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The Hawk's Eye

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Roger Williams University's
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Congrats to the class of 1999

Student to bike 80 miles home to Connecticut for the homeless

Kelly A. Scafariello, Editor-in-Chief

During the final week of school while students are piling all their belongings in cars and trucks to head home, the President of the Catholic Student Association (CSA), Jeff Lemay, will be checking the air in his bike tires and filling his backpack with bottled water.

This is correct. Lemay, will be getting his bike in tiptop shape for his ride home to Connecticut. Starting out as a personal goal, Lemay thought it would be challenging to see if he could trek 80 miles on bike to his hometown of Manchester, CT. As he continued to think about the journey, he thought this could be a fundraiser to help raise money for the East Bay Coalition for the Homeless. Lemay stated, "We have worked with the East Bay Coalition in the past for other various food and fundraisers, so I thought this would be another way to help them prosper."

Lemay has already started his training for the event. He has been riding his \$50 used bike, that he purchased recently, all over town. Hoping to become

more physically fit, he stated, "My car hasn't moved in days. I have been biking everywhere. Today, I even biked to the barber shop in the rain."

Lemay does have some idea of what to expect from this ride as well as some experience. "I biked 50 miles once before in Boy Scouts, so I know what is in store," stated Lemay.

As for his used bike that is over 10 years old, he is confident that it will make the ride home with no problems. He said, "I just put new tires on and even though the bike is over 10 years old, it has only been used a couple of times. I have faith in it."

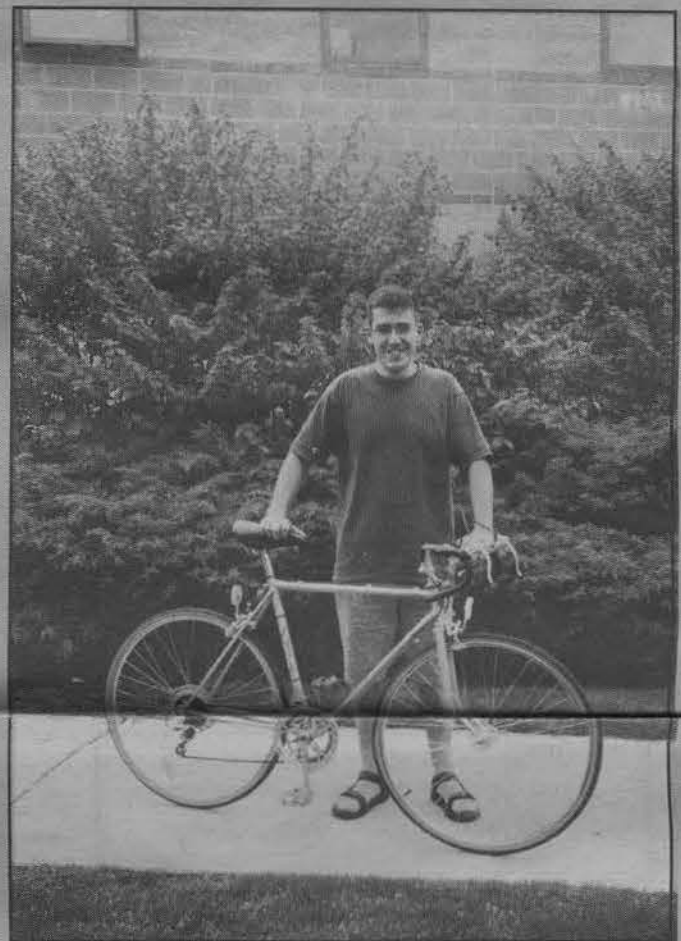
He estimates the time to get home to take about 12 hours, including some breaks along the way. Lemay already has his route mapped out. He will take the bike path all the way to Providence, hop on some city and town roads, take a couple of different routes and then reach his destination.

Lemay's planned quest has already sparked some interest from other CSA members. Lemay said,

"There might be a couple of members joining me on the journey, which would be wonderful."

He has goals that he would like to achieve through his journey, such as, making it to his destination with no problems and to raise as much money as he can for the homeless. He has been getting the word out by word of mouth, creating posters and banners through Student Activities, advertising on Channel 3. He will also create a voicemail message. Students, faculty, administration, and staff will be able to sponsor Lemay by giving a one-time donation, or a particular amount of money for each mile.

If the ride is a success, he will definitely do it again. He said, "I would like to make this an annual ride." Lemay, currently a sophomore, believes in his cause. According to Lemay, he thinks that riding his bike home will make him, as well as other students, aware of the important things in life. If you would like to help by donating to Lemay's cause, contact him at extension 6412.



Jeff Lemay and his bike

No speaker chosen for commencement

Kelly A. Scafariello, Editor-in-Chief

As of May 6, RWU did not have a commencement speaker for the class of 1999's graduation. One might be wondering why, so close to the big event, don't we have a speaker?

A committee consisting of President Anthony Santoro and the Board of Trustees has been in search of a qualified person to headline the event ever since October. Assistant to the Dean of Students/Director of Educational Programs, Michael Cunningham, said, "The committee has been working hard for several months to select someone who fits the criteria and standards of RWU."

The criteria and standards are as follows: This person must be a good speaker, be worthy of an honorary degree, bring prestige to the campus, and be familiar to the students, parents and faculty.

The committee does not feel the need to spend an obscene amount of money for the speaker just to have a big name.

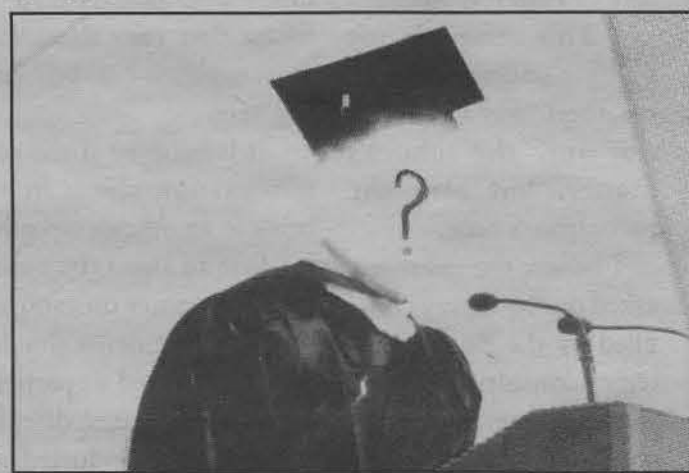
Selecting a speaker is a time

consuming and sometimes frustrating process. The committee must deal with the speaker(s) agent and scheduling conflicts. Cunningham said, "The committee is continuing the search for a speaker."

There is a possibility that the class of 1999 might not have a speaker. If that happens, Santoro might speak longer than usual, or maybe a board member will say a few words.

Cunningham stated, "I would imagine that the committee wouldn't get a speaker just to say we have a speaker. However, we have never gotten to the point where we have not had a speaker."

In the recent past, some of the RWU speakers have been Anthony Quinn, Ed Koch, and Alan Shawn Feinstein.



Who will be the speaker this year???

The latest developments on the Columbine High School shootings

The Associated Press

After enduring 13 days of vigils, funerals and media scrutiny, many Columbine High School students were eager to return to the daily routine of academic life. "We are just happy to get back to normal things instead of going to all these sad things and get back to what we are used to," said Kiala Slater, a 15-year-old Columbine sophomore.

About 2,000 Columbine students were scheduled to return to school May 3 for the first time since two fellow students stormed Columbine and killed 12 classmates and a teacher.

However, the students won't be attending classes at their school, now a massive crime scene, but at nearby Chatfield High School. "I want to go back for sure," said Tiffany Typher, an 18-year-old senior wearing a "CHS" ribbon in her hair. But, she said, "I don't want to go to Chatfield. I'd rather go back to Columbine, just to have closure."

About 3,000 students, faculty and parents attended one last memorial Sunday at the majestic Red Rocks amphitheater west of Denver. Students gave touching tributes to the dead, while school administrators tried to ease tensions about heading back to school. "It's time to get back on the horse," school board president Jon DeStefano said. This will take courage for all of us. But I promise you, you will be safe."

At Sunday's memorial, a student representative from each of the four grades sent get-well wishes to the 23 wounded, five

Columbine tragedy, page 4

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The Hawk's Eye is a major source of information for the RWU community. *The Hawk's Eye* will continue to grow over the year. We would love for you to grow with us.

There are weekly, open meetings on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Senate Chambers in the back of the Student Union. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly at extension 3229.

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Letter from the Editor

Kelly A. Scafariello

This year has been quite a year for *The Hawk's Eye*. Some of the words to describe the year are: fun, exciting, tiring, many late nights, hours of staring at the computer, talking on the phone, having meetings, and sharing many laughs and memories with advisers and editors who I now call my friends. This will be my final issue with *The Hawk's Eye* as I will be graduating in just a few short weeks.

Thank you to all the faculty and staff who have supported the paper through not only the good times, but the bad. Special thanks go out to: My wonderful advisers, Lisa Bauer and Steve Morgenweck for countless hours of help and guidance, my partners in crime, Danielle Brigante, Donna Z., and Bronwen Lapidus for always meeting the deadlines.

Extended thanks go out to the entire crew in Student Activities. Thanks Elaine for always wearing a smile and listening to my pointless jabber in the office, and MaryAnn for touching base.

Thank you Dr. Karen Haskell and President Anthony Santoro for always having the door open for me and believing in the paper. I can't forget the secretaries who have had to put up with my constant visits to the office for one thing or another: Annette, Lori, Debbie, my friends in the Communications pod and School of Business. Thank you to the PR office and Student Life. For anyone else I forgot to mention...you know who you are, thank you.

Last, but not least, I would like to extend a little something to my graduating class...

We the class of 1999 enter the month of May to finish our four year journey. Through the journey we have created friendships and gained experience. We have shared tears, some of joy, some of pain. Each of us has found an identity out of discovery, who we are and what we believe in. We have found our identity in classrooms, athletic events, and through extracurricular activities.

The journey that will end this month will help pave the way into a new journey, a journey to opportunity, to the expansion of personal growth, to our eventual success. Before we climb that new plateau, I would like to share with you some words of wisdom that I have found for myself.

Drop an old grudge; share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be better than any medicine. Free yourself from envy and malice. Make a genuine effort to stay in close touch with family and friends. Find time to be kind and thoughtful. Give a compliment. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. Try to understand a point of view different from your own. Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you. Avoid pessimists. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. Express your gratitude. Give credit when it is due. Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?" Give yourself a reality check; phoniness is tiresome. The sure way to have a friend is to be one. Always walk tall, and smile. Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again.

If we never lose sight of who we are, what is important to us and whom we value, we can never lose; we can only win. So, to the class of 1999, best of luck in the paths that you all choose...May they all lead to happiness. Because after all, no one knows what you want except you and no one will be as sorry as you will if you don't get it. So don't give up your dreams.

Thank you to everyone who has made my four years at RWU so memorable.

Letter to the Editor

By: Kevin C. Farrell

Recently I took part in the diversity survey that is being administered to the members of the campus community, staff and faculty of Roger Williams.

This survey, in my opinion and the opinion of others, was a waste of not only the school's money, but also the participant's time.

I believe the questions asked on the survey compiled by the Burke Strategic Consulting Group were too general and only applied to certain persons

and groups, excluding most of the university, leaving very biased answers.

After taking the survey I began talking with both students and faculty and it seems that they share the same concerns I am addressing here.

It is believed if the administration saw it fit to bring in an outside consulting firm to assess the problem of diversity on campus that more students should have been asked to participate in the "panel discussion" that was conducted by

the Burke Group.

Neither myself nor any of the twenty or so students and faculty I spoke with were asked to participate or were even aware that they were being conducted.

If it is the desire of this university to gauge the problem for diversity on this campus along the lines of race, creed, color or sexual orientation then perhaps more of an effort should have been made to involve the campus community and not exclude a majority of it.

Student voices concern on President's on-campus house

Editorial by: Ian Rose

The world does not belong to us; it is simply a gift that has been nurtured from one generation to the next since time began. We have a responsibility to future generations that the world they inherit is not one spoiled by quick-profit development or pollution. Our children should not be denied the joys of nature that we currently take for granted. The Western belief that nature is only an exploitable commodity has robbed our planet of rainforests and wetlands, and has driven indigenous peoples and wildlife to near extinction. Every day, we destroy a little more of our natural environment, justified under the false pretenses of "progress" and profit. Has nature no other value than monetary?

Nature, according to the noted environmentalist John Muir, possesses intrinsic values that cannot be calculated. He taught that nature is a refuge for the human soul, a place where one can escape from the rigors of our manufactured society. Nature acts as a "church" where humans go to renew themselves, find their place in the world, and commune with the diversity of all living creatures. Woodlands, fields, mountains and marshes are nature's "cradles" sustaining and maintaining those fragile strands of life's web. Nature is also the guardian of irreplaceable history: 2,000 Sequoia trees, remnants of stone walls, Native American glyphs etched into a rock face. Any loss of nature, no matter how small the acreage, would sever humanities ties to its primeval soul and further endanger the community of living things on this planet.

At RWU, we are blessed with a priceless piece of nature. I'm speaking about the "learning forest" of landscaped, hyper-fertilized greenery, bark mulch, and topiary trees, which characterize our campus; I'm talking about a *real* place. Real in the sense that the land is not tooled by a gardener, but truthfully by nature. If you ever have a moment to spare, walk northward past the Bayside Courts and immediately to the right, you will find this special place. Its lush green field is an open invitation to a world in which time and school pressure away fade on a passing breeze. Let your eyes wander towards the groves of ancient trees, which frames this panorama as it meanders down to the reed and rocky shore.

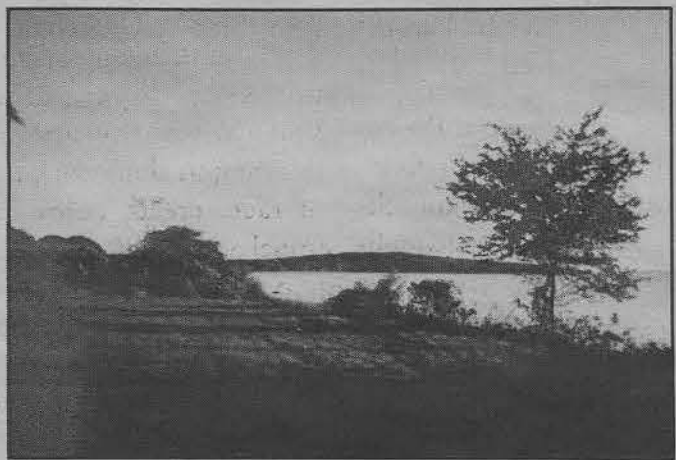
Walk beside the weatherworn stone wall; a physical testament to the ingenuity and hard scabble live of the land's colonial inhabitance. Waterfowl and small animals coexist in this peaceable environment, nurturing their young. And in the distance looms the silent, watchful sentry of Mount Hope.

But now this refuge is under attack by the RWU Board of Trustees who wish to develop the land for use as the new President's home. The board is justifying its decision by stating that the proposed estate will be used to entertain contributors whom undoubtedly will pen enormous donations to the school. This precious natural and spiritual resource, the last open green space on campus, will be lost forever under the bulldozer's plow. Think about it: no more waterfront bonfires and team sport pep rallies; no more friendly picnics, or breathtaking sunrises and sunsets gilding the landscape.

The crystal view of Mount Hope Bay and Fall River will be walled off forever. The groves of stately trees will be chopped into mulch. The habitats of countless species of wildlife will be uprooted: their feeding and nesting grounds decimated in the name of "progress" and quick profit.

I assert that our campus's open green space is and will continue to be RWU's greatest selling feature. No other campus in the state is able to boast the diversity of natural resources and vistas that we enjoy. Open waterfront and wildness emotionally enhance a student's academic experience. It would be foolish for Roger Williams to waste what other schools envy. Future generations will not judge us for the land we develop and the "monuments" that we build. We will however be remembered for what we have protected and preserved for those generations yet unborn.

If you feel the way I do about the President's house, please make your voice heard before it's too late! Write to President Santoro, The Board of Trustees, or pen a letter to *The Hawk's Eye*.



Open space behind Bayside

Nike Hall to be renovated over summer

Donna Zakszewski, Staff Writer

This summer Facilities Management along with the Department of Student Life is planning on touching up the lonely residence hall, Nike. These are renovations that can no longer be delayed. There will be painting of the rooms, and new carpeting.

"We want to put a fresh coat of life into the building, to spruce up Nike," said Ri-

chard Stegman, Director of Student Life. In addition to Nike there will be small renovations in the other halls as well. They plan to refurbish the bathrooms of Cedar, Maple, and Willow hall.

Residence Hall renovation between all the halls is an ongoing process. "We plan to do as much as possible with the funds avail-

able," said Stegman. The Willow Hall Council passed a piece of legislation with legitimate reasons for adding house phones down in Willow, similar to the ones placed in Maple Hall this year.

"Each year the University has made a commitment to funnel funds into the improvement of our residence halls," added Stegman.

Crew team rows onto campus

Courtney Mulligan, Contributing Writer

Wouldn't it be great to view the surroundings of the Bristol area from the middle of the Mount Hope Bay? Fortunately for the RWU Crew team they will be able to experience this opportunity just about every day since the move into an on campus boathouse.

Up until now the club team of about fifteen dedicated members were waking up early to make a 5 a.m. scheduled practice at a boathouse rented to them by the Herreshoff Marine Museum.

For the past week, they have been fortunate to launch boats from the newly built "learning platform" behind the CEED building.

Senior and Co-captain Fernando Goncalves, strongly believes this move will enhance the program. "It's a great opportunity for the crew team to get exposure and support from fellow students. The new facility

will allow us to invite small, local schools with a similar program to row here on campus."

Behind the scenes work took a lot more than just a day of moving boats. It has been discussed for awhile between Head Coach Mike McKenna, Assistant Coach, Jeremy Ballard, Director of Facilities, Matt White and Director of Athletics, Bill Baird.

Finally, a decision was made that allowed for the team to use two sections of the newly refurbished barn next to the Bayside Field.

One section is used for boat storage and the other is reserved for exercise equipment the team uses when the weather does not cooperate.

The team is fortunate to have seven boats that they can chose from when practicing. Included in the count are: 2 glass (fiber-glass) *Vespoli* racing fours, 1

glass *Dirigo* eight, 1 glass *Schoenbrod* four, 1 glass *Ailings* four, a wooden four man along with a wooden eight man, which are rarely used.

Years ago the wooden four and the wooden eight were in the water every day. Now the team is lucky enough to have the new *Vespoli* racing shells to row in. The program has come along way.

This past Saturday, May 1, the team arranged an opening ceremony of the new boathouse, which included demonstrations of boat handling, and rowing provided by members of the team.

Thanks goes out from the team to everyone that helped with the move.

Special thanks goes to coach Mike McKenna for initiating the move and all the hard work he has put into the program this semester and always.

Biologist Dr. Mark Plotkin visits RWU

Bronwen Lapidus, Staff Writer

First time visitor Dr. Mark Plotkin recently spoke at Roger Williams. Dr. Plotkin is a biologist, research associate, and ethnobotanist.

He recently wrote his first book, *Tales of Shaman's Apprentice*, and shared his stories with the RWU community.

Dr. Plotkin has traveled back and forth to the rain forest for the last 20 years. When asked how he liked his travels he responded, "For a biologist that's the ultimate to go to the rain forest."

He feels there are many medicines in the jungle that are going to help fight dis-

eases in the future. For the past 15 years, he has worked with ancient shamans' plants of Central and South America to learn about these healing plants.

In 1994, he received the San Diego Zoo Gold Medal for Conversation, one of the top awards in the environmental field.

Over the years, Dr. Plotkin has been highlighted on a PBS Nova documentary, an Emmy winning TV documentary and numerous TV news magazine programs.

He was also featured in *Life*, *Newsweek*,

Smithsonian, and *The New York Times*.

Currently, Dr. Plotkin has an IMAX film out called *Amazon*. *Amazon* is playing at the Museum of Science in Boston and the Museum of Natural History in New York. Recently, *Amazon* was up for an award for best documentary.



Mark Plotkin

1999 Election Results

Inter-Class Council:

2002 - President, *Suzanne King*

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COMMENCEMENT CHECKLIST

- ✓ Get your **GUEST INVITATIONS**: Monday, April 26 - Friday, May 21
Day Students ⇨ Dean of Students Office ⇨ M-F 9am-5pm
University College ⇨ Metro Center ⇨ M-TH noon-8pm F noon-4pm or
Registrar's Office ⇨ M-TH 9am-8pm F 9am-4pm
- ✓ Pick-up your **CAP & GOWN**: Monday, May 10 - Friday, May 21
Available at the Bookstore ⇨ M/T 9am-7pm, W/Th 9am-5pm, F 9am-4pm
Saturday, May 15 ⇨ noon-4pm
- ✓ Visit the **BURSAR'S OFFICE**: Avoid the **STRESS, DO IT NOW!**
Remember, financial clearance is required **BEFORE** you can pick-up your cap & gown.
HOURS: M-TH 8am-8pm ⇨ F 8am-4:30pm
- ✓ Attend the **REHEARSAL**: Friday May 21, 1999 @ 12:15 SHARP!
Paolino Recreation Center. This is a short but important meeting.
President Santoro, Vice-President Shelton and Dean of Students Haskell
Invite all graduating seniors to a barbeque immediately following the rehearsal ⇨
It will be held on D'Angelo Common. (The Quad)
- ✓ Arrive on **COMMENCEMENT DAY**: Saturday, May 22, 1999 @ 8:00 am
Paolino Recreation Center Gym ⇨ Coffee and Refreshments will be provided
at the far end of the gym ⇨ Name Card will be available at tables bearing your
school name ⇨ Candidates for the degrees will line up by schools.

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May 7, Goodbye Senior's, 9 p.m., @ Topside's

May 14, Faculty/Senior Softball Game, 3 p.m., on the Softball field

* May 19, Trip to Foxwoods (Departure time TBA)

* May 20, Harbor Cruise (buses will depart from Almeida and and the Recreation center @ 6:15 p.m.)

May 21, Parent Dinner Dance

May 22, Do we really need to tell you?

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RWU students attend *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*

Christopher L. Campion, Contributing Writer

I am not your average RWU senior. I spend far too much time in the lab, yet surely clock my hours at Aidan's.

As a chemistry major bent on graduate school I need to gain as much experience as possible wearing the hat of a research scientist. This year, thanks to the faculty and administration at RWU I received a helping hand.

Each year there are many opportunities for undergraduates to bring their novel work to the eyes of their academic and industrial mentors and peers.

One such opportunity is NCUR. The *National Conference on Undergraduate Research* was held this year at the University of Rochester in Upstate NY.

Eric Mull, our mentors, Drs. Von Riesen and Timpson, and I attended

this year's NCUR conference. Eric and I have been working on different elements of a research project entitled: *The Synthesis and Characterization of Ligand Bridged Ruthenium Complexes* for well over a year.

This project encompassed coordination chemistry of transition metals, analytical methods, organic synthesis, electrochemistry and the associated physical methods, as well as the ability to write and present a scientific work. The conference turned out to be a boon to both our student and professional sides.

After spending many late nights crunching data on computers better suited to word processing while Eric worked in lab by the light of a solitary red bulb (to protect the photosensitive Ru

complexes), the social interaction of the conference was a welcome change of pace. Like us there are many of you at RWU who spend so much of your free time researching your own novel questions, be them what they may.

For those of you who are underclassmen, and have results to share I encourage you to think about attending and presenting at such a conference.

When asked what happens at such an event, I find it hard to communicate all of the different facets. Having had the chance to interact with people from all over the country both on the floor of a poster session, to the grounds of U of R, proved to be

my favorite experience.

Some were chemists, like Eric and I, other historians, biologists, or artists. NCUR supports novel work in almost any area or discipline.

We presented our work as a poster, while others performed their dance, played their piece of music, or gave detailed talks about their scientific methodology. All in all the greatest benefits are:

**Our work was brought forth before other scientists and open for debate and creative criticism.*

**We met and interacted with our peers on both a professional and social level.*

**We gained experience at*

presenting at scientific forums, which will look splendid on our Curriculum Vitae.

If you have worked as hard as Eric and I, had the support of great faculty such as we did, get up and bring your hard work to the eyes of our greater community and you will be surprised as to what they have to offer. Seek support for your work.

Thanks to help from the Department of Chemistry, The Feinstein College of Arts and Sciences, and RWU both Eric and I are on our way to becoming better scientists. Isn't that the goal of the RWU experience anyway?

Senate recognizes clubs and organizations at annual dinner

Melissa Glidden, Contributing Writer

Does anyone know how many clubs and organizations there are on campus? Does anyone know how much time and effort goes into running one of those clubs, let alone running a successful club?

If you are on the Executive Board of one of those clubs, you probably do. This is because you have run meetings, attended Presidents' Meetings once a month, submitted paperwork, asked for funding, planned events, and so on.

There are approximately 40 clubs on campus sponsored by the Student Senate, and the members of those clubs put in a great deal of

work, little of which they are recognized and commended for.

This is the precise reason the Student Senate holds an annual Club and Organization Recognition Dinner, which it did on Wednesday, April 28th.

The Senate works with the clubs all year and sees a great deal of what goes on and how much work everyone puts into their clubs. The Senate also sees how little recognition students get for their efforts, because with over 40 of them, it's easy to overlook one club.

The Senate takes the opportunity to thank the clubs for their hard work

and to commend their efforts, providing everyone dinner and handing out awards.

To be exact, 9 awards are handed out, in the categories of Rookie Club of the Year, Fundraiser of the Year, Biggest Flop, Best Cultural Program, Best Community Service Program, Comeback Club of the Year, Advisor of the Year, Club Member of the Year, and Club of the Year. The awards are determined by a Senate committee and based on nomination forms submitted by the clubs and the committee's previous knowledge of the clubs nominated.

And the winners are:

Rookie Club of the Year: TKT

Fundraiser of the Year: Hillel (D.C. Trip donation money)
Historic Preservation Society (Christmas ornaments)

Biggest Flop: Willow Hall Council's Christmas Candy Grams

Best Cultural Program: Multicultural Student Union's

Comeback Club of the Year: Dance Club

Advisor of the Year: Gary Shore, advisor to the Dance Club

Club Member of the Year: Lynn Turcotte of SVA

Club of the Year: Political Science Association

CEN wraps up a memorable year

Hello out there in RWU land. This is a flash back and an update from the files of C.E.N. Hopefully most of you attended the action packed SPRING WEEK-END April 22-24 a.k.a. "The Big Easy."

It all kicked off with Barbarino Fire Circus which lit up the campus on Thursday, and led into the rocking concert with The Shods, H2O, and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

The concert was a huge success and we thank everyone for their support. On Friday, the weather was rough but the fun still continued with K2 In-line skates, Mardi Gras wear, play-dough, and FREE soda.

We also got our first glimpse on the scrambler ride and a taste of things to come at the memo-

rable Chameleon Club and Casino Night.

Everyone got a chance to dance the night away after either winning big or losing their shirts at the casino games. Saturday held strong and delivered a powerful punch of rides, food, games, and decorations for "The Block Party." The day was carried by musical guests and entertainment involving, Domestic Problems, the RWU Dance Club, and the Unknown Soldiers.

There were a variety of sights and sounds for all to see, including the spectacular arial display of fireworks that led up to the weekend movie "Urban Legend." Attendance was great and we hope everyone enjoyed the weekend activities.

But we're not done yet,

C.E.N. still has another comedy event featuring Michael Dean Ester on Friday May 7th @ 8 p.m. in the Snack Bar. This should provide a strong basis for the weekend, as we show "Saving Private Ryan," the last movie of the semester on Saturday May 8th @ 8 p.m. in the Dining Hall. We also have a co-sponsored "Getaway Trip" to Providence for Canoe and Kayaking on May 16th, leaving the Rec. Center @ 9 a.m. Tickets are \$5 available in Athletics and space is limited.

C.E.N. would like to extend a great appreciation for the graduating members and the new members joining next year's programming board.

We are losing a big part of the involved members that have provided this campus with a lot

of hard work and talent during their years here. The graduating members are: Justin Camputaro-Chair, Matt Steinberg-Comedy Chair, Jess Stevens-Special Events Chair, Melissa Bridges-Chameleon Club Chair, Beth Lebowitz-Theme Weekend Chair, Suzanne Culotta-Friday Night Special Chair, Christene Raitman-AIAS Rep, Joe Tine-Commuter Rep/ Getaway Trips, Sara Confer-Senior Class Rep.

Also, special thanks go out to Kris Anderson, Amanda Bowman, Kirsten Singer and Beth DiBona for the extraordinary effort that they gave to the C.E.N. programming board, as well as, the entire RWU community.

Special congrats go out to the C.E.N. board for the 1999-2000 school year.

Anne Everett and Heath Capello- Co-Chairs

Dave Cravanzola- Comedy Chair

Matt Silvia- Special Events Chair

Jung Mi Lee- Chameleon Club Chair

Jennifer Hapgood- Theme Weekend Chair

Jenn Eral- Friday Night Special Chair

Sara Dumas- Daytime Programs Chair

Chris Cahill- Films Chair

Sivan Burkstein- Advertising Chair

Want to get more involved next year?

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Join *The Hawk's Eye* Newspaper Staff!

Look for us at Club Fair in September!

Columbine High School tragedy

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whom remained in Denver hospitals. "We want you to know that we miss you guys and that we look forward to having you back again in school with us," said Tim Matteson, the sophomore class representative.

Columbine's students will finish out the school year, which will end in June, at Chatfield, three miles away. Under a school district plan, Chatfield students will attend classes in the morning and Columbine students in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, authorities appeared to move closer to concluding that Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, acted alone in the attack. Detectives initially suspected a wider conspiracy after finding 50 bombs in and around Columbine.

"There is no solid evidence to indicate there was anyone else in the school, or that anybody assisted them in coming in and out of the school, or transporting these items," District Attorney Dave Thomas told

The Washington Post on Sunday. In addition, a sheriff's deputy said Sunday that Klebold's parents were "very cooperative" in an hour-and-forty-five-minute interview with investigators.

Thomas and Susan Klebold met with authorities Friday to answer questions about their son. Harris' parents have refused to talk with investigators unless they get immunity from criminal prosecution.

Back at the memorial site near Columbine, a set of 8-foot-high wooden crosses erected to

honor the victims was taken down by the Illinois carpenter who put them up just last week. Greg Zanis was criticized for putting up crosses for the killers near those of the victims.

An angry father of one of the victims took down the crosses for Harris and Klebold, saying it wasn't appropriate to honor the shooters in the same spot. Later, two smaller crosses were put up for Harris and Klebold before Zanis arrived early Sunday and removed his entire display.



Memorial sight for deceased students

An Editorial...

Don't let the Columbine tragedy happen again

By: Michelle Mostovy-Eisenberg

After the Columbine High School tragedy on April 20, two weeks ago, several issues have been brought up. Among these issues are gun safety, parents not watching their children and safe schools. Everyone has been arguing over the possibilities as to why suspects Eric Harris, age 18, and Dylan Klebold, age 17, killed 12 of their classmates and one teacher in the massacre, before killing themselves. I believe there is another area that needs to be looked at besides the previously mentioned reasons: defusing troubled students before they explode.

As Columbine student Alex Marsh, who until six months ago was a member of the so-called "Trenchcoat Mafia," said everyone in the group was "ostracized and ridiculed" at school. She has issued a strong warning against making fun of others who don't fit in. Isn't Marsh right? Isn't her message something our par-

ents have been trying to infuse in us forever-that it is okay to be different?

"They're all over this country, and they're all being insulted, and they're all being ridiculed," Marsh told CNN. "All you people who are saying stuff about them, stop it unless you want another bullet hole in you, too." While drastic, her message is clear and extremely important. Everyone is unique in his or her own way and we have to respect all people, even if they seem different from ourselves. We are all human, and we all should treat other people the way we ourselves would like to be treated.

Did Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, as well as all the people around the world ridiculed by their peers, cry themselves to sleep every night because their peers did not accept them? Did they wonder for a way to end the hurt, anger and pain they

were feeling inside because no one would accept them for who they were? For all the people out there who pick on others, never think that what you are doing doesn't affect us. It does. It hurts.

Question yourselves as to why you are so special that you can belittle the people you have deemed inferior for some reason. Think about what it is like to be in their situations.

I am not saying that what Harris and Klebold did was right. I definitely think they were wrong and I feel sorry for all the families involved and my heart goes out to the city of Littleton, Colorado.

However, we need to hear the message Harris and Klebold were trying to get across, respect everyone, even if on the outside they seem different than you. Inside we are all the same. And we are all human, with human feelings.

RWU students speak out on tragedy

"I think it is sad that violence starts so young. It wasn't like that when I was growing up. There is so much that parents do not know about their kids. It is not all the parent's faults. Kids are getting into serious habits that are too easy to get into in today's society."

-Adam Perry

"I can't imagine anyone being hopeless or angry enough to do something like that. People think it doesn't happen close to home, but it is happening. This should teach us a lesson that no matter who we know or don't know, you should treat them with respect and give them hope."

-Jeff Lemay

"The whole thing is just so tragic. It can happen anywhere, even here in a small town like Bristol."

-Mary Coolidge

"This is not the first time something like this has happened in the past year. We need to do something about the problem at hand."

-Kristen Sunde

Cruelty of Colorado hits home for one RWU student

Danielle Brigante, Sports Editor

The past two weeks have not been easy. Nationally, we were repulsed as 12 kids and 1 teacher died when 2 of their classmates, members of a group called the "trench coat mafia," shot up their high school in suburban Colorado then shot themselves.

Locally, we had our own problems on campus. On Saturday night, April 24, I was involved in a rather ugly incident at the Spring Weekend fireworks display. I was wearing my gothic jewelry (collar and heavy bracelets), dark makeup, dark clothing, and my ankle length black trench coat.

As I walked along, a college age guy whom I had never seen on campus before leered at me drunkenly. Slurring his words, he said, "Hey Nazi." I didn't look right away so he made a comment about how the latest meeting of the trench coat mafia went. When I turned around to say something, he said, "You killed any kids lately?" I don't remember the last time I cried, but as I walked home that night, the tears flowed freely down my face.

Actually, we were having problems with hatred and stereotyping all of Spring Weekend. The entire week before, rumors flew around campus about H2O, the hardcore punk band opening for the Mighty Mighty BossTones.

Someone started spreading the rumor that H2O, well known in their hometown New York City for being involved with anti-racism groups, was a Neo Nazi skinhead band and the skinheads on campus, sporting their anti racism T-shirts, patches and buttons, took a lot of abuse for it.

In the wake of the Columbine incident, the media has dragged a lot of things into the spotlight in search of an explanation for the shootings and the trench coat mafia, such as Neo Nazi hate, gothic music and culture, and Marilyn Manson.

While "Neo Nazi hate group" is an accurate characterization for the trench coat mafia, since one of the shooters deified Hitler, the blame for this incident does not rest on a lifestyle or a choice of music.

Gothic culture is still relatively new to mainstream society and mainstreamers don't know quite what to make of it. Now, thanks to the TV media, whenever a kid wearing black clothes and a black trench coat walks down the street, people jump.

Just as not all skinheads are Neo Nazis, not all goths who wear black trench coats are members of the trench coat mafia. Goths are not evil people.

Like skinheads, not the Neo Nazis, they have decided not to embrace commercialism or fit themselves into the tiny plastic molds suburbia has shaped for them.

They are friends with others because they share common ideas or tastes in music, not because of their race or socioeconomic background. Hitler and Nazi hate rhetoric are a goth's mortal enemies.

Marilyn Manson's music was also blamed in the shootings. Whether you like Manson's music or not, this does not make sense. Marilyn Manson is an image, a cartoon-like character created to shock adults and sell records to teenagers.

These kids were sick. They obviously were not able to discern fantasy from reality and whether they were listening to Marilyn Manson's "Tourniquet" or REM's "Shiny Happy People," they probably would have shot up the high school anyway.

The Columbine incident was tragic and shouldn't have happened, but it is absolutely ludicrous to blame it on a lifestyle or a choice of music.

So the shooters listened to Marilyn Manson - if we can blame Marilyn Manson for all the hatred and death in Colorado, can we blame the Christians for all the serial killers who quoted the Bible? Excuse me - there is something very wrong with this picture.

And it's not over yet, folks. The investigation into the incident continues, the survivors have returned to school, and the backlash is being felt even here in Rhode Island.

What disturbed me most about my own encounter wasn't what that guy said - those were just words.

What really upset me was that I have been calling this campus home for the last three years and this guy, a guest on my campus who didn't know me from a hole in the ground, lumped me with a bunch of narrow minded hate mongers just because I was wearing a black trench coat.

I just found out the other day about another incident in which a Roger Williams student was asked if he was carrying a shotgun under his trench coat. Come on, guys, this is wrong - a teacher and 14 kids not much younger than we are died because of this garbage. So the kids wore trench coats - as my friend Sarah from Queens, NY so succinctly put it, "So did Bogart in *Casablanca*." It just doesn't matter. School is almost over. Finals are rapidly approaching and we as students have more important things to worry about than hatred towards others. We can't help those kids, but we're all stuck here together. We can ensure that this campus is a workable, livable environment for all of us.

So don't judge me because I wear a black trench coat or my friend because he is a skinhead. Think about how it would feel if the roles were reversed and you were the ones being yelled at.

Not a very nice feeling, is it?



SPORTS



RWU athletes honored at annual sports banquet

Danielle Brigante, Sports Editor

The Roger Williams athletic teams were busy this year. Thanks to extraordinary efforts on the part of the athletes and coaches, RWU athletics enjoyed one of the most successful years on record.

The men's soccer team finished with a bang and many individual honors. Sophomore Stuart Hulke was named the Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the year, named to the All Conference first team and to the All-American First team.

Freshman Seth Matheson was the CCC's Rookie of the Year and joined teammates Matt Snow, sophomore, and Matt Randall, junior, to the All Conference first team.

Junior Adam Sweet and freshman Chris Curran were named to the All Conference Second team. Even Coach Jim Cook got into the act, bringing home CCC Coach of the Year honors.

The women's volleyball team won their first conference title in school history. Senior Beth Lebowitz collected

Most Valuable Player in the CCC Tournament honors in addition to being named to the RWU Invite's All Tournament team and selected to play on the NEWVA Senior Classic All-Star Game.

Lebowitz was also named the Rhode Island Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's Distinguished Athlete for Roger Williams University.

Junior Kristen Warren was named to the All Tournament teams for both the CCC and the Gordon College Invite.

Sophomore Toni Pratt was named to the All Tournament teams for the CCC, the RWU Invite, and the UMass Dartmouth Invite.

While the women runners had a tough season plagued with injuries, the men continued to improve their performances.

Senior Josh Curtis became the second male runner to place first in the CCC Invite and was the Hawk's top runner in every race.

The Equestrian team was

very successful for the fall season. They earned team honors with a second place finish and the reserve high point award at their UMass Dartmouth show.

Seniors Carrie Snodgrass and Sarah Mainen and sophomores Liz Dylewski, Julie Ferdinand, Heather Hutchinson, Kirsten Simonsen and Katie Spofford qualified for the Regional Championships.

The women's tennis team finished on a disappointing note but since they're not losing any members to graduation, they hope to improve on this year's showing.

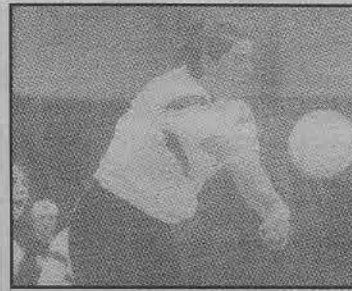
Despite a tough season for the women's soccer team, Junior Karen Kazarosian was named to the All Conference first team.

The wrestling team finished the season with their third straight Pilgrim League Championship title. Senior Keith Medeiros achieved Pilgrim League All Star Honors this year, as did senior Angelo Diaz, junior Tim Grady, and freshmen J.D. Mislak and Brian Bagdon. Freshman Ray Rask collected Pilgrim League All Star honors in addition to being named the Rookie Wrestler of the Month by the *New England Intercollegiate Wrestling News*.

Senior Brian Walker and junior Jeff Palmer earned Pilgrim League Scholar-athlete honors.

The women's basketball team also had a rough year. However, with most of the team returning next year, they look forward to making next season more successful.

The men's basketball team won their first CCC title since the 1986-87 season. Junior Liam Carr became the 16th player in RWU history to score 1000 ca-



Volleyball's Beth Lebowitz



Soccer's Stuart Hulke



Men's Basketball, 1998-99 CCC champs

reer points and was named to the All Conference First team and sophomore Chris Venino was named to the All Conference Second Team.

The men's volleyball team finished a solid season with new coach Mike Holden. Senior Mike Tartamella had an outstanding season, ranking fourth in NCAA Division III for service ace percentage (0.60) and fourth in the nation with a hitting percentage of 0.424.

He and junior Chuck Stanley were named to the All Tournament Team at the RWU Invitational.

Sophomore Ryan Connors was ranked sixth in the NCAA Division III with an 11.63 assist average.

The softball team had a great season, tying the record for most wins in a season with 15. Despite a heartbreaking loss in the Conference quarter finals, senior

Sandra MacCue was named to the CCC All Conference first team and freshman Lauren Hall was named to the CCC All Conference second team.

The baseball team lost in the CCC Conference semi-finals game to Salve Regina after a good season. Chris Sullivan was named to the CCC All Conference first team and teammates Tom Laverriere and Matt Killiam were named to the CCC All Conference second team.

The lacrosse team closed a strong season with a second place showing in the CCC Playoffs.

Ben Redfield and Chris Cokas were named to the CCC All Conference first team and teammates Brendan Giblein and Peter Moran were named to the CCC All Conference second team.

Thanks to all the athletes and coaches who made this year so successful. We look forward to even greater things in the future!



Women's Volleyball, 1998-99 CCC champs

Women's Rugby plays in tourney

By: Sarie Dannenberg

The Women's Rugby team is getting well off the ground this semester. The girls played in a tournament at Brandeis University and fared rather well in their first true game experience. They played three games in the tournament, losing to the University of Rhode Island and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, both experienced teams, by a narrow margin, and soundly beating Wheaton College.

This semester, the girls have been practicing and talking to Athletic Director Bill Baird to set up a real practice schedule for next semester. The team is coached by experienced players Roland Brassard and Kirk Sanger. Anyone is interested in participating can contact Brassard (x6300) or Sanger (x6301).

Field Hockey joins athletics

By: Jeannette Pierce

Earlier this spring, a field hockey team was started by two juniors. The process of creating the team took time going through the necessary channels leaving only a few weeks to play. The official club status will be applied for in the fall 1999.

Currently, the interested players practice twice a week for two hours a session. The interest level is high but unfortunately because of schedule conflicts, many people are not able to attend regularly. Hopefully, during the fall more will be able to attend. If anyone is interested in playing field hockey, contact Jeannette Pierce at x5445 or Erika Carlson at x5661, or come to practice on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. behind the architecture building.



Jim Cook, RWU coach of the year

Thanks to all the athletes for a memorable year in sports!