OTHER LEGAL/POLITICAL INFO

### 13.1 VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are a U.S. citizen, you are entitled to register to vote in Rhode Island. This is true even if you live in the dorm, even if you go home for summers, etc. Depending on the laws of your home state, you may be able to choose to maintain your voter registration there instead.

There are a number of ways to register to vote. If you have a car, you can register when you get your RI Driver's License

or license plates. (see AUTOMOBILES section). There are four other places to register: 1) **THE RI STATE ELECTION BOARD** at 50 Branch Ave, 2) **THE RI STATE ELECTION BOARD** at 100 N. Main Street (corner of Angell/Thomas and Main), which is probably more accessible for you (Phone: 277-2340 or 277-2345), 3) **THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS** in City Hall (25 Dorrance Street--near the Biltmore Hotel; Phone: 421-0495), or 4) **THE BROWN OFFICE BUILDING**, on the 4th floor (entrance is behind the bookstore). Please note that the Board of Canvassers location is only good for Providence residents. You will need to have been a RI resident for 30 days before you can register. Bring proof of residency--e.g. RI driver's license, RI registration, your lease, RI checks, or a RI savings account with your address on it. Please note that a utility bill with your address will not be acceptable (as it is in some other states). To vote you must be registered for 30 days prior to an election (with the exception that you don't need to be previously registered to be able to vote for the U.S. President).

For help in getting registered you can call **THE PROVIDENCE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** (188 Morris Av.) at 272-8683 or **THE RI LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** (333 Valley) at 453-1111.

For information about elections, including your assigned polling location, consult the RI state website at <http://www.state.ri.us/elections/polls.htm> .

### 13.2 TAXES

The Rhode Island tax forms are a royal pain to obtain paper copies of; by far the easiest way to get them is off the web: <http://www.tax.state.ri.us/>. Deciding which form to fill out can be a little complicated--if you maintain official residence in a different state, you will need to file the Nonresident form (RI 1040NR). For your first year, you'll need to file that anyway due to moving here from another state, unless you're one of the lucky ones who is *from* Rhode Island. If you're an international student trying to figure out U.S. taxes, have courage: Brown has people who will help you with them. See the section on RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS for more info.

Note that if you are on a fellowship, Brown will *not* withhold any taxes from your stipend check, nor are they required to file a W2 form, but you *are* still required to report this income and pay taxes on it! Be sure to budget for this in advance, so as not to get socked with a big tax bill in April. (If you stay on fellowship, you'll probably need to investigate the wonderful world of Estimated Tax payments....)

Disclaimer: the folks preparing the Brown Book aren't accountants or tax attorneys, and can't be held liable if you misunderstand the tax forms. Sorry!

If you can't or don't want to visit their website, the state tax folks can also be reached at 277-2905, or by snailmailing them at State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations DIVISION OF TAXATION, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908-5801. Some forms can also be found at the Providence Main Post Office, 24 Corliss Street (276-6812). If you're running late on your taxes, the Main Post Office is open until midnight on April 15!

Federal income tax forms can be found at the post office or online at <http://www.irs.gov/>, or by calling them at 1-800-829-3676 (forms) or 1-800-829-1040 for general information.

### 13.3 LEGAL INFORMATION

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE:** Your student fees help pay for access to free legal advice. The graduate and undergraduate students at Brown jointly pay for an outside lawyer to be available one day a week for consultation in consumer legal matters such as lease violations. To schedule an appointment with the lawyer, call the Student Activity Office at x2341 or the Undergraduate Council of Students at x3230. If you have any problems, call the GSC, x3400.

**LAWYERS REFERRAL SERVICE:** (Bar Association), 91 Friendship St., 421-7799.

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY:** 76 Dorrance St., 331-4665. For those unable to pay counsel.

**RHODE ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES, INC.:** 77 Dorrance St., 274-2652. Free legal aid to those whose income does not exceed poverty level limits (students included).

**CONSUMERS COUNCIL:** 365 Broadway St., Prov., 277-2764. Helps with all consumer problems. Has consumer information booklets with interpretations of Rhode Island laws.

**SMALL CLAIMS COURT:** You can use small claims court in cases involving \$500 or less. Such cases might be consumer rip-offs, roommates who walk out on bills, return of security deposit from a landlord. There are no juries in small claims court; you may use an attorney at your discretion. The Providence small claims court can be reached at One Dorrance Plaza, 277-6706.

**DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, CONSUMER AFFAIRS:** 72 Pine St., 274-4400

**THE HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW:** 112 Union St., 421-7740. Handles code violations.

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION:** 10 Abbott Park Place, Providence 831-7171.

**GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN INFORMATION SERVICE:** Good to call for simple information or complicated problems involving the state government. Supposedly, has made state government easier to deal with by cutting red tape and telephone run-arounds. 277-2494.

**BAIL INFORMATION:** If you find it's absolutely necessary to take over University Hall in the service of your special quest for world domination and the liberation of all the oppressed everywhere, this number may come in handy. 277-3827.

#### 13.4 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

The information given here was gathered in August 2003 for representatives of the East Side of Providence. To find the name of your current representative, which ward or district you live in, or other useful governmental information call 421-7740 ext. 203 or 204, or go to the state's website at <http://www.state.ri.us/>.

#### 13.5 PROVIDENCE GOVERNMENT:

**Mayor:** David N. Cicilline (<http://www.providenceri.com/>) 421-7740

**City Council:** There are 15 City Council Representatives, 3 of whom serve the East Side:

David Segal (G), ward 1 (S. of Angell/South Angell)

Rita M. Williams (D), ward 2 (N. of Angell, S. of Olney + E. of Morris)

Kevin Jackson (I), rd 3 (Mount Hope: N. of Olney, W. of Morris)

Consult <http://www.providenceri.com/government/citycouncil.html> for the full council and an applet to find your councilperson; ward map's at [http://www.provplan.org/html/info/book\\_maps\\_general.htm#2](http://www.provplan.org/html/info/book_maps_general.htm#2).

See <http://www.riredistricting.org/final.htm> for maps of RI state and federal legislative districts. For info about legislators in other districts, check out the RI state legislature's website <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/>.

#### 13.6 RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT:

**Governor** Donald L. Carcieri (R), 222-2080 <http://www.gov.state.ri.us/>

**Lt. Governor** Charles J. Fogarty (D), 222-2371 <http://www.ltgov.state.ri.us/>

#### **State Senate:**

Daniel DaPonte (D), Sen. district 14 (S of Angell & E of Hope), 434-6701

<http://www.dandaponte.com/>

Rhoda E. Perry (D), Sen. district 1 (rest of East Side), 751-7165

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/webpage/Perry.htm>

**State Reps:**

Paul E. Moura (D), House district 2 (Wayland Sq., Fox Point), 222-6690

Edith H. Ajello (D), House district 3 (Brown campus area), 274-7078

Gordon D. Fox (D), House district 4 (upper East Side), 222-2466

13.7 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:

**President** George W. Bush (R), 202-456-1414

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

**Vice-President** Richard B. Cheney (R), 202-456-7639

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/vicepresident/>

**Senate:**

Lincoln D. Chafee (R), 202-244-2921 (DC), (401) 453-5294 (RI)

(<http://chafee.senate.gov/>)

Jack Reed (D), 202-224-4642 (DC), 943-3100 (RI)

<http://reed.senate.gov/>

**House:**

Patrick J. Kennedy (D), district 1, 202-225-4911 (DC), 729-5600 (RI)

<http://www.house.gov/patrickkennedy/>

The 202 area code numbers are for their Washington, DC offices. For information about anything happening on the federal level (status of legislation, phone numbers, etc.), I highly recommend trying the **Voters' Research Hotline** sponsored by Project Vote Smart: 1-888-VOTE SMART (1-888-868-3762); or check out the Vote Smart Web at <http://www.vote-smart.org/>. Also, to leave an opinion for the president (because we all know he cares), you may want to use the White House Opinion Line at 202-456-1111.

## 14 GETTING SETTLED - WHERE TO FIND IT

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## 14.2 GENERAL INFORMATION ON PROVIDENCE

Some great general information on Providence can be found online at the Providence web site at [www.providenceri.com](http://www.providenceri.com). Arts and Entertainment info, neighborhood info, maps, information books on the former mayor of Providence and current felon - you name it, they've got it!

## 14.3 MAPS

Good maps of Providence and Rhode Island may be purchased at the University bookstore. Your best bet for finding maps and information is online at the official state web sites: you can find great maps of Rhode Island at the Rhode Island Tourism Division at <http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/> and maps of recreation sites (beaches, bikeways, parks, etc.) from the Rhode Island Division of Parks & Recreation at <http://www.riparks.com>. These maps are great, as they include hyperlinks to hours of operation (for parks), directions, etc. You can also pick up a free Rhode Island map (and free RI propaganda/tourist pamphlets) in the lobby of the T.F. Greene Airport. On the internet, your best bet is **[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)** or **[maps.yahoo.com](http://maps.yahoo.com)**. (Great for locating addresses, though sometimes driving directions can be a bit circuitous, or just plain off.)

## 14.4 THE YELLOW PAGES

There is (or at least has been in the past) a truly excellent and extremely useful section in the front of the Rhode Island Yellow Pages called the "Inside Interest Pages." There are photos and blurbs on historic places in town, a map of downtown Providence, a bus map, and information on other forms of transportation, suggestions for excursions in the area, sports and recreation, listings of museums, libraries, a map of pinpointing all beaches and parks in RI, a short list of shopping, dining and entertainment, children's activities, etc., etc., etc. If this section ever gets removed, you should check out the incredible amount of information available at [www.providenceri.com](http://www.providenceri.com). If you like to attend sports events or concerts, one of the most useful sections has color-coded and labeled layouts of the main stadiums and concert halls in the area, so when you're buying those tickets by phone, you are not in the dark as to where your seats will be. Often restaurants also post their entire menus in the Yellow Pages - a distinct advantage for ordering by phone. Actually, in the digital age your best bet is to check out the Yellow Pages online at either Yahoo or perhaps [www.yellowpagecity.com](http://www.yellowpagecity.com). These sites will help you find businesses and addresses, and will link you to the web site of the businesses in question.

## 14.5 MOVING & STORAGE

**U-HAUL**, you can head to the U-Haul Center of Providence (open 7 days, trucks, trailers, storage, hitches, boxes, propane) at 464 Broad Street (95 S-Exit 21) or call them at (401) 521-6333. There are many other locations around - check them out at [www.uhaul.com](http://www.uhaul.com). About \$20 plus 89 cents a mile for a 10-foot truck for in-city moving. See their site for reservations and other costs. Note: U-Haul DOES NOT GUARENTEE THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE VEHICLE YOU RESERVED. Several students have reported that they have showed to get their reserved vehicles and have been told "sorry - nobody returned a truck." This obviously creates major problems. Storage is approximately \$65/mo for a 5' x 5' x 8' room, about \$85/mo for a 5' x 8' x 10' room. For storage bring your own lock or buy it there.

**RYDER** ([www.yellowtruck.com](http://www.yellowtruck.com)) also has trucks to rent for moving, but does not focus on providing storage.

For more information on moving and storage, go to [www.yellopagecity.com](http://www.yellopagecity.com) and search for "Rental Service - Stores & Yards" in Providence.

## 14.6 FURNITURE

Most of the entries on the following few pages will require the use of a car. If you're carless, before forking over the bucks for a U-Haul or Ryder truck, you might try showing up in your department (or posting a note on the grad listserv) and explaining your predicament. Often this will lead not only to free transportation, but it's also a good way to meet your fellow indentured servants. Practice that mournful sigh!

**ALPERT'S FURNITURE WAREHOUSE**, 100 Highland Ave. (a.k.a Rt. 6), Seekonk (508-336-6400). The warehouse

part of the name is absolutely correct. It's not as cheap as it sounds, but you could probably get this 5-piece bedroom set or this sofa/love-seat combination for just \$299!! If you like to put plastic on your furniture and have some money to spend, this is the place for you. Open 10 to 10 M-Sat, 11 - 6 on Sundays. <http://www.alperts.com/>

**EARTHEN VESSEL**, 4171/2 Smith Street (272-3359). Carries used kitchen appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. According to online write-ups, "Looking for a new refrigerator? The Earthen Vessel has plenty, along with washing machines and stoves, used clothing and toys, and a variety of other items. What began as the thrift shop of St. Patrick's thirty years ago is still happily doing business on Smith St. today."

**FLESCHER FURNITURE STORE**, 250 Wickenden (421-1190). This store is owned by relatives of a former Brown grad student. High-quality merchandise from air conditioners to rocking chairs at reasonable rates.

**SALVATION ARMY**, 201 Pitman St., near Eastside Marketplace (421-5270). Ya pays yer money; ya takes yer chances. I wouldn't call their furniture a "bargain." If Uncle Moe and Aunt Alice didn't give you the old couch from the den that their dog used to use as a vomit dish, they probably sent it here. On the other hand, if you're trying to get rid of old furniture that your beer guzzling roommate used to use as vomit dish, The Salvation Army may be persuaded to come and pick it up (but clean it first!). We do know of one grad student who bought a ripped-up and broken-down old piano here, and (by devoting only about 250-300 hours of work to stripping the paint with a blowtorch, sanding the wood, staining, varnishing, reshaping the hammers, having the strings replaced, and having the piano tuned) ended up with an incredibly cool product. Good luck. (*The Salvation Army at 1121 Warwick Ave., Warwick, 785-1120*; Goodwill at 376 Newport Ave., E. Prov., 435-4315; and Savers at 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E.Prov. 438-1955 are much nicer and much cheaper for furniture, house wares, clothes, etc., than the Pitman St. location.

**CONSIGNMENT SHOPS:** Two slightly distant (15-20 minute drive) consignment shops have been highly recommended in the past: **THE STOCK EXCHANGE** in Barrington, (57 Maple Ave, 245-4170) and **YANKEE CONSIGNMENT** in Warren (18 Child Street, 245-6569). These two stores have several floors of used furniture, including bureaus, desks, and chairs.

**BROWN DAILY JOLT:** The Brown Daily Jolt has some interesting stuff. [www.browndailyjolt.com](http://www.browndailyjolt.com).

**SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED:** If you don't mind cheap melamine furniture, there is a good variety in many of the stores listed in the HOUSEHOLD ITEMS section (**Wal-Mart** ([www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)), **K-Mart**, and **Home Depot** ([www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com)). You can usually get a desk for about \$30. Unfortunately, they usually only have that awful, fake, "wood grain" finish that doesn't fool anybody, instead of a plain white or black finish. For slightly higher-quality office furniture, go to **Staples** near Brown's campus. A great office supply store. ([www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)).

**THE WOMEN OF BROWN** leases furniture to foreign students and visiting faculty. Call Lynette Charniak at 272-8735 for more details. Leasing is open Tuesdays 10-12, from the basement of Metcalf dormitory on Pembroke Campus.

#### 14.7 HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**ADLER'S HARDWARE**, 173 Wickenden (421-5157). They sell a limited number of kitchen implements, as well as lots of paint.

**BED, BATH, & BEYOND**, 24 Providence Place Mall (270-4540). This place actually has affordable prices, despite being in such a chi-chi place. And you'll still get your parking ticket validated. A huge variety of stuff. Don't you need that insta-garlic-press-and-drink-mixer? [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com).

**BROWN BOOK STORE**, 244 Thayer Street (863-3168). They sell important dorm-decorating items, such as milk crates, desk lamps, telephone cords, memo boards, and clichéd Brown pennants and are in a convenient location. You'll find, however, that convenience has its (very heavy) price. Many of these items are cheaper at the CVS down the street (see CONVENIENCE STORES), and are MUCH cheaper at the Wal-Mart in Seekonk. Still, it's very hard to get Brown University clothing anywhere else. Buy a shirt - let your \$30 help keep the bookstore afloat!

**BUILDING #191/9 SURPLUS AND SALVAGE**, Beverage Hill Drive, Pawtucket, RI (722-1900), about 6 or 7 miles from campus. The name says it all. This is a big warehouse with lots of stuff, from kitchen items to clothing to tents to

rugs, all of it cheap, some actually a good deal, some not so good. What they actually have depends on who had a fire or whose stock wasn't selling. A must see, if only for the experience. Official store motto: "We're half store, half side-show!" (We are not kidding. We are an *information* guide.) According to their web site, "Right from the start, we guaranteed the lowest prices in New England: If a customer could find a lower price elsewhere, we'd thank them with a free bottle of champagne, and lower his price on the spot." Another location is in Cranston at the intersection of I-38 and Bald Hill Rd. (463-1970) <http://www.building19.com/>

**HOME DEPOT**, 201 Highland Ave. (a.k.a. Rt. 6), Seekonk (508-336-3000) or 1270 Newport Ave (a.k.a. Rt. 1a) S. Attleboro, just off I-95 (508-761-4001). Sometimes you just *need* an industrial-strength sander. The tool-person's playground! They have some decent white melamine bookshelves and cabinets that come with pre-drilled holes and all hardware, so the only tool you need is a screwdriver to put it together. They also sell melamine planks and cinder blocks, so if you have, or can borrow, a circular saw and drill, you can make great melamine furniture for a fraction of the cost of buying it. Have fun!! All of the nice houseplants come with a one year warranty, so if you have the black-thumb-of-death, this is a better place to buy than local nurseries or garden shops. [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com).

**K-MART**, 296 Garfield Avenue, Cranston, RI (946-3400) It's K-mart. Need we say more? (There is a Little Caesar's Pizza! Pizza! Parlor inside however!!!) [www.bluelight.com](http://www.bluelight.com)

**OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**, 470 Pawtucket Ave, take the right fork when N. Main splits just north of the Shaws Plaza (742-7340) or 70 Newport Avenue, East Providence (431-2849). They sell cheap kitchen supplies and toiletries, as well as whatever fell off the back of the truck that month. This is the cheapest place I have found for such mundane items as light bulbs and vacuum cleaner bags. Definitely worth knowing about.

**SAM'S CLUB**, 1110 Fall River Ave., Seekonk (508- 336-8262). Must be a member to shop at this oh-so-exclusive "club." If you are however, it is worth getting some of your friends together to split the gargantuan-but-very-cheap bags of fresh fruit, frozen pasta, toilet paper, etc. etc. Also: Off Bald Hill Road in Warwick, 823-7070.

**TARGET**, 1205 S. Washington St., N. Attleboro (1-508-699-9118) and 1245 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick (821-0121). If buying clothes, must pronounce "tar-jey" (with a soft "g".) Adds a hint of class. [www.target.com](http://www.target.com).

**WAL-MART**, 1180 Fall River Ave. Seekonk (508-336-0290) No matter where you're from, you've probably heard of, shopped at, or at least seen a Wal-Mart. All the basics for decent prices. Other Wal-Marts slightly further away from Brown are in Warwick, Cranston, and North Attleboro on Rt. 1 right near the Emerald Square Mall. Look up the one most convenient to you and call for directions. There is a McDonalds inside the N. Attleboro one, but they do not sell milkshakes. You've been warned. Essentials at Wal-Mart that graduate students (to our certain knowledge) have bought include a 15-foot-diameter outdoor trampoline and a complete drum set with base, cymbal, snare, and tom-toms. Also the \$47 DVD player. [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com).

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#### 14.9 FOOD SHOPPING

#### 14.10 SUPERMARKETS

**WHOLE FOODS MARKET**, used to be **Bread and Circus**, though no more. Two locations nearby: 261 Waterman St (401.272.1690 - store hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week) and University Heights Shopping Center, 601 N. Main St. (401.621.5990 - Store hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week). A health-oriented store for those with money to spend. Their selection of health foods is wide, including ethnic ingredients you may not find anywhere else. Worth a visit just to check their vegetable displays--works of art, and *so* much more appetizing than Stop and Shop or Eastside. Whole Foods has a commitment to not waxing their fruit, so while it may not shine it will also not taste like a candle. Their food is generally of very high quality. They promote recycling and carry products with deposit. Unfortunately, their prices are often literally twice as much as other places. Too bad, eh? [www.wholefoods.com](http://www.wholefoods.com)

**EASTSIDE MARKETPLACE**, 165 Pitman St. (at Butler), 831-7771. Not always the cheapest, but convenient to those living on the southern end of Brown and east of the campus. They have a good selection of health foods to compete with Bread & Circus, and they've even added a deli. **GREAT HINT:** There is an unadvertised 5% discount for students on Wednesday (just show your student ID to the cashier before they ring things up). [www.eastsidemarket.com](http://www.eastsidemarket.com)

**SHAW'S**, 50 Ann Mary St., Shaw's Plaza (off North Main St., on the Providence, Pawtucket border), 331-5524. Another huge place. The selection is large and they offer services like knife sharpening, direct bill paying, and paying with a local ATM card or credit card. Open 24 hours Monday morning through Saturday evening. Their muffins really are the best around. Various deals, at times double coupons. Citizen's bank has a branch here. Also at 585 Taunton Ave in East Providence, 431-9840. [www.shaws.com](http://www.shaws.com).

**SUPER STOP & SHOP**, 333 W. River. (off Branch Ave, at I-95), 726-5332. Better deli than Shaw's, but more expensive unless you get a Stop and Shop card and use their special deals. To get the advertised sale prices, you present this annoying little card with a bar code, which they use to track your buying habits and target you for marketing ploys. Cards can fit onto your key-chain. To avoid being sucked into the maw of mass consumerism, look spacey and generally hapless, and the cashier will scan a "store" version of the card, so you can still get the discounts. ATM and credit card payment accepted. Double coupons. Bank Boston has a branch here. They also have a cool machine into which you can feed your loose change; you will get 90 cents on the dollar in return, and they will give you either cash or credit on your food purchase. [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com)

### **SPECIALTY MARKETS**

Providence has a great mix of people of different ethnicities, and numerous shops to cater to their different palates. Shops tend to cluster in areas where particular ethnic groups live, so keep your eyes open for other shops not listed here. General areas in which to look:

For Asian: Drive south down Broad St. (look for the big YMCA building on your left) and keep your eyes peeled. There are numerous Asian markets and restaurants on either side for a few miles. (You can stop when you get to the sign for Garden City Center.)

Italian: Federal Hill is the famous spot in Providence for Italian food. Just drive down Atwells Ave. (You'll know it immediately when you spot the enormous pineapple dangling from an arch at the entrance from downtown.) Some GREAT restaurants in this area as well.

For Spanish/Latin American: Follow the directions for the Asian markets above and you will see a number of places selling these specialties. OR, check on the side streets off Broadway. (Here, in Providence, smartypants, not NYC!)

For Portuguese: Fox Point has a number of Portuguese bakeries and meat markets, as does East Providence and parts of Pawtucket. Follow directions to one of the Portuguese restaurants listed in the Dining Out section and then just look around.

It would be great to hear opinions from international students about which shops they think are the best for their native cuisines. Here are a few of the ones we know about:

**ASIANA MARKET**, 92 Warren Ave., East Providence, 438-9992. Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese and other foods. Good selection, if a little more expensive than the stores in south Providence.

**CAMBODIAN MARKET**, 524 Cranston St., Providence, 272-7685. The name says it all, but there are other Asian products here as well.

**EUROPEAN FOOD MARKET**, 102 Rolfe St. Cranston, 461-1097. Clean and bright. Nice selection of cakes, candies, jams, juices, cheeses, meats, and fish from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, and Germany. Real Russian black bread, not like the stuff at the supermarket.

**FRIENDS MARKET**, 126 Brook, 861-0345. (near corner of Wickenden) Fun to browse in, this Portuguese market has been owned by the same family for decades. In addition to food, they sell lots of knick-knacks, household goods, and religious statuary.

**LITTLE CHINATOWN SUPERMARKET**, 77 Reservoir Ave., Cranston, 461-3590. Huge place with better selection of exotic, hard-to-find fresh produce than other Asian markets.

**NOT JUST SPICES**, 863 Hope St., 351-6555. This is where you can find that special ingredient for your favorite Indian

dishes. Across the street is **Not Just Snacks**, an easy-to-use takeout Indian joint.

**PROVIDENCE CHEESE**, 178 Atwells Ave., 421-5653. Many Italian specialties, including homemade pasta and natural food.

**ROMA GOURMET**, 310 Atwells Ave., Providence, 331-8620. Highly recommended. Sells Italian imported pastas, oils, packaged cookies, crackers, housewares, etc. Great deli and bakery, with more reasonable prices than other places on Atwells, and better quality as well. You can get your purchase to go, or sit at some of the tables inside or on the sidewalk.

**RUSSIAN MARKET**, 727 East Ave. 732-9870 (in the Brooks-Maxi drugstore plaza diagonally across from the corner of Blackstone Blvd. Hope St. changes its name to East Ave. at Blackstone. ) Imported goods from Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Germany and a full deli. Slightly more expensive than the Russian market in Cranston.

**SEVEN STARS BAKERY**, 820 Hope St., 521-2200.

**TONY'S COLONIAL FOOD**, 311 Atwells, 621-8675. Across the street from Roma, almost identical except more expensive, no bakery and no place to sit. Fun to browse in, or to find an expensive treat for a special dinner.

**VIENTIANE MARKET**, 52 Silver Spring (next to Ames), 273-5590. You probably guessed from the name that this is a Laotian market, but they also carry things found at the Cambodian market, plus some Thai, Vietnamese, and a few Chinese and Japanese items.

#### 14.11 DELIS & BAKERIES

All but the Asian and Indian markets listed under **SPECIALTY MARKETS** have good deli sections, so this listing is predominantly bakeries.

**DAILY BREAD BAKERY**, 201 Wayland Ave., 331-1800. Bread, a few varieties of oversized cookies, and sweet rolls. NOT a full service bakery with cakes, petis fours, etc. but you \*can\* get a light lunch and coffee and read the paper here. Other locations downtown and on Broadway.

**ENTENMANN'S BAKERY THRIFT STORE**, 82 Newport Ave., E. Prov., 434-1719. All of your favorites, plus bread, bagels, Boboli(, and English muffins, all for a fraction (30%-50% off) of what you pay retail. Be sure to check their dollar shelf.

**JEANNETTE'S PASTRY SHOP**, 348 Branch Ave., 521-1440. Looks like a hole in the wall, but the current proprietor (grandson of Jeannette) makes a mean spinach pie.

**LA MOCANA**, 304 Broad St., 331-3195. Dominican bakery with melt-in-your mouth flan, great cheesecake, bread pudding, an assortment of pastries (try the guava and cheese one), cookies, meat-filled buns, etc., etc., etc. Very patient employees will explain the delectable offerings, as there are no signs. Extremely inexpensive, with most items between 80 cents and \$1.50! Sit there or get something to-go.

**LASALLE BAKERY**, 993 Smith St., 831-9563. Almost identical delicious offerings to those at Pastry Gourmet, but considerably less expensive!! Read the paper and relax with a cup of coffee or tea and a key lime tart - mmm.. 993 Smith Street, Open Monday - Saturday from 7 AM to 8PM and Sunday from 7 to 7. [www.lasallebakery.com](http://www.lasallebakery.com)

**KAPLAN'S BAKERY**, 756 Hope St., 621-8107. Certified Kosher. Specializes in Jewish bread, rolls and pastry. According to online sources, "Kaplan's Bakery is the only Vaad Hakashruth Certified Bakery in the State of Rhode Island. Family owned and operated, Kaplan's is a traditional Jewish bakery carrying a wide variety of breads, rolls, cakes, cookies and pastries. Currently in its 18th year of operation at its present location, Kaplan's Bakery serves only the highest quality baked goods and customers will tell you that when you stop by 756 Hope Street, a member of the family is always standing behind the counter waiting to serve you." Great challah, okay hamentashen (What, no poppy??). Bakes daily except Saturdays.

**LES PETITS FOURS**, 833 Hope St. (near Blackstone), 831-1011. A French bakery with pastries and good French bread. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

**OLGA'S CUP AND SAUCER**, 103 Point St., 831-6666. Just over the Point St. Bridge (yes, the one down Wickenden) on your right. Blink and you'll miss this tiny place, which would be a shame. According to the Boston Phoenix: "From its humble beginnings as a neighborhood bakery/cafe in Little Compton (1988) to its garden corner in Providence's Jewelry District (1997), Olga's has never wavered from its determination to produce good quality bread, using stone-ground flours and "natural leavenings," i.e., sourdough starters and their cousins. Olga's breads are almost a sensory overload, because their textures and tastes ring changes on so many long-forgotten culinary memories. Tearing ourselves away from lusting after the breads (rosemary, olive and roasted garlic boules are no slouches, either), we set to the task at hand: lunch, when soups, sandwiches, and salads change daily; entrees are made to order from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You select and pay for your order at the counter before receiving a numbered wooden triangle to take to your table. The day we were there, this system worked fine, but friends have complained of long-waits and glitches, which can especially frustrating if you've left a busy office to grab some sustenance."

**PEPPERIDGE FARM THRIFT STORE**, 1397 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, 508-336-5020. This store works the same as the Entenmann's store listed above, but also sells frozen food.

**PASTRY GOURMET**, 149 Elmgrove Ave., 273-1700. Yum! A wide variety of delicious cakes, cookies, pastries, bread, bagels, and more. Nice tables to sit at and savor your treat. Try the "Almond Joy" and the apple dumplings. If you ask, they will box your purchase and tie it with a lovely, festive ribbon.

**REUBEN'S DELICATESSEN**, 776 Hope St. (near Rochambeau), Specializing in Jewish foods like challah, sissel bread, etc. Deli has lots of salads and cuts of meats, but don't bother with the bagels - they're terrible!

**SCIALO BROTHERS**, 257 Atwells ave., 421-0986. More expensive than the bakery at Roma Gourmet (see MARKETS), but slightly different selection as well. Great Sfogliatelle.

**SILVER STAR BAKERY**, 150 Ives St. Are you tired of pretentious bakeries that charge you four dollars for a loaf of bread just because they rolled a few grains on the crust? Serving the Azorean, Cape Verdean and Portuguese community of Fox Point, the Silver Star bakes for a community that believes good daily bread is an essential part of life, not a status symbol. Eduarda Ferreira and family make all the breads and pastries at their padaria. Try the Azorean massa sovada (sweet bread) made in the style of Eduarda's native São Miguel. Her pão do milho (a dense heavy cornbread) is the perfect companion to shellfish in sauces that beg to be dipped. If you are dieting, avoid ordering the Silver Star's pastries-not only are they delicious, but the price (about 50-75¢ each) will have you ordering a dozen of them without blinking. Try the pudim de flan (custard tarts) or the pudim de feijão (to avoid prejudicing your palate, ask what it is only after you try it). And I know they are a French specialty, but Eduarda makes the best croissant in Providence. 421-8013.

**WAYLAND BAKERY**, 138 Wayland Av., 421-2900. Reasonable bread. So-so cookies. Good, cheap, small cakes. Two small tables, but no ambiance. Avoid the Russian teacake here at all costs! *(But one student says: "It always makes me feel good to go there." They still know how to treat customers right, and won't sell you a stale loaf if they notice. -ed.)*

#### 14.12 LIQUOR STORES

**CAMPUS FINE WINES**, 127 Brook St. 621-9650. A convenient place for those in the Wickenden area. Sometimes you spot desperate professors here as well!

**CORREIA LIQUORS**, 464 Wickenden. 273-0230

**EAST SIDE PRESCRIPTION CENTER** - Seriously, they DO sell alcohol here! 632 Hope St., 751-1430

**HIGH SPIRITS LIQUORS**, 571 N. Main St. (at University Marketplace), 274-4790. **Good place for getting kegs, if such be your desire.**

**MADEIRA LIQUORS**, 167 Ives. 272-5911.

**SHORE LIQUOR, INC.**, 406 Benefit St., 751-9650.

**SPIRITUS FERMENTI**, 220 Meeting St. (under Meeting St. Café), 273-1999. A wonderful owner, who sometimes

emerges from her office to let you taste a liquor. You will undoubtedly run into undergrads here - it's about twenty feet from a dorm. Buy a drink at Spiritus and take it upstairs to enjoy with your meal at Meeting Street.

**WAYLAND SQUARE WINE & SPIRITS**, 210 Wayland Ave., 621-5216

#### 14.13 DRUG STORES, PHARMACIES, CONVENIENCE STORES

**BROOKS PHARMACY**, Several locations nearby: **1200 N. Main St. (401-272-3048)**, **200 Academy Ave. (401-521-4941)**, **711 Broad St. (401-331-9550)**, **Pitman St. & Butler Ave. (401-861-4846)**, **456 Branch Ave. (401-331-3554)**. **The North Main location is open 24/7. [www.brooks-rx.com](http://www.brooks-rx.com)**

**CUMBERLAND FARMS**, 751 Hope St., 521-3630. Open 5 am to 12 am 7 days a week. Yet another New England convenience chain with the usual stuff. You can also buy gas and play the lottery here. Food items are often on sale and therefore cheaper than many other convenience stores. [www.cumberlandfarms.com](http://www.cumberlandfarms.com)

**CVS**, 291 Thayer St., 331-1970, (Mon.-Sat., 7:30 AM-10:00 PM; Sun., 9:00 AM-9:00 PM) and Wayland Square (Angell St.), 521-1350, Pharmacy: 521-4340, Photo Lab: 273-2930, and 799 Hope St., 331-5242, Pharmacy: 331-5240. A New England drug store chain featuring prescriptions (except the Thayer store), very cheap generic products, best deal on condoms outside Health Services, and a limited selection of convenience foods and milk. [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com).

**DAIRY MART**, 97 Hope St., 272-5382. Open 7 am to 10 pm. Smaller and grungier than Store 24. Otherwise much the same. Lottery tickets available!

**EAST SIDE MINI-MART**, 252 Brook St., 831-9523. Open 6 am to midnight Mon-Fri, 7 am to midnight Sat and Sun. It has a larger selection than most convenience stores, but is also very, very expensive.

**EAST SIDE PRESCRIPTION CENTER**, 632 Hope St., 751-1430. They honor Brown University Health Insurance.

**METRO-MART**, on the corner of Thayer and Fones Alley (across from Starbucks, next to Au Bon Pain) is open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and is open until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. A relatively recent addition to Thayer, and an alternative to **Store 24**.

**7-ELEVEN**, 460 Smith St., 273-4881. If you absolutely must have a slurpiem™, this is where the nearest one is. For some reason, Providence seems the only place in America where 7-Elevens aren't on every block. The two in Rhode Island are right down the street from each other. Go, figure. Warning, previous editors have said that this neighborhood is sketchy. I haven't been there, so I can't say.

**STORE 24**, 247 Thayer St., 831-9229. Open 7 am to 2 am 7 days-a-week. A New England chain with the usual array of convenience stuff and a misleading name. Actually, there are real 24 hour Store 24s in other locations, but East Side blue laws restrict this kind of reckless indecency. They also have prepackaged sandwiches, etc.

#### 14.14 BOOKS & MUSIC

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**ATLAS BOWER**, 245 Meeting St., 383-0336 (across from Kinko's). Independent used bookstore. All used, all the time. Good sections for History and Literature, sadly lacking in the used bookstore stand-bys of science-fiction, romance, or whatever. According to Rhode Island Monthly, deserving of "Best of RI" ratings in 2002. "Finally, amidst the sprawling chain stores and restaurants along Thayer Street, a breath of retail fresh air. Or is that the ever-intoxicating smell of the printed page? The hip purveyors of Atlas Bower have brought a North Beach, latter-day Beat sensibility to off-Thayer - poets type on manual typewriters at the checkout desk. The place is tidy, well-organized and not overwhelming in size, which makes it the perfect post-movie browse. Don't miss the solid collection of beautiful near-new picture books on art and design - a rarity among used bookstores."

**BARNES & NOBLE**, 1441 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick; 828-7900. Yes, it's your typical bookstore - but what a book store! Wonderful stuff, though more expensive than Amazon or half.com. [www.barnesandnoble.com/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/)

**BOOKS ON THE SQUARE, 471 Angell St. 331-9097. Great independent bookstore. Helpful and friendly staff.**

**BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC, 142 Providence Place Mall. 270-4801. Open til 11pm on Fridays, but by then the place is usually quite a mess from all the day's browsing.**

**BROWN BOOKSTORE, 244 Thayer, 863-3168.** Books, computers, Brown paraphernalia, cards, textbooks, supplies. Everything you ever wanted in a college bookstore that hasn't been taken over by Barnes & Noble. This is where you can get all books for your Brown courses - but watch out for the price! Perhaps Amazon or textbooks.com is the way to go . . . <http://bookstore.brown.edu/>

**COLLEGE HILL BOOKSTORE, 252 Thayer St. (@ Olive).** Small but comfortable independent bookstore (a dying breed!), across Olive St. from the Brown Bookstore. Open 7 days til midnight. 751-6404. Unfortunately, relatively expensive and lacking in the sort of massive inventory you look for in a Borders or Barnes & Noble.

**IN YOUR EAR RECORDS, 286 Thayer, 861-1515.** A Thayer Street fixture, and the Providence branch of this new-and-used giant. The problem: who BUYS CDs anymore?

**RICK'S RECORDS, 18 S. Angell St., 421-4532.**

**RISD STORE, Books, 454-6460.**

**ROUND AGAIN RECORDS, 278 Wickenden. 351-6292.**

**STRAWBERRIES, 509 N. Main St. (in the University Marketplace), 273-9850.** Your usual mall-rat-magnet record store chain. Generally excellent selection of DVDs for sale, however, in addition to the CDs.

**TOM'S TRACKS, 281 Thayer.** Great little independent music store. CDs and some vinyl. Open Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 12-6. 274-0820. "A standby of the Thayer Street scene, Tom's Tracks is crammed with new and used CDs and Vinyl. The extremely-friendly staff is well-versed in rock, alternative, jazz, blues and country lore, and they're always ready to drop everything and help you hunt down that obscure special order"

#### 14.16 OFFICE/ART SUPPLIES & COPY SHOPS

**ALLEGRA, 212 Thayer St. (@ Waterman). 421-5160. Formerly Jo-Art. One of a chain of stores. Most course readers are copied here.**

**FLEET PRINTING & COPYING, 221 Thayer St. 421-5372.** Open M-Th 8:30am-6pm, F 8:30am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Closed Sun.

**KINKO'S, 236 Meeting St. (between Thayer & Brook).** The fact that it's open 24/7 is its redeeming value. Well, also that is across from **Ben and Jerry's**. Usually half of all the copiers are broken or jammed at any one time, and the staff is slow and not too knowledgeable. Slightly cheaper than the copiers on campus at \$.08/copy. These days you come in, feed your money into a machine that gives you a copy card, and then use the copiers without ever speaking to the people who work there. They do have a nice, free selection of paper clips, etc. for your copying. [www.kinkos.com](http://www.kinkos.com)

**MORRISON OFFICE SUPPLY, 215 Thayer. 421-8260.** Hours: M-F 9-5, Sat 10-2, Closed Sundays. Small, locally-owned business.

**RISD STORE, Art supplies. 454-6465.**

**SIR SPEEDY, 103 Dyer St. 351-7400.** Helpful staff, reasonable prices. [www.sirspeedy.com](http://www.sirspeedy.com) Email the Dyer St. store at [provspeedy@ids.net](mailto:provspeedy@ids.net).

**STAPLES, 551 N. Main St. (in the University Marketplace).** Your basic office supply superstore. Wonderful playground! Very exciting. [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)

**UTRECHT, 200 Wickenden, 331-3780.** "Professional quality art supplies since 1949." Good place to get good quality

trace, markers, newsprint, paints, poster board, etc. Hours: M-F 8:00 AM - 9:00 - 8:00, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5.  
**www.utrechtart.com**

#### 14.17 WHERE YOUR FAMILY CAN CRASH - HOTELS AND MOTELS

Call for rates. The motels in Seekonk, Massachusetts are generally less expensive (\$60 -100/night vs. \$150-200/night in Providence). Seekonk is about 10 minutes east of Providence on I-195.

**Inn at Brown University:** The Inn's 24 hotel-style guest rooms are available for rental by University-sponsored conferences, individuals attending University events, Alums, Brown Parents and prospective students when accompanied by a parent. The Inn offers comfortable on-campus accommodations that feature private bathrooms, televisions, telephones and seasonal heating and cooling controls in each room. Daily housekeeping service, overnight parking and morning coffee are provided. The Inn's front desk is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is located on the first floor of Building A in the Vartan Gregorian Quadrangle, at the corner of Charlesfield and Thayer Streets. Reservations can be made by calling 401-863-7500 or by emailing [The\\_Inn@brown.edu](mailto:The_Inn@brown.edu). (One source indicates that rooms are about \$110 per night). ([http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Conference\\_Services/inn.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Conference_Services/inn.html))

#### **EASTSIDE:**

Days Hotel on the Harbor, 200 India St., 272-5577

#### **DOWNTOWN:**

Holiday Inn, 21 Atwells Ave., 831-3900 (\$149 - \$199 per night)

Providence Marriott, Charles and Orms, 272-2400

Providence Biltmore Hotel, Kennedy Plaza, 421-0700 (\$179 per night)

#### **SEEKONK:**

Johnson & Wales Inn, 213 Taunton Ave., 1-508-336-8700

Ramada Inn, Fall River Av., 1-508-336-7300

Gateway Motor Inn, Rt. 6 and 114A, 1-508-336-8050 (\$65 per night for one bed)

Susse Chalet Inn, Rt. 6 and 114A, 1-508-336-7900

Town and Country Motel, Rt. 6 and 114A, 1-508-336-8300

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## 14.19 STUFF FOR YOUR FURRY, FLUFFY, FEATHERY, FISHY FRIENDS

For general information on resources around here, try <http://www.pet-net.net/usa/rhodeisland.htm>.

**DOG LICENSES:** Providence requires a dog license which must be renewed every April. The licensing period is annually, May 1st to April 30th. The cost for dog registration is \$5.00 for neuter/spay and \$5.00 male/female. Kennel licenses are \$25.00. (Fees may be higher in certain cities or towns.) Overdue dog licenses are subject to fines. Call 421-7740 Ext 206, City Hall License Division. (State law requires dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated one year after their first rabies shot and then every two years. Owners who let the shots lapse past the deadline must repeat this cycle.)

**CAT LICENSES:** unneeded.

If you decide to get a pet, please spay or neuter it. Several groups in the Rhode Island used to provide financial assistance in spaying animals whose owners are in financial need. You can check them out at **THE PROVIDENCE ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE** (34 Elbow St., 421-1399). The League offers lots of opportunities for volunteering as well. One must be 18+ and have health insurance. "Our volunteer programs offer something for everyone. From animal socialization programs to foster care we need your help! Please contact our volunteer administrator for more information about our available programs at 401-421-1399." In the past all volunteers needed to attend a short orientation session, which was held on the 3rd Saturday of every month. They were then eligible for such programs as "Small Animal Socialization" (i.e. playing with rabbits and guinea pigs), taking pets to visit nursing homes or hospitals, education programs held at the Children's Museum, and participating in the Annual Pet Walk and parades.

If you love cats but don't feel that you can take on the long term commitment of adopting a cat, why not consider **fostering a rescued cat**? You can provide a half-way house for a former lost, stray or abandoned cat while a suitable permanent home is located for it. Duration of stay averages about 3 weeks, though can be longer if you prefer. Cats provide company, comfort, stress relief, and the knowledge that you are saving a life. To foster a cat you must have a rabies pre-exposure vaccine. This can cost as much as \$250, and not many insurance plans cover it, although apparently Harvard Pilgrim does. If interested in more information on any of the above programs, the Animal Rescue League.

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14.19.1.1.1.1.2 **EAST SIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 265 Gano Street (between Waterman and Angell). 272-2345. Call to make an appointment.**

14.19.1.1.1.1.3 **POVAR ANIMAL HOSPITAL, 15 First Ave., East Providence. 434-0106.**

## 15 LOOKING GOOD - MALLS, LAUNDRIES, & HAIR STYLISTS

### 15.1 MALLS

**EMERALD SQUARE.** [www.emeraldsquare.com](http://www.emeraldsquare.com) This was once the "big mall" in the Providence area, before the crushing magnificence of Providence Place landed downtown, and hence is perfect for people who like to do all of their shopping at one locale. Dir: I-95 N to highway 1A N (exit 2), then to highway 1 N. Some good stores, including, as one student points out, an RI branch of *Torrid*, a store for women who want to wear cool clothing (read: "leather") in plus sizes. ([www.torrid.com](http://www.torrid.com)) According to the mall web site, "Emerald Square is anchored by Filene's, JCPenney, Lord & Taylor, and Sears. More than 155 specialty stores are available including Abercrombie & Fitch, Ann Taylor Loft, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Charlotte Russe, and Godiva Chocolatier. The center features a 10-unit, 500-seat food court, a full service restaurant and a bank."

**GARDEN CITY.** A true strip-mall, Garden City brings together a moderately upscale collection of stores (Eddie Bauer, Victoria's Secret, Jos. A. Banks, Banana Republic.). Of particular note is Borders Book Shop, a delightfully immense bookstore with its own coffee shop, where one can pleasantly peruse one's recent purchase. Of course, Providence Place has one as well. Dir: I-95 S to exit 14 W to Rt. 2 N. [www.gardencitycenter.com](http://www.gardencitycenter.com)

**LINCOLN MALL.** Somewhat the antithesis of Garden City, Lincoln Mall could be termed the mall for the K-Mart crowd. If that's the type of shopping you need to do, then this is a fairly nice place to do it. Dir: 146 N to highway 116 W.

**PROVIDENCE PLACE MALL.** Opened in August 1999 in the heart of downtown... this mall compensates for city residents' long-standing feeling of shopping-inadequacy. Contains Nordstrom's and other tony shops not for the hoi polloi. Look on the bright side, if graduate school doesn't work out, at least there are now plenty of service sector jobs available - individuals working at Borders and at Pottery Barn have included both current and former graduate students (former as in "have already received their Ph.D.s"). On the very top floor there is an IMAX theater, as well as the Providence Place cinema (or whatever it is called), which shows movies in fifteen theaters, each with stadium seating and high-quality sound. You are not allowed to bring bags (including shopping bags) into the movie theater. Parking at the mall for the first three hours costs seven dollars, or one dollar if you remember to have your parking validated. If you are in a three-hour movie, even with validation you must pay \$4. the PP Mall is great for restaurants - here you can find Pizzeria Uno's, Cheesecake Factory, and the upper-crust (or French crust) **Napa Valley Grill** - definitely a place to have your wealthy relatives take you for a celebratory dinner. [www.providenceplace.com](http://www.providenceplace.com)

**SILVER CITY GALLERIA.** This is an entirely adequate mile-long mall and before the Providence Place mall sprang into existence was probably the mall to hit right after Emerald Square if you wanted to spend the day shopping. The only problem is that you can't get there from here (at least without directions, as there are no signs)! Dir: Take either I-95 N to I-495 S, or I-195 E to I-495 N. From I-495, take highway 24 S (exit 7) to highway 140 E (exit 12), and discover the mall at exit 11A. <http://www.silvercitygalleria.com/html/>

**SWANSEA.** Past Brown Books have noted that this mall is a paradise for those seeking women's fashions or sidewalk sales. We currently have little information on the place. Again, according to past Brown Books, Swansea Mall is otherwise notable only for the fact that Providence's nearest 24-hour Denny's is only a few miles away. Dir: I-195 E to highway 6 E (exit 3). The mall is across the overpass, on the left. To get to Denny's, get back on I-195 E, and you'll see it on your right immediately after crossing the Braga Bridge.

**WALMART** is a mall in all but name - especially as it lives very near a Sam's Club, a Sports Authority, a Home Depot, a TGI Fridays, and a liquor store. To get to this haven of shopping-in-bulk, get onto 195 East, get off at exit 1 (comes after exit 7 for some reason), and you will find yourself in Seekonk, MA. Head off to the right, bear left at the traffic light, and you will find your way to the Mart 'o Wal. [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com).

**WARWICK & RHODE ISLAND MALLS.** The Warwick and Rhode Island malls are actually two different malls, but they're down the street from each other, and taken together they add up to an almost-acceptable mall. Here you'll find all of the standard department stores (J.C. Penney's, Filene's, etc.), as well as the standard clothing shops, the standard book shops, whatever. These two malls are functional, but dull. Dir: Take I-95 S to exit 12 W, then follow the signs to your

mall of choice. You can find some more information at <http://www.shopinri.com/warwickmall.html>.

**WRENTHAM PREMIUM OUTLETS.** Apparently they exist.

### 15.2 LAUNDRIES

Coin-operated washers and dryers in dormitories on the Brown campus are available for student use--if you can get past the locked doors. There are four Laundromats in the area: **UNIVERSITY LAUNDROMAT** on Brook at Power St. (they do dry cleaning too in the shop next door); **EAST SIDE LAUNDROMAT** at 110 Doyle St. near Camp St.; **MR. RALPH'S** at 811 Hope St. (slightly more expensive, but very clean and safe); and **THE LAUNDRY CLUB** at 140 Medway St. For dry-cleaning, try **THAYER STREET CLEANSERS**, 227 Thayer St. If you have a laundry emergency, or simply hate to do your own, the best place for drop-off is **AMERICAN COIN LAUNDRY** at 686 N. Broadway in E. Prov. To wash, dry, and fold (or hang shirts) they charge only 50 cents per pound! (Directions: Go down Waterman and cross the bridge, then exit onto N. Broadway, turn right at the end of the ramp and you will see it on your left almost immediately. From campus it about 1.5 miles.)

### 15.3 HAIR STYLISTS

**CHEZ LENORE**, 102 Waterman St., upstairs. Walk-ins welcome. Check the Brown Daily Herald for coupons. (401) 331-0303. Ask for Lenore to cut your hair - very good references.

**JACQUELINE PHILIP SALON & SPA**, 461 Angell St. (Wayland Square). For the sake of amusement, we have GOT to quote from a former Brown Book. "A former employee says this place is "evil". A friend thought the people working there were "bitchy". I just think "they suck". If you need to look good for an important occasion, DON'T go to this place." 521-1773. Wow! I think I'm headed there right now!

**MICHAEL ANTHONY'S HAIR SALON**, Basement of Faunce Hall (Waterman @ Brown St.). 273-0222. Very cheap haircuts with student ID.

**PAUL & COMPANY**, 31 Governor St., 272-8429. Recommended by at least one grad.

**STRANDS**, 489 Angell St. (Wayland Square). Excellent, full-service salon with talented and pleasant people. Here you pay the individual specialists for their services, rather than the salon itself. Has been highly recommended in the past. 421-1975.

**SUPERCUTS**, 288 Thayer St. Cheapest place around, but you get what you pay for. Stylists vary in quality, though; shop around, some of them are good. Every 10th haircut is free. Perhaps a place more for guys looking for a quick buzz-cut than for anything special. They do great spikes, we hear. With color. 831-2040.

### 15.4

## 17 AUTOMOBILES AND MOTORCYCLES

### 17.1 DRIVING IN RHODE ISLAND (A.K.A. TEMPTING DEATH)

There are some things you should be warned about before you start driving here:

**LEFT TURNS:** Quick driver's test: If a light turns green, do the people going straight or the people turning left have the right of way? Legally, drivers going straight have the right of way. In Providence (which is different from "legally") the first car turning left usually goes first. (At least if they're quick on the draw.) Although this is illegal and initially annoying, it is done because there is usually only one lane of traffic and a person wanting to turn left who can't turn will block all the cars behind him or her. After a while you almost get used to this. Also note that if space permits, drivers routinely swerve around to the right of cars waiting to make a left turn, often without reducing speed.

**RED LIGHTS:** As in many cities, the yellow lights mean "you have to go faster to make it through before the red light". Unfortunately, in Rhode Island, red lights often mean "now you really have to go faster so that the people on the perpendicular street don't have enough time to realize their light is green and they have the right of way." Seriously - DON'T thoughtlessly start driving when you have a green light - keep an eye out for the lunatics.

**ONE WAY STREETS:** The first time you drive though the East Side of Providence (i.e. the campus and its surroundings, bounded on the west by downtown and on the east by the Seekonk River), you will probably accidentally drive the wrong way down a one-way street. This is because they are poorly marked and the residents of the East Side already know which streets are one way so they assume everyone else should too. After driving the wrong way on a one way street, it is probable that you will get paranoid and assume that most of the two way streets are one way streets. This will make you seem like an incapable driver, and you will get honked at a number of times. Fortunately, there is a semi-easy solution: just remember there are only four important one way streets that run east-west: 1) Waterman, 2) Angell (& South Angell), 3) Olive, and 4) Meeting. These four streets are right next to each other. There are only five important one way streets that run north-south: 1) Main (all of South Main; part of North Main), 2) Canal, 3) two sections of Thayer, and 4,5) the sections of Ives and Governor between Waterman and Angell. Main and Canal are on the western most edge of the East Side. Thayer, of course, is the middle of campus; Governor and Ives are 4 and 5 blocks, respectively, to the east of Thayer. Practically everything else on the East Side is two way. Note again that even though you can go two ways on Thayer at times, in general Thayer is one-way.

**YELLOW LINES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD:** There are bizarre traditions about yellow lines in Rhode Island. On the East Side, they seldom use them, which is one reason for the problems with one way streets described above. (Lane markings are also optional.) In Federal Hill, some of the streets have a green, a white, and a red stripe down their middle to represent the colors in the Italian flag. In response, some of the streets in Bristol County were painted with a red, a white, and a blue stripe in an attempt to show that they are more patriotic. Wacky little state, isn't it?

**CLASSIC RHODE ISLAND MANEUVER:** When trying to make a left turn from a parking lot onto a busy street, Rhode Island drivers will often pull into the street, blocking one direction of traffic while waiting for an opening to appear in the other direction. [*ed. Note: in my home town in MA, this was referred to as a "Boston Left Turn" - and indeed was described in the driving manual for my state at one point. If you see someone doing this, don't honk at them - it's not going to make them do anything other than what they were doing to begin with. Well-thrown rocks are so much more effective.*]

**RUDENESS and WAVING:** It only appears that many Rhode Island drivers are rude; actually they're just incompetent. In Boston, on the other hand, they're sometimes rude, but always aggressive. How do you tell the difference between "rude" and "incompetent?" Simple. If you do something "rude" in Rhode Island, wave in a friendly manner to the person whom you should have annoyed. Often, they will smile and wave back. There has come to be an understanding that waving means "I'm lame but friendly", and in Rhode Island this is O.K. On the other hand if you wave at someone in Boston, they'll probably flip you off - or accelerate past you, reasoning that (a) you are weak and (b) therefore don't deserve to get where you are going.

**OTHER JOYS OF DRIVING HERE:** 1) optional turn signals, 2) nonexistent street corner signs for major roads, 3) car alarms that everybody, including the police, ignores, 4) people who park in the middle of the street because "they're only

going to be a second", **5**) cars parked near street corners so as to obstruct the view of traffic, **6**) different streets with identical names in neighboring cities, **7**) clearly differentiable street names within a city--like Temple, Temple Ct., and Temple Av., **8**) people who leave their turn signals on when they drive down the highways, **9**) directions by Rhode Islanders, who have been known to use phrases like "...then you want to take a left turn where Eddy's Car Parts used to be...", **10**) highway entrance ramps, which initially look like somebody's private driveway, then give you about 1.5 seconds to merge, **11**) deep potholes almost the width of your car (expect opposing traffic to swerve into your lane), **12**) clueless pedestrians (esp. on Thayer) who saunter into your path from between parked cars without even looking, **13**) traffic lights near Brown that break frequently and always take at least a week to get fixed, **14**) people who turn left from the right lane or right from the left lane, **15**) vandalism, **16**) theft, **17**) two-way streets down which some people drive one-way in both lanes, **18**) streets being cut completely in half by large sections of universities (Cushing Street and Cushing Street, for instance), and of course **19**) possible death.

## 17.2 DRIVER'S LICENSES

So you want a Rhode Island Driver's license, hmmm? Well there's good news and bad news: The good news is that the license is relatively easy to get. Go to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at 282 Main in Pawtucket, 222-2970. (From Providence, take I-95 north to exit 27, then follow the funky signs that have an antique car and say "Registry." It looks like you're headed for a tourist attraction like Slater Mill. Trust me, you're not. <http://www.dmv.state.ri.us/>) BRING three pieces of ID, including one piece demonstrating that you reside in Providence (utilities bill with your name and address if you don't have other ID - you may need to talk to Brown for assistance in proving residency.) Go to the second floor, which may be at ground level depending on which door you enter through. Wait in the line (approx. 30 minutes). Get the (roughly) 8 page pamphlet containing all the material that you need to study for the license exam. Get back in the line. While you're waiting, study the pamphlet. (You can also read the whole manual on the web site.) By the time you get to the front of the line (about 30 minutes again), you'll be ready to take the exam (be warned they stop giving the exams at 3:00 pm). At one point (recently) the exam consists of 20 multiple choice questions; you only needed to get 14 of the 20 correctly answered to pass. We are not certain whether the exam has changed at this point. The exam costs some small amount of money, and the license costs about \$20. You have to give up your old license before you can get the new one. If you don't have a license to give them, they charge you 5 more bucks. The bad news is that chances are very good that the people taking the exam next to you will have failed the exam twice before and will barely pass the exam this time. You'll be driving on the same roads together. Enjoy!

When you're getting your license, you can also register to vote. You'll need proof of residency--e.g. RI driver's license, RI registration, RI checks or a savings account with your address, or your lease. You'll also need to have been a RI resident for 30 days. You won't be able to vote until 30 days after you've registered.

## 17.3 AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATES

The first thing to know about registering your car in Rhode Island is that you shouldn't register here if you don't have to. Four reasons for this: 1) The bureaucracy is a pain, 2) It costs a ton of money, 3) There is an evil 7.678% yearly excise tax just for owning a car registered here (see EXCISE TAX below), 4) Rhode Island insurance rates are significantly higher than almost anywhere else in the country due to theft, vandalism, and poor driving habits as outlined in the DRIVING IN RHODE ISLAND (A.K.A. TEMPTING DEATH) section above (also see AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE section below). According to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), full-time student do not have to register their cars here.

If you need to register your car in Rhode Island and receive RI license plates (a.k.a. Licenses To Kill) just follow the red tape road:

- 1) Go to a VIN verification station, a.k.a. your friendly police station. You can go to Providence, but the Pawtucket one is conveniently located at 264 Main (whatta deal!). You'll need to show them the "bureaucratic trinity": (1) your old title (not needed if the car is older than 1982) (note: if you have a loan and the bank has the title, an active registration or a copy of the title from the bank showing them as the lien holder will do), (2) Your old registration, (3) Proof of residency (a lease, utility bill, bank statement, RI check, or RI driver's with your address will do). And of course, the car in question. The VIN people are not huge sticklers about the "bureaucratic trinity" (e.g. you may be able to convince them to accept a

cable bill sent to your address for proof of residency). The VIN people will then look at your car's VIN number, write it down on an official looking piece of paper, and charge you \$10 (pretty lucrative scam, eh?). Supposedly the price of this service varies from police station to police station, but NEVER pay more than \$15.

2) Go to the first floor of the DMV (a.k.a. HELL), which may be downstairs depending where you enter. The DMV is located on 282 Main in Pawtucket; see DRIVER'S LICENSES. Bring the "bureaucratic trinity"! Skimping here will probably result in lots of anguish and pain. "Unhelpful" is a charitable description of the bureaucrats who "work" in the first floor of the DMV. If you have a bill of sale or a driver's license, bring them. Do not forget your VIN verification form that you paid \$10 for in Step 1! Make sure that anyone who is on the registration form as an owner is with you (you'll need their signature). If you do everything right, after 30-45 minutes in the cattle line (1-4 hours if you haven't arrived BEFORE THEY OPEN), you will pay \$25 for your new title and \$15-\$60 for your new plates (the exact price depends on your last name and the current month--no, I'm not joking).

If things do go wrong DO NOT attempt to reason with or get useful information out of the "workers" on the first floor. Call 588-3020 for help getting your registration and license plates.

If you want to register to vote, you can also do that upstairs at the DMV. You'll need proof of residency--e.g. RI driver's license, RI registration, RI checks, a savings account with your address, or your lease. This is similar to the third part of the "bureaucratic trinity" but please note that a utility bill with your address will not be accepted in this case. You'll need to have been a RI resident for 30 days. You won't be able to vote until 30 days after you've registered.

#### 17.4 EMISSIONS TESTS

All vehicles in RI must pass an annual inspection including an exhaust emissions test. The vehicle requires inspection by the end of the month indicated on your inspection sticker. Every car and light truck weighing 8,500 pounds or less (GVWR) requires an inspection consisting of both a test for safety and for emissions. The inspection fee is \$47.00 and when a vehicle passes inspection it receives an inspection report and a sticker good for two years. Vehicle registered as antiques are exempt. When you go for inspection be certain to have your vehicle registration with you to present to the inspection station. The inspection can not be performed without the registration. Newly registered cars must be tested within five business days after being registered (unless the car is new; then it must be tested after it's one year old.) Inspections are given at a large number of private garages licensed by the state. They're not too hard to find. Be careful of garages that often "find" things wrong with your car that must be fixed before it "passes". Watch out for this kind of scam. Check out <http://www.riinspection.com> for more information.

#### 17.5 EXCISE TAX

Under Rhode Island law an excise tax is charged on every motor vehicle registered in the state. The tax is assessed by the town in which the vehicle is kept, and varies from town to town. In the City of Providence the tax rate is \$76.78 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The value assigned to any car is the book value and not the actual value. Call the Providence Tax Assessor for more information at 421-5900. Or just register your car and wait. They will eventually catch up with you and send a bill each quarter (or less often if the tax you owe is minimal because your car is a piece of junk). According to various sources, this tax is being phased out, and should be gone entirely by 2005.

#### 17.6 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

No-fault insurance has recently become mandatory in Rhode Island. Of course, there may still be a large number of drivers who drive without insurance. On top of this, it is somewhat of an understatement to say that many Rhode Islanders have very poor driving habits (see DRIVING IN RHODE ISLAND (A.K.A. TEMPTING DEATH) section above). Some Rhode Islanders also have a tendency to steal cars. Unsurprisingly, insurance rates for the Providence area are very, very high.

We highly recommend you call a number of insurance agencies before deciding on a policy as the quotes for comparable coverage can vary wildly. Definitely give GEICO (1-800-841-3000) a call, as they offer a substantial student discount for graduate students whose schools are members of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS). A portion of that \$30 activity fee you pay goes to pay dues in NAGPS, and you can possibly recoup it many-

fold by checking out this discount. Also, if you own a radar detector, you should be aware that mentioning it can often lead to rejection letters from insurance companies.

If you have inquiries or complaints about an insurance company, call the state office for insurance complaints at 222-2223.

### 17.7 AUTOMOBILE THEFT

Rhode Island has the highest rate of automobile theft in the country, right ahead of Massachusetts. Informal anecdotes suggest a lot of it is joyriding, so the first thing you should do is buy a steering wheel lock (such as The Club, cost \$30-60). Cars parked around Brown and in Brown University lots are especially vulnerable. Even your driveway may not be safe - we know of several cases in which cars were stolen from driveways while the graduate students were inside their houses. Lock your car at all times--although it doesn't seem to help much. Good advice would be not to leave a tape/CD deck or electronic device in the dashboard or visible in the passenger compartment when your car is parked - and certainly don't leave your CDs on the floor or the seat, and don't leave a cell phone around.. If you value your car at all, invest in some sort of alarm or anti-theft device (such as chaining the steering wheel to the brake pedal or even buying a flashing light for your dash for about \$10-20). Your car is less likely to be stolen if a thief can more easily drive off in the car parked next to yours. You may also get an auto insurance break if you buy an approved anti-theft device. Independent Glass on Valley St., 421-1865, carries and install security systems. You may think that we are going overboard, but we are not. Trust us - we are an advice book, and we speak from personal experience.

### 17.8 MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Auto repairs here are expensive (going rate is about \$50-70 per hour). There are always a number of mechanics who will rip you off, and you are even more likely to discover them if you have to have repairs which are covered by insurance. You'll probably want to ask your friends for the name of a good mechanic, but if they don't know anyone, these are some companies from whom we've heard or experienced good things (no guarantees though!):

**AL GEMMA'S AUTO BODY**, 17 Kent Av. in Warwick, 738-1008. There are conflicting opinions on this place.

**AL'S AUTO WORKS**, 251 Massasoit Ave., East Providence, 431-0200. Formerly India Point Service & Repair. Highly recommended. Helpful, will explain things, good prices. RI Inspection Station.

**D'AMBRA TEXACO SERVICE STATION**, 761 Hope St., 621-2348. Bob D'Ambra was recommended to me by a professor. I haven't checked him out myself yet, but the prof swears by him.

**DINO FALCONIO'S SERVICE CENTER**, 265 Station St. in Cranston, 461-5080. Cheap and good. A life-saver. If you have a \$500 car, go to him. Only drawbacks: cheap service is not fast; he won't fix things that are nonessential or that cost more than the car deserves.

**EAST SIDE SERVICE CENTER (SHELL)**, 152 Angell St. (just off Thayer), 751-3090. Advertising AAA emergency service, towing, and minor repairs. This garage is very expensive if the repair is not an emergency. And they can be jerks about towing to other locations. Try only if you have AAA.

**EAST SIDE SERVICE CENTER (SHELL)**, 1100 Hope St., 421-9100. Same owners as the other SHELL station, but bigger repair facility. Good and reasonably priced.

**H & M AUTO REPAIR**, 123 Putnam Park, Johnston, 231-2070. Specializes (but not exclusively) in repairs on Volkswagen vehicles. Specializing in rebuilt engines. Towing. Good service at a good price.

**JOHN JOHN'S AUTOMOTIVES**, 1895 County St., South Attleboro. 1-508-399-5578. Honest, reliable, top-notch work. Certified Volvo and Peugeot mechanic, but he'll work on any car. Barely into Massachusetts on I-95.

**MULZER'S CAR CARE**, 591 Boston Neck Rd, North Kingston, 295-7040. Dedicated, honest, and never condescending. Not only that but they drive you to and from their place.

**R & F AUTO SERVICE**, 2740 Hartford Av., 934-9845. The pride of Johnston. Honest. Cheap. Competent. Rare! Specializes in American cars and Hondas. Can do most imports too.

**TOMASSO AUTO CENTER/SWEDISH MOTORS**, 729 East Avenue, Pawtucket (near Hope St. and Blackstone Blvd. intersection), 723-1111. Highly recommended. Honest and dependable, fairly priced. Specializes in Volvos and Saabs, but handles most cars. On a direct busline to campus. RI Inspection Station.

#### 17.9 AUTO PARTS AND SUPPLIES

**AUTOPARTS, INC.**, 21 Massasoit Ave., East Providence, 438-2100. Just over the Waterman St. bridge.

**FOREIGN AUTOPART**, 1394 Broad St., 785-0022 420 Taunton Ave., East Providence, 438-0420. Good prices and good service.

**HAROLD'S MOTOR PARTS COMPANY**, 552 Warren Ave., East Providence, 434-2382. Also machine shop service.

**PEP BOYS**, 1246 N. Main St., 273-2011. A huge, generic "automotive supercenter". A perfectly fine place to pick up a few quarts of oil or a license plate frame that reads "WAZZAAAAP!" and they probably carry the part you need if it's not too exotic. Still, not my favorite place to patronize, and I would not trust my car to their repair shop!

Also consider used parts. If you need a door or a gas cap, calling the junkyards is a good way to save some money and eliminate the middleman price raising by your repairman for the part. Call several for the best price, prices can widely vary. To start, try these:

**AMP AUTO SALVAGE**, 1184 Douglas Ave., N. Providence, 353-9714.

**KING AUTO PARTS**, 935 High St., Central Falls, 725-1298.

#### 17.10 MACHINE SHOP SERVICE

**SIMPLEX AUTOMOTIVE PARTS COMPANY**, 1011 Westminster St., 331-3500. Strictly professional; excellent work.

#### 17.11 PARKING

A Providence ordinance prohibits all-night parking on any city street. There is a \$15 fine for this violation. Other parking violation fines are \$15 except snow emergency and handicapped parking which is \$50. Try to pay your tickets on time. The ticket price doubles, then triples with time. If you have five unpaid tickets, the police will place a "boot" on your car. Then, you cannot drive your car without paying the tripled value of all your tickets, plus the \$50 rental of the boot. The police are especially active with the boot around finals. If those tickets really accumulate, there is also some sort of annual parking amnesty day when you can come clean at a less painful price.

The availability of parking spaces varies with the neighborhood. Expect to pay from \$35 to \$60 a month for a space if your apartment house has no off street parking. Garage space is very difficult to find. Rates can be expensive. You will have to track down the owners of parking lots to make inquiries.

#### PARKING AROUND CAMPUS

**BROWN LOTS**, Brown Parking Office, 75 Charlesfield St., 863-3157. The Parking Office administers all of the Brown parking lots. Daytime and overnight parking is available for monthly and yearly rates. Stop by the office or call for complete information. The yearly rates range from \$90/yr. to \$960/yr. depending on location and duration. Monthly rates are comparatively high. Note that overnight spaces are distributed by lottery and harder to get. There is also a \$25/yr sticker that will let you park in the Athletic lot while using the gym.

**NEARBY STREETS**. If you live far enough off campus that you need to drive in, but can't afford (or can't get) a space in a Brown lot you have the option of parking on the streets. Most streets on or near campus have 2-3 hour parking limits, and the parking police are out in force, so you will have to drop what you're doing every couple of hours and go quest for a new parking space (an activity that can take up to half an hour in itself). As you go further away from campus, you will be able to find places where you can park all day on the street. The closest ones get snapped up fast, though, and you may find that you have to arrive by 8am to avoid a mile-long walk to and from your car.

**REGISTERING YOUR CAR WITH BROWN.** If you purchase space in a Brown lot, this will occur automatically. However, Brown, alias Big Brother, wants to keep tabs on you and will try to get you to register your car regardless. Warning: Do Not Do This! The reason is that if you ever get a Brown Parking Ticket (as opposed to a Providence City ticket which is bright orange, you'll know the difference), Brown can do nasty things like put your ticket on your bursars bill or withhold it from your paycheck. There's no reason to give Brown more of your money. You have been warned.

## 17.12 MOTORCYCLES

You will quickly notice that motorcyclists are not required by law to wear helmets in Rhode Island. Their passengers, however, are. (This explains the peculiar East coast sight of helmetless bikers with helmeted biker babes. It's not just fashion, it's the law. Look for the scabbed foreheads on Thayer St.) This is some bizarre, twisted interpretation of your personal freedom which supposes that you are qualified to decide if you want to kill yourself while driving a motorcycle, but are not qualified to decide if you want to kill yourself while someone else is doing the driving.

If you want to get a motorcycle license in Rhode Island, you must take a motorcycle driving course. These are run in the summer and cost a grand total of \$20. However, you must already have a valid RI Driver's License (no other state will do), since the motorcycle license is simply an add-on to your regular license. For more info, go to [www.dmv.state.ri.us](http://www.dmv.state.ri.us).

Rhode Island is a big motorcycling state, with many motorcycle dealers and repair shops. However, no-one knowledgeable about these has come forward with their wisdom, so we have nothing to say on this score. If you need info, the yellow pages will be as much help as we could be. It does seem to us that if you have a motorcycle you are required to hang out on Thayer with the other motorcyclists who have for some reason chosen to remove their mufflers chill all night in front of the "Gap Kids" near Brown University. Must be something in the water.

If you do have a motorcycle, you will definitely have to participate in the annual "Blessing of the Bikes". This is an event that occurs on the first Sunday in May on Smith St. in front of the State Capital. Just about every bike in the state drives by a man dressed suspiciously like Friar Tuck to be sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed for the summer season. It is truly a sight to be seen.

## 18 PLANES, TRAINS, AND BUSES (PLUS TRAVEL AGENCIES)

### 18.1 BUSES

**LOCAL:** The transit system here is known as RIPTA ("rip-tah;" Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority) and the bus routes cover pretty much the entire state. Not too many transit systems can boast that. Of course, if you're heading out to the nether regions of the state (I'm talking about the boonies like Pascoag or Little Compton) don't expect a bus every 15 minutes - but you will get a bus. In the urban areas of Providence-Cranston-Warwick etc., you can expect a bus every 15-20 minutes during rush hour peak times and 30-45 minutes off-peak. The fare system is simple, as their slogan boasts: "One Rate-Ocean State." The one way fare to anywhere in the state is a flat \$1.25. Transfers, required to change from one bus line to another, are an extra 25 cents. RIPTA offers free service on summer "ozone alert" days - listen for announcements on TV and radio. Each bus is also equipped with a bike rack for the multi-modal commuter.

RIPTA's supplementary bus system of "Providence Link Trolleys" connects the East Side to other neighborhoods, such as downcity and Federal Hill, via Kennedy Plaza. Whether you love 'em or hate 'em, these goofy little trolleys cost only 50 cents per trip and might save you from walking up the hill. For complete route and scheduling info, call RIPTA at 781-9400 or better yet, visit their website at [www.ripta.com](http://www.ripta.com)

RIPTA also operates a ferry service between Providence and Newport (\$4 one way, 1-1/2 hours). The ferry leaves the Point Street Landing 4 times daily (plus an extra late-night trip on Fri. and Sat.).

## LONG DISTANCE

**Providence is serviced by two long distance bus carriers:**

**Bonanza Bus Lines:** 751-8800 or 1-888-751-8800. Located at 1 Bonanza Way (easiest way to get there is to take

exit 25 off of I-95 and look for what looks like the mother of all toolsheds). Bonanza offers service from Providence to Newport, Hartford CT, Albany NY, Boston, New York, and Logan Airport, to name a few. They also offer service from Providence's T.F. Green airport to the above locations as well as a few others. There are 18 trips daily to Boston (\$9.25 one way; \$17.00 return). New York is serviced 9 times daily (\$32.25 one way; \$57.25 return; \$42.75 same-day return) and Boston's Logan Airport 12 times (\$18 one way; \$32 return). More information available at [www.bonanzabus.com](http://www.bonanzabus.com)

**Greyhound Bus Lines:** 454-0790 or 800-231-2222. The "station" (snicker, snicker) is located at 102 Fountain St. If you happen to be waiting for a bus in the evening and you don't mind being exposed to the elements, say on a rainy and blustery Sunday night in March, while watching the sobriety-impaired members of Providence high society wander in and out of the choice establishment that is "The Sportsmen's Club", then this is the place for you! Otherwise, they've got pretty decent fares, and they service the entire nation. Of interest to most of us is Boston (11 trips daily; \$7.50 one way; \$13.50 return), New York (14 trips daily; \$22 one way; \$39 return) and Logan Airport (8 trips daily; \$15 one way; \$30 round trip). Check their website out for more info [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

## 18.2 TRAINS

**The Providence railway station is located at 100 Gaspee St., near Providence Place mall and the State House.**

**AMTRAK: 1-800-USA-RAIL.** Let's face it, if you want real railway service that can get you to pretty much anywhere you want at a reasonable price and with good connections, you're on the wrong continent. This isn't Europe, and Providence is not Gare Saint Lazare. Still, I must say there's something a bit more charming about taking the train than lumbering down the interstate on a bus - if you don't mind forking over the dough. There are 13 daily trips to Boston (\$19 one way) and a dozen daily trips to New York (\$46 one way). The flashy, speedy ACELA trains run during peak times at double the speed and double the price. Note that Amtrak occasionally has two-for-one-and-a-half or three-for-two specials and offers a 15%-discount to Student Advantage card holders. For more propaganda, visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**MBTA:** 1-800-392-6100. Provides commuter rail to Boston. There are 12 trains per weekday from Providence to Boston (\$5.75 one way) and NO weekend trains. For more options (including weekends), take the 10-minute drive to South Attleboro (Newport Ave/Rte. 1 and Colvin St, off I-95) where you can park all day for a dollar and ride for \$4.50 (one way). The "T" also offers monthly passes and family discounts. Check out their little piece of cyberspace at [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com), and look for "commuter rail" information.

**Note:** The number of "daily" trips given in the above two sections applies only to those buses/trains that run 7 days a week. There are of course additional buses/trains that run at sub-weekly schedules (eg. "Sundays only" or "Monday-Wednesday-Friday"). Consult the individual carrier for more info.

## 18.3 AIRPORT

**Billed as the second busiest airport in New England, T. F. Green International (yeah, right) Airport (PVD) in Warwick is Rhode Island's gateway to the world. For the most part, PVD is a cute, modern, efficient little airport. In fact, rumor has it that Green is so convenient that it draws passengers from Boston who want to avoid the hassle of Logan (see below). Also, it conveniently provides arrival/departure information on the web ([www.pvd-ri.com](http://www.pvd-ri.com)), including flight status.**

**To get to T. F. Green, take exit 13 off I-95. A cab ride to/from Providence will cost you about \$20. You can also take the #12 bus from Kennedy Plaza, but it doesn't run on Sundays and holidays. Between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Airport Limousine Shuttle is your best bet - they charge \$9 one way and two pieces of luggage are included in this. There is a surcharge of \$1 per bag for your extra luggage. This shuttle leaves on the hour from T.F. Green, making a loop that stops at the Westin, Biltmore, RISD (30 Waterman), Faunce Arch, Thayer/Charlesfield, Keeney Quad, RISD (55 Angell), Marriot, Amtrak Station, and finally back to the airport. Call (401) 737-2868.**

The only international flight out of PVD seems to be to Toronto. So, if you're traveling out of the country, you'll probably end up flying out of Logan Airport in Boston (see Bonanza bus for available services). Logan is often plagued by delays and cancellations, and has its own ultra-confusing ever-under-construction highway system. Good luck; and leave early!  
**[www.massport.com/logan](http://www.massport.com/logan)**

#### 18.4 TRAVEL AGENCIES

There are two agencies on Thayer St. to handle your needs: **Providence Travel** (229 Thayer; 521-4545), and **Council Travel** (220 Thayer; 331-5810; **[www.counciltravel.com](http://www.counciltravel.com)**). Council Travel deals better with budget/student travel and offers ISIC/GO25 cards. You might want to handle your travel plans online, however . . . it might well be cheaper.

### 19 GETTING AROUND CAMPUS

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#### 19.2 GETTING AROUND AT NIGHT

Despite its tranquility, the East Side is not a safe place for men or women walking alone. Travel in groups, and remember that the red button on any of the campus emergency phones will connect you directly with Police and Security. Each phone has an automatic identifier so that your location will be known once the call has been answered. Many campus phones are illuminated with blue lights for ease in identification. Also, make use of Brown's shuttle, safewalk, and escort services, which are described below.

**IMPORTANT:** Brown is out-sourcing and expanding its Shuttle, Escort and Safewalk services starting in 2003-4. The details of these programs have not yet been finalized. The information presented below is from last year's program. Look for a public announcement of the new programs in early September. You can also check Brown's Department of Public Safety website for updates ([www.brown.edu/Administration/Public\\_Safety](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Public_Safety)).

#### 19.3 SHUTTLE

The shuttle is similar to a bus service--three vehicles operate on a 15 minute loop that spans the entire campus and stops at all major points. With a vehicle arriving at each stop every 5 minutes, the service is both accessible and efficient [*usually--ed.*]. The shuttle operates between 5 pm and 3 am, 7 days a week, except during major holidays and summers. Brown community members may also use the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) shuttle to get to stops not covered by the Brown route. The hours for the RISD shuttle are 5:00 pm to 2:00 am, Monday - Friday, and 7:00 pm to 2:00 am, Saturday and Sunday.

#### 19.4 ESCORT

The escort is for the use of Brown community members who reside off-campus to transport them to and from the university for academic and university matters. It is not a taxi and will not take riders to commercial areas (e.g. supermarkets, Laundromats) or friend's homes. Additionally, the escort is not intended to serve as a primary means of transportation; it is designed to be a safe alternative when one's primary transportation is unavailable.

The escort operates from 5 pm-3 am every day except during major holidays. All off-campus community members are eligible to use the escort service and must register their address with Police and Security.

#### 19.5 SAFEWALK

In addition to the shuttle service, Police and Security sponsors the Safewalk program. Safewalk is a volunteer organization comprised of students who provide point-to-point walking escorts anywhere on campus to Brown community members. Volunteers travel in pairs and--like the shuttle and escort drivers--are equipped with two way radios. Safewalkers also contribute to campus safety by patrolling the area and identifying safety risks. The service is available from 8 pm - midnight, Monday through Thursday, but is subject to the availability of volunteers.

#### 19.6 CAB COMPANIES

When it comes to calling a cab to take you to the airport, the best thing to do is plan well in advance, and have a back-up plan. Witness one student's story: "Last Tuesday I had called College Cab to pick me up on Wednesday at 5 a.m. They didn't show and on top of that they said I never called! Luckily, Red & White Cab saved me." Good luck!

COLLEGE CAB/ WALSH CAB, **943-3636**.

**RED & WHITE** (a.k.a. **EAST SIDE CAB/TAXI, AIRPORT EXPRESS, AIRPORT LIMOUSINE SERVICE**), 521-4200. Yes, they all have the same phone number. Go figure.

**Airport Van Shuttle**, 737-2868.

## 19.7 BICYCLES

I hope the "Driving in Rhode Island" section is still fresh in your mind because if you think local driving conditions and local drivers are pretty brutal from the safety of your two thousand pound car, now imagine yourself at the helm of a twenty pound bike. Where's your seatbelt and airbag now, eh bicycle boy? Still, don't let me discourage you from taking advantage of the only means of transportation that you'll likely be able to afford. And the East Bay Bike Path (see Athletics section) does offer a little redemption for the pothole-weary cyclist looking for a nice ride. Rumored to be a good book for cyclists is "Best Bike Rides in RI."

**The closest bike shop is Esta's Too, 257 Thayer 831-2651. They're small and not that well supplied, but they do decent repairs and they rent bikes as well. Rainbow Bicycles (144 Brook St., 861-6176) is both close-by and recommended. Other places to try include Providence Bicycle (725 Branch Ave., 331-6610) and East Providence Cycle Co. (414 Warren Ave., East Providence, 434-3838). Finally, for dirt cheap bikes, you can always try the Salvation Army (201 Pitman St., 421-5270).**

**Bike theft is the rule, not the exception, in Providence. Buy a good U-lock and use it *ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE* - even when stored inside. It's also a good idea to get a cable to lock your wheels to the frame. Though one student warns: "Of course, U-locks are no guarantee. My bike was stolen with the U-lock. If your bike is outside, it will be stolen." Also, register your bike with Police and Security who will engrave it to make it readily identifiable if it is recovered.**

## 20 CAMPUS RESOURCES

### 20.1 GRADUATE SCHOOL DEANS AND OTHER V.I.P.s

#### **GRADUATE SCHOOL DEANS**

The Deans of the Graduate School have had their offices in Tower E of the Graduate Center on the fourth floor, but as of the end of 2003 and the beginning of 2004 the Graduate School will move to Horace Mann. More information is/will be available at [http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate\\_School/](http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate_School/). Here are some of their duties:

**Karen Newman** (Karen\_Newman@Brown.edu) is currently Dean of the Graduate School, and has held that position since the fall of 2001. She is responsible for promoting the vitality and health of graduate education at Brown. Other responsibilities of this position include representation of the Graduate School to other members of the Brown community, chairing the Graduate Council, and serving on a variety of University committees. **Georgia Termin** (Georgia\_Termin@Brown.edu) handles the Dean's appointment calendar. 863-2831.

**William Heindel** (William\_Heindel@brown.edu), 863-2843, is Associate Dean of the Graduate School for Academic Affairs.

Status (e.g. leaves of absence, traveling scholars)

Support issues including research funding

Outside fellowships and grants

Academic disciplinary issues and academic counseling

**Michael Plater** (Michael\_Plater@Brown.edu), 863-2843, is Associate Dean of the Graduate School for Diversity.

Diversity recruitment, support and counseling

Health insurance, housing and auxiliaries

Non-academic disciplinary issues

Research travel and travel to conferences

**Carla Hansen** (Carla\_Hansen@Brown.edu), 863-3800, is Associate Dean of Graduate Student Life. She works half-time with graduate students and half-time with the undergrads. She is responsible for helping grad students address any personal concerns that interfere with academics, e.g., depression, relationship problems, difficulties with faculty or other grad students, questions about being in grad school, etc.

**Beverly Ehrich**, Assistant Director, Graduate Student Services, 863-9318

**Barbara Bennett**, Theses, 863-2843

**Linda Gillette**, Financial Aid (Student loans and financial affairs), 863-3184.

**Cynthia Taylor**, Payroll (payment of fellowships, receipt of checks, etc.), 863-2882.

**Erma Wallace**, Coordinator of Administrative Affairs (continues to oversee events and our office and to make sure that things run smoothly.) 863-2836.

### 20.2 OTHER DEANS & DIRECTORS

**JOHN ENG-WONG** is Director of the Foreign Students, Faculty, and Staff Office. He provides advice and assistance to Brown's international community. His office is a source of information on resources available at Brown and in Providence as well as advice on problems of cultural adjustment. Dean Eng-Wong serves as advisor to the Brown International Organization (BRIO) and devotes considerable time and energy to helping individual students with specific problems. His office is at 68 Brown St. 863-2427.

For more information, see the **Resources For International Students** section.

### 20.3 LIBRARIES: GETTING ACCESS TO OTHER UNIVERSITY COLLECTIONS

For more information on this subject, check out the Brown University library site, or jump to [http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University\\_Library/help/options.html#visit](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/help/options.html#visit).

The Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) includes nearly all public libraries in the state. Rhode island residents (including temporary residents) can obtain a CLAN card at the Providence Public Library by showing proof of a Rhode Island address, such as a telephone bill.

The Consortium of Rhode Island Academic Libraries (CRIARL) provides for Faculty borrowing privileges at member libraries. If you are a member of the Brown faculty and wish to borrow material from other CRIARL libraries, be sure to obtain a CRIARL identification card at the Rockefeller Library Circulation Office before visiting any of these libraries. Brown students are permitted on site use of the collections of the other CRIARL libraries; in some cases a letter of referral from a Brown reference librarian is required. CRIARL and local hospital libraries maintain a shared Union List of Serials.

The Library of the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) is available for onsite use by all Brown ID holders. Brown faculty members who wish to borrow material from RISD must first obtain a CRIARL card from the Rockefeller Library Circulation Office, as described above. Brown students need a letter of referral from the Rockefeller Library Circulation Office in order to borrow material from RISD.

The Association of Rhode Island Health Science Libraries (AHRISL) includes both academic and hospital libraries. Please check with the Sciences reference staff (401-863-3333) or the individual library before visiting.

The Library of Rhode Island (LORI) provides additional information about (and directions to) Rhode Island libraries and library services.

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### 20.5 (NOT SO) QUICK CASH - A NOTE ON LOANS

(Some of this information might be somewhat dated. For up-to-date information see the Brown Financial Aid site at <http://financialaid.brown.edu/> or the Graduate School at [http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate\\_School/](http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate_School/).)

Long-term loans are available to students who are enrolled in graduate degree programs (American citizens and permanent residents only). The University lends funds under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Applicants for federally insured loans are required to submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form in the spring. Federal Insured Loan applications and FAFSA forms may be obtained from the office of the Graduate School.

Graduate students also have access to the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program are negotiated with banks and similar lending institutions rather than Brown University although the University acts as a verifying agent. For information and applications, you should directly contact the lending institution in the community in which you officially reside.

In the past, short-term emergency loans were available up to \$200 through the Graduate School. These loans may be made to graduate students who are in unusual financial difficulty. They are to be repaid within a thirty to ninety day period from the date of issue, and there is no interest on these loans. A loan of \$50 can be obtained the same day; larger amounts require a waiting period of 3-5 days. It is unclear whether this policy remains in force. Good luck.

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### 20.7 CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS

**THE BROWN DAILY HERALD** ([www.browndailyherald.com](http://www.browndailyherald.com)) is published by a staff of undergraduates, although the paper is not officially the paper of Brown University, and is not affiliated with the school. The BDH covers all major campus events, is available online, and is distributed free of charge at various places around campus. The paper publishes a weekly events calendar in the Monday issue.

**THE GEORGE ST. JOURNAL** is the University's official staff ~~propaganda~~...um...I mean newspaper. Although

normally incredibly dry, the Journal is sometimes worth a good laugh as it tries to put a pro-Brown administration spin on even the worst of events. The one redeeming quality of the paper is that it has an extremely useful listing of weekly events. This is where you can quickly find out about departmental colloquia and seminars, plays, recitals, special events etc. on campus. If you don't receive it in your mailbox, you will see plenty of copies at the entrance to the Rock and the Sci-Li, as well as most dining facilities on campus. Some of you will find it impossible to escape this publication - it keeps coming and coming and coming . . .

You will see a number of other free publications around campus, especially near the entrances to the libraries, dining areas, and in Faunce House.

## 20.8 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

**STIPENDS:** Many graduate students hold fellowships, assistantships, teaching assistantships, or research assistantships administered by the Graduate School or their department of study. With most of these stipends, there are restrictions on holding any other employment at the same time, and approval is required from the Dean of the Graduate School. Occasionally a graduate student might even ask for such approval - we're not sure what the response would be if they so asked. You cannot hold two positions (two TA positions, or TA and RA, or fellowship and TA) at once.

Fellowships, scholarships, and long-term loans are administered through the Graduate School and are awarded on a competitive-need basis. Recommendations to the Graduate School must come through the Graduate Advisor in your department. Assistantships (teaching and research) are included in the annual budget of each department, and are controlled completely by the individual departments. More information on financial matters should be available from the Graduate Advisor in your department or from Elizabeth Burlingame at the Graduate School. (Elizabeth\_Burlingame@Brown.edu)

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**, 8 Fones Alley Box 1835, (401) 863-9922 fax (401) 863-9929, Student employment used to be part of Career Services, but is now handled by the office of Financial Aid. All information, including listings of new jobs, can be found at the web site at <http://www.financialaid.brown.edu/JobXHome.aspx>. Student employment lists campus jobs (all of which are open to graduate students) on a bulletin board. Such jobs include work in dining halls and snack bars, library work, athletics, Brown Daily Herald, tutoring of Brown students, and graders for academic subjects. Most of the academic and administrative offices at Brown do employ students, and graduate students are eligible for any job that is posted. There are also listings for off-campus jobs such as housecleaning, yard work, baby sitting, office jobs, and tutoring. Before you panic about running out of money, check out these bulletin boards.

According to the student employment office, on-campus student employment is defined as any job through which a student enrolled in a degree-granting program at Brown University is compensated with a paycheck issued by the Payroll Office of Brown University. *Students hired under these guidelines are matriculating students of Brown University and any employment with Brown University is incidental to their educational program at the University.* Students who are currently enrolled at Brown are eligible to apply for opportunities via the Student Employment web site regardless of work-study status; a work-study award is not required. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply for jobs.

First-year students are eligible for on-campus student employment as of July 1st of the year in which they are to begin their studies at Brown University. If a student terminates his or her enrollment at Brown University for reasons other than graduation, he or she may not continue working as a student employee, effective as of the date of separation from the university. December graduates may **not** continue working as student employees following the completion of their studies in December. May graduates who wish to continue working as student employees throughout the summer following graduation should contact the Student Employment Office.

**HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**, 164 Angell St. (Brown Office Building on the corner of Thayer and Angell Sts.), 863-3175. All requests for full-time, part-time, and temporary non-appointed staff must be processed through the Brown Personnel Office. Positions include clerks, secretaries, laboratory research assistants, and programmers. The Brown Personnel Office is probably most appropriate for spouses of graduate students, since they do not accept applications from

students carrying two or more courses. They will, however, hire students who are working on theses. For information about job openings, dial 863-9675 (863-WORK) or check the listings which you can access through the Brown web site at [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Human\\_Resources/jobs.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Human_Resources/jobs.html)

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## 20.10 CAREER SERVICES

**CAREER SERVICES** (x33326) 172 Meeting Street, Pembroke Hall. Hours: 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday during the Academic Year; 8:00-4:00 Monday-Friday, Summer. <http://www.careerservices.brown.edu/>

Call for an appointment, or drop by during walk-in hours (check hours each semester).

**Career Services is not just for undergraduates! It's a valuable resource for graduate students at all stages in their courses of study, and of course for students going on the academic and non-academic job markets. With funding from the Graduate School to increase services and resources for graduate students, expect a lot. In fact, the Graduate Student Council voted to give Career Services the 2000 Wilson-DeBlois Award for making a significant impact on the lives of Brown University graduate students.**

Take advantage of what Career Services has to offer by first speaking to a counselor about your needs (make sure to say you are a graduate student). Be assured that counselors are aware that your needs are different from those of undergraduates, and are sensitive to your situation. You won't have your C.V. critiqued by an undergraduate you've T.A.d. and you can attend programs designed specifically for graduate students, as well as programs useful to all students at Brown.

**The Career Services Library** (107 Pembroke Hall) contains resources graduate students will find helpful for finding funding opportunities during and after graduate study, self-assessment, career research, employer contacts and the nuts and bolts of the job search process, whether it be academic or non-academic. Specific resources in the library include guides to surviving graduate school, guides to finding grants and writing successful grant applications, directories of universities, research organizations, company literature, employer directories, and job newsletters. The Career Services website links to many particularly helpful resources on the internet, as well as the Brown Alumni Network online. The library also contains binders with information compiled by staff containing advice for MA/PhD students starting the job search, for writing or updating a curriculum vitae (with samples from students at different stages in their grad school careers), and for writing cover letters and thank you notes. Career Services offers programs during the year that are of interest to those in all departments, at all stages of graduate school. Faculty, grad alums, current students and staff participate.

**Examples of these programs include:**

**Positioning yourself for the future**

**Advanced grad students tell all**

**The non-academic job search series**

**The academic job search series**

**Career Options after graduate school**

**Resume, interview, cover letter and networking workshops**

**Alumni Career panels**

**Business Seminar**

Useful services for Beginning and Mid-Career Grad Students: **Think Career Services is only useful for students who are putting the final touches on their dissertations? Think again! Career Services has resources on finding tuition funding opportunities, surviving graduate school, finding part-time employment on or off campus to help pay the rent, and finding academic or research internships (many with stipends or otherwise remunerated). So don't spend your summer temping, find an internship that will look great on your curriculum vitae! Undecided about the career path you should pursue after graduate school? Career Services offers several self-assessment tests, individual counseling, access to the alumni network so you can talk to former Brown grad students in careers that**

interest you, and a wealth of literature in their library to help you decide. Career Services also runs programs for graduate students to help them develop job market skills such as CV writing and successful interviewing techniques, as well as seminars with Brown Graduate School Alumni talking about how they chose their careers or how they got that tenure-track position.

Useful Services for Grad Students Looking for Academic Jobs: **Your academic department is your first resource for finding out about jobs in your field and interview preparation, but Career Services has information sheets listing a number of useful websites with academic job postings, and print resources to help you begin your job search. In addition to the services listed above, you can also get counseling on aspects of the job search process from writing your curriculum vitae and tips for successful interviews to how to negotiate your salary after you've been hired. Career Services also maintains a Dossier Service: the first 10 times your Dossier is mailed to potential employers are free, a \$5.00 fee is charged for each subsequent mailing. The Career Services library also has excellent guides to landing your first post-graduate academic job.**

Useful Services for Grad Students Looking for Non-Academic Jobs: **Not sure academe is for you? Definitely decided to forego college teaching and/or research in favor of an alternative career in industry, management consulting, business, government, human services, or non-profit work? Through individual counseling and/or self-assessment tests, Career services can help you decide what path to take and develop skills to land your dream job. You can get help writing a resume, translating your academic accomplishments into 'real-world' skills, writing cover letters and thank you notes, practicing interviewing and contacting Brown Graduate School Alumni in your field of interest. Through e-recruiting you can access information about companies recruiting on campus, and attend information sessions. The fall Career Services Career Fair is open to all students, including graduate students.**

Career Services sends out emails publicizing all programs. (If you use an email address that is not the regular Brown email, you will not receive messages unless you have them forwarded.) Look for posters in your department, and for flyers in your mailbox.

## 21 Computers

### 21.1 COMPUTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

Whether you like it or not, computers are probably going to be a big part of your life while in Grad School at Brown. This section of the Brown Book should start you off on the road to productive computing.

#### COMPUTER CLUSTERS

Just because you'll need a computer while you are here doesn't mean that you have to buy your own. Computers are available for student use on campus in the form of "computer clusters." There are clusters located in the Science Library, the Rockefeller Library, and the CIT. Each cluster has both Macs and PCs. It is worth mentioning that your department may also have computers available for use-ask around!

In order to log on to the clusters at Brown, you will need a NetID and password. To get this, you will need to go to <https://webapps.brown.edu/activate>. Beyond logging into the cluster computers, your NetID allows you to do access email, check your course registration, and check your grades.

### 21.2 EMAIL

Once you have activated your NetID, you will have an email account. Your email address is First\_Last@brown.edu, where First is your first name and Last is your last name. The capitalization and underscore to the left of the @ sign are important. It does not matter how you do or do not capitalize brown.edu. Information about your Brown email account is available on the CIS (Computing & Information Services) web site at <http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/email.html>.

The easiest way to check your email (from any computer in the world) is using Webmail, which is available at <http://webmail.brown.edu>. Webmail is the easiest way to set up your email (because there is no setup!) but it is often not a convenient permanent setup on your home computer, for example. Why? Webmail goes down somewhat often, it is slower than a standard email client like Eudora or Outlook, and it does not have all the features of these other email clients. But again, in terms of simplicity and easy access, you can't beat it. See the "Computing at Home" section for information on other ways of setting up email at home.

### 21.3 COMPUTING AT HOME

Computing at home is now a little more difficult than it used to be. As of December 2000, Brown ceased offering its free dial-up modem service and left us at the mercy of the internet service provider (ISP) market. If you stubbornly refuse to pay for internet access and don't mind cluttering your desktop with flashing banner ads tailored to your surfing habits, there are many ISPs out there willing to connect you for free. However, for more dependable, faster, and less morally reprehensible service, you'll have to shell out \$15 to \$50 per month, depending on the package.

To set up a standard email client (like Microsoft Outlook) on your home computer, follow instructions found on the CIS website: <http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/email.html>.

It may be the case that you need or want to use another email account (i.e., a non-@brown.edu address). If you do this, however, it is important that you forward all of your brown.edu email to whichever email address you are using. Instructions on setting up Email Forwarding are available on the CIS site at [http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/netweb\\_redirect.html](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/netweb_redirect.html), which is a portal for a new system called myAccount.

HELP! If you're stuck, you can do several things. On the first floor of the CIT, there are pamphlets available showing you how to do common computer tasks, such as setting up Brown email, or checking newsgroups. Alternatively, you can explore the CIS website which has tons of helpful information (<http://www.brown.edu/cis>). You can email the CIS Help Desk at [help@brown.edu](mailto:help@brown.edu) if your question isn't answered on their site. Finally, you can call the CIS Help Desk during business hours at 863-4357 (863-HELP) if you want to talk to a real human being.

FINDING PEOPLE. The Electronic Address Book (EAB) is a searchable online directory of all members of the Brown community. Go ahead, search your own name. You're probably already in there. You can get to it from the main Brown

website (<http://www.brown.edu>) and entering names in "Find People at Brown."

#### 21.4 LISTSERV

A listserv is just a (usually pretty big) email list. The Brown Grad School community has a number of listservs run by the Grad Student Council (GSC). Basically, these listservs allow grad students to easily communicate with a large portion of the grad student population. We highly recommend that you sign up for one of the listservs. For detailed information about the listservs, and for instructions on how to sign up for them, please visit the GSC website (<http://www.brown.edu/gsc>) and click on the "Listservs" link on the left.

**SOFTWARE.** There are two types of software available from CIS: free and site-licensed. Free software can be downloaded, installed, and run on any computer; site-licensed software can only be run on computers that are physically on the Brown network and running KeyAccess software. Both types of software, along with instructions, are available through the website <http://www.brown.edu/software>.

**CAMPUS FILE SERVICE (CFS).** The CFS lets you store up to 25 megabytes of your very own junk (faculty and staff each get 100MB) on Brown's servers. You can store whatever you want-e-mail, word processing documents, digital photos, etc. Information about CFS is available on the pamphlets on the first floor of the CIT or online at <http://www.brown.edu/cis>.

**ONLINE JOURNALS.** If the romantic notion of a scholar rummaging through shelves of musty, brittle archives in a dimly lit library is what you seek at graduate school, don't read this section. For the rest of you, note that the library is subscribing to more and more e-journals all the time. Go to <http://www.brown.edu/library> and click on "E-resources" to see what's available. You're likely to need Adobe Acrobat Reader (available free for Macs and PCs) because most articles come in PDF format. If you cannot gain access to the electronic journals, then you are probably not physically present on the Brown network, and need to sign on through a Proxy Server. See the CIS website (<http://www.brown.edu/cis>) for more information on Proxy Servers.

## 22 SAFETY AND SECURITY (and IMPORTANT CAMPUS NUMBERS)

### 22.1 IMPORTANT BROWN PHONE NUMBERS

#### 22.2

**BROWN INFORMATION** 863-1000. Not too helpful, as it seems to be staffed only during business hours. After hours, a recording answers and tells you the emergency number, or you can press buttons for the storm line, or directions to Brown.

**THE BROWN UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY** is a listing of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all undergraduates and graduate students, the Brown phone numbers of all personnel, plus departmental addresses, phone numbers and rosters. Graduate students may omit their home addresses and telephone numbers if they so desire to avoid pesky midnight phone calls from their students the night before an exam. The Student Directory is available from the Registrar and the Brown Student Agency late in the fall. More immediately useful, perhaps, is the Electronic Address Book (EAB), available either at the Brown homepage ([www.brown.edu](http://www.brown.edu)) or through the undergraduate-managed Brown Daily Jolt ([www.brown.dailyjolt.com](http://www.brown.dailyjolt.com))

### SOME EMERGENCY NUMBERS

	Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies:	863-4111.
	Brown Police and Security	863-3322
Brown University Health Services	863-3953	
Brown University Psychological Services	863-3476	
Crisis Interventions	863-3322	
RI Poison Center	444-5727	
Providence Fire & Rescue	274-3344	
Providence Police Dept.	272-1111	
Samaritans-Suicide Prevention	272-4044	
TDD Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies	863-1740	

### NON-EMERGENCY

Police and Security Administrative Offices  
75 Charlesfield St. 863-3103

#### 22.3

### 22.4 SAFETY AND SECURITY

**BROWN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC SAFETY:** 863-3322 (for routine Public Safety response). [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Public\\_Safety/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Public_Safety/) Administrative Offices: (401)863-3103 **Police, Fire, and Medical Emergencies: 4111.** For police, fire, and medical emergency on or near campus, call any time, day or night. The department consists of 84 employees -- the patrol division, now formally known as the Community Policing Bureau, consists of 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 5 sergeants, 25 campus police officers, 16 security officers, 9 Communications Control Officers, 7 building guards, and 2 detectives. Police officers are trained at the Municipal Police Academy and are empowered by the State of Rhode Island to enforce state statutes. The 25 police officers, 6 supervisors, captain and the Chief of Police make up our sworn personnel. Security officers are trained by the department and, along with the campus police officers, are authorized by the university to enforce university rules and regulations. Both police and security officers patrol the campus 24-hours a day to deter crime, develop community relationships and respond to calls for service and assistance. 863-3322 is also the number to call to report crimes or suspicious activity and to handle lock-outs from university residence halls. The Public Safety Communication and Information Center is located at Faunce House Arch at 75 Waterman Street. The phone number is 863-3322 and TDD number is 863-1740. It is open and staffed 24 hours a day.

Department headquarters are located at 75 Charlesfield Street. These administrative offices are open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For administrative matters, call 863-3103, and for the parking office, call 863-3157. Campus\_Safety@Brown.edu.

Public Safety also runs "Operation Identification" - a free program to register your moveable items of value. To borrow an engraver or to register your bicycle, contact the Crime Prevention Division at 863-1438. Also, watch for the regular bike registration held on the Main Green each semester. Your unique identifying number will be registered with the Police and Security Crime Prevention Unit and, should your lost or stolen property be recovered, it will aid in the effort to identify and return the property.

**BROWN UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: 863-4111**

Brown University Emergency Medical Services (Brown EMS) is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. It provides Emergency Medical coverage to the Brown University community, including Advanced Life Support pre-hospital care and transport service. Brown EMS is a division of Brown University Health Services. In case of sudden illness or injury, call 863-4111, the campus emergency number, and request EMS.

Reasons to call EMS include but are not limited to: Difficulty breathing, major bleeding, obvious or suspected major injury, any injury that impairs mobility, loss of consciousness or unresponsiveness, diminished consciousness or mental confusion, severe pain - of sudden onset, of unknown cause, or of long duration, and severe alcohol/other drug intoxication. Brown University EMS is staffed by paid, experienced advanced life support providers and student volunteer EMT's. For more information you can contact the administrative office of Brown EMS at 863-3671. Please do not call this number for medical service. [http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Health\\_Services/EMS.htm](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Health_Services/EMS.htm)

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** If you have been sexually harassed by a member of the Brown community and want to file a formal complaint or explore other possibilities for action, we highly recommend contacting the Sarah Doyle Women's Center (863-2189) for help. The official graduate school contacts in cases of sexual harassment are Deans Plater (863-2289) and Hansen (863-3800, 863-2749). In case of sexual assault, call the Department of Public Safety (863-3322) and leave a real phone number and real or imaginary name, and the "Dean on Call" will be notified at home and will be there to help you. A note: "Dean on call" tends to be a misnomer. The deans do have families, and while they are happy to help in emergencies, if it is an academic matter, it might be able to wait until the next day.

**BROWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES: 863-3953**

For information, see HEALTH CARE section.

**BROWN UNIVERSITY RISK MANAGEMENT: 863-3353**

Risk Management takes reports of safety or fire hazards and handles Brown health insurance matters.

**PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT: 911 or 272-1111**

For emergencies not on or near campus, call anytime, day or night. For administrative offices, call 272-3121.

**PROVIDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT: 911 or 274-3344**

**RI POISON CENTER: 444-5727**

The center is operated by Rhode Island Hospital. When you plan to use hazardous materials, such as laboratory chemicals or illegal hallucinogens, always know in advance what to do in case of an emergency.

**22.5 GETTING AROUND AT NIGHT**

(See **GETTING AROUND CAMPUS** section above). See also Safewalk/Campus Escort for more at [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Public\\_Safety/stu\\_sec\\_index.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Public_Safety/stu_sec_index.html).

Student Security is currently comprised of 140 students. This includes coordinators, supervisors, employees and walkers. For job information, please call (401) 863-2322.

## **Escort**

A service for off campus residents to include students, faculty, and staff, that provides transportation to and from their residences and the campus. The escort is not a taxi service and will not take people to commercial areas or to friends' homes. Similarly, the escort will not transport friends to a rider's home. All off campus residents are eligible to use the escort service providing their residences are within current Escort boundaries. Escort also provides service to: Brown University students with disabilities who register through the office of Disability Support Services; RISD students, faculty and staff; Brown University students, faculty and staff with off-campus volunteer commitments within Escort boundaries; Brown University students who park their cars at the Stadium Lot(Lot 88) and the lot behind the Athletic Center (89 &90).

## **Safewalk**

A volunteer program run by students that provides point to point walking escorts for their fellow community members. Each two person team also patrols the campus, acting as additional "eyes and ears" for community safety. The teams can be identified by their distinctive Safewalk vests with reflective strips, and photo IDs. To request a safewalk, either approach a Safewalk team or call 863-1778. For more information, or to become a volunteer, call x31079.

## **Shuttle**

Three minivans operate on a 18 minute route, ensuring that a vehicle will be at each stop every 5-7 minutes. Passengers may board and disembark anywhere along the route, at the driver's discretion. For stops not covered by the Brown shuttle, members of the Brown community may also use the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) shuttle bus. The hours for the RISD shuttle are 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., Monday - Friday, and 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday.\*\* Schedules for the Brown and the RISD shuttles are available at Public Safety Headquarters and Communications Center, Sarah Doyle Women's Center, Offices of Residential Life, Student Life and Student Activities, the Rockefeller and Sciences Libraries. Schedules are subject to change.

## 23 HEALTH CARE

The following listing of agencies and organizations providing health care in the Providence area is not comprehensive. If you are interested in obtaining a referral to an area health care professional, contact Health Services at 863-3953.

A partial list of useful emergency phone numbers is given below:

Brown University Emergency Medical Services	863-4111
Brown University Health Services	863-3953
Brown University Psychological Services	863-3476
Crisis Interventions	863-3322
RI Poison Center	444-5727
Police and Security	863-3322
Providence Fire & Rescue	274-3344
Providence Police Dept.	272-1111
Samaritans (Suicide Hotline)	272-4044
Self-Preservation Society	351-8234

### 23.1 MAIN BROWN RESOURCES

**BROWN HEALTH INSURANCE.** Office of Risk Management, 4th floor Brown Office Building, 164 Angell St. Box 1914, 863-1703. All active students at Brown are required to have a health insurance policy. The insurance is separate from the Health Services Fee. An insurance plan is available through Brown to Graduate Students and their families. Information on their benefits are available from brochures at Brown Health Services and detailed information is available at the Office of Risk Management. The Brown plan relies on Brown Health Services and Psychological Services as its primary care sites; to maximize the insurance benefit, you must use these sites for primary care and all referrals. Exception: If you are off-campus in the summer, referrals from Health Services are not required during summer months. I am sorry to note that, while in the past the Brown plan covered one visit to the dentist, and great preventive measures, such as Hepatitis shots, these benefits are no longer covered, and the cost has risen to \$1000/student! The good news is that the Graduate School covers the entire cost of health insurance for individual graduate students provided that they are (a) full time students, (b) progressing towards their degrees, and (c) in their 1st-6th year of graduate work. Students in 7th, 8th, 9th, and nth (where n is some number greater than six and less than the average lifespan) years are eligible for the insurance subsidy, provided they talk to the graduate school and get the "ok" from the Graduate School deans.

**BROWN HEALTH SERVICES.** Andrew's House, 13 Brown St., 863-3953. The staff at Health Services is divided into teams consisting of a physician, nurse practitioners or physicians assistants, a registered nurse, and a secretary. Health Services membership (and payment of their fee) is mandatory during the school year, but optional in the summer. For summer coverage, students must pay \$90. You can pay this amount the first time you go into the facility during the summer, or at least so we are told. Web site at [http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Health\\_Services/index.htm](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Health_Services/index.htm). According to the 'site, "Brown University Health Services is committed to the concept of wellness." I don't know if this means that they help you attain "wellness," whatever the hell that may be. Let's just say that they are committed to the "concept" and leave it at that.

Health Services offers a wide range of care including x-rays, vaccines, immunizations, lab tests, and many other services. Upon referral from a Health Service provider, specialized care in dermatology, surgery, orthopedics, neurology, gynecology, and internal medicine is available on certain days at Health Services. Referrals to health care providers outside of the Brown community are available through Health Services.

Health Services also maintains a **Pharmacy** (x7882). Many prescriptions, as well as non-prescription medications and birth control items can be purchased at a reduced cost. To fill a prescription, it must be authorized by a Health Service provider (a legality, because they are not a public pharmacy).

[http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Health\\_Services/Pharmacy.htm#WhatCarry](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Health_Services/Pharmacy.htm#WhatCarry)

The **Health Education** section of Health Services (x2794) provides many programs including the Sexual Assault Survivors Group, the Anorexia/Bulimia group, and the Early Sobriety Group. Health Education also offers individual counseling and group counseling on many topics.

Health Services is open when the University is in session from 9:30-4:15 pm. (Mondays and Fridays they open at 8:30 am. Summer hours are reduced). During these times walk-ins and appointments are accepted. Health Services recommends making an appointment one or two weeks in advance and trying to make appointments with the same provider. (Marlene Eckerle, Cindy Capra, Dolores Norton and Tor Clark are particularly recommended practitioners.) When the University is in session, an RN is available after hours. The nurse can be reached at 863-3953, and a physician, a psychological services counselor, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are also on call. At any time--or during emergencies--contact the Brown Police Dispatch at 863-3322; EMTs are available 24 hours a day.

Students may request a Health Service provider of a specific gender if there is a preference. Physically handicapped access is available. TDD phone: 863-3953. Note that the Brown insurance plan requires students to use Health Services as primary care site and for referrals (except in emergencies) to maximize one's insurance benefit. Referrals are unnecessary in the summer, if student resides off-campus.

For more info call Health Services (863-3953) or check out the Student Handbook.

**BROWN PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.** Room 213, Rhode Island Hall (southwest corner of the main green), 863-3476.

Take the mental health( challenge: Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

*I need psychological help because:* (a) *I am unhappy in grad school.* (b) *I am happy in grad school* (c) *I am in grad school.* (d) *all of the above.*

- If you answered:
- (a) - read the below, then be thankful you're perfectly normal.
  - (b) - read the below, then RUN, don't walk to Psych. Services.
  - (c) - read the below, then consider how you came to take this quiz.
  - (d) - read the below, then look into a decision-making seminar.

Psychological Services, located in Rhode Island Hall, offers crisis intervention and short-term psychotherapy to students in distress. These short-term services are not intended to provide for the needs of students requiring long-term psychotherapy or other long-term psychiatric care. Psychological Services can assist students seeking Providence-area referrals for longer-term treatment.

Students from all of the diverse backgrounds represented in the Brown community make use of Psychological Services. They come during times of crisis and stress, when their usual coping mechanisms are not working well, or when they are faced with making difficult decisions. They may be having problems relating to friends or family, struggling academically, or feeling anxious or depressed. The staff has many years of experience in dealing with a broad range of problems.

To make an appointment, phone the office at 401 863-3476 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Crisis hours are also available; these are assigned to students in especially urgent situations after a telephone screening. Psychological Services staff members are on call after hours and during weekends; contact them at these times by phoning Health Services, 401 863-3953. All services are free of charge.

Records are confidential and are not a part of students' medical records maintained at Health Services. Generally, information is released only with written authorization from the student; however, information may be disclosed without the student's consent under certain specific circumstances as permitted by law. These circumstances are reviewed with students prior to their receiving services.

Each semester Psychological Services offers a variety of workshops, groups, and presentations on mental health issues. These programs are offered to the general student population and for residence-hall or special-interest groups that request them. For more information on what is being offered during the current semester, contact Psychological Services.

Phone: 863-3476, Campus box: 1960, Address: Rhode Island Hall, Psychological Service URL:

[http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Psychological\\_Services/](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Psychological_Services/)

## 23.2 OTHER BROWN RESOURCES

**THE ADVOCATE PROGRAM (SEXUAL ASSAULT).** Brown University has several people specifically trained to act as advocates for sexual assault survivors. The advocate's job is to assist a student in whatever way is needed. The advocate can help the student explore what options are available and offer the student a supporting hand or guidance when dealing with the school's disciplinary process, which can be confusing and difficult. Contact Dean Hansen's office at 863-3800.

**BROWN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.** Dispatched from 863-4111. Brown EMS offer 24 hour a day services to the Brown community. The ambulance is dispatched through the Brown University Police. Brown EMS also offers classes in CPR and a state licensed EMT program. Questions should be directed to the coordinator's office, 863-3671.

**CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE.** Faunce House, 2nd Floor, Box 1931, 863-2344. Personal counseling at the Chaplain's office is available upon request. (See SPIRITUAL LIFE section)

**DRUG OR ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY.** There was once an associate Dean of the College for drug or alcohol dependency. His counseling and support group was open to graduate students. He no longer exists, it seems. The space next to "Alcohol and Chemical Dependency" on the "Dean Assignments" link is blank. Coincidence? Conspiracy? Perhaps he knew too much? You be the judge. The truth is out there . . .

**SARAH DOYLE WOMEN'S CENTER.** 26 Benevolent St., Box 1829, 863-2189. The Sarah Doyle Women's Center sponsors a referral resource center with many facilities on file. [http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sarah\\_Doyle\\_Center/](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sarah_Doyle_Center/)

## 23.3 COUNSELING SERVICES

Note: the Brown insurance plan requires students to use Health Services as primary care site and for referrals (except in emergencies) to maximize one's insurance benefit. Referrals are unnecessary in the summer, if student is off-campus.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (RHODE ISLAND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE).** 410 N. Broadway, East Providence, RI 02914, (438-8860), weekdays 9:30 am - 4 pm. The Central Service Office is the coordinating organization for AA groups in the area. [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org)

**BUTLER HOSPITAL.** 345 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI, 02906, (455-6200 or 455-6230). Butler Hospital is the only private, non-profit, adult/adolescent psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Care provided by Butler Hospital ranges from In-Patient Hospital, Partial Hospital, Substance Abuse Treatment Services, to the Outpatient Specialty Programs. Specialized treatment is available in many programs including treating depression, family therapy, women's treatment programs, and anxiety disorders. Many insurance agencies and some HMOs provide reimbursement for the services provided by Butler Hospital. [www.butler.org](http://www.butler.org)

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS.** In Warwick, 738-8329. The nation's largest casino, Foxwoods Resort, is an hour away in Connecticut, run by the Pequot Indians. They gross \$1,500,000 daily on slot machines alone. They are supported in no small part by the Brown University community. [www.foxwoods.com](http://www.foxwoods.com)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS.** 24-Hour hotline 461-1110. NA is an organization that offers support for narcotics abuse. The organization schedules regular programs. A current schedule can be obtained from Brown Health Services or by calling 461-1110. [www.newenglandna.org](http://www.newenglandna.org)

**THE PROVIDENCE CENTER.** 520 Hope St., Providence, RI 02904, (276-4020 or 1-800-456-0300). 24-Hour Emergency Services: 274-7111. The Providence Center has a full time staff of psychologists, therapists, psychiatric nurses, and specialty education teachers, with a full range of services. Therapy is available for emotional problems including stress, depression, anxiety, family and marital difficulties, and many others. The center also has a

comprehensive program for substance abuse.

<http://www.providencecenter.org/>

**RHODE ISLAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER.** 24-Hour rape abuse hotline 1-800-494-8100, 300 Richmond St. Suite 205, Providence, RI 02903, (421-4100). See also the **RESOURCES FOR WOMEN** section.

**THE SAMARITANS-SUICIDE PREVENTION.** 24-Hour hotline: 272-4044, (Outside of Providence: 1-800-365-4044), 2 Magee St., Providence, RI. The Samaritans is an organization dedicated to suicide prevention and awareness. For other local hotlines go to <http://suicidehotlines.com/rhodeisland.html>.

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### 23.5 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Note: the Brown insurance plan requires students to use Health Services as primary care site and for referrals (except in emergencies) to maximize one's insurance benefit. Referrals are unnecessary in the summer, if student resides off-campus.

**MIRIAM HOSPITAL.** 164 Summit Ave., Providence, RI 02906 (331-8500). Miriam Hospital is a general hospital with a complete line of care. Their phone number is 331-8500. The emergency unit extension is 3000, the admitting extension is 2200, and the patient information extension is 2500. <http://www.lifespan.org/partners/tmh/>

**RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL.** 593 Eddy St., Providence, RI 02903 (444-4000). The Rhode Island Hospital is the largest health care facility in the area. The hospital offers a full range of services and is the state designated regional trauma center and poison center. <http://www.lifespan.org/partners/rih/>

**ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER.** 825 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, RI (456-2000). Roger Williams is a full service medical center. Important phone numbers are: Emergency Dept. 456-2121, patient info 456-2002. <http://www.rwmc.com/>

**ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH SERVICES,** Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, 200 High Services Ave., Providence, RI 02907 (456-3000). St. Joseph's Hospital is a general hospital with a full range of services. <http://www.sjahs.org/>

**VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER.** 830 Chalkstone Ave., Providence, RI (273-7100). The VA is a rehabilitative center serving the Rhode Island region. For eligibility and program information call 457-3052. <http://www.va.gov/>

**WOMEN AND INFANTS' HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND.** 101 Dudley, Providence, RI 02905 (274-1100). Women and Infants' Hospital is located on a joint campus with the Rhode Island Hospital. It has the largest obstetrical service in RI. The hospital also has the region's only high-risk obstetrical unit for special care and diagnostic treatment of pregnancy related complications. The hospital has a neonatal intensive unit, a center for women's surgery, a gynecological/oncology program, a volunteer services program, and many more services. <http://www.womenandinfants.com/>

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF RHODE ISLAND.** 111 Point St., Providence, RI 02903, 421-9620. Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island (PPRI) provides many services, including routine gynecological care, screening and treatment of STDs (for both men and women), AIDS testing and counseling, colposcopy, (*ed. Note: no, we didn't know either. Go to Google and type in "Colposcopy." The first link says "so what is a colposcopy?" Google is god*) laser surgery, and first trimester abortions. PPRI also has programs for community education, a resource center, and outreach services. <http://www.ppri.org/>

Care provided by PPRI is comprehensive and many insurance plans, including Brown's, will reimburse for a number of services provided at the clinic. Strict confidentiality is maintained, and an escort service is available. The clinic is open Monday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm, Wednesday 8:30 am - 7:30 pm, Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am - 9:00 pm, Saturday Closed. Be warned that the clinic is very busy on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The following hotlines provide advice and alternatives to abortion:

<b>CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE</b>	1-800-672-2296
<b>ABORTION INFO HOTLINE</b>	1-888-261-2220
<b>PROBLEM PREGNANCY OF PROVIDENCE</b>	421-0820
<b>RIGHT TO LIFE SERVICES</b>	521-1860

#### 24 SPIRITUAL LIFE AT BROWN

#### 24.1 OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAINS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

The Chaplain's Office is located on 2nd Floor Faunce House; tel. 863-2344, Box 1931. All The web site of the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, which contains all sorts of useful information, can be found at <http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Chaplains/>. The Brown office is committed to providing all students at Brown support in pursuing their faith, and is not limited to those in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The current chaplains and campus ministers are:

**REV. JANET COOPER NELSON**, Chaplain of the University (863-2344).

**RABBI ALAN C. FLAM**, Sr. Associate University Chaplain  
and Senior Fellow (Alan\_Flam@brown.edu).

**REVEREND HENRY J. BODAH**, Associate University and Roman Catholic Chaplain (Henry\_Bodah@brown.edu)

**REVEREND SAKENA YOUNG-SCAGGS**, Associate Protestant University Chaplain (Sakena\_Young-Scaggs@brown.edu)

**RABBI RICHARD KIRSCHEN**, Associate University Chaplain & Executive Director of Hillel (Richard\_Kirschen@brown.edu)

**REVEREND JENNIFER C. RANKIN**, Associate Director Associate Chaplain of the University (Jennifer\_Rankin@brown.edu)

The Chaplains are available for personal counseling about religious and social issues, parental and peer difficulties, vocations or career choices, interpersonal and marital relationships, sexuality, pregnancy, problems with drugs (including alcohol), and the selective service [*wow - and we have to wonder if that one dates back to the Vietnam era, no?*]. A number of programs are offered during the year that include ecumenical discussion groups, innovative worship experience, ecumenical services, and dramatic and artistic events.

#### 24.2 UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The schedules for services were found online. It is unclear whether these schedules are in any way accurate. Remember, these wonderful people are chaplains . . . i.e. they are **not computer programmers**, and so have some problems updating their site.

##### 24.2.1.1.1.1 MANNING CHAPEL

Call to Worship: Ecumenical Protestant Worship, Sunday, 12:30 pm

Imani Jubilee: The Black Experience at Brown, Sunday, 6 pm

Roman Catholic Masses: Saturday, 5:10 pm, Sunday, 10:30 am, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 12 Noon (During Lent: Tuesday - Friday, 12 Noon)

Zen Meditation: Group meeting, Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Daily Meditation, Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 am, 4 - 5 pm

Multi-Faith Meditation, Friday 4 - 5 pm

##### 24.2.1.1.1.2 HILLEL HOUSE, **80 Brown Street (corner of Brown and Angell)**

Jewish Sabbath Services: Reform, Conservative, Orthodox Services, Fridays - 6:30 p.m. Also, Conservative, Saturday - 9:30a.m. Hillel is currently being entirely rebuilt, and should be ready by January of 2004 for habitation. Promises to be beautiful - kosher kitchen, space for services, offices, etc. For more information go to [www.brownhillel.org/](http://www.brownhillel.org/).

**MUSLIM STUDENT CENTER**, Basement of Champlin Hall

Muslim Prayers: Friday - 1:15 p.m.

### **OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

For more information on the following staff and programs, call 863-2344

Baha'i

Brown-RISD Catholic Community: [www.brown.edu/catholic](http://www.brown.edu/catholic)

Hindu Prayer Group:

Interfaith Supper Series

Brown Christian Fellowship

Hillel/Jewish Student Union <http://www.brownhillel.org/>

Brown Muslim Student Association

Latter Day Saints

Buddhist

College Hill for Christ:

Orthodox Christian Student Association

Christian Science Organization

### **Thursday Interfaith Supper Every Thursday at 5 - 7 pm**

Thursday Supper is a weekly gathering sponsored by the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life at Brown University. It is held in the home of Rev. Cooper-Nelson, at 58 Keene Street, each Thursday from 5 - 7 pm. To get there, walk through the Faunce Arch (walking north). Go straight for 8 blocks. Turn right. The house is on the left. The dog is named Fenway. The dinner is delicious. Kosher meals are available upon request. A vegetarian option is always available.

## 25 GETTING INVOLVED

### 25.1 GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

See our *raison d'etre* (a type of dessert, much like tapioca with small, shriveled grapes mixed in) on pages 2-3.

### 25.2 UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Here is a list of some of the committees that include Graduate Students at Brown. Many of these committees have a significant impact on Grad Student life at Brown; these committees represent the single most important area in which graduate students can affect the processes and decisions of the University. The committees typically meet once or twice a month, and on a monthly basis representatives are asked to report developments to the Grad Student Council. Working on these committees provides good experience for those planning to go into academia and represents a more constructive activity than sitting around the GCB whining about "the administration". If you are interested in joining a committee, just contact the Graduate Student Council president(s).

**Athletic Advisory Council:** Provides athletic support for the university. Go kvetch about the OMAC for your fellows! (1 Grad position)

**Campus Minority Affairs Committee:** Deals with minority concerns on campus. (1 Grad position)

**Campus Community Police and Security Committee:** Review Police hiring and policy in an attempt to make it less authoritarian. Get to go through Police briefs. Position is of importance because the graduate representative has some say in how and whether Public Safety is armed, how Public Safety reaches out to graduate students, etc. (1 Grad position)

**Campus Planning Committee:** Guides the physical development of the campus. (1 Grad position)

**College Curriculum Council:** Reviews the undergraduate curriculum with regards to academic standards and goals. Very important committee in tying the graduate students to the entire curriculum at Brown University. Plus you get the mess with the undergraduates' lives and grades. Totally fun. (1 Grad position)

**Corporate Responsibility Committee:** Attempt to ensure that Brown's endowment is not profiting from the labor of small disabled children (unless they are paid really, really well). (1 Grad position)

**Faculty Advisory Committee on Campus Computing (FACC):** Discusses matters of computing and technology. Whoop! Clearly becoming more important as the University moves towards a completely wireless system on campus and upgrades the antiquated paper-and-pen registration card system for classes. (1 Grad position)

**Faculty Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Concerns:** Attempts to protect the rights of Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals at Brown. (1 Grad position)

**Faculty Library Committee :** Decided whether or not Playboy should be available in the Rock. "I know it when I see it," says the man. (1 Grad position)

**Graduate Council:** (Not to be confused with the **Graduate Student Council**, which has a much higher beer-to-individual ratio at meetings). Sets policy for the Graduate School, supervises degree requirements, and--most importantly--reviews departments every 5 years. Very important committee - work closely with the dean of the graduate school. (4 Grad positions)

**Health Services Committee:** Gets involved with the process of choosing our health care provider and plan. Unfortunately, we are tied into the general university plan, and so individual preferences have little impact, but this is an essential position for a committed representative. (2 Grad position)

**Honorary Degrees Committee:** Choose who will get a doctorate without being tortured by a thesis committee like the rest of us. Perhaps they will be the ones who torture us with their commencement addresses. (1 Grad position)

**Committee on the Status of Women:** Charged with improving the status of women at Brown. Not required, but the rep might want to have XX chromosome pattern. (1 Grad position)

**Student Life Committee:** Tries to make sure students have lives. To be honest, this is good committee in that you get to meet with some key people in the administration, but at the same time this committee's decisions are advisory, and not binding. (1 Grad position)

**University Arts Council:** Cultivation of the creative arts at Brown. (1 Grad position)

**University Disciplinary Council:** The UDC's job is to adjudicate infractions of the student disciplinary code. The UDC is very controversial since it holds all of its hearings (i.e. trials) in secret. (The ideas of the 6th amendment ("In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.") clearly meant little to the powers that set the UDC in place.) The Graduate Student UDC representative only attends when a graduate student is on trial (which is very rarely). High importance, low volume committee. (4 Grad positions)

**University Resources Priorities Committee (URPC):** Reviews and alters the University's budget. **Extremely** important committee. This is the committee that at some level helps decide how much money we get for the graduate school, etc. (1 Grad position)

### 25.3 THE UNION QUESTION

An extremely hot topic on campus in 2000-2002 was the question of whether Brown graduate students should unionize. After a discussion/controversy about health insurance and internet dial-up connections to the University, a group of students formed the Brown Graduate Employee Organization (BGEO), invited the United Auto Workers onto campus, and began a card drive to form a union. This card drive was made public to the University community by an independent op-ed in the Brown Daily Herald in the spring of 2001, and in response a group of graduate students formed "At What Cost?," an organization that opposes graduate unionization on campus. After a 2001 NLRB decision that Brown graduate students were employees the then-teaching assistants on campus voted, but the votes were sealed while the University appealed the original NLRB decision. In the wake of the vote the BGEO suggested that it believed that it had won while the members of AWC suggested that as a result of data they had gathered they believed that unionization had been rejected (see the AWC web site for the raw data). Since the debate/vote, the situation for graduate students on campus has continued to improve, though there are still problems. (Improvements in recent years: the University now covers entirely health coverage for supported graduate students and most other graduate students, the TA stipend was raised from \$12,800 per year in 2001-2002 to \$14,000 in 2002-2003, and bumped to \$14,500 for the 2003-2004 year, and the administration has made efforts to communicate more closely with graduate students.) The campus is still waiting for the NLRB appeal to be heard; there is a rumor that representatives of the UAW are again seeking to inaugurate a card drive on campus. It is certain that unionization will continue to be an interesting question on campus in the coming two years. The GSC has been neutral on the question of unionization (although the officers and representatives certainly have their own private opinions), and has focused on providing a venue for conversation and reasoned debate.

For more information, contact either or both of the groups involved in this debate:

**BROWN GRADUATE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION (BGEO/UAW):** [www.bgeouaw.org](http://www.bgeouaw.org) or email them at [bgeouaw@earthlink.net](mailto:bgeouaw@earthlink.net). Their web site is still up, but it contains mostly old material that was included in pamphlets distributed before the actual vote including information on how unionization has benefited students at other universities. There used to be a UAW office near campus, and the UAW had hired one grad student half-time, but it is unclear whether they continue to do so.

**AT WHAT COST?:** Website at [www.geocities.com/brown\\_atwhatcost/](http://www.geocities.com/brown_atwhatcost/) or join their mailing list by sending an email to [brown\\_atwhatcost@yahoo.com](mailto:brown_atwhatcost@yahoo.com). This information is updated occasionally, and the web site includes AWC's data on the unionization vote, an analysis of the unionization debate, and the texts of the NLRB's decisions and the University's appeal.

### 25.4 STUDENT ACTIVITY OFFICE

Located in 123 Faunce Hall (x2341), the Student Activities Office coordinates every Brown undergraduate extracurricular group on the campus. They can tell you meeting times, office locations, and contact people for these groups. They don't know anything about graduate students, however. Don't let this dissuade you from joining groups! Almost all are open to graduate students, and represent a way in which graduate students can connect the larger Brown community. The office is the financial center of all student organizations, as well as the location of the mailboxes of all student groups. The office is open from 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student\\_Activities/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student_Activities/) A complete listing of the groups is at

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student\\_Activities/gab/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student_Activities/gab/).

## 25.5 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Providence is an extremely diverse and dynamic urban area, and offers many ways for interested individuals to learn more about social issues and engage in social activism. For grad students wishing to get involved in community work or social change activities, the **SWEARER CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**, 25 George St. (Box 1974) 863-2338, <http://swearercenter.brown.edu>, offers information on local agencies, supports programs run by students, offers fellowships and grants and engages in numerous activities to support the integration of community concerns with a Brown education. An INCREDIBLE resource for the Providence community.

The Swearer Center (named after a previous president of the University) sponsors the Community Service Open House at the start of each semester, an event that brings dozens of community agencies to campus to share their work and their volunteer needs with students, faculty and staff. To learn more about the Swearer Center, visit their web site or arrange a meeting with a staff person to discuss your interests.

[http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Swearer\\_Center/](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Swearer_Center/)

## 26 ATHLETICS

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### 26.2 FACILITIES

A student ID is required to use the facilities. This is especially true at the pool and the Athletic Center. If your spouse is not a Brown student, he or she can obtain a pass to use the facilities from the Ticket Office at Pizzitola Athletic Center (x2773). The pass is not ridiculously expensive (\$175 per year). Guest passes are available. For membership information, see <http://www.brown.edu/Athletics/Recsports/membership.html>.

For "open hours" on any of the facilities listed below, visit the Department of Physical Education web site at <http://www.brown.edu/Athletics/Recsports/facilities.html>. Department of Physical Education is at 235 Hope St. - Box 1933 (401-863-2074).

#### **The Olney-Margolies Athletic Center "OMAC" or "AC"**

Located in the Athletic Center Complex just east of Meehan Auditorium, on the corner of Hope and Lloyd. The Olney-Margolies Athletic Center (OMAC) was dedicated in 1981 and houses offices, locker and shower rooms, training support facilities, a large multi-purpose, open cage area which contains a 200-meter indoor track, five indoor tennis courts, and multiple intramural basketball courts. Housed within the OMAC are the main offices for many Brown athletic teams, including football, baseball, and field hockey, and also the intramural office. Sitting atop the OMAC is Warner Roof, the home of Brown Field Hockey. Unfortunately, many of the machines at the OMAC are routinely broken, and the University appears to lack the budget to fix them in a timely manner. It is common to find that a machine has been broken for up to a month or two at a time before being fixed. Currently the OMAC has around five elliptical machines, ten upright bikes, ten recumbent bikes, ten stair-steppers, and a host of Nautilus equipment. Be aware that the gym gets CROWDED at the beginning of each semester - and especially during the "active" period of New Year's resolutions in January.

#### **Smith Swim Center**

According to the University, Smith Swim Center, Brown University's attractive and functional swimming complex, opened in 1973 as one of the finest facilities in the country. The complex includes complete swimming and diving facilities and eight squash/handball courts. The pool, built in an "L" shape, is set up for both long course and short course swimming events with eight seven-foot wide lanes. The diving facilities include two three-meter maxi flex boards and two one-meter maxi flex boards. The years have obviously gone by, but the swimming remains. Squash courts may be reserved up to a week in advance - see the web site for more information. There are men's and women's locker rooms with showers, for the pool, but you must bring your own lock and towel. Student ID is required, or they will not let you in.

#### **Meehan Auditorium**

Location: In the Aldrich-Dexter Complex at the corner of Lloyd and Hope Sts. Meehan Auditorium was made possible by the late George V. Meehan, who donated the funds necessary to construct an arena to "service and promote" the Brown men's ice hockey program. Dedicated on January 6, 1962, on the evening Brown defeated Ivy rival Princeton, Meehan has hosted both ECAC and NCAA tournament play and stands as one of the oldest on-campus hockey facilities in the East. The auditorium seats 3,100 and is easily recognized by its great domed roof. The ice rink is generally open for skating Mon.-Fri. 12-2 pm and Sun. 2-4 pm from October through March.

#### **Frank B. Pizzitola Sports Center ("The Pitz")**

Location: At the Athletic Complex just east of Meehan Auditorium. This is the site for varsity basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and tennis teams. Four indoor tennis courts are available during limited hours for free. There are also 8 squash courts. The Paul Bailey Pizzitola Memorial Sports Center was officially dedicated in April, 1989, and provides Brown with an intercollegiate sports facility equal to any multi-purpose athletic facility in the Ivy League. The Pizzitola Sports Center provides an intercollegiate competition court for men's and women's basketball, volleyball, wrestling and gymnastics with bleacher and balcony seating for 2,800. The building also features a 4,000 square foot weight room, five state-of-the-art squash courts and separate rooms for wrestling and gymnastics.

## **ALDRICH-DEXTER FIELD & PEMBROKE FIELD**

Location: A-D Field is located behind the Athletic Center, east of Meehan Auditorium and the Swimming Pool. It is bounded (roughly) by Hope St., Lloyd Ave., Arlington Ave., and Angell St. (& Stimson Ave.). Pembroke Field is bounded by Brook, Meeting, Hope and Cushing Sts. Pembroke Field contains a volleyball court and a small field suitable for soccer, football, Frisbee football, etc. Aldrich-Dexter (A-D) Field contains two sets of tennis courts, a baseball diamond, soccer and lacrosse fields, a softball field, and a number of practice and intramural fields. Field space may be reserved - look online - but available field time is severely limited. Call 3x3532 with any questions.

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## **26.4 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES**

Although there is no separate physical education department as such here at Brown University, a diverse program in instructional phys ed is available to all grad students and their spouses. The classes--over thirty in all--are voluntary, non-credit, usually co-ed, and include everything from ballet to weight-training. If you don't get a listing in your mailbox, you can pick up a brochure describing the four seasonal programs at the Athletic Center (x3537) where schedules are posted prior to each registration day or just look on the web. Since class size is limited and registration is on a first-come basis, plan to get there early on registration day and don't forget your ID! For class descriptions, check out the web site at <http://www.brown.edu/Athletics/Recsports/descriptions.html>.

## **26.5 INTRAMURAL PROGRAM**

The intramural program at Brown has a number of sports available. This is one area of Brown student life in which Graduate Students have a strong presence. In recent years, graduate student teams have won intramural championships in Ice Hockey, Soccer, Basketball and Touch Football (*editor comment: two years running! Yeah! And more importantly, it was a computer science (i.e. "geek") team with two historians, an Applied Math-type, and a couple of biologists thrown in. You should have heard the heavy breathing when we beat the football fraternity. Ha. Shows them.*) For information on any facet of the intramural program see the web site (through the Brown site) at <http://www.brown.edu/Athletics/Intramural/>. If you're interested in earning money as an intramural official, contact the student employment office (x3342) and the intramural office (x2217).

## **26.6 CLUB SPORTS**

If intramural competition isn't keen enough for your tastes, you may want to inquire about club sports at Brown. Sports include men's and women's rugby, karate, sailing, wind surfing, and bowling. The Outing Club is also open to graduate students. Contact the Student Activities Office at 3-2341. Sadly, in the Ivy League, graduate students (no matter what year they might be, or whether they officially have NCAA eligibility remaining) are not allowed to participate in League varsity sports.

## **26.7 RUNNING AND JOGGING AREAS**

Besides the indoor track at the Athletic Center and the streets of the East Side you may want to do your running at the tracks at Hope High School (Hope St. at Olney St.), Moses Brown School (Hope St. at Lloyd Ave.), or down beautiful Blackstone Blvd. The Hope HS track is in good condition, but access may be limited.

## **26.8 EAST BAY BIKE PATH**

Rhode Island has a rather nice bike path which extends from East Providence to Bristol, following the coastline. The path is 14 miles long and essentially flat. Riders pass such scenic sights such as Haines State Park, Riverside and Barrington centers, and the Mobil docking station. Directions from Brown: Go east on Waterman and turn right onto Gano, go under I-195, and make an immediate right, going up the ramp to the walkway across the George Washington Bridge. After crossing the bridge just follow the signs.

## **26.9 SUMMERTIME AT BROWN**

Since a number of graduate students are on-campus during the summer, it is important to note that most of the athletic

facilities are open during the summer. Recently, the Bear's Lair (a **high(er)** quality exercise facility) has been opened in the summer.

#### 26.10 SPECTATOR SPORTS

If you enjoy watching Ivy League competition, just bring along your ID card for free admission to any varsity home game (except for football, which costs money - though god knows why. We don't ALWAYS lose, but we have lost since that little "oops, we know we weren't supposed to pay undergraduate players, but we accidentally gave them lots of money" ~~incident~~ thingie a couple of years ago.) Schedules can be obtained at Marvel Gym, Sayles Gym, and the Smith Swim Center or by checking the Daily Herald. (Again, football games are not free - see the Brown Athletics web site for more information about buying tickets, etc.)

If you like minor league sports, the Pawtucket Red Sox (<http://www.pawsox.com/>) are the affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and play 72 games per year. Their games are sometimes more fun than the major league, mostly due to the colorful locals who attend. McCoy Stadium, their home, seats 10,000! (724-7300) The Providence Bruins (<http://www.providencebruins.com/>) are likewise the affiliate for the NHL Boston Bruins, and play in the Providence Civic Center. (331-6700) If you prefer watching major league teams, either get to a game of the Bruins, Red Sox, NE Patriots, or Celtics, (*and by the way, just where did you get that kind of money?*) or just turn on ESPN (see HOUSING to learn how to get cable), pop open a can of brew, open a bag of Doritos® Lite, and vegetate your pathetic, adipose couch potato life away in luxury.

## 27 RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

**FAMILY RESOURCES AT BROWN:** Dean Carla Hansen acknowledges the need for Brown to offer more services to graduate student families but says that efforts to do so are still in the preliminary stages. She strongly urges graduate students who are "partnered or parenting" to contact her by email or phone (Carla\_Hansen@brown.edu, 863-2843) to see what events and services are planned for the current academic year. She will add you to an email mailing list that will keep you informed of pertinent events. There is a group that has been meeting recently - for more information contact Dean Hansen, and she will be able to put you in touch with them.)

**THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY GUIDE** is a free annually published guidebook with extensive lists of family resources. It covers everything from health care and education to entertainment and shopping. It can tell you how to fit a kid's bike helmet, what a Montessori school is, where to find good second-hand kids' clothes, how to find a licensed day care provider, where to go apple picking, and much more. It is published in early summer each year and is distributed around the East Side at public libraries, toy and gift stores such as OOP! or any place with kid-related merchandise or services. P.O. Box 163, Warren, RI 02885; 247-0850; [www.rifamilyguide.com](http://www.rifamilyguide.com)

**THE RHODE ISLAND PARENTS' PAPER** is a free monthly newsletter with feature articles on parenting, a very thorough calendar of children's events, and useful lists of everything from support groups and parenting classes to story hours. It's distributed all over the city in doctor's offices, restaurants, schools, bookstores and any other venue frequented by families. Parents' Plus, Inc., P.O. Box 1777, Boston, MA 02310; 617-522-1515; <http://www.parenthood.com/>

### 27.1 DAY CARE CENTERS AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

**BROWN/FOX POINT DAY CARE CENTER:** 150 Hope St., 521-5460. Pre-school through kindergarten; five days a week; optional full-day child care from 7:30-5:15. Tuition is on a sliding scale. Their waiting list is long, but the program is affordable and very popular. Preference given to families who need full-time child care.

**BROWN PLAY SCHOOL:** 1 Benevolent St., Five-day morning program for three- and four-year-olds. Brown Play School is currently accepting applications for the fall. For more information, call the school, 435-0126, or Pam Cummings, 751-4953.

**CHILD'S PLAY:** 296 Angell St., 331-8443. Part-time (two or three days a week) preschool for ages two through four. Optional extra days/extended days. Five-day-a-week kindergarten for five-year-olds (until 1:45). Not designed for families who need full-time care. Cooperative: parents are required to take turns as teacher aides and share in administrative responsibilities and fund raising. They keep a waiting list but there are usually openings. Lots of Brown faculty/staff kids here. Affordable basic nursery school; lots of opportunities to meet other parents.

**EAST SIDE NURSERY SCHOOL:** 372 Wayland Ave., 272-2228. Morning preschool two or three days a week for three- and four-year-olds. Cooperative: parents work as teacher aides and share administrative responsibilities. A good, basic program, relatively inexpensive, and well-spoken of by parents.

**EAST SIDE YMCA:** 438 Hope St., 521-0155. Before-and after-school care programs for ages 5-12 at Martin Luther King Elementary (35 Camp St.) Financial aid available.

**FRENCH AMERICAN SCHOOL OF RHODE ISLAND:** 421 Hope St., 274-3325. Half-day preschool five days a week, full-day kindergarten; grades 1-5. Preschool and kindergarten are taught completely in French; the upper grades are taught in French and English. No previous knowledge of French is necessary; the purpose of the program is to teach French through immersion, along with traditional academic subjects. Classes are small and the environment is very structured. Tuition is moderate for a private school. <http://www.fasri.org/>

**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:** 401 Elmgrove Ave., 861-8800. Interdenominational infant and toddler program, pre-school and after-school programs. Membership in the JCC required.

**MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE:** 518 Lloyd Ave., 331-6120. Half-day preschool; full-day kindergarten through fourth grade. Gorgeous classrooms, small classes and an intellectually stimulating curriculum; however, the tuition is

about half a graduate student's stipend.

**THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL:** P.O. Box 14432 East Providence RI 02914, 434-6913. For children aged 3 - 6. Five days a week; half-day preschool, extended day kindergarten, early drop-off and after-school care until 5:30.

**MOUNT HOPE DAY CARE CENTER:** 421 Hope St., 521-7252. Serving children ages 3-5 from a cross-section of the East Side: racially, economically, culturally. Operates from 7:15-5:15. After-school care for children from Martin Luther King elementary school. All-day kindergarten. Tuition is on a sliding scale.

**NEW ENGLAND EARLY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION (NEECA):** 341 Morris Ave., 831-6155. Five days a week, 8 am - 4 pm. Ages 15 months to 5 years. Morning Montessori program for ages three to five. Homelike atmosphere, very small classes. Expensive and rarely has openings, however.

**TAFT AVENUE INFANT AND TODDLER DAY CARE:** 48 Taft Ave., 274-2013. Infants to three-year-olds. Full-time child care (2 1/2 days minimum); sliding scale for fees. Popular with Brown faculty families.

## 27.2 BABY SITTING AND ODD JOBS

**BROWN STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE:** 863-3342. To hire a student for baby-sitting or odd jobs (such as cleaning, painting or moving), send in a job description by email (check out the web site at <http://www.financialaid.brown.edu/JobXHome.aspx>) and the staff will post your request and students looking for work will contact you. You might also email the Graduate Student Listserv at [GSBB-L@LISTSERV.BROWN.EDU](mailto:GSBB-L@LISTSERV.BROWN.EDU). . (This will go out to all grad students signed up- maybe 600 - 800 individuals.)

## 27.3 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

See the *Rhode Island Family Guide* or the *Rhode Island Parents' Paper* for complete listings of children's activities around the city and state.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PROVIDENCE:** Fox Point Chapter, 90 Ives St., 444-0758.

**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF RHODE ISLAND:** 100 South St., 273-5437. Admission \$4.50 for ages one and up; free to members. Admission is free to everyone on the first Sunday of the month. The hands-on exhibits include water play, construction equipment, building blocks and a separate play area for babies and toddlers. Most days there are special activities such as crafts, games or performances. Weekday mornings during the school year are often very crowded with field trips; try visiting over the lunch hour or after 3 pm.

**EAST SIDE YMCA:** 438 Hope St., 521-0155. Swimming, athletics and art classes for children and adults. Free babysitting for members' children on weekday mornings (leave the kids while you swim laps or do aerobics!). Lots of great activities for family members of all ages.

**EAST SIDE ART CENTER:** 26 Rochambeau Ave., 331-2022. Ongoing art classes for children and adults.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES:** Main Library, 225 Washington St., 455-8000. Fox Point Branch, 90 Ives St., 455-8112. Rochambeau Branch, 708 Hope St., 455-8110 (closed right now for reconstruction). These libraries all sponsor activities for families, such as story hours, writing groups, computer classes, parenting classes, book discussion groups, after-school tutoring and used book sales. Call or visit them for details.

**PLAY GROUP** for toddlers and their mothers - once existed at Brown, may still exist. Sponsored by Women of Brown. Meets once a week in a member's home or at a local playground. Contact Dean Hansen for more information.

**PROVIDENCE ATHENAEUM:** 251 Benefit St., 421-6970. Children's programs include arts, crafts, story hours and films. Check for details, including lower membership rates for teachers and students.

**RISD MUSEUM OF ART:** 224 Benefit St. 454-6500. Admission \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 5 - 18, free for children under 5. Imaginative programs and classes for children ages 4 and up.

## 27.4 PLAYGROUNDS

Providence has a wealth of neighborhood parks and playgrounds, many of which have been recently renovated. Local families spend regular time at the parks; it's often possible to meet other parents and form lasting acquaintances. Below are a few popular playgrounds; there are many others.

**HUMBOLDT PARK**, corner of Elton and Humboldt streets, off Blackstone Blvd. This is also known as "the baby park" because there are plenty of infant swings and toddler-safe climbing equipment. There is also a sand area, lots of grass for running around, and great big shade trees which make it a cool place to play on hot days.

**CABRAL MEMORIAL PARK**, Wickenden and Ives. This park has a huge and elaborate climbing structure (different sections of which are appropriate for different age groups) that so far is in good repair. There are also basketball courts (including one with a lower hoop for younger kids) and during the summer a water park - large bright-colored metal sculptures that spray water for kids to play in.

**CAROLYN BRASSIL MEMORIAL PARK**, Brook and Power Streets. Swings, a sand area and a variety of climbing structures. Newly renovated and wheelchair accessible. It gets heavy use from nearby elementary schools and day care centers during the school year.

**SUMMIT STREET PARK**, corner of Summit and Ninth. This park is in a great neighborhood for families, and attracts a lot of "regulars." There seems to be a tradition of common toys in the sand area - people bring buckets and shovels or toy trucks and leave them around for everyone to play with. Swings, grassy area, good climbing equipment.

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## 27.6 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The schools listed serve children living on the East Side.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOOL:** (K-4) 35 Camp St., 456-9398. Special Programs: English as a Second Language (ESL), Advanced Placement grades 1-4, remedial reading, and special services.

**EDMUND W. FLYNN SCHOOL:** (K-5) 220 Blackstone St., 456-9373. Kindergarten restricted to neighborhood residents; application needed; gifted programs.

**VARTAN GREGORIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (K-6) 455 Wickenden St., 456-9377. Formerly known as Fox Point Elementary. Special Programs: English as a second language, bilingual Portuguese-English.

**MEETING STREET SCHOOL:** (birth to 21 years) 667 Waterman Ave., East Providence, 438-9500. Easter Seal Agency for visually or neurologically impaired or multihandicapped. Diagnostic and evaluation services. Early intervention services for infants and preschoolers; special ed.; daily programming and therapeutic services, ages 3-21.

**NATHAN BISHOP MIDDLE SCHOOL:** (5-8) 101 Sessions St., Providence 456-9344.

**HOPE HIGH SCHOOL:** (9-12) 324 Hope St., 456-9161. Part of Prof. Sizer's essential school program; Arts magnet program; ESL programs.

**CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL:** (9-12), 770 Westminster St., 456-9145. College Preparatory; only high school in Providence where application and competitive exam is needed; advanced placement programs.

**CENTRAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:** (9-12), 91 Fricker St., 456-9136.

**ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROJECT:** (9-12), 582 Elmwood Ave., 456-9194. A validated and certified alternate-school; smaller classes and more individual attention; placement test and lottery for admission.

## 27.7 INDEPENDENT AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Schools are in Providence except where noted.

**GORDON SCHOOL:** (nursery-8) 45 Maxfield Ave., East Providence, 434-3833. Individualized instruction; day programs. Nursery and kindergarten; optional half-day programs.

**LINCOLN SCHOOL:** (nursery-12) 301 Butler Ave., 331-9696. A girls' school founded in 1884.

**MOSES BROWN:** (preprimary-12) 250 Lloyd Ave; 831-7350. College preparatory, founded 1784; resident and day programs. Optional day care afternoons. Athletic program.

**PROVIDENCE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL:** (5-12) 2117 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence, 438-5170. Boys only grades 5-8; coed grades 9-12. College preparatory; strong athletic program; special tutoring program.

**RIARC (RI ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS):** (lifetime services) Central Office: 99 Bald Hill Rd., Cranston, 463-9191. State association. Promotes knowledge and general information on the problem of mental retardation via high intensity advocacy. Services to the retarded through nine local chapters include educational programs, vocational evaluation and training, physical education, leisure time programs, and family counseling.

**RI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:** (early infant-12) Corliss Park, Providence, 277-3525. State supported. Evaluation services; parent guidance program; pre-school programs; hearing screening program. Free to RI residents.

**SCHOOL ONE:** (9-12) 220 University Ave., Providence, 331-2497. Alternative secondary education school; students prepare individual study programs of traditional subjects and special interests. Tuition depends on ability to pay and other factors.

**WHEELER SCHOOL:** (nursery-12) 216 Hope St. 421-8100. College preparatory, founded 1889; strong creative arts program. Nursery and kindergarten; full day option.

## 28 RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

located at the Third World Center, Partridge Hall, 68 Brown St., 863-2427. John Eng-Wong is the foreign student advisor and Director of the Office.

The Foreign Student, Faculty and Staff Office at Brown University occupies a pivotal point between the campus international community and university administrative offices. It orients all newcomers and offers a number of ongoing social activities, often in conjunction with the International House of Rhode Island. We update this web site regularly to offer advice about a wide range of topics useful to incoming internationals even before they arrive in the U.S. This office is an advocate for internationals, a voice encouraging the development of university policies and programs that recognize the cross-cultural dimensions of international exchange, and a support to those organizations that serve the needs of international students, faculty and staff. In this regard it maintains active relationships with the Graduate School, Health Services, Psychological Services, Career Services, Student Life, the Committee on Academic Standing, the ESL programs, and the Office of International Programs. It coordinates all university-related immigration work and plays a central role in payroll procedures for internationals. In these connections it is the resident "expert" office on matters related to visa and tax questions. The Foreign Student Office is where you go:

if you are a new student with no idea what to do or how, this should be your first stop

to get your I-20 forms signed

to get forms and help at tax time (remember, tax rules differ depending on your country of origin)

if you have any visa-related questions or problems

for information on work regulations (both for internships and jobs) for international students and related formalities (such as obtaining Employment Authorization Documents)

to discuss the whole range of career issues at every level and plan your career (as an international student in the US)

The Foreign Student Office maintains a very useful and information-packed website at [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Foreign\\_Student\\_Office](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Foreign_Student_Office)

### 28.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

The Office of Summer Studies offers two sessions of its English Language Program for Non-Native Speakers. These 4-week, intensive courses provide students with over 120 hours of instruction in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking, as well as the opportunity to focus on a particular language skill in afternoon elective courses. Students may enroll for one session or for both. A special discounted rate for eligible Brown students may be paid by the individual student, his/her department, or alternate, outside financial support (foreign government, etc.).

Inquiries about Summer English at Brown should be directed to the Office of Summer Studies at 133 Waterman Street. (The web site can be found at

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Summer\\_Studies/iep/index.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Summer_Studies/iep/index.html)).

(International students who are going to be teaching assistants should also look at the ITA program below, in addition to any activities for improving their command of English for personal academic purposes). For more info:

[http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Foreign\\_Student\\_Office/services/english.html](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Foreign_Student_Office/services/english.html).

### 28.2 INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT (ITA) PROGRAM

All international teaching assistants (ITA's) must demonstrate proficiency in spoken English before they teach in the classroom. Students are asked to give an informal 10-minute presentation in their subject before a panel consisting of a departmental representative, an ESL (English as a Spoken Language) professional and a Brown undergraduate. The panel will either: (1) let the student teach, (2) require that the student take an English for ITA's course before they teach, or (3)

let the student teach but require that the student take the ITA course concurrently. The Center for Language Studies offers two sections of English for ITA's each semester. The courses are free but carry no credit. Questions concerning the ITA program and ITA classes should be directed to Barbara Gourlay (863-2546, Barbara\_Gourlay@brown.edu) in the Center for Language Studies, located in Marston Hall, Room 102. English proficiency evaluations can be scheduled with Jill Stewart, Administrative Assistant, Center for Language Studies, at 863-3043.

### 28.3 INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF RHODE ISLAND

International House, located at 8 Stimson Ave (off Hope near the gym), is a community facility open to all Brown University faculty and students. It is the center for over 1,500 foreign students and professionals in Rhode Island. Activities include discussion groups, coffee hours, women's and children's groups (very useful for families of graduate students!), cultural outings, foreign language clubs and classes, ethnic dinners and trips around New England. International House also provides services such as informal English classes (and even one-on-one English tutoring), and housing and consumer information. Many of the activities and services involve a fee, but this is typically quite affordable. Americans are also encouraged to participate in all activities. Marilyn von Kriegenbergh is the Executive Director and can be contacted at 421-7181.

### 28.4 INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

All interested students and faculty can join the International Friendship (earlier called the Host Family) Program, which facilitates interaction with a local "host family". This helps the student learn about living in this country and provides the host family and the student with an opportunity for mutual learning, cross-cultural communication and friendship. There is also a World Discovery Classroom Project (previously called the Speakers' Bureau), through which school children and others in Rhode Island are exposed to foreign cultures through direct interaction and lectures by representatives of those cultures. International graduate students can volunteer to participate as speakers in this project. Contact International House for details of both these programs.

### 28.5 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are several organizations for international students at Brown, mainly based on national or ethnic origin. Of these, several primarily serve undergraduates, such as the Japanese Cultural Association (JCA), South Asian Students Association (SASA), Brown Taiwan Society, Thai Student Association, Singaporean Student Association and Brown International Organization (BRIO), but presumably they will not object to interested graduate students joining them. (It should be mentioned here that BRIO is an association formally open to *all* Brown students and faculty, and sponsors inter-cultural, social and educational activities throughout the year.) The organizations that specifically include or deal with graduate students are listed below (or at least the ones with web sites):

**Asian American Students Association** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/Asian\\_American\\_Students\\_Association/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Asian_American_Students_Association/)

**Brown Chinese Students Association** - <http://www.browncsa.com/>

**Brown Organization of Multiracial and Biracial Students** - <http://www.brown.edu/Students/BOMBS/index.shtml>

**Brown Taiwan Society** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/Brown\\_Taiwan\\_Society/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Brown_Taiwan_Society/)

**East Asian House** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/East\\_Asian\\_House/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/East_Asian_House/)

**Federacion de Estudiantes Puertorriquenos** - <http://www.brown.edu/Students/FEP/>

**Hong Kong Students Association** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/Hong\\_Kong\\_Student\\_Association/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Hong_Kong_Student_Association/)

**Japanese Culture Association** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/Japanese\\_Cultural\\_Association/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Japanese_Cultural_Association/)

**Korean Students Association** - <http://www.brownkasa.com/main.html>

**Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán** - <http://www.brownmecha.org/>

**South Asian Students Association** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/South\\_Asian\\_Students\\_Association/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/South_Asian_Students_Association/)

**Students of Caribbean Ancestry** - [http://www.brown.edu/Students/Students\\_of\\_Caribbean\\_Ancestry/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/Students_of_Caribbean_Ancestry/)

**Thai Student Association** - <http://students.brown.edu/tsa/>

**The Third World Center** - [http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/TWC/](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/TWC/)

# 29 RESOURCES FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, & TRANSGENDERED STUDENTS

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## 29.2 ORGANIZATIONS

**BROWN QUEER MED/GRAD STUDENT ORGANIZATION:** We are a confidential group of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered graduate and medical students. We are mainly a social group; we have a social every week, and we organize a potluck, movie night or discussion session every month, or anything fun that we feel like. But if there is enough interest we might even organize things such as a conference. If you feel you're the only queer grad student on campus, or if you are gay and you still have more time than friends, give us a call. If you would like to know more about us, sign up for our mailing list and keep informed of our activities, contact Dean Hansen's office at the graduate school (3-3800 or 3-2749, [Carla\\_Hansen@Brown.EDU](mailto:Carla_Hansen@Brown.EDU).)

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE (LGBTA),** 863-3062. LGBTA (located in Faunce House, Room 303, 305) serves as an umbrella group for a number of organizations primarily composed of Brown undergraduates, such as Men's Group, Lesbian Bisexual Collective, and Dorm Outreach. <http://www.brown.edu/Students/LGBTA/>. A great web site.

**GLBT HELP-LINE,** 751-3322. Call 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mon, Wed & Fri. An information and referral service for the Providence GLBT community. They welcome volunteers and will provide training. P.O. Box 41247, Providence, RI 02940.

**RILGBT-NEWS:** (Blurb from Options) "Low-volume email distribution list for LGBT & AIDS news from RI. Not a discussion list." To subscribe, send message to <[ac245@osfn.org](mailto:ac245@osfn.org)>.

**PROVIDENCE LIAISON TO THE GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY,** W. Fitzgerald Himmelsbach, 421-7740, ext. 221, beeper 1-888-777-5063. City Hall, Providence, RI 02903. [www.providenceri.com](http://www.providenceri.com)

**STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW COALITION,** Straight support for LGBT, PO Box 2591, Newport, RI 02840; 333-6991 or 1-800-843-8383.

There used to be Providence/RI chapters of **ACT UP** (AIDS activism), **DIGNITY** (LGBT Catholics), **INTEGRITY** (LGBT Episcopalians), and the **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST LESBIAN/GAY COALITION**. According to a contributor, Integrity and Dignity no longer have locations in R.I., though interested students can begin a chapter if there are enough people interested in services. Due to the recent appointment in the Episcopalian church, and the declaration of leaving the acceptance of gay marriages up to individual diocese, certain parishes may be more open to Queer parishioners.

## 29.3 PUBLICATIONS

**OPTIONS,** 134 Thurbers Avenue, Providence, 781-1193; fax 780-0733. Rhode Island's free monthly lesbian and gay newsmagazine. You can get a copy at the Sarah Doyle Women's Center. Current issue is also online at [www.optionsri.org](http://www.optionsri.org). Options has an extensive Calendar of Events (with listings of weekly group meetings) and Resource Listings.

**THE PINK PAGES,** 617-423-1515. Free directory for the LGBT community. Very useful, and covers all of NE. Found near the entrance to some businesses or on the web at [www.pinkweb.com](http://www.pinkweb.com).

**BAY WINDOWS,** 617-266-6670. Boston's weekly gay and lesbian newspaper. Aimed at people with money. [www.baywindows.com](http://www.baywindows.com).

**IN NEWSWEEKLY,** 800-426-8246. Covers all of New England (circulation 28,000) [www.innewsweekly.com](http://www.innewsweekly.com). In Newsweekly has a good guide to bars & clubs.

## 29.4 PLACES TO GO

**BOOKSTORES: BOOKS ON THE SQUARE** (471 Angell St. near Wayland, 331-9097) advertises in the Pink Pages, but is really more general interest. There is a Gay/Lesbian book discussion group at **BORDER'S BOOK SHOP** in Cranston, which meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Call 944-9160 for details.

**MEN'S BARS: MIRA BAR**, 35 Richmond, Providence, 331-6761, has upscale techno-dancing, and **YUKON TRADING COMPANY**, 124 Snow St., Providence, 274-6620, is a leather/Levi's kind of place. **MIRA BAR** is a men's bar, but is also woman-friendly, and is not so pretentious any more.

**WOMEN'S BARS: DEVILLE'S CAFE**, 1 Allens Ave., Suite 1. Providence, 751-7166. ([www.devillesprovidence.com](http://www.devillesprovidence.com)). **Mermaids @ Pulse** - 86 Crary St. This is Pulse's Saturday "ladies night" party. Decent, diverse crowd of all ages without much immaturity. Mixed music from QAF soundtrack style, to Christina Aguilera, to Sean Paul and everyone in the middle. Male friendly.

**MIXED BAR/CLUB: GERARDO'S**, 1 Franklin Sq., 274-5560, is a dance bar that's somewhat less pretentious than Mira Bar. (It seems that Gerardo's may have moved, but we are not sure of the new location.) **PULSE** - 86 Crary St. Something good here happens almost every night of the week. The crowd is generally friendly. Male party every night except Saturday, which is ladies night. But even Female friendly on Male nights, and Male friendly on Female nights. Mix of music nightly, from performing bands to a spinning DJ. Friday night = hip-hop night, every other night is anything goes.

**NOT A BAR: THE CASTRO COFFEE HOUSE AND PIZZERIA** at 77 Ives St., 421-1144. Has a full menu, and is open from 7am -10pm daily. **COFFEE EXCHANGE**, 207 Wickenden St., 273-1198, has more gays than straights, and is a good option for sober types. **Intermezzo Restaurant**(down by trinity theatre, 220 WEYBOSSET ST, 401-331-5100) Drag brunch every Sunday. The food's pretty decent, but if you're on a budget you probably won't make a habit of this spot. It's nice to do at least once, especially if you've gotten to R.I., are going through culture shock, and have a serious need to see Queens in action.

**RHODE ISLAND PRIDE:** End of June. If your program begins in the summer, or even if you've just moved up early, be sure to check out R.I. Pride in late June. It's a night of great fun through Kennedy Plaza. Not at all comparable to San Fran, NYC, DC, or the Atl - but lots of fun nonetheless. It's also a great moment to see what the Queer community looks like in R.I., and give you a taste of off-campus organizations that you may be interested in working with.

For more information on places to go, call the **GLBT Help-Line** ([www.glbthelpline.org](http://www.glbthelpline.org)), check out <http://www.outinprovidence.com>, or read **Options, In Newsweekly** or the **Pink Pages**.

## 30 RESOURCES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

### 30.1 THIRD WORLD CENTER

The Third World Center ([http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/TWC/](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/TWC/)) is located at Partridge Hall at 68 Brown Street, 863-2120.

(A word about nomenclature: "Third World" is a term whose meaning has evolved in time from being a term of empowerment for oppressed and colonized peoples everywhere when coined by the Marxist philosopher Frantz Fanon to its current form as a somewhat negative adjective for nations.) The Third World Center at Brown University, created in 1976, was designed to serve the interests and meet the needs of all Third World students and to promote racial and ethnic pluralism in the Brown community. Originally housed in the basement of Churchill House, in 1986 the Third World Center was relocated to Partridge Hall on 68 Brown Street, directly across the street from the Faunce Arch and the Main Green.

The TWC functions as an umbrella organization for a diverse number of minority student organizations. It sponsors various lectures, workshops, and events throughout the year in an effort to bring understanding to the larger university community regarding minority issues. The cultural programming organized by the Center with the help of student volunteers includes Black History Month, Asian History Month, Latino History Month, Native American Series, etc., which celebrate the diversity and vibrancy that various minority ethnic groups bring to the Brown community by means of showcasing their heritage through various events. The Third World Center also has an interesting library with books and other resources on issues relating to the "Third World", and a minority graduate student computing cluster. It also has helpful information regarding relevant organizations and activities, such as NSBE and an alternative medicine office, on and off campus. Director Karen McLaurin-Chesson can be reached at 863-2120.

### 30.2 GRADUATE MINORITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GMSA)

GMSA is an umbrella group for American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian or Pacific Islander, African-American, Chicano/Mexican American, Hispanic, Latino and Puerto Rican graduate students. Events organized by the Graduate School for minority students include (free) monthly dinners, where students can interact with the Deans and other students in an informal setting. There are various forms of financial assistance available for minority students. Each year, a number of Dean Bruce Awards (instituted in honor of the late Bernard Bruce) are also awarded to students of minority backgrounds who have completed their graduate work. Dean Michael Plater is the point person for minority issues and concerns in the graduate school and he welcomes visits from students who need advice or guidance negotiating Brown's system, or for those who just want to come in and visit him in the Graduate Center to chat. He can be contacted at 863-2713 Graduate School building located in 42 Charlesfield Street. (Also see Section on Deans and VIP's.) <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mgasa/>

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### 30.5 STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

The Faunce House/Student Activities Office (Room 123) has useful information on names and contact information of student organizations at Brown. This information can also be obtained on the web at:

**<http://www.brown.edu/Students/CONMAG/gso/list.html>**.

All student organizations constituted by the Undergraduate Council of Students (UCS) can admit graduate students as members. These groups represent a wide spectrum of interests: political/social action, recreational, club sports, cultural, literary, social, international/ethnic, campus/community service, religious/spiritual, media/publications, entertaining & performing arts. Some of these organizations have very active graduate students as members.

A notary public is available in the office most days from 9am-1pm and 2pm-4pm weekdays. Please call in advance of visit. Free legal advice by a lawyer retained by the UCS is available twice weekly in Faunce House when classes are in

session and by telephone at other times.

## 31 RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

**Disability Support Services**, 20 Benevolent Street, Box P, Providence, RI 02912. 401-863-9588 (phone), 401-863-9588 (TTY), 401-863-1999 (fax), DSS@Brown.edu (e-mail). Disability Support Services offers assistance to undergraduate, graduate, and medical students with disabilities. The University offers equal educational opportunities and reasonable accommodations for the needs of qualified students with disabilities. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, recently reinforced by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, maintains that no qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely on the basis of their disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity in higher education. Brown University is subject to and adheres to this legislation. [http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Office\\_of\\_Student\\_Life/dss/index.html](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Office_of_Student_Life/dss/index.html)

Brown University neither imposes accommodations on students nor pre-empts their responsibility to disclose and define one's disability and one's need for accommodation. Self-identifying a disability, and asking for accommodation, are personal decisions. **If a student requests accommodations at Brown he or she is responsible for completing the process of registering with Disability Support Services (DSS).** Although the DSS assists students with disabilities with many tasks, it is up to the student to take the initiative and remain actively involved in the accommodation process. If there are concerns about this process, or advice is needed in coming to a decision as to whether to seek accommodations, the DSS office encourages students to call or stop by for a confidential review of the options available to them. Should a student then prefer not to self-identify, that decision will be understood, respected, and supported. Students seeking reasonable accommodations should be aware that it is their responsibility to:

Supply supporting clinical documentation to the Office of DSS in advance of the semester to determine appropriate services and accommodations. For students registering with a learning disability, documentation needs to be current within the last three years.

Request accommodations from DSS in person with at least two weeks notice of the accommodation need. If less than two weeks notice is given every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations, but accommodations are not guaranteed.

Confirm the adequacy of accommodations as soon as possible and notify DSS whenever they encounter unsatisfactory conditions.

Approach faculty and staff in a confidential setting to discuss accommodations requested and deliver, in person, letters for request of accommodation from DSS to faculty or staff.

Obtain syllabi and lists of course materials for reproduction in alternate formats.

Adhere to deadlines established by the DSS, Residential Life, faculty, Registrar, etc. for submission of medical documentation and requests for accommodations.

Pursue financial aid or state vocational rehabilitation support for accommodations and personal equipment needs.

Notify DSS of pre-registered classes for the following semester so accessible space can be arranged if necessary.

## 32 RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

### 32.1 AT BROWN

**SARAH DOYLE WOMEN'S CENTER**, at 26 Benevolent Street, (Box 1829, 863-2189) is a point of connection for the Brown and Providence communities, functioning as a channel for resources that serve the needs of both these communities. SDWC provides space for both on-campus and off-campus groups to meet.

The Sarah Doyle Women's Center, founded in 1975, was named in honor of the prominent Rhode Island educator, Sarah Doyle. The SDWC welcomes women and men who have interests in issues of gender and in issues that concern women in particular. The Center offers a variety of services and programs, as well as meeting space for university and community groups. As you look through the website, you'll see that the SDWC houses an art gallery, a darkroom, an extensive library and resource center, and a student lounge. It is a welcoming place on the Brown University campus.

The Center sponsors a variety of programs, such as the noontime Friday Forum series, workshops, discussions, and lectures. The SDWC fosters cultural awareness with its art gallery, and sponsorship of films, readings, and concerts. The Center also maintains a library with holdings not available elsewhere on campus. All are welcome to obtain a library card and make use of these resources.

Volunteers keep the Center open seven days a week during the school year, often until late in the evening. The Center has a computer referral file with listings of health care providers, therapists, OB-GYN services, information on crisis hot-lines and shelters, cultural, political and community groups, and where to turn for drug or alcohol abuse, or eating disorders. The Center also keeps notebooks with listings of job opportunities, child care options, housing openings, and scholarship opportunities. The center web site can be found at [http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sarah\\_Doyle\\_Center/](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Sarah_Doyle_Center/).

**PEMBROKE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH ON WOMEN**, (Box 1958, 863-2643), in conjunction with the Sarah Doyle Center, offers lectures forums, conferences programs during the year. The Pembroke Research Seminar meets throughout the academic year on Wednesdays, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the Crystal Room, Alumnae Hall. It brings together Pembroke Center Postdoctoral Fellows, Faculty Research Fellows, Graduate Fellows, other interested Brown faculty and selected students, affiliated Visiting Scholars, and distinguished guest lecturers. The research theme of the seminar changes annually. The current Seminar (2003 - 2004) is on "Shame," and is being led by David Konstan, Chesler-Mallow Senior Faculty Research Fellow; John Rose Workman Distinguished Professor of Classics. The Seminar will look at both cross-cultural and historical manifestations of shame and related topics. The 2004-2005 seminar is on "The Orders of Time," and is being led by Rey Chow, Chesler-Mallow Senior Faculty Research Fellow, Pembroke Center. This seminar will investigate the interdisciplinary as well as discipline-specific, historical, and cross-cultural conceptions of time. The Center web site is <http://www.pembrokecenter.org/>.

**THE CHRISTINE DUNLAP FARNHAM ARCHIVES**, (Box A, 863-2146), housed in the John Hay Library, chronicles the history of women at Brown University, of Brown alumnae, and of women in Rhode Island. Its collections include manuscripts, oral history tapes, organizational records, photographs, rare books, memorabilia, and the records of Pembroke College, the former women's college in Brown University. For further information, contact the University Archives at the John Hay Library. Also in the University Library system: "The history of women at Brown can be studied in documents concerning the admission of women in 1891 and the administration of the Women's College, named in 1928 Pembroke College, which merged with Brown in 1971. There are also copies of the "Pembroke Record", the college newspaper (1922 - 1970); the "Sepiad", a student literary and news periodical of the women students (1901 - 1932); the "Brun Mael", the women's yearbook (1909 - 1970); and the "Pembroke Alumna" (1928 - 1970). There are collections of correspondence of women students, scrapbooks kept by women students full of memorabilia of their college lives, and oral histories on cassette tapes of Pembroke alumnae. "The Research Guide to the Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives" (1989) provides detailed information about women's studies resources in the Archives and in other special collections." The Brown University Archive web site is at [http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University\\_Library/collections/archives/arch.html](http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/collections/archives/arch.html).

**WOMEN OF BROWN** is a group of (women) faculty, grad students, and their mates. They meet regularly and welcome newcomers. Some of their activities include discussion groups, hiking, tennis, social get-togethers, and they lease furniture (see FURNITURE section). You can contact the Women of Brown at Brown University Box 1834.

#### **SEXUAL ASSAULT and SEXUAL HARRASMENT**

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** If you have been sexually harassed by a member of the Brown community and want to file a formal complaint or explore other possibilities for action, we highly recommend contacting the Sarah Doyle Women's Center for help (x2189). The official graduate school contact in cases of sexual harassment is Dean Plater (x2289).

**SEXUAL ASSAULT & HARASSMENT CRISIS SUPPORT**, if you are in need of immediate assistance, is available 24 hours a day through the Office of Psychological Services on-call system at 863-3476. Crisis support and information is available for Brown students (female and male) dealing with sexual assault, sexual harassment, or violence in a relationship.

The **SEXUAL ASSAULT and TRAUMA RESOURCE CENTER of RI**, which is not associated with Brown University, is available 24 hours a day at 1-800-494-8100. Counselor-advocates there provide confidential support, information and advocacy, and are available to accompany victims of sexual assault at hospitals, the police station and court. The Center also provides ongoing counseling or appropriate referrals, and support groups for sexual assault and incest survivors.

**SEX AGAINST YOUR WILL**, a group for Brown female survivors of incest and sexual assault, was offered during the Spring Semester 2003. Call Psychological Services at 863-3476 for details, and to see whether the group will continue. The **Sexual Assault and Trauma Resource Center of RI** has an ongoing group for female survivors of sexual assault and is hoping to fill an incest survivors group in time to start in March 2003. For more information about the groups call 421-4100 ext. 230.

### 32.2 IN GREATER PROVIDENCE

**RHODE ISLAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER** 300 Richmond St., Suite 205, Providence, RI 02903, (421-4100) Provides comprehensive services -- including long-term counseling, support groups, and counseling for friends and family -- for women who are survivors of rape and/or childhood sexual abuse. They also have a Child Assault Prevention Program (CAPP) which educates children in schools throughout the state. They have a 24-hour hotline (1-800-551-0008) and a staff on call at all times. The workers are trained in crisis intervention and offer support at hospitals, police stations, in court, or over the telephone. Volunteers are the mainstay of the Center, and more people are always needed. In addition to the crisis intervention work, members educate the public, work with police departments throughout the state, and lobby for better legislation in Rhode Island.

**THE WOMEN'S CENTER** PO Box 6692, Providence, RI 02940, 24-Hour Confidential Hotline: 401-861-2760, FAX 401-861-2762, *Email: wcri@efortress.com*, web site: <http://www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/resources/wcri.htm>. The Women's Center of Rhode Island is a private, non-profit agency that assists abused and homeless women and their children. the Center's Residential Program welcomes women from diverse backgrounds. Our staff is multi-lingual multi-cultural, and our facility is accessible to most people with physical disabilities. The Women's Center is a member agency of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and receives partial support through the United Way of Southeastern New England (#5820).

**SOJOURNER HOUSE SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY CENTER**, 386 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, (401) 861-6191 Administrative Office, (401) 658-4334 V/TTY Hotline, (401) 765-3232 V/TTY Hotline, (401) 647-1514 V/TTY Hotline. <http://www.sojourner-house.org/>. This is a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by Brown University students that provides comprehensive services to battered women and their children, including the "safe home program", which provides these women and their children with a short-term safe refuge at private homes in the community while they consider future options. One can contact the Hotline for support and referral, at 658-4334 (northern RI), from 11 am to 11 pm 7 days a week. The Sojourner House also conducts a number of public education campaigns designed to prevent and eradicate domestic abuse.

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43 SECTION II: WHERE TO EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

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## 45 DINING & NIGHTLIFE

If there is one thing that Providence does well, it's restaurants. For such a small city, it has an amazing number of appealing establishments serving a variety of delicious cuisine. There is a plethora of Italian, Mediterranean, contemporary and Asian restaurants. But many other types of food are also represented. Below is a list of restaurants that a group of us have visited and, in most cases, enjoyed. It is by NO means an exhaustive list, nor indeed is it necessarily accurate (in terms of restaurant reviews). Unless otherwise specified, the range of prices listed is the cost of one entrée. (This cost information is not as up-to-date as we might like, but should give you some idea of the pricy-ness of each restaurant.)

If you eat out often, it's worth checking into the "Rhode Island Dining Card" - for around \$30 dollars (but pro-rated, so that after June you pay only \$15) you get a little black book listing about 90 participating restaurants. The less expensive of two entrees is free, and you need only mention the card *after* you've ordered and eaten, but before the bill arrives. Call (401) 886-7000 or fax (401) 886-7017 to order.

Disclaimer: A reasonable effort has been made to offer current and accurate information; but due to the fast turnover of restaurants, some places might have gone out of business by the time you read this. For more information, I strongly recommend that you take a look at <http://www.providenceri.com/as220/dining2.html> or <http://brown.dailyjolt.com/food/index.html>, where Brown students rank and rate any restaurant they wish.

To make it easier to find your favorite restaurant, we've listed them alphabetically (except the stuff that's on the Brown Campus has a special section all to itself in the very beginning - you know, just so you'll get good and hungry for the real food that comes after it. ).

Bon appétit!

### 45.1 WHERE YOU CAN EAT ON-CAMPUS: BROWN UNIVERSITY & RISD FOOD SERVICES

**THE BLUE ROOM**, Faunce House on the Main Green. Open from dawn to midnight Mon - Fri, it offers sandwiches, pastries, freshly baked cookies, bagels, and ice cream. Fabulous soup. Also soup in a bread bowl once a week. x3028.

**THE GATE**, Alumnae Hall, is the place for sandwiches, ice cream, salads, and especially pizza (it's a good slice of grease-cheap too). Open for lunch and through the evening. Contract credit as well as cash is accepted. x3040. Recently remodeled - looks nice, and is near Miller Hall.

**THE IVY ROOM**. Located downstairs in the Sharpe Refectory, it's open for lunch during the week (cash only) and has deli sandwiches, cold plates, grill items, hot entrees, and a salad bar. In the evening there's a variety of diverse foods available. Contract credit is available at night. Quite a number of Grad students and Professors lunch here.

**JOSIAH'S** is located in "New Dorm" across from the Graduate Center. Fast food type fare. Not awful, but sometimes pretty greasy. Lots of convenience-store type stuff too.

**SHARPE REFECTORY-"THE RATTY"**. Located on Wriston Quadrangle, this is the University's largest dining facility. It is sort of nasty. Realize that everyone calls it by the pet name of a pet rodent. Hmm . . . Graduate students purchase meal contracts here to avoid the bother of cooking. Good: 1) Very good institutional food served in unlimited portions; 2) They make everything from scratch (e.g. fresh bread, real--not instant--mashed potatoes), and they have a salad bar; 3) They serve 1 or 2 vegetarian and/or vegan alternatives at each meal; 4) Lists of food ingredients and caloric content are readily available so you know there's no rat poison in the turkey Tetrizzini. Bad: 1) Many graduate students who are T.A.s avoid this place like the plague, since they spend most of the meal answering questions from undergrads in their sections; 2) The Ratty is noisy and filled with the undergraduate experience (do you really want to go through that twice?); 3) By the middle of your second semester you're likely to be quite tired of the lack of variety (the menu repeats every 4 weeks) and other things; 4) The turkey Tetrizzini tastes like rat poison (see HEALTH CARE section). Several meal plans are available to meet varied student needs. Single meals are available for cash at the door. See University Food Services, 144 Thayer St., for complete details and costs. For today's menu, see [http://www.brown.edu/Student\\_Services/Food\\_Services/](http://www.brown.edu/Student_Services/Food_Services/).

**VERNEY-WOOLLEY DINING HALL.** Located in Emery Woolley Residence Hall on the Pembroke Campus, this facility is smaller and quieter than the Ratty. Meal contract holders can eat in either facility. It has recently been remodeled, and looks great. Same general sorts of food as Ratty.

And almost on-campus...

**RISD CAFETERIA,** between Waterman and Angell, below Prospect. Excellent institutional food. You can dine outdoors on the terrace overlooking downtown Providence. The Sunday night smorgasbord is especially recommended. Some graduate students get meal contracts at RISD in the summer when the Ratty is closed. Hours: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm and 5-6.30 pm. 454-6642.

**THE RISD SNACK BAR (aka "The Pit"),** RISD Memorial Hall, on Benefit between the RISD Library and the RISD Museum (the block between College and Waterman). As the name implies, it's in the basement of the building, and has dark moody lighting. Yummy made-to-order burgers, and cheap too! M-Th 9 am-10 pm, F 9 am-3 pm. Closed on the weekends.

#### 45.2 WHERE TO EAT (and where not to eat) OFF-CAMPUS

**ADESSO** \$15-30 for entrees

161 Cushing St. A stylish restaurant featuring delicious "California cuisine." The pizzas and pasta dishes are wonderful, and the desserts are fit for the gods. Since this is the nicest restaurant conveniently located to Brown's campus, it's frequented by visiting parents, professors with visiting faculty, and the like. Plenty o' parking! Open M-Th 5pm-10:30pm, F-Sa 5pm - 11:30pm, Su 4:30 - 10:30. 521-0770

**AL FORNO** \$15-30 for entrees

377 South Main. Always ravelly reviewed as *the* place to go in Providence for a fine dining experience. I don't know about that, but it is worth a try. The atmosphere is very warm and inviting. The food is expensive but appetizing...European cuisine with a definite Italian influence. Open Tu-Fri 5pm-10pm, Sa 4pm-10pm. 273-9760.

**AMICUS** \$17-28 for entrees

345 S. Water St. Elegant atmosphere for a romantic dinner. The food is exquisite and nicely presented, and they have the best service I have yet encountered in Providence. Be prepared to see and be seen, just make sure you are with the right person. Open M-Sat 5pm-11pm, Closed Sun. 521-7722

45.2.1.1.1.1.1 AMY'S PLACE,

**45.2.1.1.1.1.2 214 Wickenden, 274-9966. Great little sandwich place for carnivores and vegetarians alike.**

**ANDINO'S** \$12-\$20 per entrée. 171 Atwells Ave. Providence. One of the

better Italian eateries in Providence. Much more intimate & without the crowds encountered at Al Forno. Try the Linguine Vongole with white sauce! 453-3164.

**ANDRÉAS** \$8-16 for dinner entrees

268 Thayer St. This is a good bet if you've got a fair-sized group of people and you want to go somewhere for drinks as the place is seldom crowded and the atmosphere is warm. However, stick to the drinks because the Greek fare offered does not please the gods. Open Su-Th: 9am to 1am, Fr-Sa: 9am to 2am. 331-7879.

**Antonio's Pizza,** 2.00 + per slice, 258 Thayer St, (401) 455-3600

Also contains **Gordito Burrito**, which has a fairly inexpensive baby black bean burrito. Very little salsa provided.

**APSARA** \$6-7 most dinners; \$4 noodle dishes; \$4.75-5 vegetarian dishes

716 Public (off Elmwood). South Providence. There is zero ambiance in Aspara except for a few simple Cambodian posters. The food, on the other hand, is amazingly good and cheap. The menu is extensive and includes dishes from Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and China. Despite its location, Brown graduate students and faculty appear to be unable to

resist the almost magnetic force that draws them to this restaurant in droves. BYOB. 785-1490.

### **AS220 CAFÉ,**

115 Empire St., 861-9190.

**ASIAN PARADISE** \$4.50-6.25 for lunch; \$6.50-9, otherwise. 165 Angell St. Cheap, tasty lunch specials, a decent assortment of good (but not great) food, and seating for large groups. It's a pretty popular place, especially for lunch and when you're not in the mood for either Western-style food or traveling very far. All of the soups are delicious. Open Su-Th, 11:30am - 10pm, F-Sa: 11:30am - 11pm. 454-0222.

[www.asianparadisoonline.com](http://www.asianparadisoonline.com)

### **AU BON PAIN**

223 Thayer. Great cookies, muffins, croissants (try the almond!) sandwiches, coffee, etc. Rumored to be adding a juice bar this summer. Drawback: looks just like most other Au Bon Pains (but we're not blessed with the Harvard store's chessboards). Advantage: tables are good for studying, and music is not too loud or intrusive. 751-0472.

**BAGEL GOURMET** \$.45/bagel, \$5.40/baker's dozen

250 Brook St. They boast boiled bagels. This place is pretty popular. The owner was a student of the liberal arts and can tell you Dante was really "big." Be aware that while the bagels are comfortably chewy and in general perfectly adequate, the pumpnickel is extremely wussy. Worth calling ahead to get them while still steaming hot. Open 7am-6pm. 453-5560. New site moving into Thayer Street, across from CVS.

**BARNEY'S BAGELS** \$.45/bagel; sandwiches and pizza at the regular prices.

727 East Ave., Pawtucket. Acknowledged as indisputably the best bagels in or near Providence. Great cinnamon, chocolate-chip muffins. 943-7050.

**BARNSIDER'S MILE AND A QUARTER** \$12-24

375 South Main St. Only restaurant in Providence that we know of that has a salad bar. Unfortunately, it's disappointing. Their (alcoholic) bar is far better- as many yuppy-types readily attest to. Overall, it's a nice enough place to eat, but avoid their dinner theater like the plague! Open M-Th 5pm-10pm, F-Sa 5pm-11pm, Su 4pm-9pm. 351-7300

**BEN AND JERRY'S**

237 Meeting St. Lovely, expensive ice cream (in terminally cute surroundings); it's even better than the stuff you can get in the grocery stores. Every spring there is a "free cone day" - fear not, the line moves pretty quickly. 421-1114.

**BICKFORD'S**

965 Fall River Ave., Seekonk (Alpert's Exit). If you can find someone capable of driving, this family restaurant franchise is open all night. Mmmm.Waffles.. 1-508-336-5075. There's also one at 969 Bald Hill Rd. in Warwick (828-2080). You can find them online.

**BIG ALICE'S ICE CREAM**

100 Hope St. Great ice cream, made on the premises, that consistently ranks in the "Best Ice Cream in the U.S.A." reviews. They also make ice cream for some Chinese restaurants, which has engendered such flavors as "green tea" ice cream. Closed all winter, and erratic hours in general, so call ahead. 273-5812.

**THE BLACK PEARL** \$10-\$20. West Pelham, Newport (on the boardwalk). Great seafood; the clam chowder alone is worth the trip down, and you will be hard pressed to find better clams casino. 846-5264.

**THE BOMBAY CLUB** \$5-7 for lunch, \$8-14 for dinner

145 Dean St (off Atwells Ave). If I were asked to put a name to the Indian restaurant in Providence I like best, this would be my choice. (For truly excellent choices, one has to go outside Providence, see Punjabi Dhaba and Udipi Bhavan.) It tends to be uncomplicatedly good, and the lunch buffet on weekends is quite excellent for the price (\$7.50) and is

definitely worth frequenting. The Papri Chaat starter is very refreshing and I regularly enjoy it. The Bombay Club also has a full bar and lounge. 273-6363.

**BOSTON MARKET** dinners start at \$5-29

551 N. Main. Think of it as an upscale Kentucky Fried Chicken. Yeah it's a franchise, but it's cheap, tastes good, and is probably better for you than the Colonel...relatively speaking. 273-9690.

**BRICKWAY ON WICKENDEN** brunch \$4-6; dinner \$8-12

234 Wickenden. My favorite place for brunch on the weekends! It seems to be a lot of other people's favorite also, as it's always quite busy. Their pancakes and waffles come with lots of fresh fruit. During the summer, there's plenty of outdoor seating. 751-2477

**CABLE CAR CAFÉ**

204 S. Main St. A cozy, cafe section within the Cable Car Cinema, it's a great place to kill time before or after a movie. Popular with RISD students. Sadly, it is always filled with smoke. 272-3970.

**CACTUS BAR AND GRILL**, starts at \$7

370 Richmond St. The best upscale Tex-Mex place in town. (The best Mexican is Taco Mexico, see above.) There is some real and some pseudo-Cajun food on the menu, which is also good. They used to be the only place in town that served Louisiana Blackened Voodoo Beer, brewed by the Dixie Brewing Company of New Orleans, but on my last trip there, the waitress hadn't heard of it and I haven't been back since. Go, but stick to the Margaritas. 421-3300

**CAFÉ NUOVO** \$18-25 for entrees

1 Citizen's Plaza. Dine indoors or alfresco on their riverside tree-lined patio. Let me say right off the bat that this place will definitely set you back a pretty penny. A full dinner for two (appetizers, main course, bottle of wine, dessert, coffee/tea) can easily run \$120. But if you can damn the torpedoes for a night, then the experience is worth it. A very lively California bistro atmosphere. Every dish is a work of art in itself. The duck is impeccable. And the desserts are to-die-for. Excellent selection of wines, but they are overpriced. 421-2525.

**CAFÉ PARAGON** burgers and sandwiches around \$5; dinner entrees \$8-14

234 Thayer St. Probably the best value for your money on Thayer. Upbeat bistro atmosphere. Half-pound burgers and monster salads. No wonder why it's always busy...so much so that at lunch, you may get a table at **Viva**, Café Paragon's sister restaurant located right next door, see below. Hopefully the new expansion will change this. Open Su-Th: 11am - 1am, F-Sa: 11am - 2am, kitchen closes at midnight. 331-6200.

**CAFÉ ZOG**

239 Wickenden St. Great coffee, desserts, and sandwiches. Very recommended. Named after an Albanian king. 421-2213.

**CAFFE DOLCE VITA**

59 DePasquale Square. Pastries made in Italy, extraordinary Espresso and Cappuccino, amazing Gelatos, and astounding atmosphere. They do everything well, and their prices are reasonable. 331-8240.

**CAFFE ITRI** \$8.95-17.95

1686 Cranston St., Cranston. Adventurous Italian food, reputed to be so good you'll hardly notice your wallet emptying. 942-1970.

**CAFE JAVA**

272 Thayer. Standard faux Au Bon Pain.

**CAFFE VERDI**

441 Atwells Avenue. Almost, but not quite, as good as Caffe Dolce Vita. Nice ambiance, great desserts and espresso, and

reasonable to boot.

### **CAPITAL GRILLE \$17-28**

1 Cookson Pl. Sophisticated dining experience. The waitstaff is amazingly knowledgeable and attentive. Although they specialize in dry-aged steaks, their other entrees are also delicious, though expensive. Everything is served *a la carte*, so if you want some veggies with your dead cow, be ready to fork out another fiver or so. They have an extensive collection of wines available. 521-5600

### **CASERTA \$23.54 for lg. (12"x18") mushroom pizza (they don't do onion!)**

121 Spruce St., on Federal Hill. No nonsense, thick-crust, rectangular pizza. The tomato sauce is excellent, and the pepperoni/olive combination is highly recommended. Big slices at reasonable prices. No ambiance, unless you like big hair. Good for take-out. No delivery. 272-3618.

### **CASSARINO'S \$10-15**

177 Atwells Ave. Most of the restaurants on Federal Hill look the same, but they don't all taste the same. Cassarino's Gnocci Aurora and Chicken Milano are absolutely delicious AND generously priced! They do fish well, too. 751-3333

### **CAV (Coffee, Antiques, Victuals)**

14 Imperial Place. Nice Bohemian cafe/antique shop. High ceilings, post beams, and lots of beautiful antiques lend personality to this place. The food is pretty good, too. Live entertainment on many evenings, and open mike on Mondays. 751-9164.

### **THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY,**

94 Providence Place, 270-4010. Perfectly adequate food for much too much money. However, **incredible** cheesecakes of all sorts of weird varieties.

### **CHECKER'S PIZZA \$9.90 for a lg. (16") onion pizza**

167 Benefit St. Solid, basic pizza. A good alternative to Domino's. Similar to, though slightly worse than, Ronzio's. They deliver. 273-8890.

### **CHEVY'S FRESH MEX, \$7-15**

1376 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick. Getting decent Mexican food in Rhode Island isn't easy. If you crave Mexican food like I do, head down to Chevy's in Warwick. Chevy's is a better than average national Mexican chain. Their chips and salsa are awesome; the chips are light, thin and salty, the salsa has chunks of roasted red pepper and tomato. The entrees, while not great, are good standard American-style Mexican, and the portions are huge. Chevy's also has a vast selection of margaritas. The drinks are a tad pricey, but worth it. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. 823-4700.

### **CHEZ PASCAL, \$25-50**

960 Hope St., 421-4422.

### **CHINA INN \$6-12**

285 Main St. Pawtucket. If you are looking for good Chinese food in RI, China Inn is the place. Located right across from the DMV in Pawtucket, China Inn serves up tasty Chinese food at reasonable prices. The restaurant is huge, making it a great place for larger parties. The menu is extensive, serving up large portions of all the standard entrees, and the service is quite good. Open every day for lunch and dinner. 723-3960.

### **COFFEE EXCHANGE**

207 Wickenden St. Coffee beans from around the world and pastries from out of this world. Sit outside and watch the world go by. Hard to study at for two reasons: 1) tiny tables that barely seat two people 2) it is invariably more interesting to watch the clientele (many, but not all, gay/bi-sexual; or in drag, or just pseudo-punk rockers we know are really eighth graders) trying to pick one another up than to study whatever esoterica you came to Brown to amuse yourself with. 273-1198.

### **DAILY BREAD,**

199 Wayland Ave., 331-1800.

### **D'ANGELO'S, \$3-6**

216 Thayer. Sandwiches, wraps, & soups. This chain trumps Subway by featuring an actual grill, which is good if you're into hot sandwiches. Go for the Legal Seafoods clam chowder by the cup or bowl. They also accept phone orders for pick-up. Open Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-9pm. 331-8838. There is some sort of student deal on Tuesdays, we think. Takes Student Advantage.

### **DEL'S LEMONADE**

On a cart in front of the Brown Bookstore (also a store on Wickenden and other locations all over the state) in the Summer. Best frozen lemonade in the state; certainly better than New England Lemonade, who are poor imitators of Del's creation. Del's is a Rhode Island tradition (although the state drink is coffee milk!) that's worth adopting. Warning: may be addictive. 434-8024.

### **DOWN CITY FOOD & COCKTAILS \$14-20**

151 Weybosset St. Neat place with yummy dinners at reasonable prices. Though the décor is like that of a diner's, during the evenings their popular cocktail bar helps to transform it to something slightly more elegant. Be careful though, their menus are highly flammable! 331-9217

### **DUNKIN' DONUTS**

275 Thayer St., and, Gano Street near Williams (albeit the construction of this one had Fox Point residents up in arms, and one dear old building was a casualty). The official religion of Rhode Island. Donuts and coffee. As if this chain isn't ubiquitous enough in Li'l Rhody, they've named the Civic Center after it. **Note!!:** a "regular" coffee (in many parts of RI and MA) means a coffee with "cream and 2 sugars." Go figure. So if you want it black, you better be sure to say so. 621-9624. Also at 771A Hope St. (331-9170).

### **EAST AVENUE CAFÉ, appetizers \$3-7, entrees \$8-13, burgers & salads \$5-7.**

342 East Ave., Pawtucket (near the CVS Plaza). For those of you who don't know, Hope Street becomes East Avenue near the Providence/Pawtucket border and there's a great little restaurant nestled in the no-man's land between the cities. With the East Avenue Café you get huge portions of food for reasonable prices. Their menu consists of a bevy of meat and (usually fresh) seafood entrees, and they serve huge burgers and other kinds of sandwiches. In addition, they serve dinner salads and great appetizers that more dainty eaters could make a meal out of. The service is pleasant and they don't bug you every chance they get. Their beer list is limited but the food is amazing. Picture a 14 oz. steak smothered in mushrooms and wine sauce with a giant baked potato and a nice sized dinner salad. The atmosphere is like a sports bar & grill and you can catch your favorite sporting event or the news on the strategically placed televisions while you eat! While it may sound like a "guy place", this is easily one of my favorite restaurants in the area and. I'm not a guy! 725-9520

### **EAST SIDE POCKETS \$3-6**

278 Thayer St. Friendly, clean and bright, and the food is tasty. Excellent falafel pockets, chicken pockets, etc. Open late. 453-1100.

### **EL CHAPIN, \$5-10**

486 Broadway and 271 Plainfield St. Fantastic, authentically prepared Guatemalan food, including unbelievable hand-made tortillas. This is one of the favorite restaurants in Providence of restaurant reviewer Meredith Ford. Very casual. No reservations accepted. Not wheelchair accessible. The one on Broadway is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, but closes at 5pm on Tuesdays; the Plainfield St. location is open daily from 8am to 10 pm. No smoking. On-street parking. No credit cards. Highchairs available. Broadway: 273-2320; Plainfield St.: 943-5377 or 464-4400.

45.2.1.1.1.3 EL SOMBRERO, **682 Dexter St., Central Falls. Reputedly THE best place for authentic Mexican food in Rhode Island. 729-1560.**

### **EMPIRE, \$15-30**

123 Empire St. Empire is the creation of former Al Forno chefs Eric Moshier and Loren Falsone. The two-story restaurant is upscale and beautifully decorated with tall windows providing a view across to the Trinity Rep. The food is Northern Italian and consistently excellent; try the artichoke appetizer and wonderful stuffed red pepper. Moshier's specialty is desserts; the brown sugar tart is a favorite. If you are on a schedule or attending the theater, you may want to just get appetizers at the bar. While the service is very attentive, the food can take a while. Open for Lunch Wed ONLY 11:30-2:30, Dinner M-Th 5-11, F-Sat 5-Midnight, Sundays 4-9. 621-7911.

### **ESTRELA DO MAR, \$10-18**

736 North Broadway, East Providence. If the last time you went to Estrela do Mar was a couple of years ago, you will want to give the new Estrela do Mar another try. Once upon a time the restaurant was the locale of all night Fado performances, (when Fado aficionados were forced to leave at the state mandated closing time, only later to sneak back inside in darkness where they would stay until dawn over red wine and soulful Portuguese rhythms). Over the past few years, however, the restaurant had gone downhill and Estrela do Mar was not what it once was. All of that has changed though, as the new owner has remodeled the dining room and bar, updated and added to the menu, and turned Estrela do Mar into one of the better Portuguese restaurants in the region. An extensive wine-list offers some 50 different Portuguese wines, including reds, whites and the Portuguese vinho verde. Among their most popular dishes are the Paelha, the Carne Alentejano, Carne Espito (shish kebob) and the Bife à Casa (a steak in a clay pot served with an egg, ham and the round Portuguese style french fries). Even if you are not hungry, you should go to the restaurants café/bar some afternoon for a coffee, as Estrela do Mar is one of very few places in the United States that knows how to make a bica (espresso style coffee) the way it should be made. 434-5621.

### **FELLINI'S \$13 for lg. (18") onion pizza**

166 Wickenden St. Exotic pizza. Greasy, but tasty. Some people swear by Fellini's; others swear at Fellini's (*strangely enough the film director engenders a similar reaction - ed.*). They deliver. Next to the pizzeria, a funky and colorful place to have cappuccino and a canoli. They have a nice assortment of pastries and other baked goods, but their claim-to-fame is their being the only establishment in the area that understands the concept of a malted frappe (which would be a malted milkshake in more civilized parts of the country). (*Well, actually, the reason they are called frappes is because they are made with ice cream. A milkshake around here is literally a wussy little drink made with shook-up ice milk. Rhode Islanders have the added distinction of calling their special frappes "cabinets" - go figure, it's a regional war of words... don't get me started on jimnies v. sprinkles! -ed.*) Open Su: 12pm to 12am, M-Th: 11am to 12am, F-Sa: 11am - 2am. 751-6737.

### **FIRE + ICE, \$15**

48 Providence Place. An improvisational grill. Basically, you get a bowl, put whatever you want in it, then grill it up for you, and you eat it. Good for those with innate gourmet talent or resilient stomachs. At least it's all you can eat, so if you mess up once, you can try again. The atmosphere is festive, to say the least. 270-4040.

### **THE FISH Co. BAR & GRILL, 515 S. Water St., 421-5796.**

### **4 SEASONS RESTAURANT \$6.50-8 for entrees**

361 Reservoir Av. Despite the somewhat sterile surroundings, the food at the 4 seasons is quite good. They offer cheap Chinese lunch specials, but the Cambodian, Thai and Vietnamese fare is much better prepared. 461-5651.

### **GARDEN GRILLE up to \$8**

727 East Av., Pawtucket. Vegetarian food, which around here is rare and cherished. (*That is, if you like paying \$5.50 for a Boca Burger, when the box of four in your freezer only cost \$3.00! -ed.*) 726-2826.

### **GATEHOUSE RESTAURANT \$19-29 (including soup and salad)**

4 Richmond Sq. Hidden away, by the serene Seekonk River, is this precious gem of a restaurant. Cozy, romantic atmosphere, and delicious food. ah, the joie de vivre. Everyone who's been there says it's one of their favorites. 521-9229

**GEOFF'S SUPERLATIVE SANDWICHES** \$5-7 for sandwiches

Thayer St. @ Angell. They just moved one door up Thayer to make way for Smoothie King. Good variety of tasty sandwiches. Free pickles. There's another Geoff's at 163 Benefit. The joint itself is pretty similar. Only the Brown/RISD student ratios are the opposite. 751-9214.

**GINZA** \$15-\$17.

1096 Park Ave. Cranston. Good sushi, with larger than usual portions. You get the most sushi for your buck here. This place is developing a cult following. 943-0055.

**GOURMET HOUSE** dinner \$5-10.50

787 Hope St. A real favorite among Brown restaurant-goers. Yummy Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Thai food from the pedestrian to the super-bizarre. They have by far the best Bee Boong, Banh Hoi, and Nime Chow in the area. 621-9818.

**GRAPPA** \$9-\$25

525 South Water. If you want to sit by the window- facing the water- you must reserve it in advance. We knew we were in for a treat when we walked in, and heard people talking in Italian! Their risotto and swordfish were delicious, and the ambience charming. What we really couldn't understand was why they made their menus so heavy! Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. 454-1611

**GREGG'S RESTAURANT** \$7-8 sandwiches; \$10 dinner

1303 N. Main St. Reasonable sandwiches, chicken, and breakfasts. Nice desserts. Gregg's is good for a late snack after the movie (open until 1 am) or a late breakfast when you don't get up till 2 pm (bum!). 831-5700. Some graduate students love this place - as close as you get to a New York deli.

**GUIDO'S** \$8-19 for entrees

100 Hope St. As cozy as they come. Popular for romantic dinners, but do bring your own bottle of wine as they are not licensed. The food is good but for what you pay, I think you can do better. They do have an all-you-can-eat spaghetti special mid-week. Open W-Th 5:30-9pm, F-Sa 5:30-10, Su: 5-9pm. 273-5812.

**HARUKI** \$15-\$17

1210 Oaklawn Ave. Cranston. At its best, sushi is an art form. Taste is equally as important as presentation, and Haruki (the owner) accepts no less. Haruki's chefs (sushi-ya) include one who is Ginza trained-not unusual in Hawaii & Los Angeles, but rare on the East Coast. This is also a good place for those starting out with sushi to acquire a taste for sushi. 463-8338.

**HAVEN BROTHERS DINER** \$1.70 hamburger; \$3.50 steak; \$5 lobster roll

72 Spruce St. near Kennedy Plaza (next to city hall). One of the few places to eat after 11 pm. Good place to hang out with the biker crowd and have a burger on the steps of city hall. 861-7777. Open late-nite.

**HEMENWAY'S SEAFOOD GRILL & OYSTER BAR** \$12-20

1 Providence-Washington Plaza. Scrumptious seafood, courteous and efficient waitstaff. Okay, so you pretty much have to get your parents or private-sector employed friends to bring you here, but it's certainly a yummy treat. Prime place to go on Waterfire nights because the restaurant looks out over the river, so it's best to make a reservation. Open for Lunch: M-Sa: 11:30-3, Dinner: M-Th 5-10pm, F-Sa 5-11pm, Su: 12-9pm. 351-8570

**HILLTOP CAFE**

404 Wickenden St. Allegedly a Greek restaurant, but it's more like a sandwich shop with wonderful Greek music playing. It's a new place so they haven't as yet gotten their food and service act together. It is however a pleasant place to sit, especially during the summer. 273-5300

**HOLE IN THE WALL SANDWICH SHOP**

**283 Thayer St. It's name is, um, an accurate description. You could easily go your entire graduate career without noticing this tiny eatery - but it's worth stopping in for an alternative to the other Thayer sandwich joints. Open Su-Th: 11am - 2am, F-Sa: 11am - 3am. 274-7827.**

**HONG MEAS** \$4-\$7. 332 Warren Ave. East Providence.

Imagine Apsara being just a little more intimate, & without all the drunken undergrads running around. In other words, the perfect Southeast Asian restaurant! This is another place that will be much more crowded after this. The food is just as good as Apsara & the Vietnamese dishes are better than Apsara's (*but not as good as Gourmet House's- ed.*) Take Out Available. Full bar & they serve potent specialty mixed alcohol drinks like the "Suzie Wong"; "the Zombie" (what you turn into afterwards); & "Love Potion". 438-5227.

**HOT WOK CAFÉ** \$5-13

752 Hope St. All your favorites plus some different choices. Dinner portions average \$8.00 and include steamed rice. Specials average \$6.00 and include egg roll, choice of soup, fried rice, and smaller portion of the main dish. For the health-conscious, many items may be steamed or cooked with reduced amount of oil. BYOB. 272-8823.

**INDIA** \$6-7 for lunch, \$9-15 for dinner

1060 Hope St. (There are also 2 other locations- at 123 Dorrance St. in downtown Providence, and at 520 Main St. in Warren, RI.) As far as décor goes, this is the best chain of Indian restaurants in Rhode Island. In summer, they have a nice covered patio available for those who want to sit outdoors. With a full bar, they also serve various creative Americanized variants of Indian dishes (like swordfish and scallop curries). Check out their web site at [www.indiarestaurant.com](http://www.indiarestaurant.com). 245-4500.

**J. ELLIOTT'S NEW YORK DELI**

Okay, scruples here. These folks, and I quote from our reporter "quite aggressively stated that they are NOT INTERESTED in the book, DO NOT wish to be included in the book, would like any entry to be REMOVED from the book, do not care that it would be free advertising for them!!!!" Well, allrighty then. Our reply: we are not interested in your deli, do not wish to patronize your deli, and would like any thought of your food removed from our memory.

**JOE MARZILLI'S OLD CANTEEN** \$9-20 for entrees

120 Atwells Ave. If you want to be waited on, go somewhere else. If you want to be served exquisitely, come here. Black-tie waiters complement the soft, romantic-decor of one of the finest Italian restaurants in Providence. How fine? Well, you can order from the wine list provided (recommended) or from the one available upon request. Anyway, an evening here probably will require plastic (Visa and MasterCard accepted) but this is what a restaurant should be. N.B.: They're closed Tuesdays. 751-5544.

**JOHNNY ROCKETS,**

269 Thayer St. 270-1063 or 270-0003.

**JOHNNY'S PIZZA, SEAFOOD & SUBS** \$4-6 for sandwiches; \$6-15 for dinners.

114 Doyle Ave. Probably not the greatest location for a late night dine-in experience unless you're packin' heat. I really hate to mention this place because now its going to be crowded all the time. The best steak tips you'll ever have, & fish and chips to write home about. Then try the scallops & chips. They have a sandwich called the "steak bomb"---beef & pepperoni which is a stroke of evil genius! Good pizza too. They deliver. 273-5661.

**JULIAN'S,**

318 Broadway, 861-1770

**KABOB & CURRY** \$7 for lunch, \$8-12 for dinner; takes student advantage.

261 Thayer St. Some native Indians say that Kabob and Curry "K&C has a rather insipid effect on the palate," but others think the food is pretty good. The cuisine is Americanized rather than authentic, which means that dishes are typically not as spicy as they ought to be; occasionally the service is slow. On the other hand, it is on Thayer, is very reasonably priced

for lunch, and so is a convenient choice at times and has earned popularity from many Brown students. It also serves drinks, including an Indian beer. The Tangri Kabob is recommended, as is the Keema Mattar. The Sunday Brunch is all-you-can-eat, and though relatively bland, is very filling. This restaurant has a web page with online menu at [www.kabobandcurry.com](http://www.kabobandcurry.com). Open 11am - 3pm, 5pm - 10:30pm; Su brunch: 11:30 - 3pm. 273-8844.

**KARTABAR**, drinks \$2.75-6, entrees \$4.50-13

Is it simply Viva II? Not exactly. The Drinks are cheaper (cosmo \$5.50, draft beer \$2.75 - 3.25), and one can get a veggie burger with fries as cheap as \$4.50. Most expensive item is Lobster Ravioli (\$13.00). I highly recommend Rustic Mediterranean Salad and Ensalada Espinacia. The pizza is terrific too (esp. Christophos). However stay away from Penne Di Entoce...it tastes like BBQ sauce. Atmosphere and Dress Code: Wait staff was friendly and attentive without pushing you out the door (like Viva). As for dress, Kartabar is definitely soliciting the upper east side "slummin' it" look (dressed down in extremely overpriced washed out jeans with untucked high-end broadcloth button-down). Bottom line: Eurotrash-friendly yet not overtly disdainful of a guy in sneakers and shorts. Music: pretty bad wannabe elevator-techno if that even exists. Finally, the eating area is non-smoking, however one is allowed to smoke at the bar. Overall I highly recommend Kartabar for anyone that wants a very reasonably priced meal in a more upscale environment. Lunch Menu 11:30am - 4pm everyday, Dinner Menu 4pm - 11pm Sun-Th, 4pm- 12am F & Sat. Drinks Only 11pm - 1am Sun-Th, 11pm - 2am F & Sat. 331-8111.

**KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN** dinners start at \$4

805 N. Main. Shhhhh, listen...can you hear that? Is it a babbling brook you hear? No, it's the sound of your precious life-giving blood squeezing past the gooey atherosclerotic plaques lining the walls of your once pristine coronary arteries. Oh well, we all gotta go sometime...now pass the cole slaw. 272-3950.

**LA CAMELIA** \$8.75-12.75 for dinners; \$9.75 for vegetarian appetizer platter

92 Waterman Av. (East Providence). Middle Eastern dinners including pitas, falafel, hoummos tahini, tabouli and all sorts of other fun things. They serve you a bowl of pistachios to munch on while waiting. Much of the fare is meaty, but damn that cholesterol count for a night. Very outgoing and kind management. (The owners immigrated here from Armenia about 25 years ago, and are planning to retire soon, so go now before it is too late!) 434-1225.

**LA CRÊPERIE**

82 Fones Alley (Walk down Thayer away from Brown and you will trip over their sidewalk sign just before Au Bon Pain. Turn right and it is immediately on your left.) Excellent juices and smoothies, both dinner and dessert crepes are scrumptious. Nose rings not for sale. Open really late on weekends (~2 am). 751-5336

**LA HISPANOÏA**, \$5-10

381 Plainfield St. Dominican cooking just like your grandmother made it, in this very low-key, homey kitchen. The prices are a gift. The owners are graduates of the New England Culinary Institute, and their limited menu is delicious and filling. Open 6am to 8 pm. Very casual, no reservations. Takeout available. Wheelchair accessible, street parking. No credit cards. 275-6622

**L'ELIZABETH**

285 South Main. Dark, cozy, and classy ambiance with a British flavour. Lots of antiques. Great place for an intimate tete-a-tete. Expensive fancy coffees, but a great place to end a date. Quite expensive. 621-9113.

**LITTLE CHOPSTICKS** \$6-9

495 Smith St., West Providence. Much better than Asian Paradise, but is it worth the trip? Many would say so! They have good dumplings. Good place to see Dean Lusk. 351-4290

**LONG RIVER**, \$5-10

1 Pocasset Ave. (@ Plainfield St.). The Hong Kong trained chefs at this great Chinese take-out restaurant had a successful restaurant in Chinatown in New York, and opted for a more leisurely life in Rhode Island. Their fabulous, fresh food has taken the neighborhood by storm, and they are crowded every noon and evening. Call ahead for some of the best tasting

Chinese take-out in New England. Wheelchair accessible, parking. No credit cards. 946-8970.

**LOUI'S FAMILY RESTAURANT \$4-9**

286 Brook St. Greasy diner with a lot of local flavor. Hangout for RISD students and other multi-pierced waifs. It's an institution among Brown students- especially for Sunday brunch. It's also rumored to be a mafia money-laundering joint. Open only for breakfast and lunch. 861-5225.

**MADEIRA**, Most entrees about \$15-22 but some are less expensive.

288 Warren Ave., East Providence. When my parents, my friends' parents or Professors at a function in my department want to go out for Portuguese food, Madeira is where I take them. That my parents, my friends parents and my department also usually pay when we go there is no mere coincidence in my recommendation. Madeira is a little more expensive than the other East Providence Portuguese Restaurants, but it does tend to be worth it. You really can't go wrong with any thing you order. Dishes from Portugal are included along with traditional plates from the autonomous region of Madeira. Try the Madeirense espito (shish kebob) with fried milho (cornmeal fritters) or any one of Madeira's succulent beef, fish or shellfish dishes. If you can, order a dish with the Portuguese style batatas fritas (french fries). As excellent as the many entrees are at Madeira, it may be about the fries that you will be talking tomorrow. 431-1322.

**MALECON** \$10-\$17 per entree.

1228 Broad St. Providence. When you finally get tired of Italian food, try the fine Caribbean/Latin cuisine at Malecon-you will be back. If you've never had fine Caribbean cuisine, this is a good place to start. About the best paella you'll ever eat. 781-8471.

**MAXMILLIAN'S ICE CREAM CAFÉ** (not Maximillian's!)

1074 Hope St. Very good homemade ice cream in original flavors. Also, a variety of excellent bizarre sundaes. 273-2736 (273-7230).

**MAX'S UPSTAIRS**, formerly MONTANA. Burgers and sandwiches start at \$4; entrees are up to \$14. 272 Thayer St. Open M-Th: 11:30am - 11:30pm F-Sa: 11:30am - 12:30am, Su: 12pm - 11:30pm. Lunch specials served until 2pm

**MAYA AZTECA**, \$5-10

311 Plainfield St. One of the best, most authentic Mexican restaurants in New England. Mexican specialties that you will not find elsewhere. The *Providence Journal's* Meredith Ford called it "fantastic". Open daily from 8am to 10pm. Very casual. No reservations. Wheelchair accessible. Parking. No credit cards. Highchairs available. 942-5441

**McDONALD'S** \$3.50 for a combo

649 N. Main. For the benefit of any incoming grad students from the three nations on Earth that do not have a McDonald's, this is the burger and fries joint that started it all. Everyone else pretty much knows what to expect. I'm convinced this is the location where all the bad employees get exiled...I've yet to have a visit here without some sort of screw-up. 274-9341.

**MEDITERRANEO CAFE** \$13-22

132? Atwells. Trendy, vibrant restaurant downstairs, trendy, vibrant bar upstairs. This place has a happening, European feel to it- different from the typical Federal Hill Restaurant- and a delicious menu. During summer evenings, it's the ideal place to indulge, *al fresco*.

**MEETING STREET CAFE** \$5-8

220 Meeting St. Huge, delicious sandwiches and salads. Excellent selection of beautiful, mouth-watering desserts. My favorite meal here is vegetarian lasagna, followed by a slice of "Carmen Miranda." Some claim that "the service is so slow that out-of-town Rhode Islanders book hotel rooms when they eat here because they hate to drive home late." Mondays there's a 10% discount for students and faculty. BYOB (Liquor store downstairs.) Open 8am - 11pm, 7 days/wk. 273-1066

**MINERVA'S PIZZA** \$8-13.50 for a lg. (15") onion pizza

20 South Angell St. Hearty, traditional pizza and hot grinders in a nice environment. Great for a quiet, good meal. Beer available. They do not deliver. 272-2279.

**MISS FANNIE'S SOUL FOOD KITCHEN** 242 Broad St., 453-9555

**MODERN DINER, \$5-10**

364 East Avenue, Pawtucket. The Modern Diner is housed in an actual 1941 Sterling Streamliner. On the weekdays, the food is good, on the weekends it is fabulous. There are about 15 specials posted each weekend, and each one is unique and tasty. The specials range from a sauteed Portobello mushroom stacked on a pork tenderloin and a sweet potato pancake, all topped with an egg and hollandaise to their phenomenal Custard French Toast, served with a Bourbon custard sauce, walnuts, and fresh berries. The tables turn over quickly, but get there early to avoid the lines. Open for Breakfast and Lunch Mon - Sat, 6AM - 3PM Sun, 7AM -2PM. 726-8390.

**NAPA VALLEY GRILLE,**

11 Providence Place, 270-6272. Very expensive, but really excellent food.

**NEW RIVERS** \$15-24 for entrees

7 Steeple St. Great melange of food. You can tell the chefs like to experiment. Nice atmosphere too...but do decline if you're offered a table near the bathroom. Otherwise, gets the seal of approval. 751-0350.

**NEWPORT CREAMERY** \$5-7 for various greasy entrees

465 Angell St. The shakes and ice cream are quite good. The food is edible. Be sure to experience one of Rhode Island's marvels: the "Awful-awful". Awful big, awful thick. Totally exciting. 831-1054.

**O DINIS, \$7-12**

579 Warren St., East Providence. Did you know that the section of I-95 connecting Providence to East Providence is the longest stretch of highway in the world? It connects the United States to the Azores and Portugal... In a five-minute drive you can get from Brown to a typical Azorean tasca (tavern) simply by going to O Dinis Restaurant. Owned by famous Fado singer Dinis Paiva (he performed the soulful melancholy Portuguese Fado at Julia Roberts' character's wedding in the film "Mystic Pizza"), the cozy tavern-like atmosphere and the restaurant's unusual clientele make one believe he is actually on São Miguel, Azores rather than on Warren Ave. in East Providence. Most of the dishes are cooked with an Azorean slant (seasoned with the holy trinity of garlic, onion and pimenta -red crushed pepper- in wine) and, given the quality and size of the portions, are served at a most reasonable price. Sample the grilled and fried fish dishes, including the Bacalhau (codfish), or one of my favorites, the Bitoque (a steak served with an egg on top - or à cavalo as it is called, literally, with the egg riding horseback - in a rich pimenta and garlic marinade). For an appetizer order the ameijoas (clams in a wine and garlic sauce). If you happen to be lucky enough to be at the restaurant on a special occasion, you may even catch Dinis treating his patrons with the Fado that made him famous. 438-3769.

**OCEAN COFFEE ROASTERS**

110 Waterman Street. Opens everyday at 7:00 a.m. Closing time varies depending on whose working. Almost always open 'til at least 6:00 p.m. (just don't count on it). Service: truly nonexistent when there are more than 5 customers. Atmosphere: non-descript. Coffee-always burnt...pretty terrible. Sandwiches and Salads are very tasty but overpriced...the one true value are the soups, all of which are great and served with unlimited bread. Clientele-mostly students and some locals, particularly in the morning. The place is mobbed between 12:00-2:30, making finding a seat tough. Overall Impression: Despite the fact that nearly everything listed above is pretty negative, I give Ocean a very high rating. Why?...because anyone can purchase a tea costing \$1.35 and sit and read for 4 and a half hours without being hassled at all. If anything, they encourage regulars like myself to sit and kill time there. (Also there's something charming about the wannabe rockers that work there and blast Motorhead during the lunch hour.) If you don't mind waiting 45 minutes for your coffee, they don't mind if it takes you all day to drink it. 331-5282.

**OKI JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE** \$15-\$17 sushi.

1270 Mineral Spring Ave. North Providence. Good sushi plus a good place to get a wide variety of Japanese cuisine, including the Japanese teppanyaki steak (think Benihana). 728-7970.

**OLGA'S CUP & SAUCER,**

103 Point St., 831-6666.

**OLIVES**-- Food from \$6.95; Martinis from \$5.95.

108 N. Main St. Providence. Finally a martini bar in Providence! Over 50 martinis to choose from---work your way from the "Pink Diamond" to the "Cosmopolitan" to the "FDR". Frequent drink & dinner combos & live music. 751-1200.

**PÁKARANG THAI,**

303 S. Main St., 453-3660.

**PARKSIDE ROTISSERIE & BAR** \$6-13 lunch; \$11-22 dinner

76 S. Main St. A nice escape from the department for a delightful, summer lunch outside. During the evenings, this bistro is pretty happening- particularly the bar- but overall, it's overrated and overpriced. 331-0003.

**PASTICHE**

92 Spruce St. All sorts of fancy, expensive, and ornate cakes. Save your stairmaster workout for this one. 861-5190.

**PASTRY GOURMET**

149 Elmgrove Ave. Yum! A wide variety of delicious cakes, cookies, pastries, bread, bagels, and more. Nice tables to sit at and savor your treat. Try the "Almond Joy" and the apple dumplings. If you ask, they will box your purchase and tie it with a lovely, festive ribbon. 273-1700.

**PHILIPPE'S**

284 Thayer. formerly BASHA, next to **Kartabar**. Pizza & wraps.

**PHOEBE'S FISH & CHIPS** \$8-16

663 Fall River, Seekonk. Cute, homey restaurant. You walk through a big, family-style kitchen when you enter. The portions have a size-quality inverse relation. If it's healthy and delicious, there's not much there. If it's fried and greasy, it could feed an army. 1-508-336-6295

**PIZZA PIE-ER**, \$3.50-19

374 Wickenden St. A lot of people *loooooove* it. Personally, I don't think artichokes, pesto, or sun-dried tomatoes belong in a pizza-parlor...let alone on a pizza. They do deliver. If you return your box to the restaurant, you'll get \$2 off your next order. 351-3663.

**PIZZERIA UNO CHICAGO BAR & GRILL,**

82 Providence Place, 270-4866. Great deep dish.

**PIZZICO** \$12-18 pasta, \$15-25 for entrees

762 Hope St. Bad choice of name for a really great Italian restaurant, serving pasta to veal in a casual atmosphere. Well reviewed in Rhode Island Monthly. 421-4114.

**PLAZA GRILLE** \$15-20 entrees; \$3-8 for breakfast

64 De Pasquale Square. Cute little restaurant with great atmosphere when there is outdoor seating available. An earlier reviewer claimed their omelettes were "as good as sex" (fortunately he's since changed girlfriends). It gets ridiculously crowded for Sunday brunches, especially on Mother's Day! 274-8684.

**POT AU FEU** Downstairs: \$13-20; Upstairs: \$16-27 a la carte, \$25-35 for complete dinners. 44 Custom House St. Specializes in gourmet French cuisine. People just adore it. Upstairs is fancy and expensive. If you can afford this, you

ought to be giving more money to charity. Try the downstairs bistro first, which is much less expensive, has the same food, and attracts a younger crowd. 273-8953.

**PROVIDENCE BOOKSTORE CAFÉ** 500 Angell St. Nice place for a drink, light eating, and picking up a good book while you're at it. (This would be difficult, however, as the bookstore mentioned in the name no longer exists.) Thursday nights: excellent jazz/blues bands. 521-5533.

**PUNJABI DHABA** \$6-10 for meals

225 Hampshire Street, Inman Square, Cambridge, MA. Open 11:00am to midnight. This is by far the best place for north Indian cuisine I have seen in New England. It is most rigorously authentic, conforming (as the Dhaba in its name indicates) to the mouth-watering roadside eateries that dot the north Indian countryside and are frequented by armies of truck drivers. Occasionally, you can find the Punjabi cashier getting so excited by the song playing in the background that he begins to sing and dance the Bhangra. They are quite cheap as well, the only downside being that this is not the place one would go to for great décor or atmosphere. They have self-service. Their Chicken Tikka Masala is quite divine, as are their Parathas (stuffed breads) and most curries. They also have several traditional Indian desserts and sweets. Not an experience to miss if one is in the vicinity of Boston! 1-617-547-8272.

**RACHEL'S PASTANOVA, INC.** \$10-15

71 Hope St. Don't let the outside fool you- this little place has a warm, inviting interior with a lovely assortment of flavorful pasta dishes. As the menu states, "All meals prepared to order." You can create your own pasta dish by choosing the type of pasta, ingredients and sauce. It's apparently family owned and operated, with limited times when it's open (Tuesdays to Saturdays, evenings only). BYOB. 351-8585.

**RESTAURANT: PROV** formerly ATOMIC GRILL \$12-22

99 Chestnut St. Same bat place, same bat prices, different bat name. Nice atmosphere but the people and the prices are a little too hip (*still? -ed.*). Good stuffed pork chop though. 621-8888.

**RISTORANTE ROMANZA** \$8.95-16.95

312 Wickenden St. Charming little Italian restaurant for a special occasion. Excellent food, but limited seating in this old house on Wickenden. Make a reservation first on weekends, and call first on weekdays. BYOB, around the corner from Campus Fine Wines. (*I concur that the food and atmosphere are very nice, but the waitstaff is utterly untrained, and we endured extremely long waits and poor service on both visits. Also, watch out for their rip-off specials, which can run as much as \$24.95 (e.g. for lamb with a side of vegetable), and aren't worth it! For that price, you might as well go somewhere else. -ed.*) 421-5544.

**RUE de L'ESPOIR** \$6-10 lunch ; \$12-25 dinner

99 Hope St. Their napkins state "Creative Cooking- Fun Food." So as you can imagine, people either love it or think it's not worth the money- you be the judge. Regardless of what you think of their new French food creations, you're sure to enjoy the loads of free French bread served with dinner. Sundays, this restaurant completely changes its personality to offer an indisputably tasty brunch! 751-8890.

**RUFFUL'S RESTAURANT,**

208 Wayland Ave., 421-2712.

**SAKI'S PIZZA**

199 Weybosset. 831-1299. Pizza by the slice. Open late-nite.

**SAKURA RESTAURANT,**

231 Wickenden, 331-6861.

**SAWADDEE** \$5-7 for lunch; \$6-11 for dinner

93 Hope St. Sawaddee's serves fairly flavorful Thai food from menus that appear to be abducted from some place called

"The King & I". Their fish-shaped plates are especially enjoyable. Your best bet is to pick a curry color (e.g. green) and a substance to put in it (e.g. chicken, tofu, etc.) and basically they won't go wrong. Take-out available. 831-1122.

**729 HOPE STREET** (If you can't figure out the address, you don't deserve opposable thumbs!) Excellent coffee and elegant desserts. The deli fare is good but overpriced. They have art on the walls, and you can get a free coffee at the coffee bar if you answer their daily trivia question correctly. 273-7290.

### **SIAM SQUARE,**

442 Smithfield Ave., 272-1168.

**SICILIA'S PIZZERIA** \$4-6 sandwiches; \$10 large, thin-crust pizza

181 Atwells Ave. Great stuffed pizzas. They may cost a couple bucks extra but they are really worth trying. Also serve Chicago-style thin crust pizza which is also quite tasty. Does deliver to the East Side. 273-9222.

### **SILVER TOP DINER** \$2-5

13 Harris Ave. It's a diner...by definition, that means really cheap.

It's Saturday...3 am...you've sobered up enough to realize a) damn, I'm gonna hurt tomorrow and b) damn, I'm hungry. What do you do? Well old soul, there's a little place that I guarantee will be the perfect nightcap to an evening which you and your liver are bound to remember for a while. The Silver Top is a must for anyone with late night munchies, and it's gotta be late night because they don't open till 11 p.m. and they close at 9 a.m. (6 a.m. on Sunday). It is an authentic railway dining car converted into a 50's style diner. Basically, it serves grease in its many earthly known forms (such as grilled cheese, eggs, bacon, steak etc) but it's *mmmmm-good* grease. Directions: Turn left at the first light after passing the State House on Smith St. (i.e. Park St.). Go all the way to the bottom of the hill and then turn right onto Kinsley. Go about a half a mile up Kinsley. The Silver Top will be on the left. It's a real, silver 50's diner complete with a juke box. 272-2890.

**SMOOTHIE KING**, 178 Angell St. Expensive, but really tasty smoothies. Watch out for the "Heaterz" in the winter, though - a strange sort of thing.

### **SOLMAR'S RESTAURANT**, \$10-15

497 Warren Ave., East Providence. Solmar remains my sentimental favorite among the East Providence Portuguese Restaurants. Pictures on the walls show scenes of the Azores and Portugal, and if you should be lucky enough that Paulo serves your table, your waiter will be one of the best and most entertaining in the Providence area. Try the Camarão à Alinho as an appetizer, it is succulent-shrimp sautéed in a rich spicy garlic and wine sauce, that, as my grandmother likes to say, will make you bless yourself. Other dishes worth trying are the Porco Alentejano (a stew of pork, clams, and potatoes); O Pescador (a pot filled with various kinds of seafood) their steaks and no fewer than five different Bacalhau dishes. Solmar is one of the few places in this region where one can order Alcatra Terceirense, a traditional stew of tender meat made in the style of the Azorean island of Terceira. If you go there in the winter, order your after meal café (espresso) "com cheirinho" and feel the Portuguese aguardente alcohol in the coffee spread warmth through your body. 431-1122.

### **SPAIN**, \$15-25

1073 Reservoir Ave., Cranston. For fabulous Spanish/Mediterranean food and excellent service, run, don't walk, to Spain in Cranston. The menu features a lot of seafood and terrific traditional Spanish dishes like Paella. The servers work in teams, ensuring that there is never an empty water glass. You drop a fork and a new one will materialize almost instantaneously. The restaurant is cavernous and nicely decorated, with a central atrium that brings in just the right amount of natural light. Spain is absolutely packed on the weekends and does not accept reservations for parties smaller than six. Therefore, you can expect a substantial wait. However, there is a very nice bar where you can order a Sangria and relax until your table is available. Open M-Sa - Dinner from 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Sun 1pm to 8:30pm. Closed Tues. 946-8686.

**SPIKE'S JUNKYARD DOGS** \$2.38+/dog

273 Thayer St. Oh yeah! Now that's grubbin'! Great dogs. For all you cabbageheads, they do have a veggie dog on the menu but come on, who are you trying to kid? Give in to your urge and buy the damn hot dog. I know you want it. You know you want it. Resistance is futile. Open M,Tu: 11am-12am, W-Sa: 11am-2am, Su: 12pm-12am. 454-1459.

**STARBUCKS** 218 Thayer and Angell at Elmgrove. Their coffee and ambiance are good, their desserts and hot chocolate are dreadful. Open Mon-Thu 6am-11:30pm, Fri 6am-12am, Sat 6:30am-12am, Sun 6:30am-11:30pm. 421-1677. Decent place to study.

### **STREET VENDORS**

Got a serious craving for a chili cheese dog, a grilled sausage, or a steak and cheese? Try the vendors on the street outside the Keg Room. Guaranteed to fix you right up. Weekends.

### **SUBWAY,**

15 S. Angell St., 274-2295; and 255 Weybosset St., 521-2020; also in Providence Place Mall food court.

### **SURA RESTAURANT \$10**

182 Angell. Overpriced Korean and Japanese food. If you have a car, see the 'Further Away' section, for better options. Otherwise, the food and décor here aren't bad. Lunch and dinner 7 days. 277-9088

**SWEENOR'S CHOCOLATES** Garden City Mall. Really good chocolates. They're (in)famous for their chocolate (chocolate in the shape of, not chocolate covered) quahogs. 942-2720.

### **SWEET CREATIONS**

184 Wayland. Good confections. They also sell (inexpensively!) white, dark, and milk chocolate disks for baking/cooking. 274-3377.

### **SWEET STREET DESSERTS**

214 Wickenden. It has an ATM machine, but no public restrooms. I don't see this place lasting any longer than its predecessor, Lox 'n' Lox of Bagels.

### **TASTE OF INDIA \$6-7 for lunch, \$9-15 for dinner**

230 Wickenden St. This is the only other Indian restaurant (other than Kabob & Curry), which is accessible on foot in the Brown area. When they say "spicy", they mean "Carry a fire-extinguisher". They are fairly authentic and I like their food, especially since they can make it to desired levels of spicyness. They have a good lunch buffet daily from 11:30 to 2:00 pm, which costs \$7 on weekdays and \$8 on weekends. (They were also nice enough to give us a tasty plate of Samosas-appetizers- when they discovered I was reviewing them. That has in no way affected this review, of course!) BYOB. 421-4355, 453-2288.

### **TEALUXE TEA BAR & CAFÉ**

231 Thayer (@ Angell). An essential hangout for tea-lovers everywhere. And if you are not a tea-lover, visit Tealuxe and you will become one fast enough. Here you get a wide variety of teas- white, green, oolong and black (all of which involve different kinds of processing of the tea leaves), from almost every place in the world where tea is grown (from Darjeeling in India to Yunnan in China to Tanzania). They serve some food as well, though the choice is limited; my favorite is the Barcelona toastite. One practical tip: a Personal Pot can normally serve two persons. The service and atmosphere are great, and a lot of thought has clearly gone into making drinking tea here an experience (for instance, to ensure you leave the leaves in the water long enough, you are given a small minute-glass of sugar, an almost surreal touch). As one of the slogans on the walls (by T'ien-Yiheng) declares, "tea is drunk to forget the din of the world". Indeed! Open 7am-12am, Weekends 9am-1am. 1-888-TEA-LUXE.

### **3 STEEPLE STREET \$5-10 lunch; \$10-17 dinner**

Just try to guess the address. Actually, that was a trick question because their entrance is actually at 125 Canal St. ("*Pretty sneaky, Sis!*" - ed.) Around the corner from New Rivers, this place is really worth a try. The food is good and the decor

lends itself to a relaxing atmosphere. Definitely a good place for a date. 272-3620.

**TOKYO** \$9-15 for entrees

388 Wickenden St. I've heard as many positive things about it as negative. It's simple and reasonably priced. The staff is friendly. It has a sushi bar whose quality has been described to me variously as: good, alright, nothing special, and "danger". Not being a sushi expert, the reviewer can't offer a fair comparison...but he did try a sample sushi platter there and is still alive. 331-5330.

**TORTILLA FLATS** \$6-14 for dinners

355 Hope St. The food and beer selection is definitely south of the Rio Grande. The burritos and quesadillas are alright, but there are better places for dinner in town. However, there aren't many better places relatively close to campus for kicking back with a Corona or a stiff shot of Cuervo. Good atmosphere. 751-6777.

**TRINITY BREWHOUSE** pub'n grub starting at \$3; dinner \$8-10

186 Fountain. Attached to the Trinity Rep. Theatre. Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name...other times, you go to Trinity. Good place to hang out, sip a few beers (they brew their own), shoot the breeze. Food is your standard pub fare, but the chili dogs are killer...especially when you're there to watch football on a crisp fall Sunday afternoon. 453-2337.

**UDUPI BHAVAN** \$7-12 for meals

59 Pond Plaza, Pond Street, Ashland, MA 01721. This is by far the best place for south Indian cuisine (in fact the only place!) I have seen in New England. For those whose experience of Indian food is limited to the north Indian cuisine at the typical Indian restaurant, this is a must-visit place, especially if you are one of those who wonder how vegetarian food can be tasty and satisfying (for this is a traditional purely vegetarian restaurant). Try the Udupi Special, it is an excellent sampling of some of the highlights of South Indian cooking. I must warn you though that this place tends to be noisy, especially because there always seem to be loads of little kids around, but unless you are looking for a quiet place, the food is great. You can also get coffee prepared in the traditional south Indian way, which some people are quite fanatic about. Someone has actually put up a fan website for them at [www.gsb.uchicago.edu/fac/george.wu/research/udupi/udupi.html](http://www.gsb.uchicago.edu/fac/george.wu/research/udupi/udupi.html). 1-508-820-0230.

**UNION STATION BREWERY** dinner \$8-14

36 Exchange Terrace. Same idea as the Trinity Brewhouse, but classier. Also brew their own beer which the reviewer prefers to that at Trinity. You can try a variety of different beers by ordering a sampler. Very lively atmosphere. Great place to come with a large group for drinks and munchies. Onion rings rule. Calamari's pretty good. Their pizza, cajun catfish, and beef tenderloin are also notable. In the summer, enjoy a nice view of the Capitol from their patio. Warning: it's impossible to get off of their mailing list. 274-2739.

**VIA VIA IV**--- \$2.50-\$3.50 per slice, sandwiches from \$4.00

205 Meeting St. I'm stepping up to bat for one restaurant that is often misrepresented. Via Via IV serves some of the better food on the East Side. Many students stop in, drunk at 1:30 am and have a slice of pizza. These students often assume that the numerous sandwiches and pasta dishes are not well-considered. However, I have eaten EVERY SINGLE THING on their extensive menu and found it all to be above average and some extraordinary. The pastas are kind of a "best kept secret" of the East Side. Odd that an Arab restaurant surpasses some Italian ones in pasta skill, but the Calamari Fra Diavolo and Chicken Via Via stand as testament to this. Also the Via Via salad sounds odd on a menu, but is exciting and wonderful. I am a raving fan of this restaurant and am slightly confused by the number of Brown students who regularly eat at Loui's and complain that Via Via is "too greasy". Pizza tends this way, but I can assure you that the entrees are great, if moderately priced. I think this may be the problem - if Via Via had the décor of Andréas, we may consider it a "restaurant" rather than a "pizza shop". Sure it's a great place to hit after a four-hour booze up, but it's good other times too. 831-8668.

**VIOLA'S**, \$9-20

58 DePasquale Square. This is a great place to go if you want to be "at the plaza" but don't want to pay Plaza Grille

prices. Viola's is tucked away at the end of DePasquale Square, next to Plaza Grille and across from Caffe Dolce Vita. If you sit outside you can get front row seats for the open-air music that starts after 9:30 on the weekends. The waitstaff is chic but still friendly, and the food is delicious and filling. Reservations are preferred (especially if you want to sit inside, but you can still get seated as a walk-in. Only drawback: they only have a single bathroom, so be prepared to wait in line. 861-5766.

**VIVA CAFÉ** also see CAFÉ PARAGON.

Located next-door to Café Paragon and connected by a narrow hallway. The menu is exactly the same as Paragon. The difference? Viva has a more loungy atmosphere complete with couches, and is quite popular with Brown's undergrad eurotrash set (hang-out there on a Thursday or Friday evening and you'll see). On weekend nights, Viva is transformed into a bump-n-grind joint where the party is often by invitation only as some students, with more money than you'll ever make in your life, rent the place out for parties.

**WES' RIB HOUSE** \$4.50-11.50 for entrees

38 Dike St., Robar Plaza in Olneyville (West Providence). Excellent wood-fire barbecued ribs, chicken, and pork. Not in the best part of town, but it's unlikely that you won't survive the trip. Short on atmosphere, but the food may make you drool like a hungry wolf. Open until 4 am. 421-9090.

**WINGS TO GO,**

272 Thayer St. Open 'til 2am. 454-0511.

**Z BAR & GRILL,**

244 Wickenden, 831-1566.

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45.4 NIGHTLIFE: BARS, PUBS, TAVERNS & CLUBS

**NOTE:** This list is by no means complete. I'm not sure anyone could handle that much "fact checking". That said, here's an accounting of some of the more notable watering holes in and around Providence. (If you disagree violently with anything herein, either I was drunk when I wrote it or I got it from the old Brown Book. That's my story and I'm stickin' to it.) (Additional note: that last sentence was from the last editor of the Brown Book - and I agree completely.)

**AS220**

115 Empire St., 831-9327. Small folk and jazz venue. Folks go there more for the music than the drinks. See "Theater" section.

**BABE'S ON THE SUNNYSIDE**

Wickenden St. Phone not listed. The one time I've been here, the beer was expensive and the bartender was surly. I wouldn't go back (at least not if I'm paying.) Other folks say it's OK. Hey, whatever pleases you.

**BONNIE AND CLYDE'S**

745 Putnam Pike, Smithfield. 949-9824. A few miles west of I-295 on US 44. If the Penalty Box isn't rough enough for you, this biker bar may be right up your alley. Cold beer, pool, and assorted characters. (I happen to fit right in.) There's a line of bikes outside in the summertime. Leave your training wheels at home. And don't let them know I told you. (*Tell them Jason Dahl sent you.* 431-9055.)

**BOOTLEGGERS**

25 India St. (West of India Point Park) 273-2555. Open Summers. Large multi-bar club that includes a swim-up pool bar. Lots of young people writhing to loud dance music. Also, occasional girls with Big Hair and guys with too much chest hair to leave their shirts unbuttoned the way they do. Meat Market. You've been warned.

**THE COMPLEX**

180 Pine St. 751-4263. Really 4 clubs: Algiers (high energy dance), Polly Esta's (Disco!), Slick Willies (dueling piano bar), and Swingers (swing music). All for one cover charge. Polly Esta's has a lighted dance floor, *a la* Saturday Night Fever. Swingers offers swing lessons (provided the neo-Swing movement hasn't ended by the time you read this). Grind up against people with pagers at Algiers.

### **CUSTOM HOUSE TAVERN**

36 Weybosset St. 751-3630. This is probably the nicest place around for a quiet drink and conversation. White tablecloths, flowers, and candles on the tables. Though small, by unspoken assent the bar's patrons rarely overcrowd it (though it does happen).

### **FINNEGAN'S WAKE**

397 Westminster St. (at Empire.) 751-0290. Irish pub gone uptown. Small folk or oldies ensembles. Occasional karaoke infestations. Decent drinks.

### **THE FISH Co.**

515 S. Water St. (Off Wickenden St. by the I-195 overpass, next to the Point St. Bridge) 421-5796. A good bar with good mixed drinks. Outdoor seating (great in the summer) with a wonderful view of Narragansett Electric. A lot like the Hot Club, but with a younger crowd and dancing on the weekends. Also, great Monday Night Football parties with \$.50 hamburgers and \$.10 chicken wings (really good!).

### **THE GRADUATE CENTER BAR**

Near Tower E of the Graduate Center (42 Charlesfield St.) 421-0270. Ah, the GCB - the default position for so many of us, and possibly the only bar around that could survive a direct nuclear assault. A Mecca for the disgruntled grad students who want to meet other grad students and bitch about Brown. Bitter, but in a fun way. The GCB is a members-only club, but unless things have changed dramatically by the time you read this, all grad students are automatically members (your GSC at work for you). Also, an increasing number of undergrad patrons recently, which can be good or bad, depending on your temperament (and dating habits). Pool, darts, video games. A good selection of beer on tap and in bottles.

### **HELL**

73 Richmond. 351-1977. Gothic, industrial, fetish, techno dance club. (Now, where did I put my black lipstick?)

### **THE HOT CLUB**

575 S. Water St. 861-9007. This club's main claim to fame used to be its first-rate view of the hurricane barrier and the Narragansett Electric plant across the river. Now it's the club's brief appearance in "There's Something About Mary". Eclectic mix of older business types and younger business types, with a few random others. Outdoor seating, wonderful in the summer. Busy on the weekends.

### **J. G. GOFFS**

7 Point St., across the bridge from The Fish Co. 454-5773. Friendly, occasionally crowded pub. Outdoor seating, nice for summer evenings.

### **THE KEG ROOM**

101 Richmond St. 274-0170. Remember that frat party where everyone got half drunk and started dancing? The Keg Room's been just like that every time I've been there. Cheap beer, college kids, and music you hear on the radio. Lots of fun, once in a while.

### **THE LIQUID LOUNGE**

165 Angell St. (under Asian Paradise) 454-3434. Pseudo-retro décor. Fancy martinis. Bikers as bouncers. Free pool Sundays and Mondays. Near Brown, and therefore probably worth a look.

### **LUPO'S HEARTBREAK HOTEL**

239 Westminster St., 272-5876 (272-LUPO). A Providence Legend. Also, a haven for the WBRU crowd. Loud,

crowded, and concrete - what more could you ask for in a dance club? Venue for many top-name bands when they swing through town. Chances are, you *will* end up here sooner or later.

### **MAVERICKS**

172 Wayland Ave. (corner of Waterman). 273-0888. A friendly neighborhood bar. One pool table. Food. Sometimes music. Pretty cool.

### **MET CAFÉ**

130 Union St. 861-2142. Sister club to Lupo's. More like a conjoined twin, really, since it's attached and very similar. Smaller venue, smaller players.

### **MEWS TAVERN**

456 Main St., Wakefield, RI. Phone not listed. Sixty-nine beers on tap. A whisky menu as long as your arm. Great bar food. 'Nuff Said.

### **NICK-A-NEES**

75 South St. 861-7290. Don't let the black cinderblock architecture fool you. This is a really nice little bar with decent beer and free peanuts. There's also a pool and the greatest jukebox I've ever seen: twin CD jukeboxes with 10 songs for a dollar. Highly recommended.

### **OLIVES**

108 N. Main St. 751-1200. Hip new martini bar. Rub elbows with young professionals from downtown after work. Booze, food, and music.

### **THE PENALTY BOX**

1119 N. Main St. 331-8545. Pretty much the polar opposite of Olives. Scruffy bar with scruffy patrons in a scruffy part of town.

### **PROVIDENCE BOOKSTORE CAFÉ**

500 Angell St. (near Wayland Square) 521-5336. Don't let the name fool you. This is a cool bar. Great food. Good draft beer and mixed drinks. No pitchers, though. Jazz ensembles or other music some nights. Lots of folks end their evenings here.

### **SNOOKERS / THE GREEN ROOM**

145 Clifford St. 351-7665. Huge pool hall with regulation-sized tables. Good atmosphere. Beer on tap. A few nice dartboards. The Green Room is a '50s style lounge with live music. Pretty hip.

### **STEAM ALLEY**

520 S. Water St. 751-1820. Nice bar with a good selection of draft beers and drinks. Two pool tables and a big screen TV for sports. A laid-back sports pub.

### **TINKER'S NEST**

322 Metacom Ave., Warren, RI. 245-8875. An authentic Irish pub. The owners are Irish. The beer is Irish. The atmosphere is Irish. Some nights there's Irish music. Definitely worth the trip.

### **TORTILLA FLATS**

355 Hope St. 751-6777. Your standard bar/Southwestern restaurant. (see DINING) Coronas, margaritas, chips and salsa.

### **TRINITY BREWHOUSE**

186 Fountain St. 453-2337. The best brewpub in RI. (*Editor's note: One of our restaurant reviewers prefers Union Station Brewery. You decide.*) Several varieties of great beer brewed on site. Selection changes seasonally. If you love beer, this is the bar for you. If it looks crowded, try the basement. (See the DINING section for more info.)

### **THE UNDERGROUND**

Faunce House basement. x2799. The traditional undergrad bar on campus. Like the GCB, but younger. Also much less frequented than it used to be, since they've started checking ID's more stringently.

### **WICKENDEN PUB**

Wickenden St. Phone not listed. Often loud, and sometimes crowded, especially on Raffle Thursdays (Good bar-type prizes. Win that pair of Wickenden Pub panties you've always wanted.) Ninety-nine domestic and imported beers. Draft varieties served by the standard pint glass, robust 20 oz. mug, slender \_ yard, or by the Viking-sized 32 oz. mug (my favorite). Try 'em all, win more prizes. Arrive early unless you like to stand. Closes at midnight.

### **THE WILD COLONIAL TAVERN**

250 S. Water St. 621-5644. Recent arrival on the bar scene. Alternate haunt for many GCB regulars. Some of the same staff, too. Cozy, basement-like environment, but with windows and parking. All in all, a mirror universe GCB with better food and view of the river.

## 47 THE ARTS

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47.2 MOVIES

### AT BROWN

The **FILM SOCIETY** screens classics and soon-to-be (and some never-to-be) classics in Carmichael Auditorium, which is in the Psychology bldg. on Waterman. Schedules can be obtained at the Student Activities Office (SAO) at x2341 or by reading the **FILM BULLETIN** (usually available in Faunce Hall), which contains some of the most obscene/amusing/offensive reviews you'll ever see. There is also a RISD film series worth investigating. Cost is \$2 for students with ID, \$2.50 for everybody else. [www.brown.edu/Students/BFS/](http://www.brown.edu/Students/BFS/)

The **DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN STUDIES** place to be if you need to see, you guessed it, a movie in German. Call x2596 or visit the department's website via the Brown Homepage to find out if something besides *Das Boot* or *Run Lola, Run* is playing.

47.3 OFF CAMPUS

If you wish to escape the campus, here are your best bets:

**THE AVON REPERTORY CINEMA**, 260 Thayer St., 421-3315. Shows both commercial and alternative films. General admission is \$8, matinees are \$6, and bulk discount tickets (6 for \$39) are available at the box office. A monthly calendar is available at the theater; there is also a list (inside) for your movie suggestions. [www.avoncinema.com](http://www.avoncinema.com)

**CABLE CAR CINEMA**, 204 South Main St., 272-3970. Presents foreign and art films in a comfortable atmosphere replete with couches and free refills on popcorn. They also sell sandwiches and coffee and stuff. Tickets are \$8 normally, but you can get a \$2 discount Mondays through Wednesdays with a student ID. [www.cablecarcinema.com](http://www.cablecarcinema.com)

**CASTLE CINEMA & CAFE**, 1039 Chalkstone Ave., 751-FILM (3456). You are going to want to sit down for this one. You can order beer from a waitress while you watch a movie. You read that correctly, and you're not even in Amsterdam. They have a reasonably priced, full menu and full bar service; both are available while you watch almost-just-released and second-run commercial films. For the sake of full disclosure, the screen is VERY small. They also host improv on Wednesdays and Fridays and stand-up on Saturdays, but you're on your own when it comes to the comedy - we can't guarantee any laughs. Rocky Horror Picture Show Saturdays at midnight. Tickets are \$6.75 normally, but you can get a discount with a student ID. [www.castlecinema.com](http://www.castlecinema.com)

**COLUMBUS THEATRE**, 270 Broadway, 621-9660. Shows alternative films and documentaries in an impressive old-school theater with balcony seating. You can even host your own movie in their 200-seat theater. Tickets are \$8, and the Sunday matinee is \$6. [www.columbustheatre.com](http://www.columbustheatre.com)

**FEINSTEIN IMAX THEATER**, 9 Providence Place Mall, 453-4629. [www.imax.com/providence](http://www.imax.com/providence)

**HOYTS CINEMA**, 10 Providence Place Mall, 270-4646. Typical mall 16-plex serving all the standard Hollywood fare.

**PATRIOT CINEMAS**, 60 Newport Ave., E. Providence, 438-1100. \$1.75 ALL THE TIME! Sort of new movies that are so cheap, you can't afford not to go. [www.patriotcinemas.com/patriothome.html](http://www.patriotcinemas.com/patriothome.html)

**RUSTIC DRIVE-IN THEATER**, Rte. 146, North Smithfield, 769-7601. One of the few drive-ins left in this world. Shows begin at 8:30, but get there at least an hour in advance in the summer to guarantee a spot for your vehicle. \$15 per carload. Rumor has it that the Rustic used to be an X-rated drive-in. One look at the phallic sign that stands guard at the entrance will make you a believer.

**SHOWCASE CINEMAS**, in **A**) Warwick: 1200 Quaker La., 885-1621, **AND** 400 Bald Hill Road in the Warwick Mall, 736-5454; and in **B**) Seekonk: 800 Fall River Ave., 508-336-6020 **AND** 100 Commerce Way (to the left off Rt. 6 right after you pass Wal-Mart), 508-336-6789. To get to the first theater listed in Seekonk, take a left at the end of the exit 1 ramp off I-195 in Mass. All the newest Hollywood releases at Hollywood prices. [www.showcasecinemas.com](http://www.showcasecinemas.com)

Check the *Providence Journal* or *The Providence Phoenix* for movie reviews and locations.

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#### 47.5 VIDEOS

**ACME VIDEO**, 137 Brook St., 453-2263. Small, but carries a wide selection of independent American films and foreign films. Membership is \$10 (worth it) and movies rent for \$3, except on Mon. and Tues. when they're \$1.50. Every 10th rental is free!

**BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO®**, 1224 N. Main St., (521-7890). The standard fare - almost every movie that you've ever thought about renting. Don't try to rent anything that this corporation has decided you might not be able to handle because, for your safety and convenience, they don't have it on their shelves. NC-17 films have been deemed --regardless of their artistic merit-- to be so offensive that no Blockbuster Video in the country can rent them. Summing up: "Hardbodies Two" has enough wholesome values, but "Henry and June" is too vulgar for possible viewing. And don't even think about renting something as dangerous as "Kids." Other locations at 165 Pitman, and 1201 Fall River Ave. in Seekonk (directly to your right as you turn left to go to the new Showcase Cinema.)

**ESTA'S TOO**, 257 Thayer St., 831-2651. A decent selection of films, including a bunch of foreign flicks. Very limited DVD selection. Right over a cool store and next to **Kabob and Curry** - so you can get dinner and a movie. Recently they started a "\$20 a month for all you can rent, no late fees" sort of thing a la **Netflix** and **Walmart**.

**NETFLIX**, available at [www.netflix.com](http://www.netflix.com). Pay \$20 a month, get as many DVDs in the mail to rent as you want. You can keep three at any one time. No late fees, get access to 15,000 titles - really a great deal as long as you don't end up renting from other stores.

#### 47.6 THEATER: BROWN

**BROWN SUMMER THEATER**, in Leeds Theater, often presents plays during the summer. Announcements for performances are prominently displayed on Waterman St., near Faunce House. Performances have drawn good reviews. Tickets prices vary, but are usually under \$10 for students. Season rates are available. Students can see plays for free if they sign up to usher. Call 863-2838 for reservations or information.

**UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SEASON**. Watch for audition notices and performance posters. Tickets are sold at the Leeds Theater Box Office. Call 863-2838. [http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Theatre\\_Speech\\_Dance/](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Theatre_Speech_Dance/) The 2003-2004 season includes the following: **BAT BOY: The Musical** (October 16-19, 23-26, 2003 (26th is a 3pm matinee), Stuart Theatre); **THE GLORY OF LIVING** (November 6-9, 13-16, 2003 (16th is a 3pm matinee) Leeds Theatre); **TRANSFORMING JIMMY DALTON** (December 4-7, 2003 (one week only) Dec. 7th will have both 3pm and 8pm performances, Stuart Theatre); **THE MISANTHROPE**, By Molière (March 11-14, 18-21, 2004 (21st is a 3pm matinee), Stuart Theatre); **BOOK OF DAYS**, By Lanford Wilson (April 15 -18, 22 - 25, 2004 (25th is a 3pm matinee), Leeds Theatre); **DANCE ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT** (May 6-9, 2004 (one week only) May 9th will have both 3pm and 8pm performances, Stuart Theatre); Senior Director's Showcase: **MACHINAL**, by Sophie Treadwell (February 19-23, 2004 (one week only) (23rd is a 3pm matinee), Leeds Theatre).

**rites and reason**, the performing arts component of the Africana Studies Department at Brown University, has produced hundreds of cultural events for Rhode Island audiences since 1970. Using the research-to-performance method created by Rites and Reason director, Rhett S. Jones, Rites and Reason has presented a number of free, public presentations exploring and expressing the heritage, values, and views of black Americans. Call 863-3558 for information about joining and performance details, or visit the web site of the Brown University Africana Studies Department at:

[http://www.brown.edu/Departments/African\\_American\\_Studies/RitesandReason/index.shtml](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/African_American_Studies/RitesandReason/index.shtml)

During the year, other plays are put on by the **PRODUCTION WORKSHOP** and various classes in dramatic arts. Inquire about participation at the Student Activities Office (x2341).

#### 47.7 THEATER: PROVIDENCE

**TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY**, Downtown, at 201 Washington St. (351-4242). Offers excellent theater. The productions are staged with imagination and high professionalism. The Company is housed in a two-theater complex constructed within the Old Majestic Theater (formerly a vaudeville house and movie palace) in downtown Providence. Full price tickets range in price from \$28 - \$48. They have in the past offered full year subscription tickets for students at less than half the price of the regular tickets. There is also a "pay what you can" date for watching the plays, and various half-price options available. In the past, those who could still not afford to go there were sometimes able to get in for free, if they were willing to usher for an hour before the show. Call a few days in advance for this (521-1100). Call 351-4242 for tickets or more information. Trinity also has an excellent conservatory. Their plays are often performed in the black box theater on the third floor of the Trinity building or in the studio opposite. These plays are never advertised and are free to watch. Ask about them at the box-office. <http://www.trinityrep.com/>

**THE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**, 220 Weybosset St. (421-2787). In the Summer hosts traveling Broadway shows. Student rush tickets are available 1 hour before the performance. One can obtain an excellent ticket for half price. <http://www.ppacri.org/>

**SANDRA FEINSTEIN-GAMM THEATRE** (formerly Alias), 31 Elbow, Providence (831-2919). at the Atlantic Mills in Olneyville, a couple of miles past the other side of downtown Providence. This theater is one of several small theaters around Providence; consisting of young local people, many of whom have graduated from the Trinity conservatory. It is unique for its performances of plays written by contemporary playwrights. \$2 Student discount. <http://www.sfgt.org/>

**THE PERISHABLE THEATER** 95 Empire, Providence (331-2695) - is another small local theater which shows plays downtown. They have reduced student rates. Also, they offer a workshop series on acting, directing, and tech work that's open to the public. <http://www.perishable.org/>

**AS220**, 115 Empire, downtown Providence (831-9327). A unique place for seeing a wide range of experimental art. According to their web site: "AS220 exists to provide an open and permanent venue for artists. Our galleries and our stage are completely unjuried; any Rhode Island artist can exhibit or perform here. There is an ever-changing host of programs that provide artists with a context and community for their work. AS220 also works to make basic resources available to artists. Our darkroom, our printshop and our computer lab are open to the public, and we rent residential and work studios at extremely affordable rates." There are sketches and plays, readings of poetry and prose, music, and visual art, all in their warehouse loft space. There is a snack bar/cafe and you can bring in your own alcoholic drinks. It is open mostly on weekends, and there is normally a cover charge of about \$4. 831-9327. <http://www.as220.org/>

#### 47.8 THEATER: ELSEWHERE

Providence doesn't have a monopoly on Rhode Island's theater. Consider Cumberland R.I.'s **CUMBERLAND COMPANY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**, whom you can contact at 333-9000.

In **STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT**, is the **AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** (call 203-378-7321). Other summer theater events are listed in the weekend section of the Providence Journal.

**BOSTON** is a theater town. Pick up *The Boston Globe* (especially on Thursday for the Calendar section) to check on the weekend's happenings. (Look on [www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com) for the free Boston Globe.) Look for fine repertory works at the **BOSTON SHAKESPEARE CO.**, 52 St. Botolph St., 617-423-4008. The many other theater options of Boston are too numerous to list here; learn of them in *The Globe*. Be sure to ask for student rates and/or visit the BOSTIX booth outside of Faneuil Hall for low-price ticket options.

On **CAPE COD** in **MASSACHUSETTS** there are theaters at every turn. Two of note: the **FALMOUTH PLAYHOUSE** (617-563-5922) and the **CAPE PLAYHOUSE** (617-385-3911).

#### 47.9 MUSIC: BROWN

At Brown, there are many music groups in which graduate students can participate. Either inquire at the Student Activities Office (863-2341, [http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student\\_Activities/](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Student_Activities/)), or contact the Music Department (863-3234, <http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/>). **Performance opportunities in the Music Department** are vast;

students take private lessons, pursue academic coursework or join performance groups. In other words: all music courses are open to all Brown students, provided their personal and academic schedule allows.

Private lessons for credit are offered through the Applied Music Program, which is a provision for a student to continue taking private lessons for credit on the instrument of his choice while at Brown. Twelve 1-hour lessons are offered per semester, based on audition and for an additional fee. For students who wish to study without receiving credit, private arrangements may be made with Brown's AMP consultants. Master classes and student recitals are a regular aspect of the Applied Music and Chamber Music programs. Students may also participate in one of the department's performing groups, including the more traditional western classical ensembles [e.g., orchestra, chorus, wind symphony, jazz band, marching band, chamber music] and/or in one of our ethnomusicology ensembles [e.g., Ghanaian drumming, Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble, Old-Time string band, Javanese Gamelan].

As a string player, there is the opportunity to audition for chamber music, orchestra, or private lessons. Members of The Charleston String Quartet provide lessons and coach our chamber music groups. As a wind, brass, percussion or jazz musician, one has the opportunity to audition for private lessons, chamber music, the orchestra, the wind symphony, the jazz band, or the marching band (which plays at all home and away games [Hockey, Football]). Keyboard musicians may study privately, participate in chamber music performance and master classes, and participate in the annual Concerto Competition sponsored by the orchestra. Keyboard activities also include access to the department's Dowd harpsichord and/or organ lessons for those who are interested. Student compositions are often featured on performing group concert programs and students occasionally have the opportunity to conduct.

Here are the major groups under the auspices of the Music Department: (Some links can be found at <http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/musicold/New/activities/>)

**BROWN UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA**, Paul Phillips, conductor (x3234).  
<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/orchestra/>

**BROWN UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY**, Matthew McGarrell, conductor (x3234).  
<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/winds.html>

**BROWN UNIVERSITY CHORUS** and **THE CHAMBER CHOIR**. L. Frederick Jordy, director, (x3234). In 2004 they will be going on an international tour to either Scandinavia or Russia. Graduate students are welcome to audition and join - we even know of one graduate student who started dating his fiancé on a Brown Chorus tour to Costa Rica.  
<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Music/chorus.html>

**AFRICAN DRUMMING AND DANCE GROUP**, Martin Obeng, director (x3234)

**AFRO-LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE**, Paul Austerlitz, conductor (x3234).

**BALINESE GAMELAN ANGKLUNG**, Marc Perlman, director (x3234).

**THE BROWN BAND AND JAZZ BAND**. Matthew McGarrell (x3234) is the conductor of both bands. The Brown Band functions as (1) marching band during the football season, (2) hockey band during the winter, and (3) concert band during the spring.

**THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** encourages participation from any musicians on the Brown campus--faculty, staff, or students--for the purpose of chamber ensemble performance. Recitals are held monthly throughout the academic year. Contact Paul Phillips (x3234) for more information.

Students who are skilled musicians are encouraged to audition for the Applied Music Program. Frequent recitals by AMP students are held during the academic year. Contact Gerald Shapiro (x3234) for more information.

**JAZZ BAND AND JAZZ COMBOS**, Matthew McGarrell, conductor (x3234).

**OLD-TIME STRING BAND**, Jeff Titon, conductor (x3234).

**RHODE ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS** of nationally known groups are sponsored by Brown each year. Four publicized performances are given in Alumnae Hall on Tuesdays; special rates for students. Inquire at x2416.

Any Brown ID holder is welcome to use the facilities in both the Orwig Music Library and the Steinert Practice Center. Hours are posted on the buildings. A calendar of events for the Music Department can be obtained at the Orwig Music Building or by telephoning x3234.

**TRINIDADIAN STEEL DRUM ENSEMBLE**, Mackie Burnette, conductor (x3234).

**BROWN RENAISSANCE SINGERS**, less formal than other groups. Meet once a week to sing *a cappella* renaissance music, and perform once at the end of each semester. For more information, contact Julia\_Flanders@Brown.edu.

#### 47.10 MUSIC: PROVIDENCE

**OPERA PROVIDENCE**, 216 Hope St. (331-6060). Productions every summer of operettas and comedies at Wheeler School. Student discounts. Call for info. <http://www.providenceri.com/arts/ocean-state-lyric.html>

**THE DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER**, former **THE PROVIDENCE CIVIC CENTER** 1 Salle Sq., downtown Providence (331-0700). The site of numerous rock and popular music concerts as well as minor league hockey games. Watch the local newspapers and listen to the local radio stations for announcements of these events. For ticket information and schedules, call the Civic Center box office at 331-6700. <http://www.provcc.com/>

**THE PROVIDENCE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** 220 Weybosset St. (421-2787). Hosts popular music concerts and musicals. Performers could range from Robert Goulet to Arlo Guthrie to Doc & The Pods. Call 421-ARTS. [www.ppacri.org](http://www.ppacri.org)

**RHODE ISLAND PHILHARMONIC** 222 Richmond (831-3123). offers series tickets and a student ticket rate. [www.ri-philharmonic.org/](http://www.ri-philharmonic.org/)

**BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**: If you REALLY want good classical, though, head up to Boston to check out the Boston Symphony Orchestra or the Boston Pops. During the summer, drive to Tanglewood in Lenox, MA - two hours away, this is the summer home of the Boston Pops. Picnic out on the lawn while listening to such greats as Yo Yo Ma under the direction of John Williams . . . [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org).

**STONE SOUP COFFEE HOUSE** 655 Hope St., Providence (781-7504). Located in the "undercroft" of the Church of the Redeemer. The 19th season opens on September 11th. This organization presents weekly concerts (usually Fri. and Sat. 8:00 p.m.) of folk, blues, and other similar genres. In the past they have hosted such greats as Pete Seeger. Atmosphere is informal and homey; admission ranges from \$8-\$15 depending on the artist. There's a coffee, tea and pastry bar.

#### 47.11 RHODE ISLAND MUSEUMS

(mandatory for anthropologists)

**BLITHEWOLD GARDENS AND ARBORETUM** 101 Berry Road (Route 114) Bristol, RI 02809-0417, (401-253-2707). Located on a historic 33 acre estate overlooking Narragansett Bay. Hours: Grounds: year-round 10-4 PM; Mansion: Mid-April-October 10-4; Closed Mondays and holidays. Special rates for bus groups and senior citizens. Can be booked for weddings.

**HAFFENREFFER MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY** Mount Hope Grant, Bristol, RI 02809, (401-253-8388). Located off Rt. 136. Owned by Brown University. Contains art from the original native peoples of North, Middle, and South America, from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Oceania. Hours: June-Aug.: Tues-Sun, 11-5 PM; March-May, Sept.-Dec. until 4 PM; Sep.-May. 11-5 PM.

**HERITAGE HARBOR MUSEUM**, coming in 2003 to 350 Eddy St. (the former South Street Power Plant overlooking

the river). There was a bond measure (that didn't pass) to get money to build the museum, which is to become Rhode Island's first statewide heritage center. Slated to be one of the "new breed" of interactive museums à la the new Museum of Work and Culture, providing space not just for exhibits but cultural festivals and other events as well. Apparently folks in Newport didn't want any competition for their Mansions, so they voted the measure down. Keep up with the latest at their website: [www.heritageharbor.org](http://www.heritageharbor.org).

**HERRESHOFF MARINE MUSEUM**, 18 Burnside Street, Bristol, RI 02809 (401-253-5000). Look at boats. Hours: May-Oct.: Mon-Fri 1-4 PM; Sat-Sun 11-4 PM. Admission: Free.

**MUSEUM OF ART, RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN**. 224 Benefit St., Providence, RI 02903 (401-454-6500). Hours: Sept.-June, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, 10:30-5; Thurs. 12-8; Sunday and Holidays 2-5; June-Aug.: Wed.-Sat. 12-5. Closed Mon., Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, July 4. Admission is free on Sat.

**MUSEUM OF WORK AND CULTURE**, Market Square, 42 S. Main St., Woonsocket. 769-WORK (769-9675). Intriguing interactive museum that tells the story of the French Canadian immigrants who settled in Woonsocket in the late 19th century, and their subsequent struggles as textile workers. Open M-F 9:30am-4pm, Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. \$5 adults, \$students and seniors, children under 10 free. Run by the Rhode Island Historical Society. [www.rihs.org](http://www.rihs.org)

**NAVAL WAR COLLEGE MUSEUM**, 686 Cushing Rd., Newport, RI. 02841. The spleen of a frog is often quite green. Hours: Mon-Fri. 10-4 PM, June-Sept.: Weekends 12-4, Free Admission. <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/museum/> A note on their site seems to indicate that "As a consequence of September 11, and until further notice, access to the museum through Gate 1 of the Newport Naval Station is limited to persons with military IDs."

**NEWPORT ART MUSEUM AND ART ASSOCIATION** 76 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840 (401-848-8200). The collection focuses on the art of Newport & New England. Hours: Sep-May, Tues-Sat, 10-4 PM, Sun. 12-4 PM; Jun-Aug, daily 10-5. Closed major holidays. Admission: Museum Members: No Charge, Non-Members: Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Students \$4, Children 5 & under: Free. <http://www.newportartmuseum.com/>

**NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** 82 Touro Street, Newport, RI 02840 (401-846-0813). Functions as an archive, library, and museum. So decadent! Hours: June-Aug.: Tues-Sat, 9:30-4:30, Sept.-May; Tues-Fri, 9:30-4:30; Sat. 9:30-12 noon. Free Admission.

**NEWPORT MANSIONS** Various locations throughout Newport. Seven nineteenth century and colonial mansions in Newport and a topiary garden in Portsmouth are preserved by the Preservation Society of Newport: 118 Mill Street, Newport, RI 02840 (401- 847-1000). The mansions are ornate, extravagant, and ostentatious. The fact that most of the mansions' original owners usually spent only a few weeks every year here may convince you to convert to socialism. If that doesn't, these ticket prices (which range from \$7-18) probably will. Mansion Hours are weird--call first.

**QUONSET AVIATION MUSEUM** 488 Ecclestone Ave. N. Kingston (401-294-9540). A quaint little airplane museum, distinguished by the friendly volunteers who run the place and who will happily talk your ear off about any aspect of airplanes and airplane restoration. A must for aviation buffs. Hours: Sat-Sun 10-4 PM. <http://users.ids.net/~qam/qam/>

**ROGER WILLIAMS PARK, MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI 02905; (401-785-9450). Hours: daily 10-5. Free admission.

**SLATER MILL HISTORIC SITE** 67 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02862 (401-725-8638). Has mill + history. Hrs: Jun-Oct. Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5.; Mar-May and Nov-Dec. Sat-Sun 1-5 PM. <http://www.slatermill.org/>

**WARWICK MUSEUM** 3259 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 (401- 737-0010). Museum hours: Tuesday 11-7pm, Wed-Sat 11-4pm Closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays. General admission is free, except for certain events. The Warwick Museum of Art, located next to City Hall in Apponaug, continues to bring qualitative, significant and culturally relevant works of art to the city of Warwick. Group and solo exhibitions are hosted in two galleries, the Main Gallery and the new Small Works Gallery on the first floor. Our poetry series, The Mad Poets Cafe: An Evening of Spoken Word Performances takes place every fourth Saturday of each month. Poets from Rhode Island, Boston, New York, and elsewhere read original works. Live theatre and independent film is also part of our commitment to artistic excellence.

WMOA is proud to host the improvisational comedy group Unexpected Company, whose standing-room only performances each and every Sunday evening have delighted hundreds. The Museum School at WMOA begins its classes every March, and runs throughout the year, offering instruction for all ages in Basic Drawing, Painting, Color, Figure Studies, and more from classically trained instructors. WMOA also hosts an Open Figure Drawing session each and every Tuesday evening. The very popular Summer Art Camp, held each year from June through August, gives younger students a fun, exciting introduction to art in the form of five-day workshops, ranging from collage to acting and singing, to papier mache, to poetry writing!

## 48 PARKS AND BEACHES

To most efficiently and enjoyably explore Rhode Island, you need a good map, or good information. Your absolute best bet is to check out <http://www.riparks.com/>. There is a parking fee for state parks and beaches in the summer (fee varies). One may purchase a season pass for parks or parks and beaches.

### 48.1 PARKS IN PROVIDENCE

**PROSPECT PARK** - NOT on Prospect St. It is located by the corner of Congdon and Cushing streets. A really pleasant green area with a statue of someone (exactly who has been a point of contention). It has a great panoramic view of Providence and plenty of benches to eat a bag lunch on. Great for watching fireworks from the State Capital on the rare occasion that they actually have them. Wheelchair access.

**INDIA POINT PARK** - Directly parallel and south of Wickenden street. It has some paths (some people jog here) and looks onto the Seekonk river (with view of industrial facilities). There is also ferry service from here to Newport and Block Island in the summer. The greatest advantage to this park is that it is less than a mile from campus. The annual Waterfront festival is held here every summer. Jogging after dark is not recommended here.

**SWAN POINT CEMETERY** - Off Blackstone Boulevard. Takes up more than a mile long strip between the boulevard and the Seekonk river. Yes, it is a graveyard, but really they don't mind you biking, jogging, or just wandering through it. It is very beautiful and peaceful, and there's lots of room.

### 48.2 PARKS OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE, BUT STILL NOT FAR

**ROGER WILLIAMS PARK** - 10 minutes south, exit 17 off of route 95, look for signs. A splendid city park having many lakes, 9 miles of drives, a big zoo, children's amusement rides, paddle boats, tennis courts, greenhouses, an aviary, a museum and planetarium, acres of beautiful trees and fields, and ducks and geese that in the winter will eat all of your stale bread or failed baking experiments and beg for more. Admission is free to the park and museum. Definitely worth visiting. Call 785-9450 for general information.

**LINCOLN WOODS STATE PARK** - Rte 146, Lincoln, 723-7892. Good for day-trips, picnicking, and cycling or walking about. Within easy biking distance. Crowded in the summer. Swimming, fishing, or wind surfing in the large lake. Lifeguards until 8 pm. Bicycle, jog, or horseback ride on the paved 2.5 mile road that borders the lake or on paths in the woods. Rock climbing on rock faces. Register ahead to reserve picnic areas and playing fields.

Other good picnic parks which are good to bike to are **DIAMOND HILL STATE PARK**, Rte 14, in Cumberland (great ice cream store across the street), **COLT STATE PARK**, Rte 136 Bristol, and the **HAFFENREFFER ESTATE**. This last location is easy to reach from the Bristol end of the bike path. From Bristol center, take State St. (less than a mile) to where it intersects with Rte 136. You'll find yourself directly across from the entrance drive.

Other, larger state parks are **ARCADIA** (539-2356) and **PULASKI** (568-2013). Call for directions and details.

### 48.3 BEACHES

Rhode Island has some outstanding beaches. Be prepared for heavy traffic to the beaches on weekends in the summer.

There is bus service from Providence to some of the more popular beaches in Narragansett. You could take a bus to downtown Newport and then have a long, healthful walk to some of the beaches there. Call the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for details. If you drive to almost any beach, be prepared to pay a parking fee of approximately \$5-12. Another option is to drive most of the way, park your car somewhere and then cycle the rest of the way (bike-racks or hatchbacks required).

### 48.4 SOUTH COUNTY BEACHES

**CHARLESTOWN TOWN BEACH**, Charlestown Beach Road. A good-sized crowd comes to Charlestown Beach on a nice day, although the beach is big enough to get away from the people. You also have access to sheltered Green Hill

Pond and Ninigret Pond. No facilities.

**DUNES PARK BEACH**, off 1A, Weekapaug. A small beach near a little town.

**EAST BEACH**, East Beach Road. A more isolated beach with no facilities. The beach adjoins the Ninigret Conservation Area, which has toilet facilities.

**EAST MATUNUCK STATE BEACH**, Succotash Road, Jerusalem. East Matunuck is a large beach with full facilities. Picnic tables without fireplaces are available.

**GALILEE STATE BEACH**, Galilee. This beach is usually quite crowded and it is very hard to get parking in the beach lot. However, if you don't mind a 5-10 minute walk, you can park your car for free on one of the incoming roads (you will notice all of the cars) and walk to the beach. On your way back to your car, pick up some fresh seafood from one of the many shops along the way. Only toilet facilities are available.

**GREEN HILL BEACH**, Green Hill Road. An isolated, somewhat rocky beach with no facilities. Thanksgiving sandwich. A place to go to get away from the big crowds.

**MATUNUCK BEACH**, Matunuck Beach Road, Matunuck. A smaller beach with limited facilities. Nearby are **A.B. CARPENTER'S** and **ROY CARPENTER'S** public beaches.

**MISQUAMICUT STATE BEACH**, off 1A, near Westerly. The largest state beach in Rhode Island (high praise indeed). This seven mile strip has full facilities and a new pavilion as well as several bars and lots of tattoos. Parking can be expensive (\$8- \$10 on weekends), but there is no charge to get on the beach. Brian's parents have a house near here.

**NARRAGANSETT TOWN BEACH**, Scenic 1A, Narragansett Pier. The closest ocean beach to Providence, Narragansett is very popular. Full facilities are available. There is no parking lot and there is a charge to get on the beach.

**NINIGRET BEACH** has an expansive beach for swimming and fishing, the large, sheltered Ninigret Pond, fifty primitive campsites, and hiking trails. Expensive parking (\$8 per car) and no real possibility of parking nearby and walking in, since they ticket that part and the surrounding residential area.

**ROGER W. WHEELER MEMORIAL BEACH**, Galilee. Wheeler Beach is a little ways from Galilee State Beach and is much calmer and quieter. It has full facilities including picnic areas but no fireplaces. Picnic tables without fireplaces are available. On your way home, stop off in Galilee and pick up some fresh seafood from one of the many shops at the port.

**SCARBOROUGH STATE BEACH**, Scenic 1A, Narragansett-Point Judith. Scarborough is usually crowded. Full facilities are available including picnic tables (no fires, however), bath houses, and concession stands. Nearby are the Dodsworth, Lido, and New State public beaches. Try to guess which is larger on this beach: the men's muscles or the women's hair.

#### 48.5 NEWPORT BEACHES

**ATLANTIC BEACH.** Down the causeway from Easton's Beach.

**EASTON'S BEACH**, (Also known as **FIRST BEACH** and **NEWPORT BEACH**.) On the Memorial Boulevard causeway near the start of the Cliff Walk. A nice beach not too far from downtown Newport.

**FORT ADAMS STATE PARK BEACH.** A very nice, sheltered beach which probably never gets very crowded. There is a nearby restroom.

**KING PARK BEACH.** In sheltered Newport Harbor, this is the closest beach to the downtown. There is a very small swimming area crowded by local youngsters.

**NAVY BEACH.** Next to Third Beach, adjoining the Audubon Society Norman Sanctuary. Navy Beach is popular with the middle-aged crowd and those with younger children.

**SECOND BEACH.** Between Easton and Sachuest Points, Second Beach is the best beach in Newport and among the better beaches in the state. The beach is wide and long, and you can walk to the nearby Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.

**THIRD BEACH.** Opposite the Sachuest Point peninsula from Second Beach, Third Beach is actually on the Sakonnet River. A somewhat out of the way place which is less crowded than the nearby ocean beaches.

#### 48.6 OTHER BEACHES

**TILLINGHAST ESTATES.** Near the golf course in Barrington. Property owned by RISD, this is probably the closest (10-15 min. by car) beach to Brown. The water is not always clean, but there's a quiet long sandy beach on the bay, great for sunbathing. No charge for parking.

**HORSENECK BEACH.** 14 miles south of Fall River, MA. Go east on I-195 and south on rte 88. A huge state beach. Good swimming; good sand. Normal crowds in the summer. Ample pay parking. Pretty popular among Brown folks here for the summer.

**FRESH WATER BEACHES.** For those of us who were raised on fresh water beaches and believe that opening your eyes or mouth under water is a reasonable thing to do, there are several fresh water beaches in Rhode Island. The closest ones are the beach in **LINCOLN WOODS STATE PARK** (see PARKS section above) and **TWIN RIVERS BEACH** off Douglas Ave. north of Mineral Springs. The best resource for fresh water beaches is the Rhode Island State Map (see MAPS section).

## 50 THINGS TO DO

a.k.a. Get out of the lab or the library, kiddo!

Check the website [www.providenceri.com](http://www.providenceri.com) for things to do in and around the city. They have maps, phone numbers, event calendars, etc. Also remember the Inside Interest section of the yellow pages, which has suggestions for things such as whale watching, camping, fishing, and other activities and places. This is just a partial listing of things to do - there is a LOT out there . . .

### 50.1 EVENTS (BY SEASON)

#### 50.2 SUMMER

**Waterfire:** Providence's now-famous art installation on the river involving big fires. Street performers, music, festival food, and hordes of people - a fun atmosphere and a great way to see the riverfront. Approximately every other Saturday night from about May to October.

**WBRU Summer Concert Series:** Free concerts at India Point Park on most Thursday afternoons. Pretty decent bands, but mostly just fun because of the park and the people.

**Farmer's Market:** Saturday mornings during the growing season (late spring through early autumn) in front of Hope High School. Local farmers sell their produce, which varies in quality and price, but is generally better than the local supermarkets.

**Fruit Picking:** Western RI boasts many fine orchards and farms. From early summer to late fall, a variety of fruits are available at pick-your-own farms. The fall apples are especially fine. Call the RI Department of Environmental Management for free brochures at 222-2781.

#### 50.3 FALL

**Waterfront Festival:** Labor Day Weekend - Great way to start off the semester! Nothing extraordinary about it- just a chance to get some sun and people watch.

**Italian Festival on Federal Hill:** Columbus Day Weekend - Hometown-style festival on the streets. Great time to see the mafiosos' kids dancing out of step!

#### 50.4 WINTER

**First Night:** Providence's city-wide New Year's Eve celebration. Purchase a button for \$7 and get admission to all the performances. Music, magicians, puppeteers, etc. perform at venues around the city. A great way to discover all the performing arts locations in the city. Dress warmly!

**Skiing:** The only thing in Rhode Island- other than College Hill- is Yagoo, but other spots are not a far drive. For anything more substantial see the web.

**Ice-skating:** Move over Rockefeller Center- here comes the **Fleet Bank Skating Rink**. This is the only outdoor skating rink in the city of Providence. Unfortunately, nothing but forward skating allowed. The rink is located on the Biltmore Hotel end of Kennedy Plaza. College Night and other specialty sessions available.

**Brown Meehan Rink-** Open skating available weekdays, 11am-1pm, and Sundays 12-4pm. The Sunday sessions are unpleasantly crowded. Call the athletic center for times and closings.

#### 50.5 SPRING

Isn't it about time you did some studying?

**SPRING WEEKEND,** a Brown tradition - weird concerts from washed-up performers (and some not-washed-up performers), and hundreds and hundreds of undergraduates getting enormously drunk. EXCITING!

**CAMPUS DANCE,** an interesting event right around Commencement.

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## 50.6 ALL SEASONS

**Rhode Island Rock Gym:** 210 Weeden St., Pawtucket. This is the closest indoor rock gym, and as such is frequented by many Brown students and avid climbers. It's a great place to start climbing because the climbs are not very long, the staff and regulars are really nice, and there are lessons available. There are also some very difficult, technical climbs to keep you coming back! Day pass \$14, with gear \$20. Lots of monthly, yearly, etc. rates - if you do a lot of climbing, the year-pass is really necessary . . . Open 11am to midnight, every day. 727-1704 <http://www.rhodeislandrockgym.com/>

**Gallery night:** The third Tuesday of each month from 5-9pm. Free trollies circle the East Side and Downtown, stopping at art galleries and museums. The John Brown House and the RISD museum are free of charge these nights. Call 421-9107 for more information. <http://www.gallerynight.info/>

## EAST BAY BIKE PATH

Rhode Island has a rather nice bike path which extends from East Providence to Bristol, essentially following the coastline. Directions from Brown: Go east on Waterman and turn right onto Gano, go under I-195, and make a fast right, going up the ramp to the walkway across the George Washington Bridge. Go right for two blocks after crossing the bridge, and look for the signs. Tame cycling fun awaits you (see the front section of the yellow pages for some more hard core route suggestions).

## 50.7 SPECTATOR SPORTS: COLLEGIATE:

If you enjoy watching Ivy League competition, just bring along your ID card for free admission to any varsity home game (except for football). Schedules can be obtained at Marvel Gym, Sayles Gym, and the Smith Swim Center or by checking the Daily Herald. OR, you could be a die-hard Michigan fan, and spend much of your time watching collegiate sports on television and screaming "Go Blue!". Either way works for us . . .

## 50.8 SPECTATOR SPORTS: PROFESSIONAL

If you like minor league sports, the Pawtucket Red Sox are the affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and play 72 games per year. I have heard that their games are more fun than the major league, mostly due to the colorful locals who attend. McCoy Stadium, their home, seats 10,000! (724-7300) The Providence Bruins are likewise the affiliate for the NHL Boston Bruins, and play in the Providence Civic Center. (331-6700) If you prefer watching professional teams, either get to a game of the Bruins, Red Sox, NE Patriots, or Celtics, (*and by the way, just where did you get that kind of money?*) or just turn on ESPN (see HOUSING to learn how to get cable), pop open a can of brew, open a bag of Doritos® Lite, and vegetate your pathetic, adipose couch potato life away in luxury.