Seniors outraged by commencement speaker selection

By Neil Nachbar
Managing Editor

Since the last issue's article on this year's commencement speaker, seniors have reacted with outrage. Instead of having a voice in who this year's speaker would be, they found that administration has selected Mario Gabell1, a Wall Street businessman and "personal friend" of Ralph R. Papitto, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to address the senior class.

At a meeting on Nov. 19, 1991, Senior Class President Denise Conte and Alpha Chi President Mark Herter were expecting to discuss the candidates for honorary degrees and the potential speaker.

"I was expecting a series of candidates to be presented, which there was," said Herter. "I thought we would discuss who should get honorary degrees with the criteria in mind."

What Herter didn't expect was that the choice of speaker seemed predetermined. "Gabell1 was constantly being weighed against the other candidates," said Herter. "There was a resounding thought toward Gabell1."

Herter and Conte were the only student representatives "involved in the decision."

Herter, a fourth-year architecture student, admits that he may have been more vocal if he was graduating this year. He hopes that students will be more involved in the process next year.

Conte really didn't see much wrong with the process. "It's not that important to me," said Conte. "Administration is competent enough to make a decision like this."

When asked why she didn't speak up on behalf of the students, she said, "I felt my hands were tied. I wasn't going to rock the boat. I didn't feel I was in a position to ask questions or challenge the decision."

Conte questioned whether or not the senior class, if given the opportunity to voice their opinion, would have taken the initiative. "I wonder if given the choice, they would have acted upon it."

Whether or not Conte or Herter could have made a difference if they had spoken up is uncertain. What is certain is that there are a lot of seniors who feel snubbed.

"I'm not going to commencement because I feel the speaker's a joke."

—Senior Bill Shaw

Tennis courts chosen as law school site

By Sean Lewis
Associate Editor

As spring rolls around here at RWC, talk of change is dominating cafeteria discussions and dorm room conversations.

There have been a lot of name changes in the past few months, and there is word that we may soon be known as a university instead of a college. Perhaps the most controversial change of late is the addition of a law school to the campus community.

It has been decided that the law school will be located in North Campus, specifically on the site of the tennis courts. The school is scheduled to begin operating for full semester 1993, at a construction cost between $7-8 million.

Undoubtedly students will have to deal with a great amount of construction, not unlike when the library was under construction.

There is, however, some good that will come out of this disruption. Although the tennis courts will be removed in order to construct the new school, they will be rebuilt at a later date with the addition of two courts to the existing four.

According to William O'Connell, director of auxiliary and student activities, "I was told the new law school would be situated in such a location that it would disrupt the tennis courts. This disruption, however, will take place after spring tennis has ended and the Physical Plant will relocate the courts before the fall season begins, hopefully increasing the number of outdoor courts from four to six."

"There will be an asset to the tennis program since six courts are needed to host tournaments. 'We're looking forward to it,'" said Patricia Bedard, men's tennis coach and director of the men's tennis team. "This will allow the tennis program the option of holding tournaments on campus."

The location of these new courts has yet to be determined. Bedard said she'd like to see them close to the athletic facility, but believes they would probably be located somewhere past the baseball fields. She acknowledged a lack of space to put them, but said that the athletic department will have some input when it comes time to decide where they will be constructed.

Matthew White, director of the Physical Plant, said there have been no decisions as of yet. "The ceremonial groundbreaking is May 12. The actual groundbreaking will take place sometime in June."

Survey shows few students know about Student Senate

By Wayne Shulman
Staff Writer

From a random sampling of students of various years and majors, it was found that 20 percent of the 45 students did not know the role of the Student Senate and 4 percent knew that Mike Turner was the President of the Student Senate.

According to the constitution, part of the role of the Student Senate is "to keep in touch with the student body, informing them of college policies, senate activities and other matters of common interest... to encourage students to bring their responses, feelings and ideas to the Senate." Each Senator is also supposed to have an office hour as well.

Students responses to the question, "Does the Senate serve the students?" were varied.

Freshman Jen Wilson said, "Well, as a freshman I have not yet been able to see their contributions to the freshman class directly, but my eyes are open."

"They serve the students only to a point. They could probably do a lot more to survey the needs and wishes of the students," said senior Diane Carpenter.

Dan Hanover noted, "The Senate does not serve anyone. How often do we hear about the Senate? Almost never. I bet everyone can't even name the Senate President."

"I don't feel the Senate serves the students. I never had a senate representative ask me how I felt on an issue or been asked in any way to give input on any issue," said Joseph Dyjak.

When asked if the Senate fulfill their role, Senate See Students, Page 2
Students unsure of Senate's function

President Mike Turner replied, "No Senator could ever do a perfect job, but this has been the most productive Senate in the history of the Student Senate." Vice President Greg Casey said, "Yes, I think the Senate is very productive because the voice of the student is always taken seriously in the Senate. The Senate is very efficient and effective in getting things done." Senator Michelle Vieira said, "Students really don't have any interest in the Student Senate." Senator Nancy Hennessy said, "There is a lack of student interest and participation. We can change the perceptions of the students." Senior Candy Salazar said, "I don't feel the Senate serves the students because they consider themselves to be above the students. Not that they are, but you get the feeling." Senator Mike Turner replied, "There is a lot to be done to improve the Senate. Not that it's not good, but that it's not the best it can be." Senior Barry Green said, "I don't think the Senate is doing enough."
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Presentation raises theories about Kennedy assassination

By Jonathon Bassuk
Staff Writer

For all of you who question the assassination of John F. Kennedy, it would appear as though Edgar Tatro has an answer for you. Tatro, a teacher in Quincy, Mass., gave a very insightful and provocative lecture on the events of and surrounding Nov. 22, 1963.

For about three and a half hours a packed lecture hall listened to Tatro's theories and thoughts on the assassination, and what he called "the crime of the century." Constantly reminding the audience that there was no way he could finish all the information in the time he had, there was never a dull moment of the very fast paced, and often humorous presentation of some alarming information.

Covers-ups, conspiracies, and evidence of Kennedy's brain, and threats enveloped the entire event in Dallas that day. Tatro treated the audience to pieces of information that had never before been seen, not even the film of the shooting, taken by Abraham Zapruder. Seeing the murder of the President, the image enhanced drew gasps and exclamations from throughout the audience. Even though many of those who attended Mr. Tatro's presentation were not alive to personally remember Kennedy's assassination, we have been inundated with so much information about it, that now we are simply driven to find out all we can.

Tatro also served as a consultant on Oliver Stone's recent film, JFK, in which New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison attempts to piece together the events surrounding the assassination. Tatro showed the audience somewhere near 300 slides, all containing shocking information about forged memos and letters, items that had been classified for years and, most startling, information suggesting that Kennedy's own vice-president Lyndon Johnson was in on the plan to kill him.

Tatro's presentation included a picture of Johnson in the motorcade in Dallas, ducking under his seat well before the fatal shots had allegedly been fired.

Much of this information needs to be taken with a grain of salt, because all theories remain as such until they can be proven. Twenty-nine years after Kennedy's assassination, we are still looking for that proof. Tatro has been corresponding with many people about the assassination, including Col. Fletcher Prouty ("Mr. X" in JFK). Some of the things that Prouty has to say are simply terrifying regarding possible cover-ups on the highest levels of our government.

Tatro has compiled such a wealth of information in the last 29 years, that some of it has to be true. Tatro started his research at age 17, and he showed us a slide of his calendar the day Kennedy was killed where he had written that Lee Harvey Oswald had killed JFK. Now, 29 years later, Tatro believes that Oswald didn't shoot anyone that day. He recalled that his father had told him that nothing like this is ever what it appears to be.

Tatro held the audience tightly, and would not let go. No matter what your individual belief was going into the lecture, if you didn't have second thoughts by the time you left, either you missed something, or you're very stubborn.

One of the more interesting aspects of Tatro's arguments was that many of the incidents surrounding the assassination can be linked to people and incidents of today. "What goes around, comes around," Tatro said.

At this moment, all the secrets - one and a half million pages that might allow us to find out the truth surrounding Kennedy's assassination are locked until the year 2029, but there is a slight possibility that they may be opened sooner. Rest assured, Edgar Tatro will be first on line with his rough estimate of $800,000,000 dollars for the copy machine.

The Kennedy slaying has bothered us for so long, and Tatro is one person who isn't sitting around and waiting for things to happen, because he believes that by sitting around and not questioning our government, we'll never know the truth. Tatro left us with the advice that if we care at all, then we really should ask questions, and make sure someone gives us the answers.

Career Services offers help to those who will face the "real world"

By Joe Barufaldi
Staff Writer

With less than 70 days till graduation, seniors must figure out how to handle the "REAL WORLD." Whether your career plans are for graduate school, attempting to find a job in your chosen profession or still trying to decide on a profession, Career Services is prepared to offer help. Offering a variety of services from career counseling to resume and interview workshops, the resources and knowledge are available for the student in need.

As graduation quickly approaches, the services provided gain increasing importance. "Some students are afraid of dealing with the reality that they are graduating," states Assistant Director Kate Hennigan. "But we are here to assist, even after graduation."

The resume service provided addresses the needs of students who have a resume and wish to strengthen it, and those students who don't know how to approach the writing of their resume. For students with a resume, a critique service is provided. Students can drop off their completed resume for a critique by a trained career assistant or make an appointment to review their resume with Hennigan or Director Fran Katzeck. "Most students with a resume just need to make revisions," states Hennigan. "They just need to condense it, and let go of information that isn't important."

For students who have yet to formulate their resumes, workshops are provided to assist the student. Again, students can arrange an appointment for individual help. During their meeting, literature is provided that will help formulate and present resumes, as well as the examples of completed resumes that can be used as a guide.

After your resume is completed, you'll need to send it out. Career Services can help there too. Their library provides job outlooks for cities around the country. These books also provide profiles of the area that often proves important when deciding if you would want to move to move there. "We have books that address everything from cultural events to pollen count," states Hennigan.

In the local area, there are company profiles that can be used to gain information when preparing for an interview.

Another successful service provided is Reality 101. In these workshops students receive advice and tips from professionals. Past workshops included a visit from a car salesman offering strategies for buying a new car, getting financing and avoiding bad deals. Realtors have offered advice on renting apartments and what to look for in a lease.

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Changes in architecture program discussed in AIAS forum

By Joe Baruffaldi
Staff Writer

Recent changes in the thesis program for fifth year students in the School of Architecture have created tension between students and faculty. Student confusion turned to frustration due to lack of understanding as to what the changes involved, and faculty concern grew over as the program changes were received with great resistance.

In response to the growing tension, American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) Co-Presidents Mark LePage and Peter Gerr organized a student/faculty forum to address the issue. The forum proved exceptionally beneficial, as students learned of the intentions of the changes, and received an understanding as to the impact these changes would have on the thesis program. This in turn relieved faculty concern as the communication between the two sides reduced the resistance to the changes.

As the meeting began, fifth year instructor Andrew Cohen explained why the changes occurred. What had been a two semester thesis project, in which the student spent the time exploring their own architectural beliefs through the design of a building, was changed to a new format. This format involved the creation of a new class, a thesis seminar to be taken along with a design studio in the fall semester of a student’s fifth year, followed by a design studio in the spring semester in which the student took the ideas generated in thesis seminar, and designed a building of their choice.

“This change,” stated Cohen, “was generated by the faculty as a whole. It was intended to create flexibility with in the fifth year” by giving the student the option of pursuing a one semester thesis project in design studio, while allowing them to take a variety of design studios in the fall that focus on particular topics and involved students of different years. Students would also have the option of not pursuing a thesis project. According to Cohen, the changes were also implemented because the faculty felt that recent fifth year classes failed to produce a thesis project. to which Cohen questioned the need for two semesters of design studio to be devoted to a thesis project. Various students responded stating that there was not enough time within the thesis seminar/design studio format to explore the ideas governing their thesis project, and to design a substantial building as well.

Through further explanation by Cohen and Saksena it became evident that the implementation of the thesis seminar was to allow for intensified discussion of the ideas generating architecture (something clearly lacking in recent two semester thesis projects), leading to a proposal for a building the students would explore in their spring semester.

The only possible limitation would be in the size or scope of the project. “In thesis seminar students would discuss issues relevant to a personal exploration of architecture,” stated Cohen. It was loosely structured, creating much less work for the student, while the benefits increased.

Fourth year students Geoff Logan and Mark Herter questioned whether other formats could be used in fifth year, and presented ideas they had received from other schools. Faculty member Gail Fenske praised this type of exploration and stated that the thesis formats of other schools like Cornell could be valuable resources as our thesis program continues to be modified.

It was this open exchange of ideas that proved most beneficial. As the thesis program continues to grow, it remains flexible and adaptable to change. “The faculty’s responsibility is to guide and assist the students,” states fifth year instructor Bill McQuinn. “But the process of engaging these ideas requires the maturity of the students.”

As evident by the student concern over these changes, and the action taken by AIAS to address this concern, the students have demonstrated a maturity in their attempt to gain the most from their education.

With increased cooperation between faculty, students, and the administration, students will be able to better utilize the diverse talents and specialties of the faculty by organizing and proposing design studios and thesis seminar topics that address their architectural beliefs and convictions.

As Saksena stated, “No avenues of exploration will be closed out, but rather investigated through orderly discussions.” In the end, the value of the education will increase, and the program will be strengthened.
Senate Report

Malcolm Forbes answered questions from the Student Senate during the March 9 meeting. He told the Senate that the law school will be paid for with endowments, a bond issue and tuition. He also said that the law school will be located where the tennis courts are currently situated. (See story, front page)

Senator Cathy Barretti asked Forbes where the law school students would live. He replied that the administration assumes that the law school will not need on-campus housing. If there is a need, he said, "I'm not sure what we'll do."

Forbes said that Almeida will be sold when the economic climate is better. He also said that repairs will be made to improve the condition of the apartment complex before it is sold.

When asked about the fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi, Forbes said that a fraternity would be good for a larger college, but he saw "no advantage" to having one at RWC.

Senator Michelle Vieira asked Forbes about the Marine Biology program. He replied that the school plans to convert the old micro lab into new marine biology laboratories. RWC also plans on expanding the Science and Math building to add two more laboratories for the program. Long range plans include working in conjunction with the University of Rhode Island in Narraganset Bay.

Senator Jen Samolyk suggested to Forbes that an architecture supply store be added to the architecture building. She said that the bookstore had inadequate and expensive supplies, causing many students to go elsewhere for supplies.

Dean of Students Karen Haskell announced that a task force looking into R.W.C. new college guidelines for handling date rape. She said the task force needs two students, one male and one female, living on campus or at Almeida, recommended by the Senate. She said Senators could fill the positions.

Business forum discusses economic problems

By Karen Snyder
Staff Writer

The latest business forum was conducted by Joe Paulino. Paulino serves on the Board of Trustees at RWC and before that was the Mayor of Providence for six and a half years. He is very well informed and spoke mainly on the economic development of R.I. for both the present and the future.

Paulino opened the forum with some of his personal background and then discussed the economic problems of the last year. He said that "Nineteen ninety-one is a year our state needs to forget." Due to the overwhelming economic problems stemming from the recession, R.I. businesses have had less than favorable progress. Paulino's theory was to "take care of the base that you have" to work in bringing in new businesses.

The five major points of Paulino's plan are as follows:

Workers Compensation - workers compensation keeps businesses from expanding, new businesses from locating here in R.I. and makes the current ones want to leave. The utility costs in this state are profoundly more expensive than more southern states. Paulino offered for this problem that the electric company mistakenly claims that high local taxes and the location of R.I. makes it more difficult and thus more expensive to deliver. Health care costs are a problem that have reached a national scale, yet in R.I., these are also less expensive in southern states.

As for the local banks, Paulino says that they are not loaning enough money to businesses, those established and trying to become so. This forces the company to lay off employees and makes expansion impossible.

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Cheating discussed in latest Humanities Coloquium

By Sean Lewis
Associate Editor:

What would you do if you were in a position where you thought the only way to pass a test was to cheat? What if you were someone who could get away with it? For many, the choice would be obvious.

Cheating occurs on a daily basis on probably every campus across the country. This is a fact that is not likely to be диагноз on very many people, neither faculty nor students.

We've all seen it done, and chances are we know a lot of the "tricks of the trade" ourselves, ranging from the effective leaving notes out on the floor next to you during a test or quiz to the desperate "faking "cheat sheets" under baseball hats or folding them under a watch.

In any case, we all know cheating occurs on the college level and a lot of people get away with it.

But one definite argument against cheating is that there really is anything "bad" about cheating. This was the argument made recently by Sen. Remy Ash (left), a former URI student who majored in philosophy and is doing his graduate work at URI, Dr. Phil Szenher, a communications teacher, and Dr. Michael Wright, a philosophy teacher, led a discussion on some of the various aspects and reasons for cheating.

One of the topics that was discussed was the effectiveness of the current grading system that the majority of schools still rely on. According to Dr. Szenher, this is the reason for a lot of the cheating. "Education today is definitely not what it was two or three decades ago. The objective of today's student is not to get a better education, but to get a better letter grade."

Students seem to agree. Jennifer Donovon, a junior, thinks there is a lot of pressure on students to cheat. "Personally, I feel like if I don't get the best grade that I can get my 'A.' And the person in front of you has to get a "C," and the person in front of them has taken ten minutes to copy their notes onto tiny scraps of paper, and they get an "A." It makes you wonder who is really getting what they deserve."

Hoffman pointed out that for him, "cheating is part of the system. It's a symptom of a bigger problem: misdirection on the part of those who tell you that the higher the grade, the better the person." One solution that the panel discussed was to replace the letter grade system with a written evaluation. While this would take more pressure off students and provide a detailed critique of his or her performance instead of being lumped into a general category, it would also transfer some of the pressure onto the shoulders of teachers who would be forced to come up with a subsequent amount to say about students.

"It really worked out well. I got to see exactly what my weak points and strong points were. It's a better interpretation of a student's performance." Brown also offers a pass/fail grading system that many of the students there for.

Whether a student considers himself "cheating" or not, he or she is a part of it as "taking advantage of an opportunity," we must take a closer look at what motivates us to do this pursuit of better grades: the desire to get the best education possible or the desire to get the best-looking transcript possible.

Barnes & Noble regional manager listens to bookstore complaints

Senate sets up committee to discuss problems

By Neil Nachbar
Managing Editor:


These are just a sample of the book prices you'll find in the RWC Barnes & Noble bookstore. In the last couple of years, an increasing number of students have complained that these prices are "outrageously expensive."

On March 2 the Student Senate expressed these concerns with Barnes & Noble Manager Chris Ranc and Regional Manager Bill Dill.

Senator Jen Samolyk said she felt Barnes & Noble has become a monopoly on campus and have gotten out of control. You (Barnes & Noble) are the people we have to go to, to get our books. That gives you the upperhand."

Ranc agreed that textbooks are expensive, but refuted Samolyk's charge that the store is a monopoly. "Like any other retailer across the U.S., we're constrained to certain book prices so we can't just charge what we want." Dill said if a student wanted to organize a book exchange, Barnes & Noble would provide book lists for that purpose. However, he cautioned that there's a liability students would have.

"You (Barnes & Noble) are the people we have to go to, to get our books. That gives you the upperhand."

"You can't take books from students and you're not able to sell them, then what happens?" Dill traced the textbook's cost back to the author. "The problem comes from the fact that there's basically a monopoly from its inception. No other author can say that they wrote exactly the same book," said Dill. "I don't know what we can do to change that, because the prices they charge us are extremely high."

In the week prior to the meeting, Senator Remy Ash looked into the matter and found that RWC's bookstore doesn't differ much in price from other local bookstores. Although he only contacted a couple of schools, he found that they all operate on the same principles and mark up their books 20-25 percent.

According to Dill, the book prices are not only affecting the students, but also the bookstores. "The number of units are going down because students are sharing books."

He emphasized that Barnes & Noble doesn't make much money from the sale of textbooks. "Textbooks are not a profit-setter for us, but people will just not believe that. We make a heck of a lot more selling pencils and sweatshirts than we do on textbooks."

Ash expressed an interest in setting up a Senate committee which would meet with a representative from the bookstore every three or four weeks to discuss any problems that may exist.

Anyone who has concerns or questions regarding the bookstore is encouraged to contact Remy Ash at x3312 or Jen Samolyk at x3343.

Student Senate Election Nomination forms are available in the mailboxes by the Senate office.
All forms must be in by April 2 to be put on ballot.

Senate Elections will be held April 14 and 15.
Students end up last on administrative agenda

One of the things seniors look forward to at graduation, aside from getting to wear those funky-looking graduation caps, is hearing a speech which they recognize and/or respect. However, this year will be different. This year’s speaker, a “personal friend of the Chancellor of the Board of Trustees,” was chosen for the students by administration.

Why would administration choose this Wall Street millionaire to speak without asking for student input? Do you think they might be trying to get a sizeable donation? I hope so.

Once again the students have taken a back seat for political and economic reasons. Just as the students had no voice in the law school decision, they’ve been ignored again.

On the surface it seems great that the school is expanding; however, the students are getting swept up in the change. Instead of putting money toward undergraduate programs that have a lot of potential, the administration, money is being directed toward the library, the law school and the “sacred” Plan for the 90s.

Even more frustrating is when the school spends frivolously on decorations, like the new $19,000 signs. What department couldn’t use that money to upgrade equipment or purchase supplies? For $19,000 the school could have gotten a commencement speaker the students have heard of.

It’s no wonder that some students don’t feel especially proud to go to RWC; they feel completely disconnected from any of the important decisions affecting the future of the school. This feeling, which is becoming more common, would change if the students had not only had the opportunity to be known administrators, but also voice their opinions and concerns.

This year’s commencement speaker is merely an example of what can happen when administrators are given too much power and nobody stops to question their authority. It is up to the students to demand to be heard. As witnessed throughout (recent) history, change can come about if the masses band together and fight for their rights. Taking a passive approach only encourages administration to continue to make decisions without getting student reaction.

Fraternity objects to “Animal House” stereotype

To the Editor:

RWC’s first fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi, has spent the last three years working hard to dispel the “Animal House” image that surrounds our campus. The article about our fraternity in the March 3 issue effectively put that same image into the minds of the students, faculty and administration of RWC.

If you look at the facts about Tau Epsilon Phi, rather than preconceived ideas, you will find our activities do open positive things for the college and its surrounding community. Every semester, Tau Epsilon Phi does more community service and volunteer work than any of the other clubs and student organizations that RWC actively supports. Further, Tau Epsilon Phi has an academic policy which limits the activities of its members if their grades slip below a 2.1 GPA.

Tau Epsilon Phi is a hard-working group of students who constantly try to do what we think is right for this institution. To label Tau Epsilon Phi as “clique” and “anti-education,” or to compare our organization, even remotely, with the “Animal House” myth of fraternities is both prejudicial and wrong. I challenge anyone to state one negative fact about Tau Epsilon Phi.

Jay Schneider
Founding Member
Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity

College should feel embarrassed over planning for commencement

To the Editor:

In response to Darren Fava’s article, “Commencement speaker sparks controversy,” in the March 2 issue of The Messenger, I was extremely disappointed to discover that the President of the college and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees went ahead and invited Mario Gabelli to speak at the 1992 Commencement ceremony, which was back in 1990.

I feel as a senior classman that the school has dictated to us who we should have as a speaker at our commencement purely to serve their own ends and ambitions. From what I can deduce, the selection process was a sham. The meeting being held purely as a charade making people think they had a choice in the matter. Whereas the Chairman, Papitto, had already gone ahead and invited Mario’s “personal friend” to accept an honorary degree and speak at Commencement. I wonder what is expected of Gabelli in the future—may be we will see him on the RWC campus the week before Commencement.

I have had the utmost respect for the college and administration, but with the seniors having no input in their own graduation, process, I will leave RWC angrier than I was handled.

I’m in no way wanting to embarrass this institution as I always have been a Portsmouth for the last three years working hard to give back to the community. I also realize that there is one individual that tries to control its students, to the “Animal House” myth of fraternities.

Jonathan Ackerman

Gabelli O.K., selection process not

To the Editor:

In response to the article “Commencement speaker sparks controversy” from the March 2, 1992 issue of The Messenger, I have the following comments:

Mario Gabelli was a Wall Street financial star who is a highly ethical lawyer. He chose RWC for the school’s values, which matches monies in excess of $6 billion. It would seem that Mr. Gabelli meets the criteria if there is one of an Honorary Degree Recipient, but, what really bothers me is that he was selected.

As well you know Mr. Gabelli was selected by the Senior Class to speak at Commencement. I think this is because “Mario is a friend of mine...” The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Ralph Williams was selected to speak at Commencement purely to make people feel that there was a choice in the matter. Just because a person (or a “good friend”) might have enough to contribute monies to RWC in the future, should not be a reason for that person to speak.

If it came down to that final reason for selection then think of the 400 or so graduates who have contributed around $12,000 annually for the last four years, that’s over $20 million. If this was the case, then the Senior Class would certainly have a say, if not the majority. Because just a person (or a “good friend”) might have enough to contribute monies to RWC in the future, should not be a reason for that person to speak.

Again, I’m not disappointed in the selection. However, I am afraid that Mario Gabelli has been selected for the wrong reasons.

Most major colleges and universities have a selection committee that makes recommendation to the Student Senate and Speaker Committee. If Dr. Forbes fears in the article, “The student should have a choice of speaker,” would allow this type of unorthodox decision making to take place. If Roger Williams is to advance in the ’90s then there must be more substance in its policies than just an aesthetically pleasing campus (like those stupid $19,000 “where am I now?” signs).

Mr. President, Mr. Chairman how did Dean Santoro become dean? Well... that really doesn’t matter, do it, as long as it’s not done well... In the future, does the school have a choice in who to speak? I wonder what is expected of Gabelli in the future—maybe we will see him on the RWC campus the week before Commencement.

By the way Mr. Papitto, what “...family...” are you referring to? Am I related? Or is this just a personal inner ring? Mta Familia?

Anonymous

Responsibility lies with students

To the Editor:

If you ask the RWC Public Relations office for an official position regarding the institution’s attitude to its students, they will offer you the platitudinous,”We know our students’ names and most of their dreams.”

When I think of this empty statement, I don’t know what to think. I am dancing on the threshold of my twenties and I have never had a conversation with a student about my concerns. Ever since the RWC Public Relations office was started, I have been under the impression that it was a student-orientated office. I never once considered the institution a tool that looks upon young adults that it allegedly seeks to educate as tracheable, semi-intelligent children that happen to pay the bill for their lobster dinners.

This may come as a shock to many students who pay less attention than they should to their college’s agenda. Getting involved in issues that affect our college is not a question of time or cause, but one of simple responsibility. I’m sure there are plenty of students that would agree that their tuition dollars would have been better spent on books for the library and computer software than aluminum signs and ceremony. To those students, tell the world how you feel.

And to my fellow students in the class of 1992, I suggest that it’s crucial that we protect the administration’s blatant by-passing of our interests in their unilateral choice for the speaker at our graduation ceremony. I want someone who speaks to the attitudes and aspirations of my class—not to the college’s bank account.

Mike Russo
Administrative choices questioned by architecture student

To the Editor:

In reference to "Commencement speaker sparks controversy" and "Dean and Faculty react to law school dean Santoro," (3/2/92) I would like, as a soon to be graduating senior, to make some personal remarks about the way the administration (Ralph and Nat) have handled the choosing of not only the speaker (Gabelli) but also the choice of the new Dean of the Law School (Santoro).

It reads like a script out some movies that I have seen. Not only was it unethical for Santoro to put his name in the running for the position, but it was gullible of the school to take him. I had not even realized that he not only did the curriculum studies for the other schools but also started them up. I must say that the administration is at least blantly and openly running this type of organization in front of the students and public and not trying to cover it up. It is clearly obvious that there was no effort put into the selection nor the feasibility study. This law school seems to have been set in stone before it was even started.

Where did this Gabelli guy come from? He appears out of nowhere and is placed among us to be our honored commencement speaker. He seems to have been accepted as Raines' "member of the family of RWC." (Or RWU?) Ralph also thought that it "would be a...coup if we could get him to be a good friend of the college." I've heard those lines somewhere before. I guess it doesn't matter to the administration whether or not its graduating students are also "good friends of the college." I am assuming of course that Gabelli is preparing a sizable donation to the college otherwise he wouldn't have been chosen.

I well hope that after I leave this place, that the college does not send me any requests for donations to the college because I don't plan on giving a dime to this school. I know that there are many other people that also feel this way.

Maybe in a few years the administration will begin to realize why the amount of alumni donations have dropped.

Sincerely,
Salvatore Napolitano
5th Year Architecture

Students feel college atmosphere will be threatened by change to a university status

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to many of the planned or recommended changes for RWC in the near future. The issues we would like to address are those of the Graduate Law School in conjunction with the proposal that RWC be changed to Roger Williams University.

When we chose to attend Roger Williams there were several factors that we took into consideration. One of the most important was that Roger Williams advertised itself, and, from what we observed during visits, to be a rather small school that focused its attention on the student as an individual--you weren't just a number.

We feel that with the up-coming law school and the proposed change to university status, this atmosphere is being threatened. We know that many of the staff and faculty members have suggested that this might be a possible student reaction.

Well, we're saying as students that we don't agree with the administrators of this school spending all of their time and attention, not to mention our money, on building a law school that will never benefit our education, and, without any doubt, will take away from the funding and attention that ought to be focused on expanding and enhancing the educational programs of the undergraduate schools.

Perhaps it is time that the administration of this school stopped focusing on what they want, and started looking into what the students want.

Sincerely,
Concerned Students of RWC

Circulation Coordinator clears up questions about library

To the Editor:

The last two issues of The Messenger have been filled with provocative articles that have made interesting reading. I would like to respond to Matthew Sember's letter in this week's issue, in which he mentions the "little people counter" in the libraries as an example of wasteful expenditures. Please realize that the counters are inexpensive and only replace the mechanical one we used in the former main library. Having a measure of the number of people who enter the libraries can be very useful, for instance, if we want to plan or justify changes in library hours during exam weeks. About 17,000 people came through the doors of both libraries in February. Unfortunately, one unplugged the people counter in the after-hours classroom, so we do not have a statistic for the use or lack of use of that room. It could be very useful to be able to point out how much that room is used, in case we were ever asked to give it up for another purpose.

There is another library matter our users might be interested in. The library computer terminals have a "Suggestions" capability which many of you have used. If you had read your suggestions and would like to respond, so have we begun a list of questions and answers which are posted on the bulletin board opposite the circulation desk. Check it out! We don't forget to enter your comments and book requests on the terminals. You'll find the instructions on the LIBRARY INFORMATION screen.

Sincerely,
Alma Irvor-Campbell
Coordinator of Circulation

Senate must choose between realizing its potential or isolating itself from students

According to the Senate's constitution, their duties include, "giving due consideration to any proposal, request, complaint or grievance that any student or group of students may lay before the Student Senate and to act in the interest of the student or group of students." How is it possible for the Senate to fulfill this duty if most of the student body doesn't know who their Senators are or what the Senate does? While the Senate meetings are open to anyone, students very rarely attend, and for good reason. The Senate has failed to connect with the students and has failed to take a stand on many serious topics that affect the students and the school.

What did the Senate have to say about the law school decision? absolutely nothing, at least publicly. The Senate never came up with a formal statement on the law school and never made an effort to educate the students on the law school or ask how the students felt about the decision. The reason they didn't educate the students, is because they knew very little themselves.

After reading in The Messenger that the drinking water on campus was from the Hawthorne well, the law school dean was predetermined and this year's commencement speaker was chosen by administration with no student input, what has the Senate done or said on behalf of the students? Again, absolutely nothing.

The main reason administration doesn't take the Senate seriously is because they know that the Senate doesn't have the support of the students. Last semester the Senate failed to give students the opportunity to meet the students and listen to their concerns. Homecoming. However, the Senate was nowhere to be found. Although the Senate threatened to take away 15 percent of any club's budget if not in attendance, the Senate felt they didn't need to attend because, in the words of Senate President Mike Turner, "The Senate is represented through the clubs."

It is that kind of hypocrisy that has angered many clubs this year. In addition, there are some Senate representatives who very rarely, or never, keep in contact with their assigned clubs.

One thing the Senate does do is distribute close to $400,000 to clubs and organizations. How can the Senate really be fair in dividing up the budget if they don't actually see what the clubs do. Granted, there are some Senators who stay in close contact with their clubs and there are some clubs that are very active, but there are some Senators that are just taking up a seat and some clubs that blow their money away. It will be interesting to see if the club budgets seem as randomly decided upon this year, as previous years.

RWC is changing at a lightning pace. At no point has administration stopped to ask for student input. The Senate can do one of two things: They can try to gain the support of the students and insist that administration stop and listen or they can sit back and continue to isolate themselves from the students and follow their own agenda.

Senate elections will be held in a few weeks. According to Mike Turner, last year's elections ran for the 18 positions; and that was considered their best year in terms of election participation. Hopefully, this year some students will run who are serious about making a difference and have the courage to stand up to administration.

The Senate has the potential to protect the interests of the students, take a position on important decisions and reverse the apathetic attitude which has dominated this campus. Whether it chooses to realize this potential is yet to be seen.
Events In Review: Make fraternities and sororities safer

By William B. Darby
Staff Writer

In considering whether to allow the establishment of fraternities and sororities on campus, we should ask ourselves how we're going to address three issues: drinking, hazing and rape. These issues have been so much a part of fraternity and sorority life in recent times, we would do ourselves a great disservice not to look at them.

Let us examine drinking. My primary concern about fraternities and sororities is not that they cause drinking: drinking happens anyway, frat or not. But does more happen with one? Probably.

No matter what any fraternity or sorority claims, drinking goes on, and it goes on a lot. Frats represent especially for freshmen, a most-needed opportunity to get to know people and the opportunity to gain acceptance among peers.

Even though our would-be fraternity does not require drinking in order to be admitted, candidates are going to feel pressure to drink—not necessarily to be admitted, but in order to be accepted. If everyone's doing it, and an individual wants to be "part of the gang," chances are that person is going to drink, whether or not he is under age.

The only way around this, aside from not allowing frats, is a comprehensive program of alcohol education. As part of their agreement with the school for recognition, all would be frats and sororities should agree to send all whom they offer membership to the counseling center for a one-on-one appointment to learn all about alcohol's effect on behavior, alcoholism and related issues.

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Additionally, any candidates determined by counselors to be children of alcoholics, co-dependents or the like should be required, as a condition of joining the fraternity or sorority, to set up a regular program of alcoholism counseling at the counseling center. It may be one of the few ways to keep potential alcoholics from becoming actual alcoholics.

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A program similar to the alcohol program should be set up between the fraternity or sorority and the school. Additionally, any incident of hazing should be followed up with a thorough investigation by the school, and any fraternity or sorority officer found to have allowed it to occur should be removed immediately. If this is not agreed to, the existence of the fraternity or sorority should be suspended for one school year. Finally, let us look at rape. There should be an agreement between the school and the fraternity or sorority to provide a comprehensive program of education on rape. This may prevent rapes from occurring.

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By Mike Russo
and Thomas Pugliese
Contributing Writers

Throughout our three year battle with the administration of RWC to gain acceptance as a recognized student organization, the most chronic problem Tau Epsilon Phi has faced has been our struggle to overcome the numerous myths that surround college fraternities.

We find it particularly troubling that administrators of the college, people of education and culture, put more faith in the myth of fraternities that was made popular in films such as Animal House instead of the reality that can be seen every day on their campus. Tau Epsilon Phi at RWC has a history of service to the community and genuine interest in bettering campus life.

Our most crucial task is to convince the students, faculty and administration to judge us by our individual merit as an organization rather than as representatives of the largely flawed fraternal system that exists in America. Misinformed and ignorant factions on campus have suggested that Tau Epsilon Phi is an anti-education, sexist, discriminatory, and even racist. These attitudes are products of the assumptions and myths that were mentioned above.

If these people took the time to find out the truth about our organization, they might be shocked.

The educational standards that the brothers are required to uphold is above that which RWC requires of its student-sisters. Further, our pledge program emphasizes excellence in education and a team-motivated concept of learning that builds leadership skills.

Although we are an exclusively male organization, brothers are uphold the rights of women in a chivalrous manner at all times. As for discrimination and racism, Tau Epsilon Phi was founded in 1910 at Columbia University as a reaction against such practice, and actively recruits interested male students of all races, creeds and national origins.

Tau Epsilon Phi understands the needs and wants of students, faculty, and administration regarding the activities of other Greek organizations and how such activities can be used to further the mission of the college.

In some cases these concerns are well-founded. Tau Epsilon Phi looks upon these Greek organizations with something less than contempt because they further the myths that damage our good name.

It is part of our agenda to work with the College to design a Greek system that will screen out the problems that generally plague fraternities and sororities, leading to a more positive and productive campus lifestyle. Toward the realization of this goal, our top priority that Tau Epsilon Phi become a sanctioned student organization of RWC based on the individual merits of our fraternity.

The viewpoints expressed in the Commentary section of The Messenger are that of the writer. These viewpoints are not necessarily supported by the staff of The Messenger as a whole.

Any letters in response to any viewpoints presented here can be addressed to the editor and left at the office located downstairs in the Student Union, behind That Place or in The Messenger's mailbox in the Student Commons.
**Lunchtime: Having fun with big sticks and frozen horse stuff**

By Chris Zammarelli
Quebec Nordiquehead

"If there's a more exciting game, I'd like to know what it is." When Phil Esposito said these words, he was talking about a sport loved by millions, especially me: golf. No, no, no. I'm just kidding. I think golf is boring, mainly because I'm just no damn good at it. The last time I played golf, it took me 13 shots just to get on the green. Also, I pegged somebody in the head at the 13th hole. What's worse was the fact that I was at the second hole, and I was putting, for crying out loud!

What the hell was I writing about? Oh, yes, Phil Esposito's quote. What Phil is talking about is the great game of hockey. I love hockey. It combines physical strength, hand-eye coordination, and the ability to break somebody's nose with a stick into one action-filled package deal. It also produces some of the greatest athletes in the known universe, and I'm not just saying that because RWC hockey coach Don Armstrong is holding an ice skate blade to my neck right now. My favorite hockey team is, of course, the Quebec Nordiques. If only they had a goalie who had real talent at such things as stopping pucks from going into the net, they would be serious Stanley Cup contenders.

Actually, I love the Boston Bruins the most. They are so unlike other Boston sports teams. Unlike the Celtics, they aren't playing some dumb game like basketball. This is no offense to people who like basketball. I just hate the sport. It's too easy to score. I don't want some sport where a guy like Bill Chamberlin can score 100 women in one night.

Unlike the Red Sox, the Bruins like each other. Since when did a puny punk like Mike Greenwell have the guts to go up to Mo Vaughn, a man the size of most cities and say, "You suck?"

Unlike the New England Patriots, the Bruins have this incredible tendency to win a lot of games. They also like to keep their pants on around reporters.

Of course, there are those people who say that hockey is too violent. Some even go so far as to say that hockey is nothing more than a bunch of white guys on ice beating each other up. When I hear this, I tell that person about hockey's humble beginnings.

Imagine, if you will. Canada, circa 1860. In the Canadian slums roamed a gang of white kids with sticks. Many people were walking the streets afraid for their lives because this kids used to use these sticks to break people's noses. Then one day, while walking down the street, the kids noticed a pile of frozen horse...stuff.

One kid hit on the idea of hitting this frozen horse stuff around, because frozen horse stuff was not known for pressing charges like humans were. So the kids ran down the street, hitting the frozen horse stuff back and forth to each other. After a few minutes, they got bored and hit the frozen horse stuff right through a store window.

This sparked another idea in the minds of these young rebels without career opportunities. They formed two teams and went around trying to break store windows with frozen horse stuff. The team who caused the most property damage won.

Eventually about five minutes, the townpeople got sick and tired of their store windows getting smashed and made the kids play on the icy pond down-town, in the hopes that the kids would fall in. Instead, the kids created what is known today as hockey.

After I finish my story, the person I'm talking to usually says, "Like I was saying, hockey is nothing more than a bunch of white guys on ice beating each other up." Then I have my close personal friend Jean-Claude "Segal" Governale from the RWC Hawks hit them in the head with a piece of frozen horse stuff.

A note to readers of The Messenger: Be on the lookout for The Messenger on April 1. It's the special April Fool's Issue, in which everybody on the staff writes articles that are similar to what I write every week. Of course, no one is as good at it as I am (SARCASM ALERT!), but I'm sure the results will be interesting. Stay tuned to this station for more. Good night. Drive safely. Have your pets fixed.
Do you feel the Student Senate represents and serves the students?

Brad Rose
Freshman
East Brunswick, NJ
I don’t think so because I don’t feel I have a say in anything.

Stacey Hansen
Sophomore
Greenwich, CT
What Student Senate?

Compiled by Terri Welch
Photos by Sara Endriess

Ben Heroux
Junior
Middletown, RI
I don’t even know who the Student Senate is. I haven’t heard anything about it.

Roxanne Labreque
Junior
South Hadley, MA
As far as outside of what I have read in The Messenger, I’m not aware of what they are involved in or what they have done.

Sara Hunniford
Senior
Manchester, CT
I have never really seen them involved with the students themselves, but they have done things for the student body.

Douglas Emilio
Senior
Mount Vernon, NY
It hypothetically represents the student body, but it appears to be plagued by bureaucracy.

Stacey Hansen
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American Institute of Archi tecture Students (AlAS) has wide network through an initial accreditation in 1987, 1193 Pleasant Street Fall River, MA (508) 676-9685 architecture has grown since its ber of members than ever also grown rapidly. represents a channel for activities to a greater num pions on various issues to the reions on various issues to the reaccrediting on the entire architecture

build on that this year." In an attempt to better organize and efficiently manage the club, LePage and Gerr appointed chairperson to run the various club ac tivities. "Chairperson have helped by distributing the work load," states LePage. "This has allowed us to do more and offer better quality activities." Of these activities, Forum is the highlight of the fall semester. It is held in cities around the country, including San Francisco and Chicago in years past. Journeyming to Miami over the Thanksgiving break in rented vans, the members who went this year spent time with architecture students from around the country, participated in lego building competitions, heard lectures by distinguished architects, and generally had a good time. Later this spring the club has a variety of day trips planned to New York City, Boston, and the C. E. Holings House in Pittsfield, Mass. These trips usually include tours of various architect's offices, and a chance to experience the multi-faceted architecture of the city's first hand. Trips in the past have toured the offices of the world reknowned sky scraper firm of Pei, Pederson, Fox, while future trips anticipated visits to the firms of IM Pei, and Kohn, Pederson, Fox, designer of the John Hancock Tower in Boston and Hugh Stubbins, designer of the Citicorp Tower in New York City. While Forum highlights the fall semester, the Beaux Arts Ball is the focus event of the spring semester. According to ball chairperson Paula Bianco the BeauxArts Ball is social event dating back to the architecture schools of the early 19th century, and inherited its name from the Escole de Beaux Arts in Paris. This year's ball centers around the theme "Behind the Mask" and was held at the Casino in Roger Williams Park on March 13. In conjunction with the ball, a competition is being held by the club. This competition is for the design of the mask to be worn at the ball. Other competitions held throughout the year have produced designs for T-shirts, window stickers, and an interesting variety of chairs. According to competition chairperson Geoff Logan, the competitions are to encourage design for fun rather than for the grade, which often produces a lot of stress. I've tried to come up with competitions that in clude the design of something other than a building," states Logan. "This semester we have plans for a clock design that will go in studio, and possibly a summer competition for a pavilion that could be built on campu s." Recently, AlAS encourage members to participate in activities that benefit the community, rather than just for fun. Helping construct housing with Habitat for Humanity and local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the club has reached outside of the college community and produced positive results. A helping construct housing with Habitat for Humanity, the club has pro...
When Matthew White talks about firefighting, his face lights up like a little boy's. "I grew up with it," he said, sitting amidst piles of papers and catalogs of various industrial suppliers. The 43-year-old firefighter is the director of RWC's physical plant, as well as being one of four assistant chiefs in the Bristol Fire Department.

As is the case with many firefighters, the profession runs in the family. White's father was an assistant chief here, and in 1947 organized the first rescue squad in Bristol. All positions in the Bristol F. D. are volunteer, except that of Chief. White spent his childhood happily hanging around the fire station. For the last 25 years, White has been with Engine Company No. 3, called Defiance. "It's what I do in my spare time. Some people play golf. I fight fires. It's fun, and its nice helping people as well."

As you may imagine, White has a number of war stories. "I guess the cold nights are the best stories. You remember when you've got a 20-mile-an-hour wind, and it's 10 below zero. You're out there for a few hours, and when you're done, you're covered in ice. Twenty years ago, we had a house fire under those conditions. When we went back to the station, we used a bar to break the ice off the clasps on the front of my coat—and when I took the coat off, it stood up on the floor. Probably had an inch of ice on it."

Talking to Paul Kallemeyer, one is reminded of the values of a time gone by. The 21-year-old, fourth-year architecture major said, "Work—that's a moral I was brought up with. I work my butt off, because I know the value of work. I was involved in boy scouts forever, and the idea of helping out the public is kind of in there. I guess that transferred over." He is a member of the Dreadnaughts, ladder company no. 1.

Kallemeyer follows in a tradition of firefighting established by an older brother and sister, both of whom have been doing it since age 16. "There's a big thrill to ride on a fire truck that's going down the road 50 miles an hour, knowing you might be going into a situation that's a little crazy. It's scary, it's tough, it takes a little work." Kallemeyer's father also had an interest in firefighting, although he never became involved. "He used to joke around that if he became a driver, he could get his own truck and we could all respond as a family," said Kallemeyer.

"Thank God I know CPR," said our third firefighter about halfway through our interview, exhibiting a strong desire to help people that shows whenever he talks about his part-time profession.

David Woodbury, 19, is a probationary firefighter, or probie, the status assigned all Bristol firefighters for their first year with the department. He is happy to be three weeks into his service here. "I'd be lying if I didn't say it's exciting" said the Wilmington, Conn. native. "It was Paul [Kallemeyer] who originally talked to Chris [Cavalier] and I and we decided we've got to do this."

Woodbury was inspired by two firefighting uncles, one in Redding, Mass., and one in Portland, ME. since he has been with the department for only three weeks, there is a lack of war stories. However, he is looking forward to continuing training with the Dreadnaughts and the interesting experiences it will provide.
Scott Illingworth has been a member of Defiance since last September. He has been in the department too short a time for interesting war stories. "However, we did have a few less serious fires the other week," he said. There is an enthusiasm obvious in his facial expression that says he looks forward to firefighting in the future.

The 18-year-old South Orange, N.J. native follows in the tradition of a firefighting uncle with whom he has gone to calls. "He's quite the active member" said Illingworth. As with most of our firefighters, Illingworth sets in-class time as the only time off-limits for responding to calls. His training is now continuing, this month on his assigned truck, a pumper. He is looking forward to training in the use of the Scott Pak, a breathing apparatus that will allow him to go into a fire. "I've poked my head in. When you're a probie, you can go in if an officer will take you in, but I haven't been in yet."

Chris Cavalier joined the Dreadnaughts last semester, after dreaming of being a firefighter for many years.

Our final subject, Chris Blakeslee, exhibits a youthful interest in firefighting. At home in Wallingford, Conn., he was a "Fire Explorer", a program for people under 18 interested in the fire department. "It's kind of like boy scouts. You learn about the department. You go through all the training they do, in a way—you just don't actually go to calls, go in buildings, things like that."

The first in his family to be involved in firefighting, Blakeslee became interested when two friends joined the fire explorer program. The 20-year-old sophomore thinks firefighting will be valuable experience for his major, construction science. Blakeslee has been a probie for about three weeks. "Firefighting is kind of an extra—I'm into it, but I have to concentrate on my studies first." He said. He hasn't gone to any fires or accidents yet, but is looking forward to gaining some experience. "Matt [White] was one of the first guys I talked to," said Blakeslee. "He appointed me to the Dread station." Blakeslee has seen a few calls at RWC, mostly pulled alarms and smoke detectors going off.
Low rating index leaves skaters out of playoffs

Coach Armstrong questions the fairness of ECAC selection committee's system

By Colin Hynes
Sports Editor

The RWC hockey team couldn't wait a second longer. As their bus approached a rest area along the highway on their way to Iona College for the final game of their regular season, coach Don Armstrong ordered the bus to stop. The electricity was almost unbearable to many players who waited anxiously for their coach to reappear with the ECAC commission's report of where the Hawks' 10-11 record had placed them in the playoffs. Then, Armstrong emerged and the lights went on. "We didn't make it in," he said, as the words almost unbearably tumbled out of his mouth.

The anticipation became confusion and, for the team's five seniors, an unspoken abbreviation to their college career. "You could have heard a pin drop," said junior Todd Patch. The reason that RWC failed to "make it in" was because their rating index, according to the selection committee's system, was lower than Skidmore College's who garnered the sixth and final playoff spot. The ECAC's rating criteria includes strength of schedule, record against ECAC North/South opponents and head-to-head competition versus seeded teams. After all the variables were calculated by the formula (referred to as "Ciszek" by the ECAC), RWC's rating was 6.12 and Skidmore's was 6.29.

Armstrong questioned the process by which the committee determines the index, "We had more wins, more games and a stronger schedule than Skidmore," said Armstrong.

The coach cited specific games that he felt, showed Skidmore's advantage over RWC when comparing the two teams. The coach noted that RWC beat Iona College twice while Skidmore lost to Iona twice and they defeated and tied Quinnipiac College, a team that Skidmore lost to once last season.

The Hawks also beat the University of Scranton 12-1, while Skidmore was defeated by the same team by a 7-5 margin. Against Suffolk University, Armstrong's argument was once again reinforced with RWC winning 5-4 in overtime and Skidmore falling by an 8-3 score. The only apparent advantage that Skidmore had over RWC was in their two victories over Fairfield University, a team that defeated the Hawks 9-2.

"I think that this is one situation when the system might have fallen through the cracks," said Armstrong, "We had more wins than any other team in the conference then they should look into it. We deserved a better fate than that," he said.

Next year the current playoff seeding process will become obsolete with the reconstruction of the ECAC division. Starting in the 1992 season, the North and South divisions will be joined by a Central division. The top four teams from each of the three divisions will gain playoff berths.

"After the Hawks arrived at Iona they promptly showed the ECAC what they thought of the rating index by beating fourth seeded Iona, 6-5. Senior Bill Haesche had a hat trick, with his game winning third goal coming at 6:04 of the last period. Dave Spacagna, Chris Hills and Mike Cunningham added the other goals. In the final game of his record breaking career, senior center Mike Gambardelli tallied five assists.

The game marked the end of what has become known as "The Big Three" era. Gambardelli, Haesche and Craig "Scooter" Maddalena, who have been the top three scorers over the last two years, are all graduating and will leave a void, if not an abyss, to be filled by next year's squad.

Armstrong was quick to note that "The Big Three" will not be the only vacancies left. "Everybody talks about 'The Big Three' but I call my seniors The Big Five "because of my other two graduating players who are so valuable to the team," said the fifth year coach. "Todd Morton doesn't make any mistakes on the ice and Bob Viers, who won the Unsung Hero last year, has done a great job and been a mainstay."

Even at the defense-man position, Morton ended the season the number four scorer with five goals and 16 assists for 21 points. Weichers finished seventh in scoring with six goals and 10 assists for 16 points.

Baseball team take spring training swings in Florida

By Wayne Shulman
Staff Writer

For the first time in history, the RWC baseball team will be going somewhere for Spring training. On March 20 the team, headed by third year coach Albert DeSalvo, Assistant Coach John Pantalone and senior captains Todd Rizard, Brett Lewis and R.J. Retick will be going to Cocoa Beach, Fla. While there, the team will be playing 10 games in six days, along with morning workouts.

The $12,000 needed to pay for the trip was made possible in part by a raffle, the selling of T-shirts and a baseball card show which drew talents such as Vinny Pizzuta, Ronny Lippe of the New England Patriots and Walt Dropo, a former Boston Red Sox. The remaining costs will be supplemented by each traveling player's own money.

"It's really great that we're going to Florida because usually we stay here and it's hard to keep everything better the time the commitment will be here," says Rizard, who plays outfield.

"Yes, spring training will show us a lot, especially how we will do this year," notes Lewis.

Right now the team has a roster of 21 players, among them are three seniors, seven juniors, five sophomores and six freshmen.

"It's sometimes hard to get everyone at practice. The majority of the team is in shape and it seems that a lot of the guys are more serious this year, I don't see anything less than a .500 season," says DeSalvo.

Last year's team had a 7-15 overall record and was 5-5 in the conference. "A lot of the games we lost last year were by one or two runs because we didn't have enough arms for pitching," according to Rizard.

The team lost six seniors from last year. "We are basically a young team but we have good experience as well," says Rizard.

According to DeSalvo the most likely starting pitchers will be Lewis, junior Michael Lebrun, sophomore and newcomer to the team Aaron Hersh. The relief pitcher will most likely be freshman Chris Fonte.

"We have deep pitching and a good many arms, but we have to make sure those should be there," said the third year head coach.

The team's first game is against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. RWC has never beaten USCGA, in last years game they lost by a score of 14-1.

Swingers will want the whole college community at this game because it is our first giant step and we are going to send those boys sailing," says DeSalvo.

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Conference title in sight for volleyball team; two matches left

Hawks are now 15-8 overall, 7-1 in the conference

By Neil Nachbar
Managing Editor

Last year's men's volleyball team finished 13-11 and placed third in the five-team New England Conference. This year, the Hawks are 15-8 overall, 7-1 in the conference and are fighting for their first conference championship in three years.

The team is led by co-captains Mark Mastin and Kevin Johnson. Mastin and Johnson are the only team members left from the 1989 championship team.

"It's good to be back on the winning track," said Mastin. "Teams have been giving us a beating for a long time. It's nice to start giving them a beating.

Mastin, a left-handed setter, is ranked nationally in digs, service aces and digs. Johnson, in ranking, is blocked, kill average and service aces.

This year's starting lineup features three rookeis: Keith Martinous (East Providence, R.I.), Chris "Scooter" Byrnes (Coventry, R.I.) and Didier Bouvet-Marchal (France).

Martinous has developed into an outstanding middle blocker. Now ranked 20th in the country in blocking, he is a dangerous presence opponents have had to contend with.

Byrnes is a strong outside hitter who has the potential to put the ball to the floor at any given time. As he develops the other aspects of his game, he'll become a tremendous player.

Bouvet-Marchal has shown remarkable poise for a first-year player. His leadership will be needed next year when the team loses five seniors.

Junior Ben Heroux gives Mastin a consistent go-to guy on the outside. Heroux is a third-year starter who is expected to see substantial playing time.

This year's starting lineup is using a three-barrel offense. The players are versatile with the ability to go to the opposite side of the court.

The Hawks have two matches remaining: at Harvard on Thursday and at Springfield on March 30. To win the conference title, the team needs to win at Harvard and beat Springfield in less than five games.

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**SPORTS**

**Strong nucleus has golf team optimistic for upcoming season**

By Paul Gagliardi

Staff Writer

The RWC golf team is optimistic about their upcoming season with the addition of several new players, despite an abbreviated schedule due to the shorter semester.

The team feels it will be one of the strongest that RWC has fielded in the past few years. "It will be the first time in a while that we will be starting six quality golfers," said junior co-captain Justin Reyher.

The team has everyone returning from last season's starting lineup, and senior co-captain Gary Kay and John Miller. Besides Reyher, the Hawks will have senior co-captain Matt Carroll back as well. "It's a blast of four out of six tournaments last spring, returning to the starting lineup," said Reyher.

Other projected starters include Mike Lietti, Dave Carlino and John Ackerman, all seasoned athletes.

The Hawks also have an outstanding veteran coach in Tony Pinhero. Pinhero, a 73-year-old Bristol resident, is in his sixth year at RWC. "Tony is an awesome coach who knows the game as well as anyone," said Carroll.

Pinhero also mentioned that Pinhero is a "very down to earth" person and that he knows how to handle everybody on the team.

The team practices and plays their home matches at Wanumetony Golf Course in Middletown, R.I., which is one of the top courses in the state. "We are fortunate to play at such a great golf course," said Carroll.

The team has the luxury of playing at this fine course because of Pinhero, who is a member and on the Board of Directors at Wanumetony. "Tony is a boss that the team has the opportunity to play with some of Pinhero's flair, many of whom are former professional golfers."

The spring season is much shorter this spring because the team had a busy fall schedule. The team competed in the ECAC New England Championships and a competitive Cape Cod tournament that featured the top New England college golf programs.

"We're looking to build and we're thankful to play at Wanumetony," said Carroll. "We're a big family and we're a big band."

"For the first time in a while we will be starting six quality golfers."

—Co-captain Justin Reyher

The new higher education system, a playoff system for the new major league baseball, has a playoff tournament that featured the top New England college baseball programs.

By Ben Rinaldi

Staff Writer

The 1991-92 RWC women's basketball season officially came to an end Feb. 28 with a disappointing 66-49 loss to Curry College in the first round of the Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament. The Hawks did make the NIBL Invitational tournament.

Pinhero attributes the shorter spring schedule to a shorter semester with an early graduation (May 16) and the typical rainy R.I. spring weather. He also noticed that the team is facing a lot of pitching from the taller teams.

The Hawks remain optimistic despite the brief schedule. "We have a lot of golfers, many of whom are former professional golfers."

The team feels it will be a long, hard season, but they always do it. "I hope to use everyone as much as possible," said Pinhero.

One thing is for sure, Carroll and Reyher will see plenty of action this season and they will be spending their spring break in Myrtle Beach, S.C., practicing and getting ready to play.

The team's first match is on April 2 at Suffolk's home course.

Sports Commentary

**Give me a slice of apple pie, my mom's heart and 81 games**

By Colin Hynes

Sports Editor

As an American I have a brutal confession to make: I find major league baseball about as exciting as a Paul Tsongas tea party.

Before you guns-ho, mom and apple pie couch potatoes get your Lazy-Boys in an uproar, let me say that my feeling about "America's game" has absolutely nothing to do with growing up surrounded by die-hard (and they always are) Red Sox fans or even Bill Buckner.

Let's face it, for many people watching baseball is like going to church. The same hypocritical ilk who only attend church on Christmas, Easter and various religious holidays, are the same fair weather fans who only watch the remaining 10 games of the regular season and the playoffs and claim to be true "fans."

The heart of the problem of professional baseball lies in the construction of the 162 game regular season schedule and the unbalanced playoff qualification format. The high number of games scheduled causes the devaluing of most regular season games, except the last 25 or so, when the talk of a team's "Magic Number" arises.

By cutting the season in half, to 81 games, teams would still play each opponent in their league over seven times, certainly a sufficient number to gauge a team's competitive ability.

Decreasing the schedule would cause the remaining contests to gain importance and fan interest. League officials would take note of the fact that the value of each game would increase their viewing audience and thus advertising value.

The current playoff system of "qualifying by attrition" would also be re-structured. No other professional team sport, other than baseball and perhaps hockey, operates the current point system in which only the divisional leaders qualify.

In limiting the number of games played, certain criteria could be based more on a team's winning percentage than an arbitrary percentage of games played. The teams could also be ranked by their winning percentage than a league and the networks guaranteeing a quality pitcher would be used to subsidize ticket prices.

The new system would also increase fan support by guaranteeing a quality pitcher (not to be confused with a quality performance) every game. This "quality control" would also appease the league and the networks by enabling them to charge higher prices for advertising.

The seemingly infinite number of games allotted to the present major league baseball calendar is even enough to make Mel Allen raise his "W.L.B." notes in a plea for mercy. If Commissioner Fay Vincent had any calves at all, he would take note of the schedule and then institute the 81 game schedule.

"I have a lot of fun throughout the season," added Ben Rinaldi.

She agrees that the outlook for next year's squad looks a little better this year, due to the addition of their better players in Beare and Grady, everybody's favorite.

Returning players with experience and the addition of incoming freshmen should result in a better season next year.
Profile: Softball's Tracy DaCosta

By Terri Welch
Staff Writer

No one ever said you had to be a super-star athlete, a high scorer or a home-run hitter to make a crucial impact on a varsity team. At least no one has ever said it at RWC.

Senior softball co-captain Tracy DaCosta may not be the hometown queen on the Hawk's team or lead in steals or runs batted in, but she is nonetheless an essential part of the softball team.

She has a heart and sole desire to win that makes her presence on the field more important than any outstanding statistics that she could produce.

"Tracy works really hard in everything she does. She always gives 100 percent of herself, no matter what," said third year assistant coach, Jessica Daly.

According to third year head coach, Kelly Mitchell, DaCosta is the "go" of the team. "She brings the team together and off the field, and she always helps the new players feel like part of the group."

— Kelly Mitchell
Head women's softball coach

DaCosta likes a team that talks to each other and says that one of her goals this season is to get the team closer. She feels that the closeness is "not there as much yet as last year, but I think we need one game to kind of help us really help pull us together." A starting third baseman since her sophomore year, DaCosta has also set some personal goals. She feels that a player's goal should always be to have no errors in the field but, more personally, smiled and said that she would also like to have a homerun.

Batting has been one of DaCosta's biggest challenges since joining the team as a freshman. A native of Bristol, R.I., she played slow-pitch softball in high school and through her senior years. She was a captain of all three teams as a senior, and she earned the Senior Three Sport Award, as well as the honor of being given the Athletic Council Trophy at her graduation ceremonies. The award, voted on by the high school coaches, was given to an athlete for outstanding sportsmanship, leadership and dedication.

DaCosta has not only made her mark as a dedicated softball player, but also as a student of great academic standing. An accounting major, DaCosta has been part of being a captain for her vocal abilities as a senior, but she has found it to be a positive because it made her want to prove herself. "I'm not as active in Alpha Chi as I would like to be, but it's difficult because of my commitments to softball and to work," she said. "I'm being a top student isn't enough, DaCosta also maintains two jobs. She works as a Student Assistant in the Financial Aid office 20 hours a week, as well as waitressing at "Tweets" restaurant on weekends.

DaCosta enjoys both of her jobs and says of her time at "Tweets." "Even if I didn't have to work I still would, because I have been there for so long that it is like a family," she said.

She feels that it has been easier to keep up her studies while working and playing softball. "I always do better academically in the spring because I have to set my time accordingly, " Both Mitchell and Daly praised DaCosta for her vocal abilities as a captain. According to Daly, if there is a problem on the team or the team's morale needs a boost, DaCosta is the first one to help. "She encourages players. She always has a nice word to say. That's part of being a captain, Tracy has always been like that," she said.

By Terri Welch
Staff Writer

DaCosta has excelled both in and outside the classroom as a member of Alpha Chi, the National Honor Society and third baseman on the softball team.

"Tracy is a team player with a lot of spirit. She says it like it is. She makes the team work to its fullest potential."
— Melissa Tartaglione
DaCosta's teammate

DaCosta is looking forward to her last season at RWC. She is not looking to break records, but rather to achieve her personal goals. With her desire to play and her love of the game, that's all she really needs to make her mark.
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VARIOUS SPORTS SCHEDULE

Lacrosse
Wednesday 18 Holy Cross College Away 4:00 PM
Tuesday 31 Merrimack College Away 3:30 PM
Tuesday 2 Wheaton College Away 3:00 PM
Saturday 4 NICOLAS COLLEGE* Home 1:00 PM
Monday 6 CLARK UNIVERSITY* Home 3:30 PM

Softball
Thursday 19 U.S. COAST GUARD Home 3:30 PM
Tuesday 31 Albertus Magnus College Away 3:00 PM
Thursday 2 Commm College of R.I. Away 3:30 PM
Saturday 4 ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Home 2:00 PM
Sunday 5 NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE Home 2:00 PM

Baseball
Tuesday 31 U.S. COAST GUARD Home 3:30 PM
Thursday 2 MASS MARITIME Home 3:00 PM
Saturday 4 WENTWORTH INST** Home 9:00 AM
Sunday 5 JOHNSON AND WALES Home 10:30 AM
Monday 6 EASTERN NAZARENE Home 3:30 PM

Co-ed Golf
Thursday 2 Suffolk University Away 1:00 PM

Men's Tennis
Tuesday 31 Bridgewater State College Away 3:30 PM
Thursday 2 Wentworth Inst of Tech Away 4:00 PM
Saturday 4 Curry College** Away 4:00 PM

Men's volleyball statistics
Name | Kills | Kills/Game | Setting | Total Blocks | Digs
--- | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Mark Mastin | 107 | 1.68 | .339 | 53 | 142
Kevin Johnston | 275 | 4.82 | .301 | 90 | 121
Ben Heroux | 136 | 2.57 | .184 | 31 | 117
Rich Wrightson | 12 | .92 | — | 4 | 18
Rich Vessaney | 9 | .60 | .297 | 8 | 14
Scott Raof | 3 | .75 | .182 | 3 | 5
Keith Martineau | 130 | 2.45 | .241 | 75 | 57
Chris Byrnes | 58 | 1.83 | .101 | 35 | 114
D. Bouvet-Marechal | 58 | 1.74 | .205 | 71 | 95

*Pilgrim League Conference Games
**Commonwealth Coast Conference Games
***At King's Point New York

Main's soccer fail to qualify for playoffs in own indoor tournament

With a record of 1-3-1 the RWC men's varsity soccer team failed to qualify for the playoffs in the 1992 RWC Indoor Soccer Tournament. The team's lone victory came in a 2-1 victory over Salve Regina University in the first game of the annual tournament. The teams participating were tournament champion Wheaton College, Salve Regina University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Stonehill College and UMASS-Dartmouth. One bright spot for the team was the play of Craig Rogers who, for the second consecutive year, earned All-Tournament All Star honors with two goals.

Intramural Floor Hockey Team

Team | Won | Loss | Ties | Points
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Chia Pets | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8
Mother Smuckers | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7
Eclipse | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6
Final Warning | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3
Arco Death | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3
Bush Slammers | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2
Killer Bees | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0
Purple Threats | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0

B Division
Steam Cleaners | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6
C.W.A. | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6
Bill's Pizza | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4
American Dream | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4
Stingers | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2
Nike Alumni | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2
Grateful Freds | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0

Leading Scorers
Player | Team | Goals
--- | --- | ---
Rod Simone | American Dream | 15
Scott Rivota | C.W.A. | 14
Gary Leonard | Steam Cleaners | 12
Kenny Mace | Chia Pets | 12
Peter Magadene | C.W.A. | 12
David Persson | Arco-Death | 11
Brett Robillard | Eclipse | 11
Kenny Schaefer | Chia Pets | 11
Scott Williams | Mother Smuckers | 10

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An RWC cheerleader gets a lift from three of her teammates as the rest of the squad shows their enthusiasm in a recent home men's basketball game.
**Review of "The Night of the Iguana"**

By Karen Snyder

RWC's most recent theater production, Tennessee Williams' play, "The Night of the Iguana," was provocative, funny and heart warming. The setting was hot. Mexican summer in the 1940's, where there wasn't much for one to do but drink rum-cocas, make love and find oneself, which was exactly what took place at the Costa Verde Hotel in Puerto Barrio.

The play opened with the manager of the hotel, a sexy and recently widowed Maxine Faulk, played by Adrienne Johnson ("The Diviners"). emerging from a bedroom giggling and scandalously dressed. Her character dominated much of the show with her satirical humor, eccentric personality and "no sweat" attitude. She seemed to be the perfect contrast to her counterpart, Hannah Jelkes, portrayed by Keny Goodwin ("A. Merrills.").

From there, Nick is chased all over California by David Jenkins, played by Sam Neill of Dead Calm, a CIA agent who wants to turn Nick into the world's first invisible assassin. Nick recruits some help from Alice and his best friend, George, played by Michael McKeon.

Admittedly, the plot is fairly formula stuff. Luckily, the movie is held together by a surprisingly witty script (co-written by William Goldman, the grand high deity of screenwriting), and the amazing special effects by industrial Light and Magic. There are some fairly gross moments. For instance, when Nick eats anything, we can see it being digested, or being vomited up. When he smokes, we see the smoke fill his lungs. For every one of those moments, however, there is a moment of sheer wonder. When Nick gets caught in the rain, we see the rain hitting his body, creating a shape of water.

We get to see him chew bubble gum, too—a pretty strange moment in and of itself.

The best image in the film, hands down, goes to the building that turns partway invisible. We see chunks of glass and concrete, seemingly complete, and then a chunk of nothing. The whole picture resembles something M.C. Escher might have come up with after a few too many drinks.

**GRADE: A-**

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**Memoirs of an Invisible Man**

By Peter Milan

Staff Writer

After years of sitting through comedy classics like "Pennies From Heaven" and the National Lampoon's Vacation series, it's something of a shock to see Chevy Chase get up close and personal. He does some of his best work since "Poult Play" and that was back in the 70's, in his new vehicle, Memoirs of an Invisible Man.

If you read the best-seller on which this film is based, you know the story already; Nick Holloway, played by Chevy Chase, a stock analyst in San Francisco, lives an unfulfilled life with no family and few friends. His luck seems about to change when he meets Alice, played by Daryl Hannah. She refers to him (with some tongue) to God), documentary filmmaker. She doesn't go home with him, so he gets sloppily drunk at a bar and goes to a lecture the next morning with a massive hangover. What he doesn't count on is that the place he's attending the lecture at, a government laboratory, will have a slight accident. After he wakes up, he finds that he and parts of the building, are invisible.

Chase, as I said, does some of his best stuff in here, handling both his own real and the dramatic to the proceedings. Neill is a credible villain, oozing with Ollie North charm. And then there's Hannah; if there is a single person who can believe this woman is a documentary filmmaker, please do me a favor and don't have any children. Hannah's performance boils down to her usual damsel-in-distress routine.

The choice of director on this film is interesting: John Carpenter. He has spent his entire career making just this kind of paranoid sci-fi this last film was They Live, starring that paragon of Hollywood, Rowdy Roddy Pipper. Carpenter offers a light touch on this one, not necessarily bowing us over with special effects, but nudging us and letting us know they're there. Also, thankfully, Carpenter has, for once, not composed the music for this film. He left that to Shirley Walker, a former producer and composer. Memoirs may not stack up against his earlier work, this spring, but it has the makings to be a sleeper.
Basic Instinct controversy

By Peter Milan
Staff Writer

No film season should pass without a controversy about ethics and political correctness, and this spring is no exception. The latest film to raise hackles is Basic Instinct.

This film is directed by Paul Verhoeven and stars Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone. According to early reports, Douglas is a profane, cocaine-addicted detective who isn't into his work. He investigates a murder supposedly perpetrated by Stone. Stone plays a cold, jaded bisexual. She takes as lovers both Douglas and a woman portrayed by Leilani Sarelli, and performs such fun pranks as flashing the cops during her interrogation (complete with a birds-eye shot by Verhoeven). The killer apparently murders the victims at the moment of orgasm.

Obviously, there's enough material in this film to offend just about everybody, and it has, so far. The script by Joe Eszterhas (Lagged Edge, Music Box, Betrayed) sold for three million dollars, the highest sum ever paid for a spec script in Hollywood. Unfortunately, bowing under pressure from gay, lesbian and bisexual groups, Stone plays a cold, jaded bisexual. She takes as lovers both Douglas and a woman portrayed by Leilani Sarelli, and performs such fun pranks as flashing the cops during her interrogation (complete with a birds-eye shot by Verhoeven). The killer apparently murders the victims at the moment of orgasm.

Eszterhas has since disavowed his own script. The shooting in San Francisco was constantly picketed by these same groups. It's odd seeing Verhoeven at the center of such a controversy. His early films like Spetters and The Fourth Man dealt sensitively with homosexuality and failed to arouse much controversy. More controversial by far were Verhoeven's more recent films, RoboCop and Total Recall, not for sexual politics, but for their ultraviolence.

What is really putting people on edge are the film's steamy sex scenes, with liberal shots of both Stone and Douglas in the nude (including the aforementioned birds-eye shot). The film was originally rated NC-17, but that was deemed unacceptable and Verhoeven recut to get an R.

One may recall a similar controversy last year over the transsexual killer in The Silence of the Lambs. The difference this time, however, is the involvement of the lesbian community, who have no wish to be maligned in any way. However, according to early reports, Stone and Sarelli have the most normal relationship in the film. We'll have to wait until March 20 to learn the truth: that's the date Basic Instinct goes nationwide.

The contest corner...

The Muppet Show Trivia Contest

1. What were the names of the old men who sat in the balcony?
2. What was the name of the show's rock band?
3. What was the name of the bald eagle?
4. How many Muppet movies were there?
5. What was the name of Kermit's nephew?
6. What was Kermit's former occupation on "Seasame Street?"
7. What character was always followed around by his group of chickens?
8. Who was Kermit's assistant on the show?
9. What was the name of the scientist?
10. Did Miss Piggy and Kermit ever marry?

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Winners of Mork & Mindy Trivia

1st Place: Lisa Lobdell
2 Free passes to the Circle 8 Showcase in Seekonk.

2nd Place: Diane Anastasio
2 Free admissions to the Bristol Cinema with free small popcorn and small beverage.

3rd Place: Amy MacNeill
Choice of a movie poster.

Answers to Mork & Mindy Trivia

1. Mork was from the planet Ork.
2. Mork's spaceship was egg shaped.
3. Orsen was Mork's contact back home.
4. Mindy's father owned a music store. (He was also a conductor.)
5. The show was set in Boulder, Colorado.
6. The two buttons on Mork's suspenders were a half moon and a pointing finger.
7. Mork always signed off with "Na-nu Na-nu."
8. Mork drank with his index finger.
9. Mork's baby was named Mearth.
10. Mork sat "Indian style," upside down and on his head.
Once Upon A Crime should be outlawed

By Peter Milan  
Staff Writer

Once Upon A Crime is a marginally interesting movie with no "A-list" stars, a novice director and not much of a plot. In other words, it is a stillborn disaster.

The film begins with Phoebe, played by Sean Young, of The Boost, a recently jilted American, and Julian, Peters, played by Richard Lewis of TV's "Anything But Love," finding a lost dog in Rome. This dog (an annoying little dachshund) has a $5000 reward for its return, so these two head to Monte Carlo to return it.

Meanwhile, another American couple, the Schwenkis, played by James Belushi and Cybill Shepherd, travel to Monte Carlo in order to gamble. They meet up with Augie Morosco, played by John Candy, who is a former gambler returning to Monte Carlo to run a restaurant with his wife, played by Omelia Muti of City Television, Canada's Live." which spawned the impossible to relate to them.


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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 16 — The problem is, it's not very funny. But you do have to admire the courage of a movie that turns Richard Lewis, the walking neurosis, and Sean Young, Hollywood's dragon lady, into a romantic couple.

Many factors drag this film down. For one, it has the most annoying musical score of the year, perpetrated by Richard Gibbs. A weak script by Charles Shyer and Nancy Meyers is another fault. Lastly, amateurish direction by "SCTV" (Second City Television, Canada's answer to "Saturday Night Live," which spawned the McKenzie Brothers) star Eugene Levy, directing his first feature film.

What really pulls the film down, however, are the performances of James Belushi and Cybill Shepherd. I have never seen a more annoying couple than these two. From the first second Belushi opens his mouth, you cringe. His performance as a male chauvinist pig/ugly American stops the film in its tracks. And you thought Andrew Dice Clay was annoying.

Lewis and Young are supposedly the most normal people in the film. Feel free to laugh. These two deliver good performances, but it's impossible to relate to them. John Candy and George Hamilton go way over the top.

It's sad. Once Upon A Crime had promise, but it tossed it away for the sake of a few cheap laughs.

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ACADEMY AWARD

RECORD BREAKERS...

3. Most nominated film that didn't win a single Oscar: The Turning Point (1977) 11 nominations, 0 awards.
4. Clean Sweep Films (Best Actor, Actress, Picture and Director): It Happened One Night (1934), One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975).
7. First horror film to be nominated for Best Picture: The Exorcist (1973).
10. Most Oscar-winning Best Actor: (tied) Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, Gary Cooper, Marlon Brando and Dustin Hoffman, all won 2 Oscars.
12. Most nominated Best Actor: Laurence Olivier, 9 nominations.
13. First black actor or actress to win an Oscar: Hattie McDaniel, Best Supporting Actress, 1939, Gone with the Wind.
ENTERTAINMENT
March 17, 1992

Oscar nominations and predictions

By Susan E. Cicchino
Entertainment Editor

The nominees for the 64th Annual Academy Awards were released in late February. The ceremonies will be broadcast on national television in just a few weeks. No matter how many movies you saw this year, or whether or not you even know who's up for an award, there is a certain fascination about the Oscars.

This year's nominees range from the psychotic to the animated. There is a wide variety of style and subject matter this year, perhaps more than we have seen in the past. This was a big year for critically acclaimed films, even though the box office revenue was the lowest it has been in several years.

Hopefully, this year's award ceremonies will be less boring than they have in the past, but it seems to be a tradition with the Academy.

Although Peter Milan wrote a commentary on the Academy Awards in the last issue of The Messenger, listing several nominees, here is a breakdown of the "big" categories and my humble predictions on who will most likely win.

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:**
Tommy Lee Jones, JFK; Harvey Keitel, Bugsy; Denzel Washington, Glory; Michael Lerner, Barton Fink; Jack Palance, City of Ember.

Following tradition the award will most likely be for Jack Palance. If you're old and you've never won and your career is over, they let you win. (i.e. Henry Fonda, John Wayne, Jessica Tandy) However, Palance's performance as the tough but wise cowboy was a strong one, and if he does win, it can be based on the fact that his performance really was award-winning.

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:**
Diane Ladd, Rambling Rose; Juliette Lewis, Cape Fear; Kate Nelligan, The Prince of Tides; Mercedes Ruehl, The Fisher King; Jessica Tandy, Fried Green Tomatoes.

My guess is Mercedes Ruehl. Her performance in The Fisher King was perhaps the finest of her career. However, this category seems to be up for grabs. There are no favorites of the critics, and the public seemed to have missed most of their performances anyway.

**BEST ACTOR:**
Warren Beatty, Bugsy; Robert DeNiro, Cape Fear; Anthony Hopkins, The Silence of the Lambs; Nick Nolte, The Prince of Tides; Robin Williams, The Fisher King.

Personally, I would love to see Anthony Hopkins, but I'm pulling for Robin Williams. This was definitely his performance of the year, isn't it about time he does win, and then scoop up the Oscar that these awards are so unpredictable. The absolute shoo-ins have lost in the past, and the token underdog has walked away with an Oscar. Although we gripe about our personal favorites being shut out of any nominations, there is always the desire to know who the winners were, even if you hated them all. Who knows? Maybe one of your favorite movies will win an award this year.

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**BEST DIRECTOR:**
John Singleton, Boyz N the Hood; Barry Levinson, Bugsy; Oliver Stone, JFK. Jonathan Demme, The Silence of the Lambs; Ridley Scott, Thelma & Louise. Oliver Stone, JFK.

enough said.

**BEST PICTURE:**
Beauty and the Beast; Bugsy, JFK, The Prince of Tides, The Silence of the Lambs.

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Everybody on the Refrigerator staff (me, God, and Alice Cooper) have been tearing out what little precious hat we have left over those two messed-up cartoons in the last issue. We'd like to blame the printing company, but it's our own damn fault.

Fridge Contest

Count how many times the word "The" appears in this issue of The Messenger and win a picture of Natalie A. Sicuro!

Sicuromania: The action of beating the living hell out of people who talk like Wayne and Garth from "Wayne's World"

Thought For The Week

You know, Paul, there's not a man, woman or child alive who doesn't enjoy a lovely beverage — David Letterman

Horrible-Sscopes

Aries (March 21 - April 20): Love comes in spurts, but chocolate bars are available all the time.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20): If you're Italian and out of work, suck up to Ralph Papitto.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Look to the heavens for answers and you might run into the School of Business building.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): I'll tell you, but I forgot.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Always hold your wallet in your hands when walking by the mailbox.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Love will hurt you badly, but you can always press charges when the law school opens.


Scoop (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22): Lonely? Call The Messenger at 254-3229, and ask for Phil. Of course, if you're a guy, you might want to just grab a Playboy magazine at the Bookstore.

Scorpio (Nov. 22 - Dec. 22): When a stranger approaches you and says, "Would you like to buy my fingers?" it's always safer to say "no."


Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): That's no laboratory scar! I'm just glad to see you.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20): The answers to your problems are at the Information Center.
Book donation to library

A prominent Rhode Island attorney and historian, Dr. Patrick T. Conley of Bristol, who chaired the official state commission to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, has donated his history and Constitutional law library to the RWC Main Library, President Natalie A. Sicuro has announced.

The donor values this collection at approximately $150,000, and bookplates in each volume will mark his gift.

Dr. Conley chairs the RWC Library Advisory Board and also serves on the College Corporation. He is a professor emeritus at Providence College, where he taught history and Constitutional law from 1963-1988.

Dr. Conley’s 6,000 volume collection represents a scholar’s library, gathered over 30 years, including 1,500 volumes of Rhode Island History — some originals dating back to the 1700’s — 1,000 volumes on the American Revolutionary Era; 500 volumes of American Constitutional history and law; and about 500 scholarly volumes relating to American ethnic groups.

“This gift is significant for RWC. Our students and faculty, as well as Bristol residents, will have access to a diverse and singular collection which can only deepen and expand basic and scholarly research,” Carol DiPrete, dean of academic services and director of the college libraries, said.

Students and faculty at CCRI, RIC, and URI will also benefit from the collection through RWC’s membership in HELIN, the Higher Education Library Information Network. The network allows borrowers at the four participating institutions access to resources of any other member.

Known as one of the foremost historians in the state, Dr. Conley has published numerous historical works including The Constitution and The States and The Bill of Rights and the States.

National poetry contests

National Library of Poetry

The National Library of Poetry has announced that $12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open poetry contest. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

Any poet, published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cromridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-PP, Owings Mills, MD, 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet’s name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1992. A new contest opens April 1, 1992.

Mustang Press

Mustang Press is sponsoring the second annual “National College Poetry Competition” to honor students who have displayed academic excellence in the literary field. In behalf of our foundation, we are presenting the Mustang Literary Award and a $100 cash scholarship, plus awards of publication for those students wishing to be anthologized in a National Poets Anthology.

All applicants must be a full or part-time student. The deadline for submitting poems is Oct. 31, 1992. For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mustang Press, Dept. of Poetry and Fiction, 2985 Mustang Ct. STE #21-A, St. Cloud, FL, 34771.

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Lecture on AIDS to be held March 18

By Terri Welch
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Lecture Hall 129 in Central Hall (the Classroom Building), Richard P. Keeling, M.D. will address students and the RWC community on the prevalence of HIV on college campuses, personal issues surrounding AIDS, sexual health, and decision-making strategies for protection against and prevention of AIDS.

Keeling, the Director of Student Health at the University of Virginia has been an AIDS consultant for colleges and universities across the country for the past ten years. Presently, he is the president of the Foundation for Health Associations Task Force on HIV Infection and AIDS.

Keeling has also been the principal investigator for the Center of Disease Control Grants on AIDS education and college level seroprevalence studies (the study of blood) on the college campuses.

Keeling's most recent accomplishments include the Edward Hitchcock Award (1990), given to physicians who care for people with HIV infection and AIDS. Donna Darmody, M.S., the Health Educator at RWC feels very fortunate to have "someone of such experience and expertise on AIDS issues visiting RWC." Darmody hopes for full college community support in attendance of the lecture.

Darmody says, "With Magic Johnson recently finding out that he is HIV positive, the belief that AIDS happens to other kinds of people and that the problem is elsewhere has been confronted nationally. It is time that we confront that attitude here at RWC."

Teacher of the Year nominations

The Excellence in Teaching Award has been established as a way of recognizing faculty members who excel at teaching and who devote time and energy to students, both in and outside of the classroom.

All full-time teaching faculty are eligible for the annual award, except past Teachers of the Year. More information is on the nomination form. Nomination forms are available in the library.

Construction Engineering Society

The Construction Engineering Society welcomes any people who share an interest in construction or a related field. The purpose of the club is to offer opportunity and experience, through meetings, lectures, field experience and social interaction. For those who are interested, feel free to contact the School of Engineering (x3314) for more information.

A mind is a terrible thing to waste! (and we're losing too many)

If there are students in your classes that do not attend, do not complete assignments and make no effort whatsoever, they're not going to make it. Get them into a program that will help them succeed academically. Refer them to the Early Warning Alert System.

There are students withdrawing because they feel that they have fallen too far behind their classroom. Most students won't give themselves a chance unless we show them how. Let's turn academic distress into academic success.

Referrals can be made to Michael Cunningham, Dean of Students Office, Maple Hall, ext. 3386.

Scholarship offering

The Women's Ad Club of R.I. is offering a total of $4,000 in scholarships to the right students, with as much as $2,000 going to the most qualified winner.

To be eligible, you must be a full-time female student, entering your junior or senior year, with plans for a career in advertising, communications, marketing, public relations or graphic design of commercial art. You must also be a R.I. resident who was not a previous recipient of this award.


Nominations sought for Mary E. Finger Award

The School of Continuing Education's Award Committee is presently accepting nominations for the Mary E. Finger Adult Learner Award. The concept of this award arose out of acknowledgement of the many years of service that Dr. Finger gave to RWC and, in particular, her commitments to the adult non-traditional learner.

Faculty members who would like to nominate a student for this award should contact either Kathleen Oliveira or Louis Procaccini for a copy of the guidelines and nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 20.

Students For Students water survey

This is in response to an article that was printed in The Messenger a few weeks back on water problems at Roger Williams University. The members of Students For Students, of Dorm 1, are in the process of writing a proposal to the Student Senate to get water filters for the sinks in the dorms and Almeida. In order for us to have a strong proposal, we need to hear the voice of the student body and what they want. We would appreciate if the student body could answer these questions for us:

1. Do you find that the water has a bad taste or odor?
   yes or no

2. Do you think that there is a need to put water filters on the sinks to purify the water?
   yes or no

We appreciate your response to these questions. The faster we get your reply, the faster we can take action. Please return this survey to the Students For Students mailbox in the Student Commons.

If any other dorm's members of Students For Students wish to help, please contact your Hall Director.

Thank you for your input.

Students For Students
Dorm 1

Moscow exchange student program

RWC Students interested in spending the Fall 1992 semester as an exchange student at Moscow Linguistics University should see Dr. Mark Sawoski. The program is open to students from any major.

The focus of your study in Moscow would be the Russian Language and Culture, Housing would be a new dorm in the center of Moscow with students from the United States, England, Germany, and "the Commonwealth of Independent States." Room and tuition costs would be the same as at RWC.

For more information, see Dr. Sawoski in SB333, or call ext. 3072.
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