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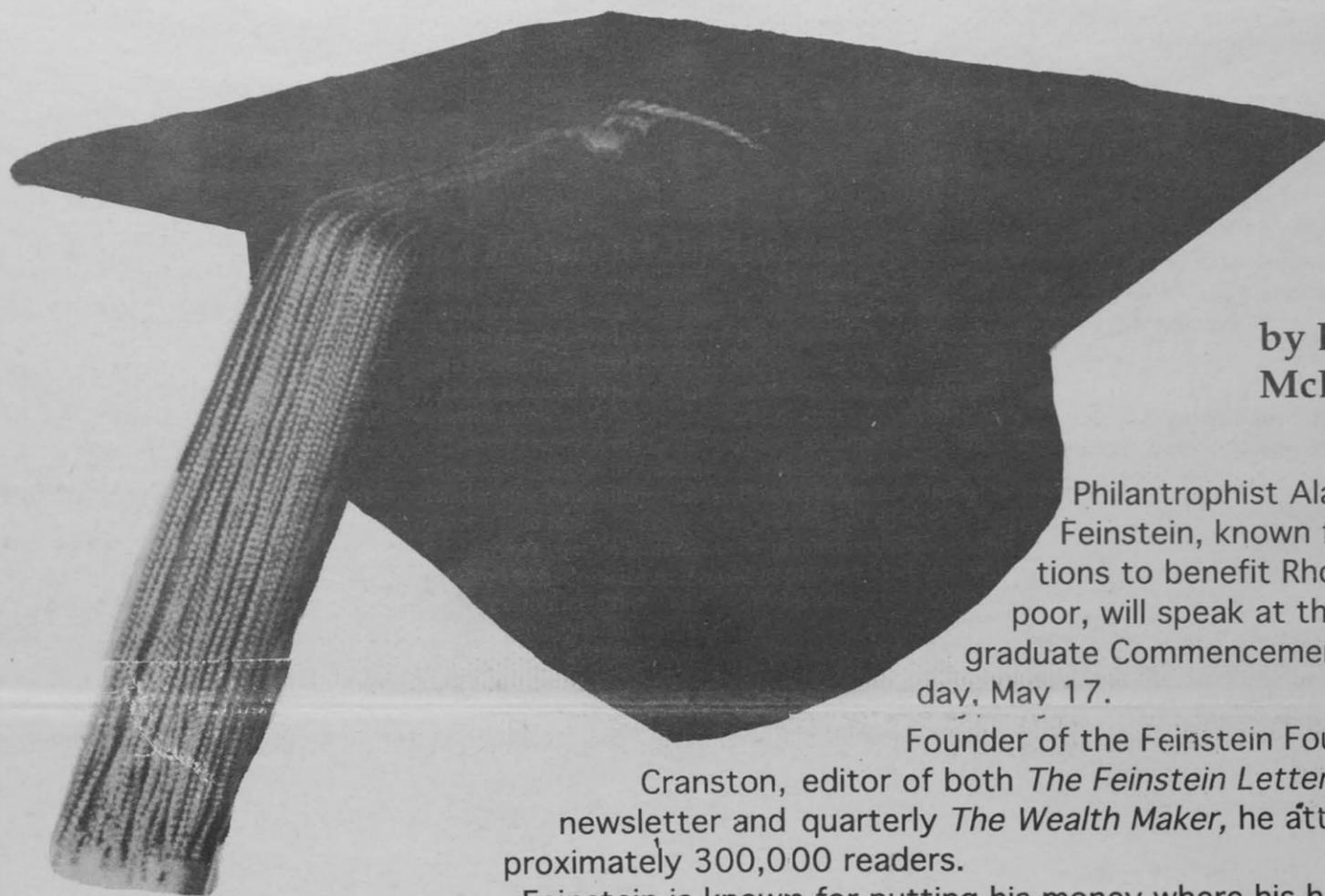
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Rhode Island's miracle worker to speak at Commencement



by Lisa
McDonough

Philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein, known for his donations to benefit Rhode Island's poor, will speak at the Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 17.

Founder of the Feinstein Foundation in Cranston, editor of both *The Feinstein Letter* financial newsletter and quarterly *The Wealth Maker*, he attracts approximately 300,000 readers.

Feinstein is known for putting his money where his heart is, whether it's combating hunger, helping children to learn, or opening up new boundaries in education. The Rhode Island State Council of the Knights of Columbus awarded him with the 1994 Hope Award.

When he went into business, Feinstein started a financial advisory newsletter in 1974 with \$500 savings, which became the most widely circulated in the world. A book has been written about him and the value of his advice, *The Four Treasures of Shawn Alan*

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The Mind's Eye: Matt Martin sums up four years here...

Where do I begin? Four years have passed since I first stepped foot on the campus of Roger Williams University. Much has changed. Faces have come and gone, and when I thought there were none left, still others came to fill their void. Even now, as I write these words, memories begin to stir. Smiles, laughter, tears, and sadness are all mixed into one file: "college." However, in the wake of all this change, I have celebrated both the joys of achievement and the sorrows of failure. Those I have loved have stood by all the while, pillars of hope and strength. Thank you for your patience. Inside, now, I can feel an awkwardness begin to quell- How do I end this piece? Can I? Should Jerry? Thank you God, Mom, and Dad.

The 411 on the new editors

Hi Everybody, I'm Donna Zakszewski. Better known as Donna Z. I'm from Waltham Mass. I am currently a sophomore communications major with a minor in psychology and concentration in music. Next year will be my third year working for the Hawk's Eye and I am excited to say we have an awesome paper lined up for you. I will be working closely with all the other editors, as Co-Editor-In-Chief. If anyone has any interest, please come and write. We are also always open for suggestions. Good Luck on Finals!!!

Hello everyone! I am Beth Lebowitz, a second semester sophomore. I play volleyball for the university and am the theme chair for CEN next year, as well as the co-editor in chief of The Hawk's Eye for next year. It is very important to me that you, the student body know that this is a student run paper for you, the students of RWU. This paper is your outlet to make change.... and at the very least, to let others know how you feel and what is really going on! I encourage you to get involved and write next year!

Hey everyone! I am Lisa McDonough and I'm the new Features Editor. I'm a sophomore communications major from Braintree, Massachusetts. When I graduate, I hope to land a job with a magazine or newspaper. I've enjoyed writing for the paper the last two years and I'm glad to have an editorial position. If you have any ideas for Feature stories, and would like to see them printed, let me know!

Kelly Scafariello, a sophomore comm major who is the Cen Co-Chair, smile wearing, ad manager/arts editor for your paper. I will bring you the latest stories of the entertainment scene and ads that are of interest to you. If you have any ideas, contact me at the Hawks Eye office. To quote the words of Ani DiFranco: "I just want to show you the way that I feel and when I get tired you can take the wheel. To me what's more important is the person that I bring, not just getting to the same restaurant and eating the same thing."

Hi, I am Carrie Snodgrass, the new graphic designer for The Hawk's Eye. I am from Haddenfield N.J. I'm a captain on the equestrian team and a member of the honors program here. I'm a sophomore communications major and ready to give the paper a new look. Hope you all have a wonderful summer! Good luck seniors, and for the rest of you, see you next year!

For the past few days I pictured myself sitting at the word processor in my room angrily typing this response. In that time span, my head was full of scathing thoughts directed towards Editor-in-Chief for running press service articles on PMS, women's underwear, and the inane editorial on the RWU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and (new this year) Transgendered Alliance and the Multi-cultural Student Union to get a piece of my mind.

Instead, I am turning a blind eye to all of this. After talking to the Editor-in-Chief, the author of the commentary, the vice president and president of the LGBTQA, the faculty advisor for The Hawk's Eye, my academic advisor, and the fact that I now work at Admissions for my second internship I came to a number of conclusions.

The Hawk's Eye is so badly under-staffed that the editor takes what he can get or makes things up to fill space.

Editorials and commentaries are the hot bed of controversy as they are obviously OPINIONATED unlike news stories which are supposed to be OBJECTIVE.

The counselors at Admissions break their backs trying to get the prospective students here and then retaining them. Therefore, it would be a humiliation for them to have people come here at the Open Houses and glance at an attack of the LGBTQA and MSU or skim over a column on transvestite wrestling.

If there is nothing of interest to cover or nothing has been submitted, The Hawk's Eye should be reduced in size.

To make more sense of this, I just want to see more publication from Communications Majors; right now, I know that the faculty are teaching one section of feature Writing and one section of Special Topics. Assuming there are fifteen students in each, what's holding you back? If you are one of the instructors, what incentives can you give?

If you find yourself majoring in Communications or even English, History, Political Science, or Creative Writing, don't be shy about submitting a concert review or reporting on a campus news-issue or even giving us a poem or short story.

Michael Gleason

This last issue of The Hawk's Eye is dedicated in the memory and the spirit of sophomore Miles O. McEldowney from Aspen, Co, and senior Jonathan Dreisser from Sandwich, MA.

New science building set to open

Out with the old, in with the new for students and faculty

Stacey Galdi

Staff Writer

During finals week, the scientific community at RWU will begin a mass migration to the new science building.

RWU's present science building will be known as the "old" science and math building. In less than a year, the new building will be fully equipped in order to increase opportunities for students and faculty.

Double the size of the "old" science building, the new science building spans 40,000 square feet. The building has a quality as well as quantity of space.

In addition to a lecture hall which seats 78 people, there are three classrooms and a com-

The new science building will feature three classrooms and nine labs, including a wet lab

puter lab right there for convenient student access.

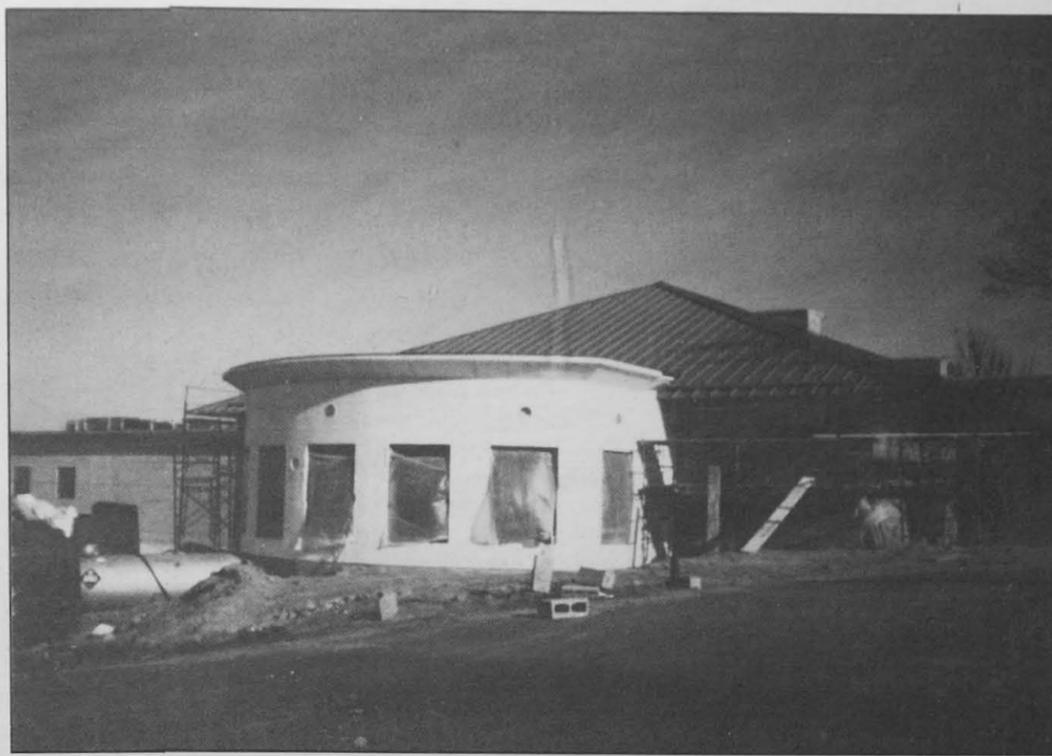
The building includes nine labs, and that is four more than in the old building, each lab has preparation rooms and/or support areas specific for the wide range of science classes offered.

For example, water from the bay is pumped into the building in order to provide marine scientists with a "wet" lab, also one of the "dry" labs has an attached cold room, or walk-in refrigerator.

This is particularly important for cultures and techniques used in specific classes, such as Biotechnology.

An aquaculture pond is also located near the

building. Within the building, there are two green rooms, for healthy plants and the other for viral-infected experimental



plants.

Dean of Arts and Sciences Mark Gould noted several achievements of this building that were outstanding.

The first is a new instrument room where hours of analysis can be completed comfortably.

The others is ample storage

facilities and ample and excess space which has been allocated for student research projects. This means that long term projects can exist undisturbed in the science building rather than moving the projects around the clutter in the "old" science building or stinking up dorm

room.

This new building is a huge achievement for RWU, according to Gould. The new science building represents convenience, efficiency, progress, and potential.

All of these have been provided specifically by the administration, for the students.

Bagels in bed promote RWU Hillel's success

Hawk's Eye Staff

The one word that changes this year's Hillel from the Hillel of years past is identity. Last year we simply weren't recognized and nobody knew what we stood for. We started the year without any real goals and nobody was sure what direction Hillel was going in.

Hillel focuses on many things that bring the Jewish community together. For example, the weekly lunches consist of as many as fifteen people. But it certainly has been tough work recruiting students on this campus.

One of the problem may be that people are afraid to join a group where they are not familiar with the people already involved. It is also tough to make the

weekly lunches because they take place during classes and we are competing with the cafeteria.

Nevertheless, we are recruiting in other ways. Connecting people with Hillel through programs like "Bagels in Bed" or giving out cake for Independence Day.

The first ever Shabbat dinner at RWU was a success and

turned out to be a special night as RWU students were joined with Brown students in the bayroom for a night of food and laughs. It was party time during Chanukah when we celebrated the Festival of Lights in the lobby of the student union.

It is safe to say that this year's Hillel is bigger and has a better sense of communication. But they are not satisfied yet.

They still have a long way to go as they set our goals on reaching out even further to the Bristol community. In the future, Hillel is looking forward to interacting with the campus more.

Hillel is a small but mighty organization that has big plans. Jennifer Goldman is the advisor for the club this year, she is also the advisor for Brown as well as Johnson and Whales.

The club is left in safe hands next year when Jennifer retires. Her position will be passed on to the Hillel coordinator for University of Rhode Island and she then will be responsible for most of the Hillel organizations for the colleges in Rhode Island.

Feinstein speech will cap university commencement

Feinstein.

While still productive with his newsletters, Feinstein is dedicated to humanitarian efforts as a philanthropist.

He is the founder of the World Hunger Program at Brown University and 10 food banks throughout Providence.

In 1990, he launched the Youth Hunger Brigade in Rhode Island to encourage eighth-graders to study hunger and design programs to fight it.

He is now chairman of the Congressional Hunger Center in Washington, D.C., which is activating programs in schools across the nation.

He has donated more than \$1 million to Rhode Island High Schools to start programs in community and public service.

It was the first time that high school students have been so influenced, improving their communities and their own development.

Feinstein has also raised several million dollars for scholarships for youngsters interested in helping the lives of others.

In 1993, Feinstein made the largest grant ever given to Providence College, \$5 million, to create a degree program in public service.

He will address approximately 700 graduates and their families.



RWU's commencement speaker, Shawn Alan Feinstein, has donated to many causes across Rhode Island

The price to pay for technology

March 3 system crash leaves some asking: Does RWU have an adequate computer service?

Steve Louis-Charles
staff writer

Today our world is a multiplex of electronic information throughout our homes, businesses, and our daily lives. The computer is in more than 70 percent of the homes in the United States and more than 60 percent of the world.

RWU is also connected to this information through the dorm rooms and classrooms, but with such things as computers there comes a time when the computer and/or software becomes obsolete.

"The Gateways that we use are what are called DX486 processing chips," said Todd Costa, a computer consultant at the Academic Computer Center. "They are a processing chip from the 1980s and early 1990s. They are not as advanced as the Acers."

When people come into

RWU and look at the amount of computers we possess, they would say that we are in the technological age. But if you look closely at the computers we use, that statement would not be true. In fact, those who take a close look at our computers would say that we are *falling behind*.

When you enter the ACC, you see three classrooms and two public work areas. Only one of those classrooms has the most modern public computer on campus; they are the Acers, which have Pentium processors. The classroom across from that is a Mac Lab. Outside the Gateway classroom there are more Gateways. All these computers, except for the Acers, are outdated. These Gateways were not designed to handle the network that we use.

This problem continued until the one fateful Monday morning of March 3rd when the network crashed and all the school became paralyzed in the

wake of the crash. This type of crash is different from other types of computer shutdowns. The difference is that when a normal computer crashes it can be rebooted. When the server located in the Information Technology (IT) office is over-run by too many users at one time, the computer forces its operators to restart the computer. The effect of this overload is felt by every computer, none of which can function without the server. The dorm rooms cannot access the Internet and E-mail. If there was incoming E-mail, it would be received five days later and the administration could not do its work as well. The situation had left everyone who used the computer at ACC, in their office, and dorm rooms confused and frustrated.

"I think that it was ridiculous because we pay 22 to 23 thousand in tuition that this college campus couldn't support a good computer system

that could support the needs of all the students," said senior Marine Bio major Dave Prescott.

When the computer network came back on-line, the network server moved slower than a turtle and the effects were felt all over the RWU campus.

"I mean it's really annoying that my computer worked fine before," said Scannell. "I came here but when I put in the network card now it randomly freezes. And it's a brand new computer."

But some are more upset than angry about this situation.

"It was frustrating because we paid all this money and it was not working. . . . But I do think we need to be technologically advance," said freshman Brigid Connelly.

Even though the Gabelli School of Business is interconnected, the administration building runs on its own server with support from the main server in Information Technology, but they cannot do their jobs when the server is down because they are connected to the overall network.

Places like the Office of Financial Aid and financial planning, which are key areas when it comes to tuition and loans, need to be connected to the network at all times.

"Well, often when the entire server has to go down, then we have to be down as well," said Acting Director of Financial Aid John Lawton.

There is one person who could best explain this situation to the student body and faculty: John Noble, Director of IT. When asked what really happened to the network, he said, "One of the problems we had was with our previous provider. There was a misunderstanding with our provider. The data goes from the University to Log-on America to MCI Corporation. Unfortunately, our provider rerouted our data without notifying Roger Williams University."

According to Noble, the problem with the server when it crashed that early Monday afternoon was the following: All the information from the ACC computers and printer go to one hub (the place where all information configures before it goes to the server) and the network can't take 110 computers' commands at once. This problem is solved by placing another hub for each PC class.

Some students have ideas on how to solve the computing

problems. According to Todd Costa, "Sell the computers in the IT department to the School of Law, so that they can hook up their computers to a more efficient computer."

The IT department can buy the Science and Math computers that are more up to date, then the Science and Math can buy from the Architecture, then Architecture can get the software that they need."

A recycling program that would benefit the whole University.

Even though the computer nightmare is supposed to be over, the plan for the future is still an enigma. According to Noble, "We are constantly looking at upgrading the server. We are looking at taking a lot of applications that can stand alone and putting them on the computer so it can relieve the network, and we are also going to use Windows 95 for next semester."

Even though our world is a multiplex of information and technology, there are still things that need to be fixed even though new problems are going to occur.

Some feel we are moving too fast, while other feel the opposite.

Roger Williams University will always have problems with this fast, changing multiplex, but the problems of today may become lost memories of some harder time.



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Graduating Seniors, What Will They Do When the Reality Sets in?

Jennifer Grandpre
Staff Writer

While some seniors have their futures under control, others are still waiting for the right moment to make their moves that could affect their lives. Some students may be anxious to go back home and start their lives, while others venture abroad to encounter a variety of new challenges.

Four graduating seniors have four very different opinions on what is ideal after graduation. Michele Oettinger, a 22 year old marine biology student from Mahwah N.J. felt quite confident that she would not be returning home after graduation, "there's no way that I am going back home," she firmly stated. "I want to stay in the area. I am waiting to hear about a job in MA."

With a thought on graduation Michele added, "I'm excited but I am also scared, I know that I am definitely not financially ready to Andy Pearce, a 22 year old construction management major from North Kingstown R.I. has a good idea of where he is headed. Andy has been holding a job in a architectural firm in East Providence for the past three years. He feels that he will probably continue there post graduation and climb the ladder to the top

Andy also plans to live in the R.I. area as well. He summed up his feelings about graduation by saying, "I am very excited to graduate!"

Deb Butkus, a 22 year old marine biology major from Whitman MA.. "I don't have a job lined up," commented Deb, "I am either going to live with my sister in Mansfield MA. or I am going to pick up and move to Baltimore," Deb explains.

When questioned about graduation Deb summed it all up by saying, "I'm spent!"

Brett Bodgin a 21 year old computer science major from Cromwell Ct. knows exactly where he would like to work, "I'd like to find a job somewhere in the tri-state-area," he explains. Brett also states how he is in no hurry to leave, "I'm basically accepting graduation but I am not liking it," Brett comments.

As for graduate school, the four have no plans of going.

Self achievement on a plastic wall in the gym is a dangerous sport

Kimberly Thornhill
Staff Writer

The rock climbing club here at RWU has been around for five years now. The club has set it's goals towards teaching and introducing students to the concept of rock climbing.

"Once I started I was hooked," says junior Rob Banks. During freshman orientation the club sets up their wall and the turnout is impressive. However, not many of those who sign up stick with the club all the way to the end, "This past fall we had around 95 students sign up and out of them maybe 25 have stuck with it," Banks says.

Today, the club consists of 20-25 active members. The climbing club is funded by the school and is given a much larger budget due to the high cost of their equipment.

These costs are so high because of the amount of safety equipment that is needed, "my shoes cost \$75, but you can purchase them for \$40," Banks comments.

The majority of the club members have their own equip-

ment. An insurance waiver is required to participate. Athletes must sign one of these waivers that negates the responsibility of the school.

"Rock climbing is a dangerous sport if you don't have the right equipment and don't know how to use it," states Banks.

The wall the club practices on is 13 feet high and 26 feet wide. The artificial wall is made out of durable plastic.

Rock climbing differs from other sports because you rely totally on yourself to achieve ultimate success. Physical endurance and judgment are the two main skills that are tested while climbing.

Climbing can also be a team oriented sport as well. Each member of the group helping and supporting the others through the achievement at every stage. Experience no doubt makes for a better climber.

Rock climbing is a sport for everyone regardless of your height or weight. The club meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-5 in the gym.

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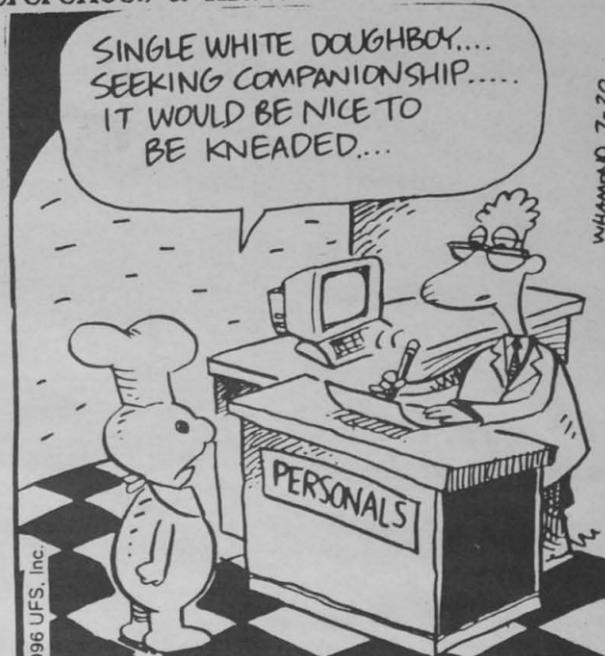
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The cornea, the transparent coat of the eyeball that protects the iris and pupil has many nerve endings. Anything that lands there can cause pain. The more embedded it gets, the more difficult it is to remove. The chance of infection also increases the longer the object is in the eye.

Never try to remove anything that seems embedded in the eyeball! You should seek expert help, trying to remove the object yourself. It may cause permanent harm.

Here are several tips you should know if you get something in your eye:

1. Try blinking fast, this may dislodge the object.
2. Look upward and pull the lower lid gently down, carefully move a clean cloth into the space between the lid and the eye. **DON'T RUB:GENTLY BLOT!**
3. Pull the upper lid down and out over the lower lid and let it slide back.
4. Look down and gently place a ball of cotton over the eye. Don't rub!

MANAGING STRESS DURING FINALS

1. Choose a quiet study place.
2. Choose a place free of noise, friends, stereo, telephone, etc.
3. Learn to manage your time.
4. Make a schedule that includes time for studying, meals, and exercise.
5. Take breaks and use relaxation techniques.
6. Enjoy 10-15 minutes of peace and quiet.
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STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES

Almeida: is it a choice or privilege?

Kelly...privilege

Lottery time again...do you know where you are living? Before the days of apartment style on campus housing that Bayside offers, there was once a building Almeida. Almeida was that alternative to the typical "dorm, eat at the union, life." It offered real bedrooms along with a real living room, your own bathroom and that room that solved the meal plan...a kitchen. Almeida, once a prime choice for upperclassmen now becomes a distant thought. With Bayside offering the same type of living, Student Life has changed the rules. In order to live in Almeida: Students must now be 21 years of age, carry a 2.0 GPA and have no discipline record, or must be a law student. I have to agree with this system. Almeida, even though is a part of RWU, it is still one mile away from campus. How can a student truly be a part of the campus community with a mile between there residency and the school grounds? I believe that a student, in order to fully benefit from college life, should reside on campus for at least two years. Another point is this, there needs to be some place offered to the Law students. Underclassmen are allowed to choose so many different living areas. Cedar, for that brother and sister, get to know my whole class living. Maple, for that close knit group with similar interests. Willow, for that quiet, independent living. Nike, for all those enjoying a great exercise with every walk to class. Lastly, the new Bayside, for that, "I have to answer to no one, I will cook myself," living. We as underclassmen have a wide assortment, kind of like a box of chocolates. What about those students who have paid the underclassmen dues? Shouldn't these students have a place they can call home? I can go on about this, but here is the bottom line: Student Life has decided that this is the way things are going to be. We as the student body, who do not meet the Almeida criteria can: bitch and moan about what we can't have, or we can seize what is offered to us. The choice is up to you.

Beth...choice

If given the choice of living where there are RA's and where there are none, I choose to live where there are none. Almeida, for those of you who are unfamiliar with these off campus apartments, has no RA's. It is an off campus housing area that is advertised as an "alternative". Each Almeida apartment has a full bathroom, a full kitchen (with regular size appliances...unlike Bayside), two separate bedrooms, a large den and a sliding glass door with a balcony. As of this year and for the future, to live in Almeida you have to be 21, a law student and have a 2.0 GPA. Now, of course, there are a few catches, like if one of the occupants of the apartment is 21, the other does not have to be. However, my problem is as follows: myself, nor any of my friends are 21, and I am not a law student. What does this mean? This means that the University loses out on residents like myself and others. Maybe students would like the choice of living here...even if there were RA's there, I know that I would. However, this is no longer an option. Although the apartments are considered "off campus", there is a shuttle that runs to and from Almeida and campus everyday almost all day. The University advertises Almeida as a alternative to campus living...but doesn't the rent/housing money go to the same place? Therefore, Almeida should be a choice, just like Bayside, Maple, Willow, Cedar or Nike. But, according to housing, they feel that all of the students here shouldn't have the same choices, so they made that decision for us! I for one would have liked to have had the option to make up my own mind!

Coming in the fall...
call waiting..who's really
on the other line?

Joyful girl, Ani Difrancio goes live

Difrancio releases her live album, "living in clip"

Kelly Scafariello
Ad Manager/Arts Editor

Ani Difrancio, is a 26 year old woman who does all. She sings, writes, produces and arranges. Did i mention that she also owns her own music label, Righteous Babe?

Difrancio, a cross between a Janis Jopin/Joni Mitchell has sold more than half million records.

This is quite impressive considering she gets limited air play on major radio stations. Difrancio is a self made chick, who by the way takes pride in that.

In 1990, with her, "Sinead O'Connor like baldness" on the cover, Difrancio released her first album titled, "Ani Difrancio." Seven years later with 10 more albums and hair that has a different color on any given day, Difrancio has flour-

ished.

On April 23, Difrancio released a new CD, which contains a compilation of old songs done live. The CD is a double disk entitled, "Living In Clip."

The CD is definitely one to buy. Why? Lets just say you get more than you bargain for. Not only do you hear the incredible songs such as, Untouchable Face, Both Hands, Napoleon and 32 Flavors, but you are also getting to hear Difrancio's wit and storytelling in between the songs.

Why is this such an added bonus? Take it from me, who has seen Difrancio in concert three times, she is very amusing. The whole crowd not only hears music but gets a comedy show in the process. Difrancio, will randomly speak about her childhood memories, embarrassing moments and other random thoughts that might pop into her brain.

You might not have the op-

portunity to see Difrancio in concert (unfortunate), but you can at least get the affect with the CD. Difrancio has added a few new songs. One of those songs is, "Gravel." This song is on the first disk, song three. "Gravel," is that song to just roll down your car windows driving down the highway and rocking out.

With counting all the songs on both CDs, there are in aggregate, 31 songs. If that still is not enough, just wait. Difrancio adds a hidden track at the end of CD two. The track portrays Difrancio at her beth one of her chats between songs. She chats with her drummer, the well-loved Andy Stochansky. They chat about their encounter of a religious group. One comment leads to another which leads the crowd to laughter.

Like Difrancio's concerts, the CD is a roller coaster ride of fun. In her song, "32 Fla-



Difrancio on stage

vors," she sings, "squint your eyes and look closer, I am not between you and your ambition. I am a poster girl with no poster. I am 32Flavors and then some." Just like the song, Difrancio's music portrays a little bit of everyone.

I forgot to mention another bonus she gives you with the purchase of the CD. Enclosed is a 33 page photo album of

Difrancio and band along with the crew. You will see her with dreads, blond and blue hair, crowd surfing, playing a guitar and wearing a beard! What more can an Ani Difrancio fanatic ask for?

My advice to you is this: get to your nearest record store and buy this masterpiece. Like those corny cliché states...this is a CD you will listen to time and time again.



Lady Hawks have the right stuff

Combination of hardwork and teamwork pays off

Kelly Scafariello
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The batter steps up to the plate staring out to the pitcher with intense concentration. She is ready to produce a hit for her team. What the batter does not know is this: the pitcher can match the concentration.

Melissa Murphy, a junior is the pitcher for the Lady Hawks. Along with concentration, she also possesses confidence, leadership and great skill. Strike one, two, three, the batter is out.

If a batter does produce a hit, it isn't something to cheer about. The Lady Hawks have incredible defense, stronger than the defensive line of the N.Y. Giants. Mixed with the experience of nine returning players and the six talented new freshmen, the Lady Hawks found perfect chemistry.

Even when injuries plagued key players, other teammates stepped up. With about three weeks left in the season, junior catcher, Shannon Vassallo chipped her collarbone. Steve Pappas, head coach, called upon sophomore Sandra MacCue to fill the role.

Without hesitation,

MacCue put on the catching gear and did a great job. "I love catching, I caught back in high school and in summer league," stated MacCue.

After a couple of games, MacCue was placed in centerfield. Pappas called junior, Dena Castricone who is the former catcher for the Portsmouth Patriots to the plate. Castricone brought experience to the position. "I was more than happy to step up for the team," commented Castricone.

The Lady Hawks have grown this season not only as a team but as a family as well. Tasha Lang, a freshman stated, "It is great to be a part of a team where everyone gets along." Kara Boone, a freshman commented, "Being close friends off the field helped us to play together on the field."

If you watched Lady Hawks play at any given home game, you would see the bond. The bond developed through their playing and their cheering. "Every team member had spirit and rhythm. We had cheers for everyone on the team. For example: Lovey Dovey, Murpharoni, Adams Family, Wiggle It and D D Dena," stated MacCue.

The team improved drasti-



Next year's seniors for the Hawks

cally from last year. The level of playing has grown immensely. A contributing factor was the trip to Florida during spring break. The entire team headed to Fort Myers for a week of training and playing.

This week gave them an opportunity to play in a warm climate and to learn each teammate's style of play. "The time in Florida really made all the difference," commented Vassallo.

Another plus for the team is that they graduate not one

player. "The best thing about next year is that we all will be returning, we don't lose anyone," Murphy emphasized. The team has so much to look forward to.

Next year, they will go into the season with a strong bond and a sense of familiarity with the on field play.

Every player on this team have been contributing important element, I would like to congratulate all the players to the 96-97 RWU softball team.

The players are as follows: Erin Betourney, Sandra MacCue, Shannon Vassallo, Missy Lovejoy, Dena Castricone, Melissa Murphy, Marny Hall and Amy Siddons, Becky Adams, Tasha Lang, Kara Boone, Lisa Bowolick, Brandi Haas and Andrea Gill.

We should all be proud of the accomplishments made by the team. As MacCue stated, "We kicked some chicken!"

Golf has an impressive season and a winning coach

It's not just your grandfather's game anymore

Chris Trimble
Staff Writer

This spring the co-ed golf team finished their season with a record of 2-4.

This year's coach of the team was Tony Pinhero. Tony's record for 10 years has been 60-57-2.

The golf team was compiled of four juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen. James Adams, Eric Cooley, Benjamin Fleet, and Walter Lippman are the leaders as juniors. Sophomores Patrick Grant and Captain Chris Trimble helped the team immensely. Michael Finkenzeller and Jason Siudut make up the freshmen.

The golfers finished their season on a down note, dropping a dual meet to Johnson and Wales on Friday April 25 by a 345-351 score at Swansea Country Club.

On a day that rain and cold filled the skies, the scores showed how hard the conditions were. Junior James Adams had a solid day earning medalist honors with a low score of 80.

Freshman Jason Siudut also shot well, shooting his lowest score of the year, an 88. Sophomore captain, Chris Trimble fired a 90 and junior, Walter

Lippman shot a 93.

The team's first match of the year was against Anna Maria College and Nichols College. The Hawks had a team score of 228, which was the best of the day. Due to the weather, the match once again was cancelled after nine holes.

James Adams was medalist with low round, which was a 38. Sophomore Patrick Grant shot a 48, Chris Trimble shot a 45, Mike Finkenzeller shot a 50, Walt Lippman shot a 54, Eric Cooley had a 47, and Ben Fleet shot a 53.



Statistics For 1997 Season:

Fri. 4/4 Nichols College cancelled
Wed. 4/9 Anna Maria/Nichols 228
1st 2-0
Fri. 4/11 Wentworth/JW 467
3rd 2-2
Thu. 4/17 CCRI
223 2-3
Fri. 4/25 JW 351-345 2-4
Coach Tony Pinhero 10 yr.
60-57-2

	Nich	AMC	CCRI	JWU	
Patrick Grant	48	DNC	DNC	DNC	
Chris Trimble		45	93	45	90
Mike Finkenzeller	50	89	47	DNC	
James Adams	38	DNC	45	80	
Walter Lippman	54	104	47	93	
Eric Cooley	47	89	39	DNC	
Ben Fleet	53	97	DNC	DNC	
Jason Siudut	DNC	99	48	88	