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No speaker chosen for commencement

Kelly A. Scalfriello, Editor-in-Chief

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

A committee consisting of President Anthony Santoro and the Board of Trustees has been in search of a qualified person to headline the event ever since October. Assistant to the Dean of Students/Chief Educational Program, Michael Cunningham, said, "The committee has been working hard for several months to select someone who fits the criteria and standards of RWU." The criteria and standards are as follows: This person must be a good speaker, be worthy of an honorary degree, bring prestige to the campus, and be familiar to the students, parents, and faculty.

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

Selecting a speaker is a time consuming and sometimes frustrating process. The committee must deal with the speaker(s) agent and scheduling conflicts. Cunningham said, "The committee is continuing the search for a speaker." There is a possibility that the class of 1999 might not have a speaker. If that happens, Santoro might speak longer than usual, or maybe a board member will say a few words.

Cunningham stated, "I would imagine that the committee wouldn't get a speaker just to say we have a speaker. However, we have never gotten to the point where we have not had a speaker." In the recent past, some of the RWU speakers have been Anthony Quinn, Ed Koch, and Alan Shawn Feinstein.

The latest developments on the Columbine High School shootings

The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you Dr. Karen Haskell and President Anthony Sarno for always having the door open for me and believing in the paper. I can’t forget the secretaries who have had to put up with my constant visits to the office for one thing or another: Annette, Lori, Debbie, my friends in the Communications pod and School of Business. Thank you to the PR office and Student Life. For anyone else I forgot to mention...you know who you are, thank you.
Last, but not least, I would like to extend a little something to my graduating class...

We the class of 1999 enter the month of May to finish our four year journey. Through the journey we have created friendships and gained experience. We have shared tears, some of joy, some of pain. Each of us has found an identity out of discovery, who we are and what we believe in. We have found our identity in classrooms, athletic events, and through extracurricular activities.
The journey that will end this month will help pave the way into a new journey, a journey to opportunity, to the expansion of personal growth to our eventual success.

Before we climb that new plateau, I would like to share with you some words of wisdom that I have found for myself.

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

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

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

Letter to the Editor
By: Kevin C. Farrell
Recently I took part in the diversity survey that is being administered to the members of the campus community, staff and faculty of Roger Williams.
This survey, in my opinion and the opinion of others, was a waste of not only the school’s money, but also the participant’s time.
I believe the questions asked on the survey compiled by the Burke Strategic Consulting Group were too general and only applied to certain persons and groups, excluding most of the university, leaving very biased answers.
After taking the survey I began talking with both students and faculty and it seems that they share the same concerns I am addressing here.
It is believed if the administration saw it fit to bring in an outside consulting firm to assess the problem of diversity on campus that more students should have been asked to participate in the “panel discussion” that was conducted by the Burke Group.
Neither myself nor any of the twenty or so students and faculty I spoke with were asked to participate or were even aware that they were being conducted.
If it is the desire of this university to gauge the problem for diversity on this campus along the lines of race, creed, color or sexual orientation then perhaps more of an effort should have been made to involve the campus community and not exclude a majority of it.
Student voices concern on President's on-campus house

Editorial by Ian Rose

The world does not belong to us, it is simply a gift that has been nurtured from one generation to the next since time began. We are not its owners, but caretakers. As stewards, we inherit not only this godgiven opportunity to build a better tomorrow, but the responsibilities of all the generations that came before us. Our children should not be denied the joys of nature that we can pass on for granted. The Western belief that nature is only an exploitable commodity has robbed our planet of its rainforests, oceans, and wetlands, and has driven indigenous peoples and wildlife to near extinction. Every day, we destroy a little more of our natural environment, justified under the false pretenses of "progress" and "profit." Nature has no other value than monetary.

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

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✓ Get your GUEST INVITATIONS: Monday, April 26 - Friday, May 21
  Day Students: Dean of Students Office M-Th 9am-5pm
  University College: Metro Center M-Th 9am-5pm F noon-4pm or
  Registrar's Office M-Th 9am-8pm F 9am-4pm

✓ Pick-up your CAP & GOWN: Monday, May 10 - Friday, May 21
  Available at the Bookstore M-Th 9am-7pm, W/Th 9am-5pm, F 9am-4pm
  Saturday, May 15 & noon-5pm

✓ Visit the BURSAR'S OFFICE: Avoid the STRESS, DO IT NOW!
  Remember, financial clearance is required BEFORE you can pick-up your cap & gown.
  HOURS: M-Th 8am-5pm; F 8am-4:30pm

✓ Attend the REHEARSAL: Friday, May 21, 1999 @ 12:15 SHARP!
  Paulino Recreation Center. This is a short but important meeting.
  President Santoro, Vice-President Shelton and Dean of Students Haskell
  invite all graduating seniors to a barbecue immediately following the rehearsal.
  It will be held on D'Angelo Common. (The Quad)

✓ Arrive on COMMENCEMENT DAY: Saturday, May 22, 1999 @ 8:00 am
  Paulino Recreation Center Gym. Coffee and Refreshments will be provided
  at the far end of the gym. Name Card will be available at tables bearing your
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RWU students attend National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Christopher L. Campion, Contributing Writer

I am not your average RWU senior. I spend far too much time in the lab, yet surely check my hours at Aladin's. As a chemistry major here on graduate school, I need to gain as much experience as possible wearing the hat of a research scientist. This year, thanks to the faculty and administration at RWU I received a helping hand.

Each year there are many opportunities for undergraduates to boost their own work to the eyes of their year, thanks to the faculty and helping hand.

One such opportunity is NCUR, the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Our November yielded this year at the University of Rochester in the year NY. Eric Mull, our mentor, Don Von Rosen and Timm, and I attended this year's NCUR conference. Eric and I have been working on different elements of a research project entitled: The Synthesis and Characterization of Ligand Ruthenium Complexes for well over a year.

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

After spending many late nights crunching data on computers better suited to word processing while Eric worked in lab by the light of a solitary red bulb (to protect the photosensitive retina), the work, little of which they and to commend their efforts, providing everyone dinner and handing out awards.

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

With all that in mind, we are excited to see what our students will come up with this year.

And the winners are:

- Rookie Club of the Year: TKT
- Fundraiser of the Year: Hillid (D.C. Trip donation money)
- Historic Preservation Society (Christmas ornaments)
- Biggest Flop: Willow Hall Council's Christmas Candy Grams
- Best Cultural Program: Multicultural Student Union's
- Comeback Club of the Year: Dance Club
- Advisor of the Year: Gary Shore, advisor to the Dance Club
- Club Member of the Year: Lynn Turcotte of SVA
- Club of the Year: Political Science Association

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

It is all kicked off with Barbarino Fire Circus which lit up the campus on Thursday, and led into the rocking concert with The Shade, H20, and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

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

We also got our first glimpse on the scrum of things to come at the mem­orable Chameleon Club and Ca­sino Night.

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

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

But we're not done yet, and to commend their ef­forts, providing everyone dinner and handing out awards.

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Columbine High School tragedy

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The Washington Post on Sunday

In addition, a sheriff’s deputy said that Klebold’s parents were “very cooperative” in an hour-and-forty-five-minute interview with investigators.

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

At the memorial site near Columbine, a set of 8-foot-high wooden crosses erected to honor the victims was taken down by the Illinois carpenter who put them up just last week.

Greg Zanis was criticized for putting up crosses for the killers near those of the victims. An angry father of one of the victims took down the crosses for Harris and Klebold, saying it wasn’t appropriate to honor the shoot-up in the same spot. Later, two smaller crosses were put up for Harris and Klebold before Zanis arrived early Sun­day and removed his entire dis­play.

Memorial night for deceased students

An Editorial...

Don’t let the Columbine tragedy happen again

By Michelle Mottky-Eisenberg

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

As a student at Columbine, a group in my class was “ostracized and ridiculed” at school. She has issued a strong warning against making fun of others who don’t fit in. Isn’t Marsh right? Isn’t her message something our parents have been trying to infuse in us forever— that it is okay to be different?

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

Did Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, as well as all the people around the world ridiculed by their peers, try to es­cape from society? We all have tears on our faces. I believe this is true. Didn’t they wonder for a way to end the hurt, anger and pain that we were feeling inside because no one would accept them for who they were? For all the people out there who pick on others, never think that what you are doing doesn’t affect us. It does. It hurts.

Question yourselves as to why you are so special that you can bull­eye the people you have deemed inferior for some reason. Think about what it is like to be in their situations. I am not saying that what Harris and Klebold did was right. I definitely think they were wrong and I feel sorry for all the people that were cry­ing themselves to tears around Columbine.

However, we need to hear the message Harris and Klebold were trying to get across, respect everyone, even if they seem different from you. We are all human. We need to respect all people.

My favorite line in the movie Casablanca was, “Ilsa, Ilsa, why you?” Didn’t Ilsa just think to herself that what she is doing doesn’t affect anyone? It does. It hurts. She is special in her own way and we have to respect that. What if Ilsa had thought that way as well and she would have lived.

Cruelty of Colorado hits home for one RWU student

Danielle Brigante, Sports Editor

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

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

As I walked along, a college age guy whom I had never seen on campus before leaned at me and said, “Yo, you kids are lousy!” I didn’t remem­ber the last time I cried, but as I walked home that night, the tears flowed freely down my face.

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

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

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

While “Neo Nazi hate gang” is an accurate characterization for the trench coat mafia, since one of the shooters defied Hitler, the blame for this incident doesn’t rest on a lifestyle or a choice of music.

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

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

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

And it’s not over yet, folks. The investigation into the incident con­tinues, the survivors have returned to school, and the backlash is being felt in Littleton, Colorado.

“Trenchcoat Mafia,” “Neo-Nazi Skinhead,” “Goth,” “Hate Rockers,” “Racist,” “Go Bullets, Go,” “Loud N Clear,” “RIP,” “Judas,” “Hate Speech,” “Hitler,” “Nazi.”

What disturbed me most about my own encounter wasn’t what chat I saw, but rather the amazing hatred and racism that I heard. I was shocked at how many students showed such disdain for others who don’t fit in. It just made me feel sick.

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If the Columbine incident should happen again, but it is absolutely ludicrous to blame it on a lifestyle or a choice of music.

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

And it’s not over yet, folks. The investigation into the incident con­tinues, the survivors have returned to school, and the backlash is being felt in Littleton, Colorado.

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

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

I just found out the other day about another incident in which a Roger Williams student was asked if he was carrying a shotgun under his trench coat. Come on, guys, this is wrong — a teacher and 14 kids not much younger than we are died because of this garbage. The kids wore trench coats - as my friendmgraham said, “It is un­certain why, similar to ‘Did Bagdad in Confrontation’. It just doesn’t make sense.”

School is almost over. Finals are rapidly approaching and we as students must be ready to worry about things other than looking cool.

We can’t help those kids, but we can definitely help ourselves. We can ensure that this campus is a workable, liveable environment for all of us.

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

Not a very nice feeling, is it?
RWU athletes honored at annual sports banquet

Danielle Brignante, Sports Editor

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

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

Freshman Seth Matheson was the CCC’s Rookie of the Year, Matt Snow, sophomore, and Matt Randall, junior, to the All Conference First team.

Junior Adam Sweet and freshman Chris Curran were named to the All Conference First team and to the All Tournament team for both the CCC and the Gordon College Invite.

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

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

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

The Equestrian team was named to the All Conference First team and to the All Tournament team for the CCC and the Regional Championships.

Sophomore Toni Sano, ranking fourth in NCAA Division III with an 11.63 assist average, was also named to the All Conference Second team.

The softball team had a great season, tying the record for most wins in a season with 15. Despite a heartbreaking loss in the Conference quarter finals, senior Sandra MacCue was named to the CCC All Conference first team and freshman Lauren Hall was named to the CCC All Conference Second team.

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

The men’s volleyball team finished a solid season with new coach Mike Hallen. Senior Mike Tartamella had an outstanding season, ranking fourth in NCAA Division III for service ace percentage (0.69) and fourth in the nation with a hitting percentage of 0.424. He and junior Chuck Stanley were named to the All Tournament Team at the RWU Invitational.

Sophomore Bryan Connors was named to the All New England Intercollegiate Wrestling News. Senior Brian Walter and junior Jeff Palmer earned Pilgrim League Scholar-athlete honors.

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

The men’s basketball team won their first CCC title since the 1986-87 season. Junior Liam Carr became the 16th player in RWU history to score 1,000 career points and was named to the All Conference First team and sophomore Chris Veneto was named to the All Conference Second team.

The women’s tennis team qualified for the Regional Championships. Senior Keith Ferdinand, Heather Hutchinson, Kirsten Smoren and Katie Spofford qualified for the Regional Championships.

The women’s tennis team finished the season with their third straight Pilgrim League Championship title. Senior Keith Medeiros achieved Pilgrim League All Star Honors this year, as did senior Angelo Diaz, junior Tim Brady and freshmen J.D. Misiak and Brian Walker.

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Field Hockey joins athletics

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

Currently, the interested players practice twice a week for two hours a session. The interest level is high but unfortunately because of schedule conflicts, many people are not able to attend regularly. Hopefully, during the fall more will be able to attend. If anyone is interested in playing field hockey, contact Jeannette Pierce at x5445 or Erika Carlton at x5681, or come to practice on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. behind the architecture building.

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Women’s Rugby plays in tourney

By: Sari Dassenberg

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

This semester, the girls have been practicing and talking to Athletic Director Bill Baird to set up a real practice schedule for next semester. The team is coached by experienced players Roland Brassard and Kirk Sanger.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Brassard (x6300) or Sanger (x6301).

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