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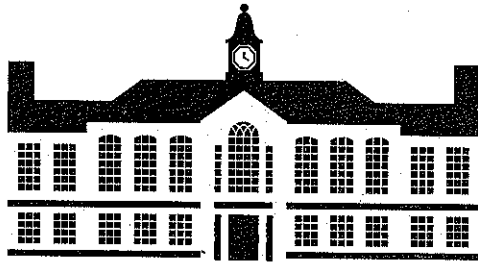
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T H E U N I V E R S I T Y
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Elie Wiesel to deliver '97 Commencement address

The face of hope and humanity will take center stage at the University of Rhode Island's 111th Commencement.

Nobel Peace Laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel will deliver the keynote address at the undergraduate ceremony on Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m. on the Kingston Campus. He will also be awarded an honorary degree.

Known world-wide as the voice that has risen from the ashes of the Holocaust, Wiesel has worked on behalf of oppressed people for much of his adult life. His personal experience of the Holocaust led him to use his talents as an author and a teacher to defend human rights and peace throughout the world.

Wiesel's international efforts have earned him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Liberty Award, the rank of Grand Officer in the French Legion of Honor, and in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed him chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, and later the Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.



Elie Wiesel

"At the University of Rhode Island, this has been a year for learning about violence, about accountability for our actions, and about working for peace. Dr. Wiesel's presence and his participation in these ceremonies is timely for a community that has struggled with the violence which lies within us," said URI President Robert L. Carothers. "I am certain that Dr. Wiesel will inspire us all to articulate, with greater clarity and with passion, what we stand for and what we won't stand for, as individual human beings, and as a community. We are deeply honored that Dr. Wiesel will join us at this year's commencement," Carothers said.

A native of Sighet, Transylvania (Romania), Wiesel and his family were deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz when he was 15 years old. His mother and younger sister perished there, his two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were transported to Buchenwald.

After the war, Wiesel studied in Paris where he later became a journalist. Yet, he remained silent about what he had

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URI's Capital Campaign

sports-related violence has never been greater," said Daniel E. Doyle Jr., executive director of the Institute for International Sport. "It is our hope that this

For more information about the Seminar and Town Meeting on Violence in Sport, call 874-2375 or 1-800-447-9889.

Violence in Sport

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997

Programs will take place at the Memorial Union Ballroom and Wilson 221 unless otherwise noted. For more information about the Seminar and Town Meeting on Violence in Sport, call 874-2375 or 1-800-447-9889.

8-10 a.m. "Should coaches limit or restrict physical retaliation?"

10:15-11:30 a.m. "Is there a responsibility for professors and colleagues affected by violence in the workplace for the younger generation? Does professional sports have an ethical commitment to self-censorship?"

11:30 a.m. "Effecting violence in sport and society"

How does violence in sport affect society? Is the U.S. responsible?

Topic: Panel Discussion

What are the ethical implications of U.S. sports? Do we go too far?

2-3:15 p.m. Concurrent panels:

"Should athletes involved in public acts of violence be punished by their schools or professional teams. In addition to the legal structure they face?"

"Violence and violence prevention: a presentation by the Center for the Study of Sport in Society."

3:30-4:45 p.m. Concurrent panels:

"Does the media justify violence in sport by overly sensationalizing and distorting events or viewers?"

"Is violence a mechanism of society that reflecting an increased level of violence in our culture?"

7 p.m. Town Meeting, Keynote Presentation

Is there a culture of violence that surrounds some sports more than others, and does this result in violent activity on the field or field setting and off the field of violence away from the sport?

Muslim Cultural Heritage Program aims to educate

Exposing the URI and state communities to the cultural values and practices of the Muslim population is the goal of this year's Muslim Cultural Heritage Program. Through lectures, exhibitions, feature films, and a food festival, the program will promote the understanding of different ethnic, racial, and religious communities.

With the theme, "Social Problems: the Western World and Islam," the

program will address such issues as teenage violence and pregnancy, drug addiction, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, racism, and ethnic and racial stereotypes.

The program will begin Friday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Chafee Room 271 and will continue all day Saturday, April 19 from 8:45 a.m.-11 p.m. Admission to most activities is free. For a complete schedule and more information, call 874-4119.

Symposium: "Prospectives on Progress," April 10-12

URI will host the Third Annual Symposium on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues on April 10-12 at the URI Library. Sponsored by the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism and cosponsored by a number of organizations across campus, the Symposium is free and open to the public.

With the theme "Prospectives on Progress," the conference will feature panels and workshops on such diverse issues as coming out, music and sexuality, refugee status, health care, aging, the media, religion, and community organizing. The arts will be represented by a visual artist, poet, and novelist, who will share and discuss their works.

For a complete symposium schedule, call Bill Bartels at 874-4784, Lois Cuddy at 874-4671, or contact Holly Nichols, symposium coordinator via e-mail at HNIC7063@uriacc.uri.edu.