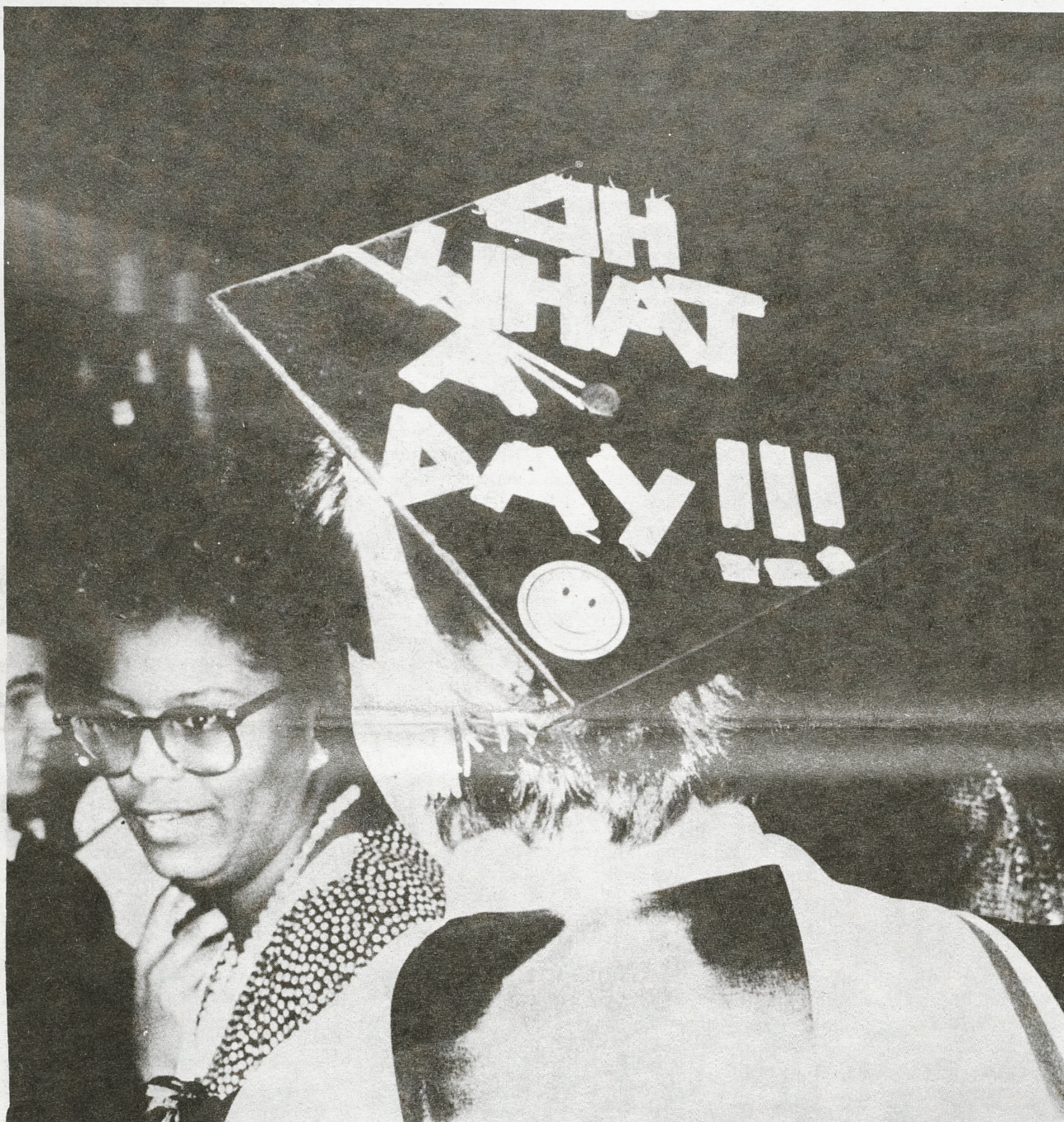


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"Oh what a day!!!!!" for Wayne Hebert who along with hundreds of classmates attended Winter Commencement, Sunday, January 21 at Robert Hall. photo by David B. Efron.

Should students work for their Financial Aid?

RIC group tackles issue in report

Victor M. Andino
Anchor Editor

Students who receive financial aid loans should be offered the opportunity to repay the aid by performing volunteer service, says a student organization's report on financial aid. The report included a poll of the Rhode Island College freshman class which showed that students are willing to do volunteer service.

In a report released last December, RICPIRG (Rhode Island College Public Interest Research Group) said it supported the idea of tying public service with financial aid, as long as it was not mandatory.

The three students who worked on the project, plan to send a copy of the report to Senator Claiborne Pell and ultimately would like to testify at a hearing in Washington when aid-for-service legislation comes up.

They are also planning a statewide conference in March to promote awareness of the legislation and generate debate.

Last year Congress produced a number of bills that would have financial aid recipients do volunteer service. The issue has become controversial because some bills would require financial aid students to volunteer, an aspect many say penalizes only the poor.

The RICPIRG report included a poll of 859 freshmen during last summer's orientation session. In the survey, many students said they were "undecided" on whether connecting volunteerism and financial aid was a good idea. The poll showed 27 percent "favor requiring service for aid" while a smaller nine percent were "strongly" in favor of it. By contrast, 14 percent "oppose requiring service for aid", and 6 percent "strongly oppose".

Students want to volunteer

But attitudes about performing public service seem to be positive as 39.8 percent of financial aid recipients said they are interested in public service and 42.8 percent of

non-recipients are interested. About 50 percent of both groups said they were "unsure", the report said.

RICPIRG members feel the large number of undecided freshmen indicates that few people are aware of the debate over national service.

"Because of a lack of information or understanding, they weren't sure exactly what the issue entailed," said Paul Toolan, president of RICPIRG. But he said he was encouraged by the number of students who want to volunteer.

Fewer students getting federal aid

The RICPIRG report said that fewer RIC students are receiving federal financial aid and that the amount of federal aid is declining.

According to RICPIRG, five years ago two thirds of RIC's students received federal financial aid but now only 1/3 are getting

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Enrollment rising, departments towing the line

by Victor M. Andino
Anchor Editor

From the Records office to the Bookstore, offices around campus gear up to face the throngs of students as the semester begins.

Things may be even tighter as enrollment at the college continues to rise. The Records Office said unofficial figures showed an increase of 423 students this semester, a 5.9 percent jump over last spring and an all-time high for the college.

The bookstore estimated over 10,000 students came into the store over the first three days and the Bursar's office assessed thousands of phone queries.

"We are very busy the first two weeks of classes, it's our busiest time of year," said Robert Conrad of the Bursar's office. "We get maybe a thousand phone calls during registration and a few thousand students come into the office."

The Bursar's Office has six employees who help process tuition bills for each Rhode Island College student.

"The hardest part is trying to service everyone in a timely manner when we get very busy," Conrad said. "It's difficult to answer a phone call and get back to people, you're not always able to respond in as timely a fashion as we like."

Students abusive

The Records Office also feels the early crunch but has the added responsibility of late registration —which is held the week before classes start.

"It's hectic the first two days," said Burt Cross, Records Office director. Before classes begin "half of our staff has to be at the ballroom for registration, so there's a lot of tension and stress on the workers. Then we have to run catch up."

Cross said the most difficult aspect for the Records Office has been abusive students.

"The hardest thing recently is, in the last registration, we had more that were abusive, people were really antsy and had a chip on the shoulder," Cross said. "We're used to that but there was a higher level of it."

Parking still a pain

Director of Security and Safety Richard
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Freshmen are hard on drugs, soft on abortion and ready to protest

(CPS) — This year's freshmen are more conservative about drugs and drinking, more liberal about abortion and national policy issues, and more prone to hit the streets to demonstrate than their predecessors, a national survey of entering college freshmen found.

"While student attitudes seem to be moving in a conservative direction on the issues of drugs and crime, their views on most other issues are changing in a decidedly liberal direction," concluded Alexander Astin, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) professor who directs the annual survey.

Along with the American Council on Education, Astin each year asks more than 200,000 students at 403 campuses around the country what they think about current issues and social problems.

This year, a record number of freshmen — 36.7 percent — said they had participated in an organized political demonstration during their senior year in high school.

Astin, who began the surveys in 1966

during the heyday of student activism, noted this year's freshmen are the most politically active ever.

In addition, an all-time high percentage of them, 6.3 percent, thought there was a "very good chance" they'd join a demonstration of some kind while they were in college.

"The trend of 'materialism' and 'me-ism' hasn't changed," Astin observed. "But there are a lot of special interest groups around to protest."

Students seem most interested in joining environmental groups. For the fifth consecutive year, an increased number of freshmen agreed with the statement that "the federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution."

"These trends show not only the most students want more governmental action in the environmental field, but that increasing numbers of them are willing to become personally involved in the effort," Astin said.

Students have already begun to get involved. In October, students from more than 250 campuses invaded the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill in hopes of starting a national environmental movement.

Among the other big attitude changes in the survey:

- Support for abortion jumped from 57 percent on 1988 to 64.7 percent in 1989.

"An abrupt change in attitudes of this magnitude in just one year is most unusual," Astin said. "It may well reflect the student's growing concern about the 'Supreme Court's position on this highly charged topic.'"

- Support for a national health care plan to cover health care costs grew to 75.8 percent of the freshmen, compared to only 60.5 percent in 1985.

- A surprising all-time low — 16.7 percent — agreed that marijuana should be legalized, while an all-time high — 77.8 percent — said that employers should be allowed to require drug testing.

"That was a shock to me because, in general, students are supportive of civil liberties. I think this is another reflection of the drug hysteria being whipped up by politicians," Astin said.

Fifty Rhode Island College students included in Who's Who

Fifty Rhode Island College students have been selected as national outstanding leaders and will be included in the 1990 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

These Rhode Island College students join others from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in the United States and several foreign nations.

The following are the names of selected students:

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Boyer, Margaret Boyer, Diane M. Brousseau, Deirdre Keefe Casey, Kristine M. Cerep, John DePetrillo, Jodi Ann Deppert, Lorie A. Desilets, Alan R. Ezovski, Michael S. Gringas, Danielle M. Grise, Lorelei L. Gross, Thierry T. Gustave, Kerri Hanson, Michael J. Hobin, James P. Hosey, Lynn Marie Jardin, Maureen C. Kabbaze, Karleen Ann Kelley, Michelle D. LaFleur, Janine Landry, Eusebio Lopes, David Manney, Ann-Marie Martin, Joan M. McConaghy, Johnna McDonald, Dean Paul McElwain, Jeffrey W. Mello, Melissa Sue Moore, Frederick P. Morrison, Jr., Barbara M. Morse, Erin Ann O'Gara, Beth Palmer, Sharon R. Presutto, Greg Saulnier, Roberta Sebastianelli, Lori A. Serafino, Pennie P. Shaw, Richard A. Shea, Daniel P. Smith, Judy L. Splittergerber, Gitanjali Sriram, Lisa M. Tamburini, and Mary Elizabeth Turner.

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Parking still a pain

Director of Security and Safety Richard Comerford said handling the crowds is standard operating procedure.

He said despite the inch of snow on the first day of classes only one fender bender was

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any. The report also indicated that this freshman class has received 10 percent less federal aid than last year's students.

William H. Hurry, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid said that while there has been a decline in Pell grants and tougher loan requirements, Rhode Island state and college grants have increased to pick up the slack.

"The college has been putting in more money to make up for reductions from federal aid," Hurry said. "We have consciously been trying to provide more grant dollars than loan dollars."

Hurry also said even with Reagan-era cuts to student aid, the amount of available federal dollars has not gone down, though it also has not risen to meet cost of living increases.

"There wasn't a single year that the dollar amounts have gone down, but the rate of increase has been slower, the purchasing power of those dollars have gone down," Hurry said.

Opponents of aid-for-service agree with the concept of encouraging public contribution but feel it forces low income students to shoulder the burden, allowing wealthier students to ignore it.

reported that first week. He admitted, however, that parking availability continued to be a problem.

"Historically for the first four or five weeks it's a battle until people realize where they can and can't park," Comerford said. "The

"I am against it," Hurry said. "It penalizes the poor student and lets wealthier students thumb their nose at it."

"I don't think it's unfair for the government to ask for something back," Toolan said. He said a good bill would offer students the flexibility to do their public service at any time. "I don't think the demand would be unfair."

"I don't think anything should be free," said Mary Anne Kanakry, the principal author on the RICPIRG report. "I don't think we support that it should be mandatory, but if the program is flexible in time requirement (for performing public service) more people will want to participate. The ideal overall is good but it needs to be smoothed out."

Members of RICPIRG decided to tackle the issue in order to study an area that affected students. Beginning last May and working until mid August Paul Toolan, Mary Anne Kanakry, and John Holahan worked on the project. Toolan said they also had help from RICPIRG Faculty Advisor Milburn Stone and Peter Kerwin, the liaison to RICPIRG (the parent organization of RICPIRG).

"Overall it went very, very smoothly," Toolan said. "We were fortunate to have a lot of cooperation from agencies on campus."

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Bookstore stacks them up and packs them in

by Paula A. Ranucci
Anchor Staff Writer

If you found the Campus Bookstore particularly crowded during those first few days of class you were not the only one. Up to 10,000 students went through the bookstore in the first three days of classes alone, hoping to buy from the stacks of 1,500 titles.

Despite many setbacks this semester, the store has about 60,000 textbooks and 80,000 pieces of merchandise checked in and priced. About 97 percent of the books are now available to students.

Bookstore Manager Steve Platt said the spring semester is the toughest for the bookstore since it leaves only the month of December and the beginning of January to stock the store. This year, he also had to deal with bad weather conditions, which delayed the arrival of many books.

Platt said he roughly estimated that about 3,500 students came through the bookstore and convenience store for each of the first three days of classes.

The bookstore also had to compensate with the loss of one week, when the Federal Government changed the tax laws affecting publishers. Under the new laws, publishers must pay taxes on their inventories. Most

publishers closed to do their physical inventories in the last week of December.

During that week, Platt was unable to call in any book orders or receive any book shipments.

According to Platt, the faculty has been very responsive in getting book orders in early. This allows the bookstore to order used books. The bookstore prefers to sell used books because the freight is cheaper (sometimes it's free) and they sell more. The students prefer to buy used books because these books are cheaper to buy than new books.

Many students have voiced complaints against the high prices of many of the books. Platt admits that many books are expensive but said, "There is no cheaper random access portable teaching machine, than a college textbook."

The Bookstore employs eight permanent employees and 10 students to meet their customer's needs. The first few days are always the busiest at the store, as students rush to buy the books before the teacher begins to use them in class. But as busy as the bookstore seemed this semester, Mr. Platt pointed out that the fall semester promises to be even busier.



Rhode Island College students flocked to the bookstore for the semesterly ritual of book buying, checkbooks, credit cards cash, and long lines
photo by Chris Wyllie

Presidential candidates narrowed to 12

Search to continue through April

by Johanna Bennett
Anchor Editor

Rhode Island College is one step closer to the appointment of its new president.

At last Wednesday's Board of Governors meeting, the Presidential Search Advisory Panel made specific recommendations that narrowed down the field of potential choices from 25 to 12 of "the most qualified candidates."

Basing their decision on a list of 10 official criteria developed by the Board of Governors with the input of Academic Search Consultant Service (ASCS), the panel worked for hours under a closed session meeting, last Wednesday evening.

This cut represents the most recent action in a search process which began in mid-October and included the solicitation of nominations on a national level. By the end of December, 149 nominations had been made resulting in 112 applicants.

At this time, none of the nominees names have been made public. All Panel and Board members interviewed cited a strict confidentiality policy.

"Almost anyone in business and education, when they are looking at a position as president (or any position at another institution), they don't want to make it known...it might not do well for their jobs," said Dr. Clyde Slicker, one of the panel's three faculty representatives.

Though it is confirmed that Dr. John Nazarian, acting president of Rhode Island College, had been nominated, it is not known if he made the recent cut.

According to the projected time table, background checks on the candidates will be completed by February 14 in order that the field can be further narrowed to six to eight candidates for off campus interviews. From these interviews, the panel will choose three to four as finalists for campus visits and further interviews by the campus community. From this the leading candidate will be chosen and negotiations will begin.

The official announcement concerning the final appointment is tentatively slated for early April.

According to Jeanne Darling, the search process is currently running on schedule.

Congress may force colleges to reveal campus crime rates

Federal law 'would be unenforceable'; 'Easy to get a false sense of security'

(CPS) — Congress this month will start seriously considering a bill that would force colleges to tell students, employees, applicants and their parents how many crimes occurred on their campuses.

While many public relations-minded administrators oppose the bill because it could make their schools look bad, a group of college security experts resolved January 12 to oppose it because it would be unenforceable.

"We're not in favor of the law because it's not policeable," said Jan Sherrill of the Center for the Study and prevention of Campus Violence (CSPCV), which concluded its annual conference January 11.

Major support for the bill comes from students, parents and faculty members who say they need to know about local crimes in order to protect themselves from them.

Currently, only 352 of the 3,200 some two- and four-year colleges in the country bother to report crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which tracks criminal activities.

The quality of the statistics, moreover, is uneven. While one school may report a crime committed on what is legally a city-owned curb, another school may decide not to report it as a "campus" crime. Consequently, the former college, appearing to be a dangerous sinkhole, may have a harder time recruiting students and faculty members than the latter one, which comes off as looking like a relatively pacific oasis of learning.

The result, students and experts seem to agree, is a highly unrealistic image of leafy, safe campuses in which residents feel so secure that they don't take basic security precautions.

"It's easy to get a false sense of security on campus," said University of Wyoming student Amy Bell. "Students, especially freshmen, think nothing bad will happen to them."

"Students often have a false sense of security on college and university campuses," said Rep. Bill Goodling (R-Pa.), who in September introduced the federal bill that would require schools to tell the public about the crimes committed in their communities.

"It's interesting that students do things on campus that they would never do at home," said Sherrill of the CSPCV, which is based at Townson State University in Maryland.

"You would never prop your front door open for the pizza man or leave the window open for your boyfriend to crawl through at home, yet it happens routinely in the dorms," Sherrill said.

Just such an incident sparked the current move to force college's to confess that crimes happened on campuses.

In 1985, Lehigh University freshman Jeanne Clery was brutally beaten, raped and murdered in her Pennsylvania dorm room. Her attacker got into the dorm because a

pizza box was propping the main door open, and Clery's room remained unlocked while she slept.

Jeanne's parents, Howard and Connie Clery, sued Lehigh for negligence, claiming that, given the dearth of crime statistics, no one knew such an assault was likely or even possible at the school. They were awarded \$2 million in an out-of-court settlement.

The couple used the money to start a non-profit organization, Security on campus, dedicated to help other universities improve campus safety measures.

Thanks to the Clerys' lobbying, Pennsylvania was the first state to require schools to report crime statistics. The bill became law in May, 1988.

Since then, Florida, Louisiana and Tennessee have passed crime stat laws. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Missouri, California and Delaware are considering similar laws. The penalty for non-compliance would be \$10,000, except for Tennessee and New York, where the fine would be \$1,000.

Goodling's bill, the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1989, would make all campuses provide "timely notification of crimes and publicize their security policies."

"If details of crimes are not publicized, a student may unknowingly walk alone into a parking lot where several rapes occurred, or may prop a dorm door open into a parking unaware that burglars robbed students in other dorms where doors were left open. If these students were properly informed, they might have made different choices," Goodling said.

Wyoming's Bell believes that Goodling's bill would make a difference.

"Crime (on campus) happens more often than students know. If they knew more, they would be a lot more careful," she said.

"It's our responsibility to get crime statistics out to students so that they can be aware," added Traci Bauer, editor of the Southwest Statesman at Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) in Springfield.

"People are so sure this campus is safe because they don't hear about crime," Bauer added.

Bauer's paper, in fact, is trying to pry crime stats from unwilling SMSU administrators.

SMSU's police force says it will release information only through university relations director Paul Kincaid who, in turn, won't give crime data to the Statesman on the grounds it would violate the Privacy Act of 1974. The Privacy Act keeps students' private records from being public information.

Kincaid added he has asked Missouri's attorney general's office to issue an opinion whether he is correct or not.

If Kincaid ultimately refuses to reveal the information, Bauer said the Statesman may sue to get it.

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Spring graduates will face keen competition in job search

(CPS) — Spring graduates will face a tight, competitive job market, most observers agree.

"Things have been slower this year," observed Peg Hallam, career placement director at Jacksonville University in Florida. "We have noticed a decided decline in hiring in the (October-through-December) quarter."

So have students. "It's kind of disappointing," said Mike Farrand, a St. Cloud (Minn.) State University senior who will graduate in March with a marketing degree. "There's not a whole lot out there."

In contrast to the 1988-90 job hunting season, when students at some schools reported fielding multiple offers, two major annual surveys of grads' job prospects this year present much more sober pictures.

Michigan State University, which asked 479 key corporations and employers about their nationwide college grad hiring plans, found the companies foresee making 13.3 percent fewer job offers to students this year.

It's "a decidedly mixed outlook," agreed Victor Lindquist, author of Northwestern University's Lindquist-Endicott Report, the other major annual measure of student job prospects.

Michigan State survey director Patrick Sheetz said companies cited a gloomy view of business conditions in 1990, mergers and buyouts, increased global competition and slow turnover of current employees as the reasons they have had to cut back their hiring plans since 1988-89.

It's going to be a big game of musical chairs, and somebody is surely going to lose out," said Sheetz.

Of the six regions Sheetz surveyed, the best place to look for jobs will be in the Southwest. Next best is the Northeast, followed by the Southeast, North-Central, South-Central and Northwest states.

Employers said they'd offer 1989-90 bachelor's degree graduates average starting salaries of \$25,256, a 3.3 percent jump from last year's average Michigan State's study found.

For MBA grads, the average expected salary is \$39,840, a 3.1 percent increase. Companies also promised \$33,740 for master's degrees, up 3.3 percent, and \$37,111 for doctoral degree graduates.

The relatively small salary rises and limp job opportunities seem to stem from an atti-

tude change from 88-89 when employers, worried there wouldn't be enough grads to hire in the future, scrambled for the best prospects.

This year, many of the biggest firms are cutting back.

For example, IBM, always one of the most active recruiters of new grads, on December 5 announced it would reduce its U.S. workforce by 10,000 employees and "severely limit" hiring in 1990, said spokeswoman Collette Abissi. "We will maintain a presence on campus, but we really are limiting hiring."

"If a decline in business becomes pronounced and widespread, there will be an immediate and sudden drop in job opportunities for college graduates," Lindquist warned.

Recruiters visiting campuses, moreover, are being more selective than in the past. "We've had a lot of contacts by employers, but hiring is a different story," reported Jacksonville's Hallam.

"You have to have the right degree and the right experience or they won't hire you," said Cindy Goebel, a fall graduate of St. Cloud State who majored in applied sociology. "There's just so much competition out there. They can pick anyone they want."

"There's a tremendous amount of competition," concurred Jacksonville senior David Flesher, noting that a recruiter often interviews 10 candidates in 30 minutes.

At Purdue University in Indiana, where about 27,000 on-campus interviews were conducted last year, the number of bookings are running at about the same pace as last year, said career services director Richard Stewart.

Stewart, though, is guarded about predicting a banner year. "I'm a little cautious that the market might be softening."

"I don't see some of the big players like IBM being as aggressive, but it's hard to tell what effect that has," he said.

At San Diego State University, recruitment has been just so-so, reported Judith Gumbiner, director of career services. "The fall wasn't as active as others have been, but the spring should be more active."

Jacksonville's Flesher, who's been on the job trail since October, tried to remain confident. "I'm not worried about finding a job per se. But I'm worried about finding a job I want."

Students can start contributing to society now

Students who would like to make an impact on society's problems can take the first step Wednesday at the second annual Volunteer Fair sponsored by the Campus Center and Student Government.

Kristen King, student activities coordinator for the Campus Center, said the fair will host a large variety of agencies and opportunities for students. Save the Bay, R.I. Blood Center, American Red Cross and Providence Animal Rescue League are just some of the 35 agencies invited.

"I think we've all been given so much it makes you feel good," King said of volunteer work. "I think there's a general return in society to want to do something for your neighbor."

For students who would like to volunteer but have busy schedules, King said there are many agencies who could use students for just a few hours on one day, without obligating themselves for more time.

(A recent poll of incoming freshmen at Rhode Island College showed that 41 percent of students surveyed are interested in public

service.)

King said the value of volunteerism is especially significant for students in preparation for their careers. "If people play their cards right, it can have concrete application to their resume and work experience — and students need more concrete experience."

After the fair, King said she will develop a log book of agencies so students can check regularly for opportunities to volunteer. She plans to have the next Volunteer Fair early in the fall to allow students to arrange volunteer placements with their class schedules.

The Volunteer Fair will be in the Student Union Ballroom Wednesday, February 7, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

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Marketing Club plans busy, exciting semester

As part of its participation in national Marketing Week activities, the Rhode Island College Chapter of the American Marketing Association will be hosting a speech by Chip Young, Public Relations Director of Save the Bay. The speech will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 1990 in the Faculty Center.

AMA's Marketing Week will be observed from February 4 - 10, 1990. Marketing Week was developed to help promote a greater understanding and appreciation of marketing principles and practices to the general public. The theme for the week is "Marketing: It Makes a Good Life Better". Activities during the week will concentrate on this theme by promoting marketing as part of the solution to the issue to be faced in the coming decade. Among the most important of these issues is the protection of our environment.

The Rhode Island College Chapter of the AMA is one of over 300 collegiate chapters of the world's largest international association of marketing professionals. The RIC AMA currently has over 30 members and is actively involved in creating an interest and awareness of marketing while giving mem-

bers an opportunity to grow in experience.

Ongoing RIC AMA activities include the publishing of a newsletter, the *Insider*, hosting speakers from the marketing field and raising money through fund raising events and research projects; all of which gives members experience beyond the classroom.

Currently, AMA is conducting research for the Smithfield Economic Development Council, focusing on Smithfield business attitudes regarding their location. The AMA will also soon be starting a research project for the Rhode Island Blood Center. Members of the AMA are also involved in the Junior Achievement program where they are sent to elementary schools to teach "Business Basics" to students.

Also during the current semester, the AMA will be bringing the R-Rated Hypnotist, Frank Santos to RIC on February 12. Members of the organization will be traveling to the 12th Annual AMA International Collegiate Conference to be held in New Orleans from March 29-31 and the chapter is currently working on plans for participation in RIC-END activities.

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New club is a first for College and the state

After almost a year of trying, a public relations club has formed at Rhode Island College. The club, the first of its kind in Rhode Island, is sponsored by the Southeastern New England Public Relations Society (PRSA) and the RIC Communications Department.

The club is designed to give students experience in Public Relations work while also offering its members the opportunity to meet professionals in the Public Relations field. Once the club is fully organized it will do

public relations work for other clubs on campus as well as for non profit organizations in the community. According to Stephanie Cheney, a PR professional and advisor to the group, "This club has the creativity and drive to provide their clients with very effective and professional public relations campaigns."

The next meeting of the Public Relations Club will be Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 12:30 p.m. in the Henry Barnard School, room 215.

RIC is home to International Chess Master

by Ernie Savastano
Anchor Staff Writer

Our society thinks it can solve any problem with technology. Any complicated mystery, when sorted and evaluated by computer, will simplify our lives.

But this theory is not held valid by the RIC Chess Club. "Chess is a people game. . . chess computers are excellent learning devices, but they belong at home," said Sharon Burtman recently. She is the President of the Chess Club, and a member of the chess team, and a nationally ranked chess player in her own right.

The club has been doing fine without computers, in fact, the RIC Chess team, which is part of the club, shares the number one ranking in the Americas with the team from Harvard University.

Rhode Island College chess teams have ranked in the top ten for the past decade. In 1985, the team won the Pan American Intercollegiate Chess Championship.

The team is now gearing up for the matches this year in Salt Lake City on December 27-30. Members practice at the weekly meetings held in Gaige 200E, during the free period.

"You have to be in top mental and physical condition to play chess well and we know there is no team out of reach," says Sharon, who expects the team to do well in the tournament.

Along with Sharon, the other Chess Team members are Sandeep Joshi, James Delas-Iva, and Keith Kaplan.

The Chess Team, one of the strongest rated

teams in the Americas, will be going to two other tournaments this school year, the U.S. Amateur Championship and the New England Amateur Championship.

Last year, the team did their best ever in these tournaments, drawing a tie for second place at the Pan American tournament, and a tie for first at the New England Amateur titles, and taking first place in the U.S. Amateur Team Championships.

The club is looking for new members, and it welcomes to its weekly meeting anyone who wants to join, or to just play socially. Sharon and the Chess Club are now running a recruitment package to attract college bound chess players to RIC from area high schools.

International Women's Master at chess

Since arriving on campus Sharon Burtman has been steadily moving up the chess world ladder. She is ranked in the top ten among women players in the United States.

She comes to Rhode Island College as a Stoughton High School graduate from Massachusetts. She was attracted here by the performance of the RIC chess program, and the Intercollegiate Championship title it captured in 1985.

This year, Sharon has won her first twenty matches, including the New England Womens Chess Champion title. Last summer she played in the prestigious United States Womens Closed Championship in Spartanburg, North Carolina, and earned a tie for second place plus an international title from FIDE (the World Chess Federation). She is now ranked as an International Womens Master.

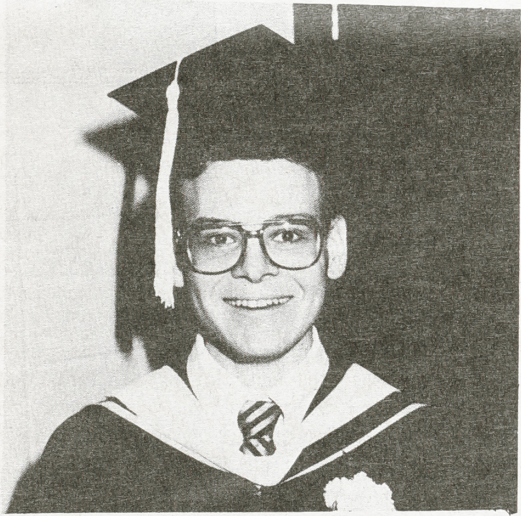
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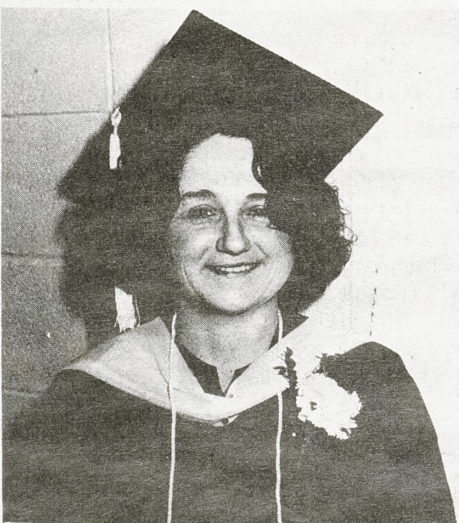
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--Lynn Burns

Representative Kennedy kicks off clean air campaign

Representative Patrick Kennedy kicked off a bipartisan legislative campaign for clean air today, introducing four legislative initiatives to address air quality in Rhode Island. Members of the environmental community and several state representatives joined Kennedy in announcing the legislation at the headquarters of the Rhode Island Lung Association.

Kennedy, a chronic asthma-sufferer, called clean air the number one environmental issue of 1990.

"Today, we are here in a bipartisan effort to make our state one of the leaders in promoting air quality," Kennedy said. "We have seen the end of the decade which marked a renewal of public concern for the environment. The 1980s were the Decade of Environmental Awareness —our challenge is to make the 1990s the Decade of Environmental Accomplishment."

In that spirit, Kennedy introduced a package of legislation, designed to address Rhode Island's air quality problems. It would put new restrictions on where major energy facilities can be built, implement California

auto emissions standards and urge Congress to pass a strong Clean Air Act that would reduce smog in five years.

"The Rhode Island Lung Association, which is dedicated to the prevention and control of lung disease, hails all steps toward clearing Rhode Island's air," said Dr. James Baird, Chairman of the Lung Association's Clean Air Committee. "Air pollution is a threat to lung health affecting all of us and we all pay for the harm done by air pollution, whether we realize it or not."

Representative Dumas praised the legislation as a balanced effort to address an important environmental problem. "It's important for us to work for a regional effort rather than go it alone," said Dumas. "This will put us in a good position to begin planning for the future."

"Just as air pollution knows no boundaries, so our efforts to tackle the problem should go beyond action within the state to work with neighboring states to improve air quality," said Kennedy. "We must act now to make the changes that are for future generations."

Cash for students' poems offered from Poetry Association

Santa Cruz, CA— Poetry prizes worth \$44,000 will be awarded to 608 poets by the American Poetry Association in 1990. The association will sponsor four separate contests this year, doubling its efforts to discover new talent.

"Students win many of our prizes. They are in a creative time of life, and we look forward to reading their work," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association.

Each contest awards a \$1,000 grand prize,

a \$500 first prize, and a total of \$11,000 on prizes to 152 winners. All adults who write poetry are welcome to enter.

For the current contest, poets may send up to 6 poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CO-30, 250-A Potrero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Poems must be postmarked by March 31 to meet the deadline. A new contest starts April 1.

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Here's a career that's demanding students

St. Louis— College makes a lot of demands on students. But this summer, 30 specially selected college seniors will be able to find out about a career where the biggest demand will be for them.

The first GMAC-AACSB Minority Summer Institute, a six week program intended to increase the number of minority students pursuing the Ph.D. and careers as business school faculty, will be held June 10-July 20, 1990, on campus of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The talented Black, Hispanic and Native American students selected to participate will have all related expenses paid, will receive a stipend of \$2,500 each and will be granted six hours of credit from Michigan.

The program is structured to introduce students to the challenges and rewards of the career of a business professor. Included are

classes that focus on the quantitative and analytic methods of business study, lab sessions for hands-on experience with library and computers, and seminars that answers questions about doctoral study and academic careers in management education. All classes will be held in the school of Business. Extracurricular recreational activities also are planned.

Applications are being considered from a variety of disciplines, including economics and other social sciences, education, engineering and business. Previous study in business is not required.

To apply, contact the Graduate Management Admission Council, 11601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 760, Los Angeles, CA 90025, (213) 478-1433 (call collect). Application deadline is February 1, 1990.

For the first time ever, more women than men are in college

(CPS) — For the first time ever, more women than men are attending college, the U.S. Department of Education reported in mid-January.

The number of women registered for classes on the nation's campuses has almost doubled since 1970, the Education Department report, "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher

Education, 1987," found.

In 1987, there were 6.8 million women enrolled, compared to 5.9 million men, the report added.

"There's a greater independence among women now," explained Donna Shavlik of the American Council on Education's office of Women in Higher Education.

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The AMA holds weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:30 in Alger Hall, Room

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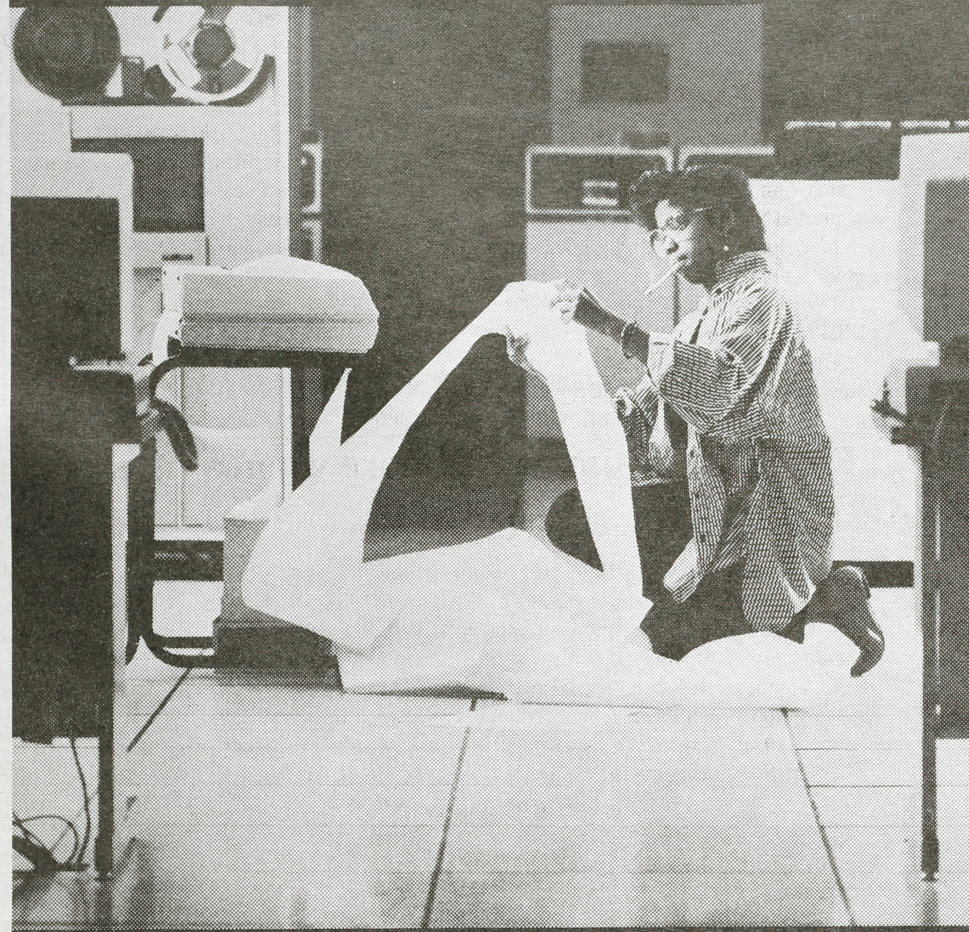
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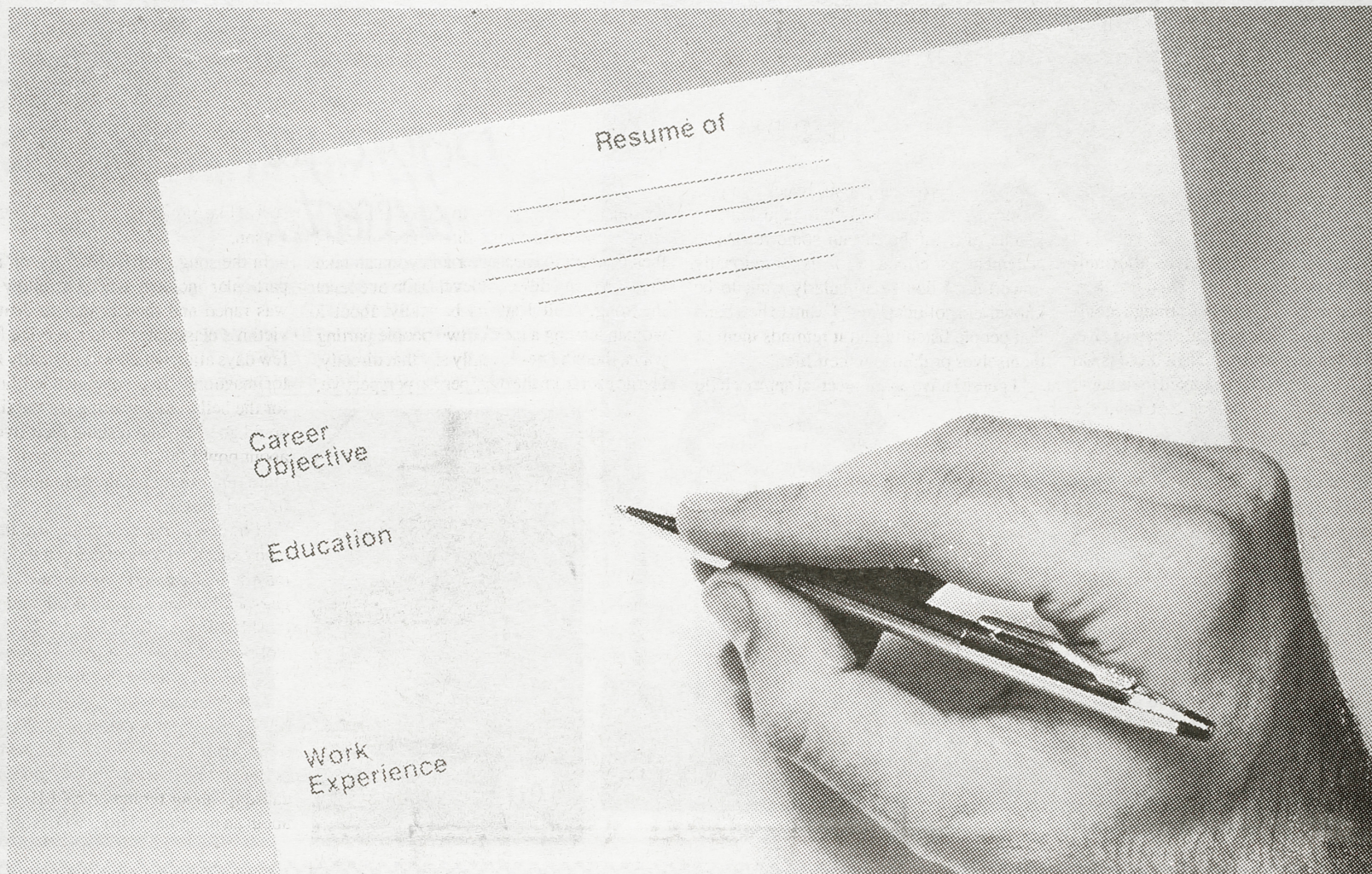
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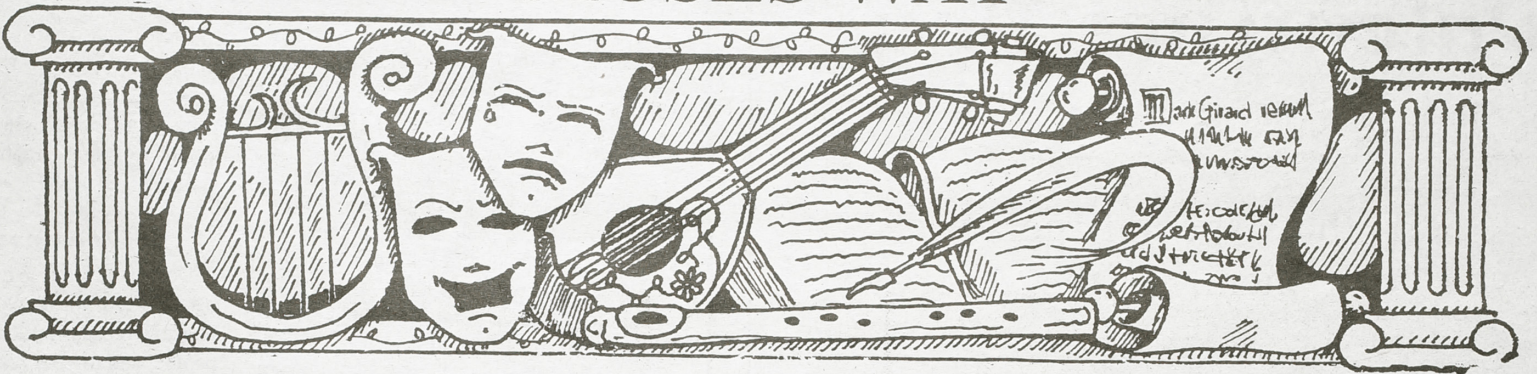
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A band on the move

by Ron Beaudoin
Anchor Editor

Some bands name themselves after animals, places or things. Some even use their own given names or make up strange monikers which make no practical sense to anybody else but themselves. Then there is On We Go. A local band that adopted their name from a second grade reading text from the fifties.

This relatively young band has garnered quite a bit of notoriety on the local scene. They can often be seen at clubs like the Living Room and the Rocket, either headlining or opening for such national acts as the Godfathers, Throwing Muses, and most recently They Might Be Giants.

On We Go was selected as a semi-finalist in this year's Snickers New Music Search. Out of 3000 bands, they were chosen as one of the sixteen finalists. They also received honorable mention in the 1989 WBRU Rock Hunt.

Not too long ago the band released an eight-song cassette, which is selling quite well at local record stores. "A lot of people who have heard the cassette like 'You Petty Thing' and if we had a single on the cassette, it would probably be 'You Petty Thing'," said band vocalist Chuck Hyson.

The band's next project will be a full length album. As Hyson explained, "We're looking towards recording in the spring or summer, to do something on vinyl or CD. Then that recording would break us out of this area."

The sound of On We Go can't be easily classified, it can be noted that they have a progressive style which fringes on the edge of alternative pop. "A lot of our influences are European styles, especially English bands but we don't speak with English accents on stage or anything," said Hyson.

"Lyrically, I write about small slice of life things... Sometimes you might get hints of bigger things, but the main gist of it is taking a really small experience and blowing it up. The reason I do this is that it enables me to hit the heart of the matter in a more powerful way. If you just sing a song like: 'we shouldn't have armies and we shouldn't have war,' it's too obvious and I really don't believe it can change people's political views anyway," said Hyson.

"If I'm approaching a big issue, I do it as subtly as possible. I don't think just hitting people over the head with some real huge statement is effective or is emotionally powerful. I don't particularly want to be known as a political band, I want to be a band that people listen to and it reminds them of themselves or things in their life."

"I guess I have an intellectual approach (to

writing), because I try to make things in songs connect to a lot of different things and then connect to each other and you can take them on many different levels. On one level the song, 'Felt Hat,' is basically about a woman leaving a man or two people parting ways, though I never really say that directly. I write a lot from the third person perspective,

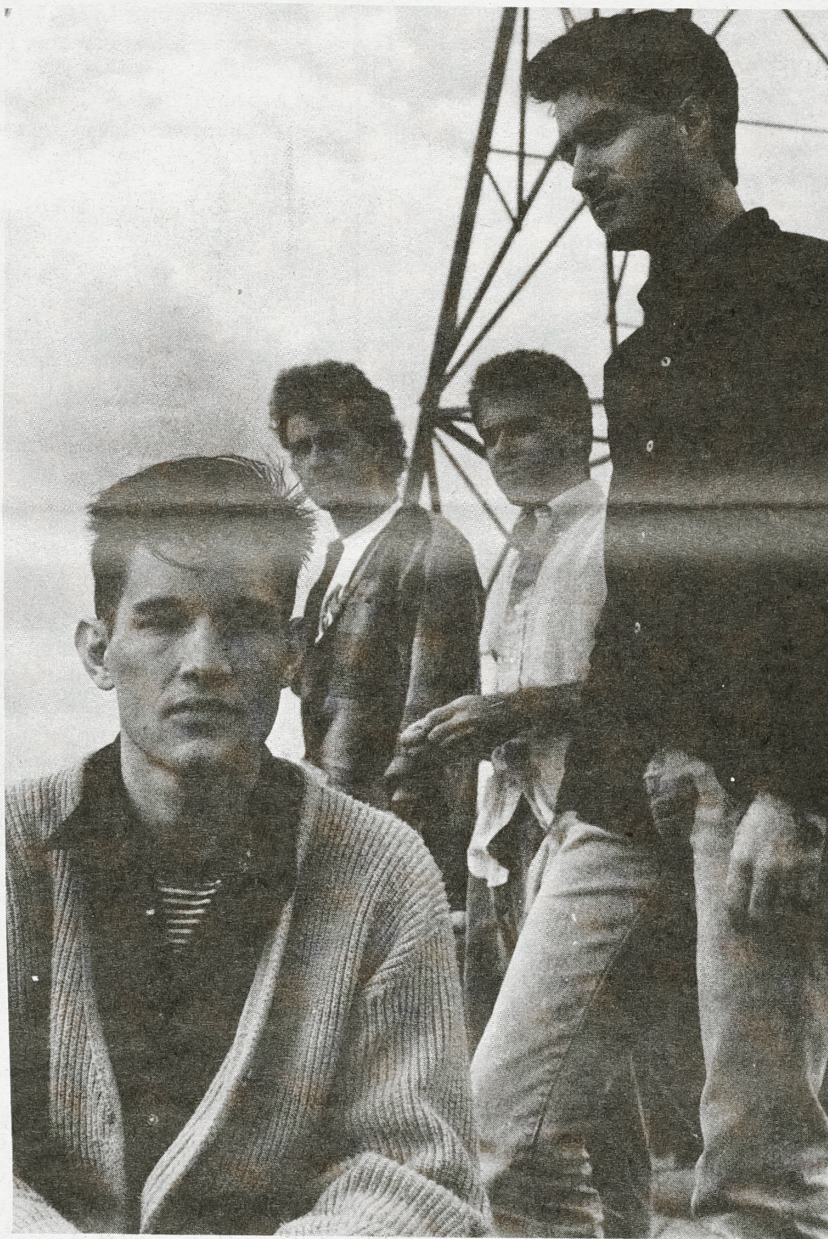
sort of like a guy who's a fly on the wall," said Hyson.

In the song 'Bell Tolls,' Hyson recalls a particular incident where a fellow student was raped and then beaten to death. The victim's classmates held a service for her a few days after, which was basically fake and for image only. Everyone attended, but waited for the bell to toll, waiting for the time they could go home and resume their lives. "It's about how I felt, like the incident was a lot more important than the community treated it," said Hyson.

"I'm describing really specific images of really specific incidents. Even though there may be really broad connotations. I'd rather get specific than just say death and rape are terrible things and make it real obvious. I put a lot more emotion and meaning into it."

Hyson isn't the only writer in the band, he does write most of the lyrics, while guitarist Martin Walsh writes most of the music. "The song 'Trust of a Million Lives' is a lot more political than something I would write, because it's about tyranny," said Hyson. "It's about an imaginary Hitler who is able to lead millions of people follow him blindly." Walsh wrote the song based on a *Twilight Zone* episode.

For a band that's only been around for about a year, On We Go is definitely going places. They have moved up the Providence circuit ladder to a position of prominence, joining bands like Rash and That'll Learn Ya. As Hyson stated, At least "everyone in local music knows who we are now."



On We Go (L-R) Chuck Hyson, Dana Lemoine, John Turner and Martin Walsh.

-Photo by J. Bela Teixeira

Patriotic hero remembered

by Stacey Levett
Anchor Editor

"There's somethin' happenin' here, what it is ain't exactly clear... Stop! Hey, what's that sound, everybody look what's goin' round..."

I'm sure you've heard that song in the movie previews, or at least once before. Now you can see one story behind it. Born on the Fourth of July is the autobiography of Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic, a courageous patriot whose life, like many others, was changed because of the war. At first, he was the ideal

son with a Christian background, never to give up a challenge. That strong will to fight for what he believed in continued and developed into a fight for peace in anti-war demonstrations.

His bad experiences in Vietnam leave a permanent mark on his conscience. He accidentally shoots one of his fellow men along with an innocent Vietnamese family and is, himself wounded and later paralyzed, while still fighting. Confined to a wheelchair, he witnesses the world changing right before his eyes with flag burnings and such. He then decides to take a trip to Mexico for peace of mind, eventually returning to become involved in the fight for peace (isn't that a bit contradictory - a fight for peace - ah-hem)

Anyway, Ron Kovic moves on to become a memorable author and ironically wins a Golden Globe award, with producer/Director



Oliver Stone on January 20th 1990, 22 years to the day he was wounded in Vietnam, January 20th 1968. The story of Ron Kovic is a powerfully inspiring one and one definitely not to be missed, even if you're not interested in another Vietnam film.

Alias stage defies fire in *The Dragon*

by Carolyn Westcott
Anchor Staff Writer

About two months ago Alias Stage was burned out of Riverside Mills. On January 18, Alias Stage in their temporary location of Atlantic Mills presented *The Dragon*; a play where ironically the valiant hero conquers a fire breathing monster.

This play reaches beyond the apparently simplistic plot. *The Dragon* was written by the Russian playwright, Igheny Schwartz during the siege of Leningrad by the Nazis in 1943. This political and social commentary takes the form of a child's fable. Like *Alice in Wonderland* and Spencer's *Fairy Queen*, *The Dragon* can be enjoyed at a literal level as a whimsical curiosity, even if its political backbone is overlooked. Director Mark Lerman carefully intertwines fantasy with reality, the funny with the hideous to reveal the terror of dictatorship and an indictment of Nazi totalitarianism.

The play opens with the town's wisest resident - a talking cat (Henrik Kromann) - who informs Lancelot, a wandering knight-in-leather bomber, of the town's state of affairs. The town has been obediently living under the didactic rule of a dragon for 400

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What's Happening

by Margaret Gordon

Monday, 5

As part of Black History Month, check out the production of "Harlem Renaissance" at 8pm in Gaige Auditorium. It's a theatrical vision of Harlem in the 20's. It's free.

Brown University's David Winston Bell Gallery in List Art Center will host "Philip II and the Escorial: Technology and the Representation of architecture" through March 1. I think I'll go; escorials have always fascinated me. I have many fond memories of trying to run up and down escorials at Filenes as a small child. No...that's escalator. maybe I should just go home now?

Just in case you can't get off campus tonight, you can go down to the Coffeeground for Comedy Cafe hosted by Ed DelGrande. The show starts at 8:30 (right after Alf) and is free.

Tuesday, 6

The "Recent Works" of Rhode Island College Professor LaFollette (a.k.a. Curtis X) are on display in Bannister Gallery. You may want to drop in (Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also Tuesday and Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and check it out for yourself. Works are described as "reflections concerning the 'life and death in an existential column'."

If existentialism depresses you, as it does me, you may prefer to watch "Thirtysomething" instead. But then again, Michael and Hope also have their own existential moments.

LIVE! Walsh Gymnasium, 7:30pm. The Anchorman set sail on a Hoop course to destroy Wheaton.

Later at 9pm in the Coffeeground, check out the Proxemics. Admission is free. Are your feet hungry? Well those wonder-

ful boys and girls at the Living Room are importing Food For Feet. No it isn't some exotic dish, it's a new band with some people who used to be in Oingo Boingo. Opening are the Laurels and Graphic Moves. For more info call 521-2520.

Wednesday, 7

Do you have some extra time? Well lend a hand. Come on down to the Volunteer Fair and explore the options. Volunteer, meet people, add to your resume, help. The Fair runs 12:30-4pm.

To be at Trinity tonight, or not to be: That is the question. Whether it is nobler in the mind to suffer another boring night of moronic sitcoms, or to call 521-1100 and buy tickets (\$30-\$22 each) to see a contemporary interpretation of Willy Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* running through March 4.

The Third Estate is rising up at the Rocket, join jah people mon for this Reggae revolution. If ya be needin' more info call the Ganja line 273-9619.

Thursday, 8

"New Plays for a New Audience" is a series of plays written by students in Brown University's Playwriting Program. Tickets are available at the Box office or by calling 863-3838.

For those in search of higher intellectual pursuits, the Meat Puppets (ie Chicken on a string, hangingham, etc...) will be at the Living Room. Call 521-2520 for more information.

Lenny Cabral's "Tall Tales" will be held in the student union ballroom at 8pm.

Friday 9

What would a Friday night be without a little music? (A musicless Friday night, right?)

Triton plays at the Living Room tonight and Galaxi 500 at the Rocket.

Slithering to the surface of the Providence Civic Center is British rock legends Whitesnake (Alright maybe not legends. How about stars. No! Just performers and even thats stretching the limits of the term). Just think you can check out David Coverdale's best Robert Plant imitation. Before Whitesnake goes on, they'll be serving some breakfast cereal - Pops? No! Frosted Flakes? No! Oh yeah, Kix. So bring your own milk. The show starts at 7:30 in the pm and costs \$18.50.

A wackey night awaits you at AS220 with 'sound happening' featuring Full Tilt Zelds ("your cosmic compers"), John Flash ("original rok phenom"), Eris ("post music for the feeble minded") and Eric & Ron, duo duo. Doors open at 8:30pm and \$4 is the donation.

If none of that tickles your fancy then maybe you should hike up to the Second Story Theater presenting "The Maderati," a witty, satirical look at the young artistic circle of Manhattan. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. through March. Tickets are \$10 each. There are also two special performances.

You can't keep a good theatre down. Alias Stage will continue to perform, The Dragon, Ifgheny Schwartz's allegorical tale of political repression and revolution despite losing their theatre in the Riverside Mill Fire as well as \$26,000 worth of equipment. The Dragon will be performed at Alias stages will be performed at the new theatre at Atlantic Mills. Tickets cost \$8 and curtain rises at 8 p.m. Call 521-2312 for ticket information.

Saturday 10

The Campus Center presents (da, da da, da): a trip to the Mystic Seaport. The bus ride will cost you two bucks, and leaves the

Campus center at 9am and returns at 5pm. Don't be left behind! Aquarium admission is \$7 and Village Museum admission is \$8 (group discounts can be arranged). You can always wander around and shop in the old Mystic shops. Questions? Call Kristen King 456-8034.

Today or tomorrow you might like to catch Trinity Repertory's "And What of the Night?" as of tomorrow's the final performance. Tickets are from \$30 to \$22, and there are discount for students. The number to call is 521-1100. Matinee is at 2 p.m.

If you're looking for fishy business the New Bedford Historic Theatre for the Performing Arts welcomes Mermaid Theatre, a traveling company from Canada to their Zeiterion Theatre today. Mermaid Theatre presents The Red Ball, a black light puppet theatre production, suggested for children from ages 5 to 12. Performances are at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets are a pint-sized \$4.50 general admission. Parking is free. Zeiterion Theatre is located at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

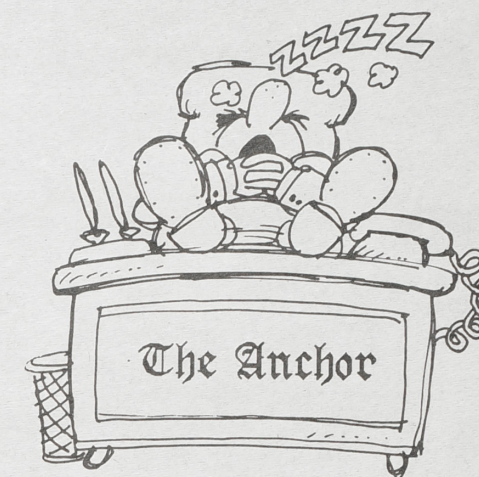
One last thing for Saturday, 'cabaret of the oddly normal' featuring Disco Assassins, M.K. Ultra and JT emcee. Doors open at 8:30 with a \$4 donation.



Sunday 11

You are getting sleepy, you want to take your clothes off (Gee sounds like my last date). Well actually, Frank Santos is performing at Periwinkles. You've heard of Frank, he used to be a X-rated hypnotist, now he's only R-rated, next he'll be classified as PG...Info call 331-3191.

Until next week...



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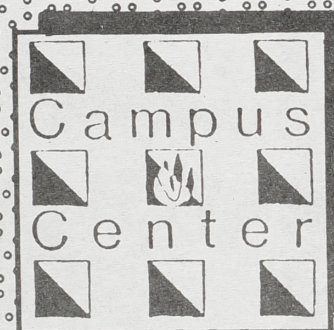
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Tension fill the Alias Stage, as the brave Lancelot (Richard Donnelly) confronts the evil Dragon (Michael Magri).
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Alias

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Lancelot (Richard Donnelly), in true hero fashion, sets out to free the townspeople and win the love of the fair maiden Elsa (Maggie MacMillian), and challenge the dragon to a one-on-one combat to the death.

The Dragon (Michael Magri) informs Lancelot that the people aren't worth fighting for, "If You could look inside their souls, you'd shudder, you'd turn to fight. You would not risk death for the sake of such cripples." His warning expresses the play's foremost message that it is not enough for the champion to conquer the dragon - but the citizen's themselves must secure the victory through their vigilance and strength to protect their freedom.

Under the playful excitement of

dragon scales, spitting women and flying carpets, the message reaches beyond 1943's Nazi totalitarianism. *The Dragon* speaks to the individual, each of us as masters of our own fate. The play presents a pertinent manifestation of the current Eastern European affairs.

Alias Stage's temporary location of Atlantic Mills gives the impression of a 60's Beatnik club as you walked down the steps to the dimly lit make-shift theater. This no-conventional "stage" added an expansive dimension impossible on the traditional stage. Elusive lighting and candles shone from far "rooms," by which Bob Holland (lighting), created an eerie and expansive stage.

Performances of *The Dragon* are scheduled to run through February 11, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.



Stevie Salas Colorcode
Stevie Salas Colorcode
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Brash vocals, razor's edge lyrics and explosive metal guitar licks mark the style of Stevie Salas and his band Colorcode. Socially aware, biting commentaries cut straight to the marrow, touching on general, universal dilemmas like in the song "Stand Up" where Salas talks of the insensitivity of the government to the many who, "Can't afford to live in your kinder, gentler nation." Also more personal crises such as in "Blind," a song told from the viewpoint of a man who sees and regrets too late the pain he put his girlfriend through when he forced her to have an abortion.

Colorcode is Salas (guitars, lead, background vocals), Winston A. Watson Jr. (drums, percussion, backing vocals), and C.J. deVillar (bass, bass sitar, backing vocals).

The innovative, pulsing beat will lure you in and the bluntness of the social criticism will keep you captivated. The most shocking lyrics on the album are that of "Two Bullets and a Gun," "If I catch you running around girl, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll take my bullets and my gun and make front page news." Not all cuts on the album are quite so morbid, and the album cover leaves you with an overall feeling of hope for mankind where it says, "Everything from the rainforests to AIDS touches your town—'Think globally—act locally'—" (Margaret Gordon)



Stevie Salas Colorcode

Quincy Jones
Back on the Block
Qwest Records

Quincy Jones is back. It has been almost ten years since his last album, *The Dude* (1981), but in 1989 Jones shows that he has not lost his skill as an impresario and enter-

tainer.

Back on the Block is an impressive addition to anyone's collection on many levels. There is an incredible variety of flavor here, traveling from rap to R&B to pop to traditional jazz with comfortable ease. On "Jazz Corner of the World", Jones manages to actually blend rap and jazz in an entertaining historical lesson.

Another level of quality is in his heavy-weight ensemble of performers. Fans of many musical genres will get to hear the talents of George Benson, Ray Charles,

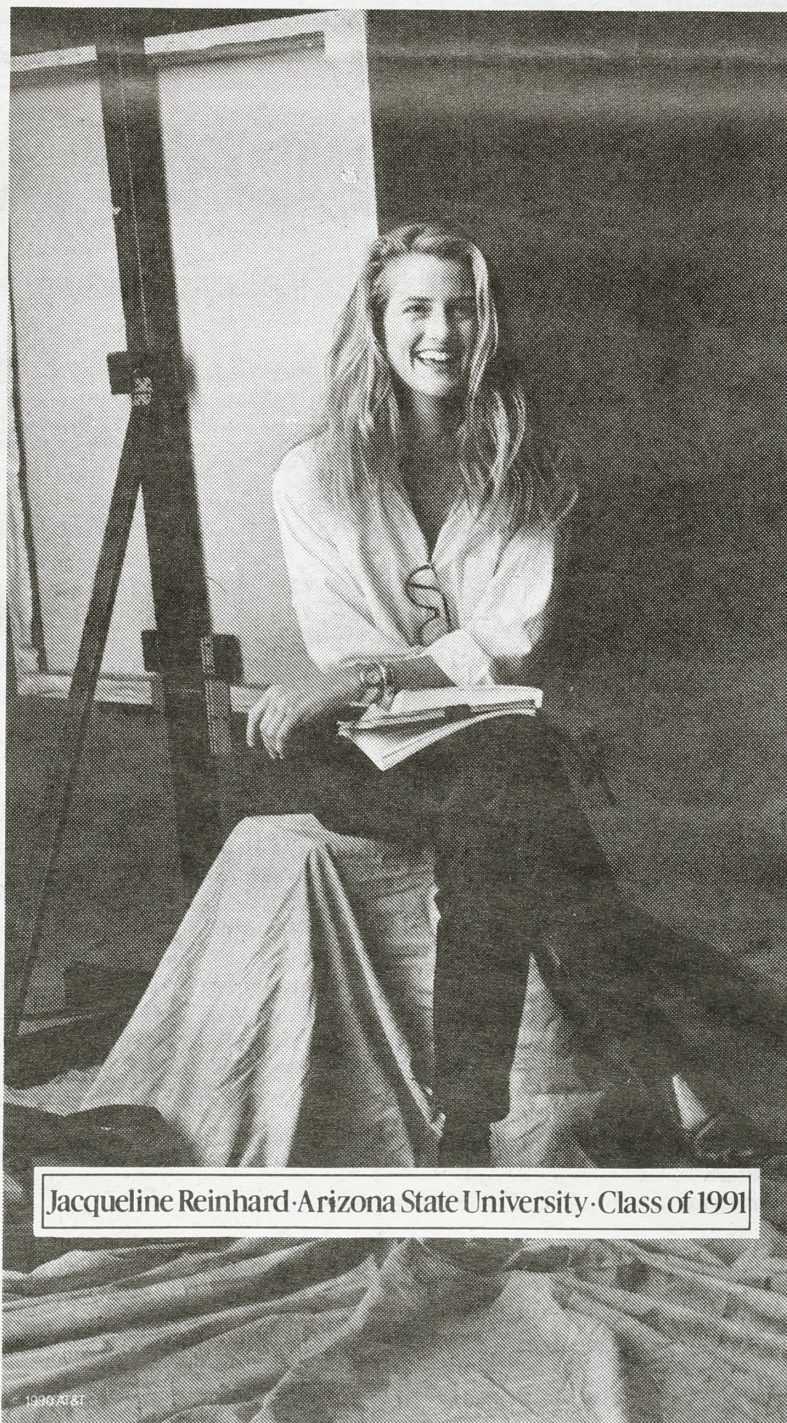
Seidah Garrett, Miles Davis, André Crouch, James Ingram, Dizzy Gillespie, Ice T, Herbie Hancock, Sarah Vaughn, El DeBarge, Gerald Albright, Kool Moe Dee, and many, many others.

Already the cut "I'll Be Good to You," a duet with Ray Charles and Chaka Khan, has grown enormously popular on the radio. Other hits might likely include "Wee B. Dooinit", a fast and fun acappella tune featur-

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SPORTS

Grapplers tie, suffer loss in tri-meet

by Nancy Gillooly
Anchor Staff Writer
and
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Anchor Editor

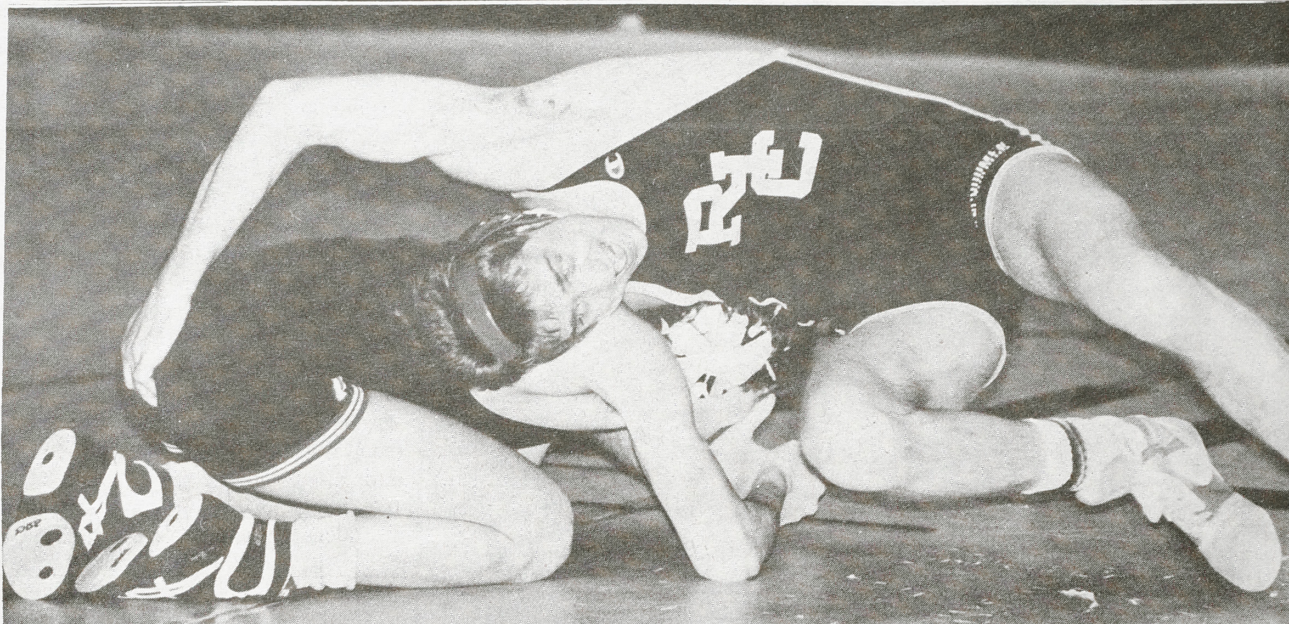
The Anchormen grapplers suffered a loss and accepted a tie when they took on arch rival, Western New England College and the University of New Hampshire in a tri-meet held in Walsh Gym on Friday evening, Jan. 26.

Described by RIC wrestling coach Rusty Carlsten as "the toughest team in Division III," WNEC edged out a 26-24 victory over the Anchormen. In the hotly contested second match against UNH, the Anchormen tied the Wildcats at 21 points.

Although WNEC had difficulty with its line up earlier in the season and had consequently suffered losses, the team was in proper form for the meet.

And while RIC does have a great deal of depth in the lower weight classes, the team's lack of strength and agility at the top weights hindered the Anchormen in the meet.

But RIC was not without its bright moments.



Brian Allen prepares to pin his opponent during the Jan. 26th tri-meet.

-Photo by Doug Gregoire

Facing a tough 142 pound romp, senior captain Kevin Higgins won a key match over WNEC's Layte by the score 6-4. Higgins later went on to overwhelm Emerson of UNH, 16-3. "He gets the outstanding wrestler award of the night," said Carlsten.

Junior All-American Brian Allen, wrestling at 126 pounds, pinned WNEC's Thurston 1:36 into the match. Sophomore Scott Carlsten also pinned his Golden Bears opponent in the 158 pound class, flattening Laura at the 2:05 mark.

Junior James Barbera won his 150 pound match against WNEC's Scanlon, the score, 10-4.

A big disappointment for Wally DiGesce, the sophomore was pinned for the first time in his career. DiGesce had lost to WNEC's Boueyea before in a close match and was hoping to beat him this time around.

"Wally worked hard but got caught in a deep head lock," said Carlsten. "He fought it but was not able to get out."

Once again, heavyweight Dan McKenna

found himself in an unenviable position. The sophomore who has in the past faced bigger, more experienced opponents, this time went against a former Greco Roman wrestler who has competed in European tournaments. McKenna gave 100 percent and put up a great fight but was pinned by Hoskinson at the 3:30 mark.

"Our line up is in trouble as far as our 190 weight class and our heavyweight," said Carlsten. He was referring to injured fresh-

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Anchormen still holding strong in LEC

by Jay Christian
Anchor Staff Writer

The Anchormen basketball team won four out of five games after a dismal three-game trip to Florida. They are in first place and still undefeated in the LEC after five games. On Thursday, Jan. 18, the Anchormen beat SMU 96-94, and twice defeated Plymouth State College by the scores 95-91 on Jan. 20 and 100-84 on Jan. 27.

Earlier this year, the Anchormen took their perfect 8-0 record down south to play against Division II teams in Florida. Unfortunately, they lost each of the three closely contested games.

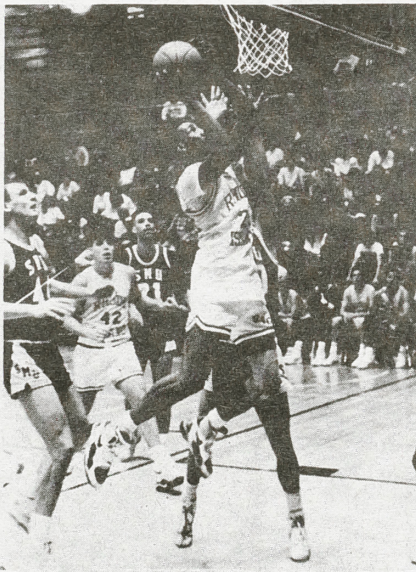
On Jan. 6, the Anchormen lost to Barry College, the score 94-88. The team lost to Florida Memorial College 121-124 in overtime on Jan. 8, and on Jan. 10 were defeated 97-93 by the nation's number two Division II team, Florida Technical Institute. In all three games, senior Chuck Santos gave a spectacular performance. The smooth shooting forward averaged 26 points and 5 rebounds in the three losing efforts.

Back home, the Anchormen returned to their winning form. On Jan. 16, the team went against Roger Williams College in Bristol, defeating the Hawks 115-95. Although they had some quality players, the Hawks lacked teamwork and chemistry. The Anchormen dished out 43 assists compared to only 19 by the Hawks.

All-American candidate Troy Smith led all scorers with 26 points and game-high 12 rebounds. Senior shooting guard Todd Keefe had 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Sophomore Bob Sutton had season-high nine assists.

The Anchormen hosted SMU on Jan. 18 for another nail-biting Little East Conference showdown. The largest crowd to witness a game in Walsh gym this season saw the Anchormen overcome a 21-point deficit and win by the score 96-94. SMU's star center hit two clutch free throws to put the fame in overtime. In the closing seconds of

overtime, the game tied at 94 and SMU with possession of the ball, senior Jeff Allen stole the ball and connected two free throws to ice the game. Smith scored 20 points and 19 rebounds. Freshman point guard Titus Graham had 10 assists.



Troy Smith scores for the Anchormen in their Jan. 18th game against SMU.

-Photo by David B. Efros

In their fourth LEC contest of the season on Jan. 20, the Anchormen defeated Plymouth State College 95-91 in New Hampshire. In Walsh Gym one week later, on Jan. 27, the Anchormen overpowered Plymouth State again, 100-84.

Junior Chris O'Toole led the Anchormen with 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Senior Dan Comella, Sophomore Dante Mabray, Smith, and Allen each scored in double figures. Freshmen point guards Mike Kolesnik and Graham had eight and 5 assists respectively.

The Anchormen will host Wheaton College on Tuesday, Feb. 6 in Walsh Gym at 7:30 p.m.

Sports Figure of the Week Dawn Gates loves gymnastics



Dawn Gates
-Photo by David B. Efros
by Nancy Gillooly
Anchor Staff Writer

Dawn Gates of Providence began her gymnastics career in the fourth grade.

"I was always doing cart wheels," said the junior Anchorwomen gymnast. "Gymnastics has always been a part of my life."

Gates attended Classical High School for three years during which she was a member of the gymnastics team. In her senior year at Mt. Pleasant High School, Gates was named to the All State team for vault.

But not unlike many athletes who spend years in competition, Gates became tired of the routine.

"I got the rest I needed after high school when I went to CCRI," she said.

After two years away from gymnastics, however, Gates found she really missed the sport and was ready to come back.

"I was excited to get on the team at RIC," said Gates who has competed for the Anchor-

women for two years.

Last year, Gates did not qualify for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships but was able to compete "by being in the right place at the right time." An athlete who did qualify for competition did not show up to the meet and Gates was allowed to enter.

This year, Gates' big goal is to qualify for ECACs. She also hopes to perfect her back handspring on the beam and her double-salto on the floor.

"The floor and the beam are my favorite," said Gates. "I also like to learn new things on the bars. It took a long time to learn to do a kip (a move on the uneven bars), but I finally learned it and love to do it."

An English major with an elementary education concentration, Gates hopes to teach 3rd to 6th graders. She enjoys working with children. For the past two and a half years, Gates has been a gymnastics coach and teacher at the Cranston YMCA. It is a job she loves. "I'll never give it up," said Gates. "It's a great job."

Gates is enthusiastic about the Anchorwomen's chances of competing in this year's ECAC Championships to be held in March. "We're doing great this year," she said. "Last year, we were scoring 120s to 130s; this year we're scoring 140s to 145s." She also points out that the bright addition to this year's team roster of freshman Kerri Cunha should increase the team's chances of qualifying for the meet even more.

In addition to gymnastics, Gates enjoys water skiing and snow skiing, ice skating, and volleyball.

"We have fun as a team," said Gates. "We try to go out once in a while as a whole team."

Gates and her teammates will host Bridgewater State College on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Walsh Gym.

Young gymnastics team continues to grow

Anchorwomen win over Bridgewater

by Janine Landry
Anchor Editor

Exceptional performances by freshman Kerri Cunha and junior captain Jill D'Abrasca led the women's gymnastics squad to their first win last week over Bridgewater State College, a team who beat them earlier this season.

The Anchorwomen, who defeated the Bridgewater team 144.55 to 137.75, placed third in the four-team event at Salem State College on Tuesday, Jan. 30. In December, Bridgewater had defeated RIC in a dual meet,

124-112.

Division I Brown University easily swept the meet, scoring 168.90 points. Salem State was second in with 158.95 points.

Cunha was the team's top all-around performer in the meet, posting 33.55 points. The newcomer to the Anchorwomen squad who has certainly made her presence felt this year was fourth on the uneven bars with an 8.1 and fourth on the balance beam with an 8.55. Cunha was the top Anchorwomen performer in the floor exercise with an 8.5.

D'Abrasca finished as the second all-

around Anchorwomen, scoring 31.96. The team captain posted the top Anchorwomen score on vault, an 8.55.

Junior Dawn Gates was the third all-around Anchorwomen in the meet with 27.70 points. Junior Robin Fanala earned 25.05 points, and sophomore Missy Brule scored 25.65.

Freshman Tracey Beaudreau scored a 4.45 on the balance beam, and freshman Tracie Guenette scored a 7.75 in the floor exercise.

Now 1-4, the Anchorwomen will face Bridgewater once again on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Walsh Gym.

Sports reform movement gains ground at NCAA convention

(CPS) — The college sports reform movement dominated the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) convention in Dallas January 8-10, producing several rules changes that added steroids to the list of banned drugs for athletes and added rules to make sure athletes do well academically.

NCAA Executive Director Richard Schultz called the meeting "the convention of the student-athlete."

It was the first one since the early 1970's in which so many decisions were made involving an athlete's college life as a student.

Delegates agreed to install year-round steroid testing for Division I football players, publish schools' graduation rates, shorten spring football practice, and cut the basketball season from 28 to 25 games.

They also approved a watered-down version of the highly controversial Proposition 42, instituted last year, which would have banned all scholarships and other aid for freshmen athletes who didn't meet certain grade of standardized test score requirements.

The modification of proposition 42 was seen as a victory for coaches who felt it discriminated against underprivileged first year athletes who may have come from academically laggard high schools, and who otherwise could not afford to go to college.

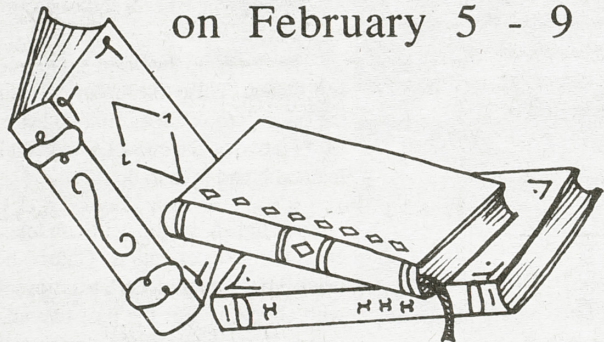
On the drug testing, all 194 I-A and I-AA football teams will test their athletes at least once a year, and one-fourth of those teams will test them at least twice. Each time, 36 athletes will be tested. The NCAA will have to shell out an extra \$1.6 million for the effort. Currently, the NCAA tests only at championship events.

The drug testing measure passed easily 659-25, and few seemed concerned about the legality of the testing. A Colorado judge rejected in August the University of Colorado's athletic drug testing program, saying it invaded the athlete's privacy. The ruling doesn't affect other organizations, and CU officials are appealing the ruling.

The NCAA itself is four of five in legal
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The Rhode Island College Recreation Center has scheduled a variety of activities in addition to its regular daily functions. The center is fast becoming a popular place to meet friends and get some exercise.

Use the new weightlifting equipment, run on the indoor track, play tennis, basketball or take a dip in the heated pool, and when you're through with a workout, locker rooms come equipped with steam room and sauna.

The following special programs are also offered this semester at the Recreation Center:

Water sports

Water Aerobics: Tone up loose muscles, develop stamina, increase flexibility of your joints and decrease body fat. Monday and Wednesday 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Water Stretch and Tone: Regardless of your present level of fitness, water stretch and tone classes will make an outstanding contribution to your conditioning program and you need not know how to swim to participate. Tuesday and Thursday 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Beginning Swimming: Demonstrations offering encouragement and building confidence in swimming. Tuesday 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Red Cross Lifeguard training: A course for individuals who are interested in becoming lifeguards or increasing personal knowledge of water safety. Participants receive Red Cross Certification. (\$25.00 fee per person.) Beginning Feb. 15, Thursday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Intramural programs

A meeting for captains of all intramural teams will be held Feb. 7 at 12 noon. Registration deadline for players is Feb. 7 at 12 noon.

Whiffle Ball League: Looking to form teams from aspiring and/or self proclaimed whiffle ball champs. Only six players per team are required. Games will be played on Mondays from 6 p.m. through 9 p.m. Sign up early!

Co-Ed Volleyball League: The challenge of determining who is the best in volleyball is here. Games will be played on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Basketball League: Hoopsters have a chance to strut their stuff. Games will be played on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Co-Ed Water Volleyball: V-Ball in the water. It's great fun and exciting, too! Three men and three women make up a team. Play will be on Thursday nights from 6 p.m. through 8 p.m. Here's your chance to make a big splash on campus!

Indoor Soccer League: This intramural indoor soccer program should help satisfy most soccer appetites. This fast-paced game will take place Thursday night's from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Women's sports advocates angry at NCAA for honoring Reagan

(CPS)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) awarded its highest honor to former President Ronald Reagan January 8 during its annual convention in Dallas, sparking a low-key protest among some college officials who say he hurt women's athletics during his time in office.

"As far as opportunities for women, as far as minority opportunities during Reagan's administration, they weren't very good," said Donna Lopiano, women's athletic director of the University of Texas. "In fact, they were awful."

"People are upset that the NCAA selection committee chose someone who supported opportunities for just half the population," Lopiano said.

Reagan campaigned against a law called Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which threatened to cut off federal funds to schools that discriminated against women. He argued the law was unwarranted federal intrusion in private affairs.

While in office, Reagan's Justice Department wrote "friend of the court" briefs supporting Grove City College's legal challenge to the law, arguing the fund cutoff threat applied only to the specific programs that directly got federal money and, consequently,

not athletic programs.

The U.S. Supreme Court subsequently ruled Grove City was correct. In 198, when Congress approved a Civil Rights Restoration Act to replace Title IX, Reagan vetoed it. Congress later overturned the veto.

The former president's actions did not endear him to women's sport groups, which had used Title IX to pressure colleges to go to the expense of establishing women's sports facilities and teams.

Richard Nixon, Lopiano, would have been a better choice for the NCAA's award. "He was president when Title IX was promulgated."

The NCAA received five letters concerning the Reagan award, four of them negative, NCAA spokesman Jim Marchiony said. Former professional golfer Carol Mann resigned her seat on the awards committee to protest the honor.

"It was minor flak," Marchiony said. "I wouldn't call it a national groundswell."

The "Teddy Award," named for Theodore Roosevelt, is given by the NCAA to a "distinguished citizen of national reputation and outstanding accomplishment" who played college varsity sports.

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Special programs

Ask about the Valentine's Day ski trip, Jaws Night in the swimming pool, Bowling Night, the Block Island Bike Trip and the Wood River Canoe Trip.

The Recreation Center is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The exercise equipment is available Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. Swimming pool hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m.

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challenges to its testing program, with its only loss coming in 1988 when a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge allowed Stanford University Athletes to compete without taking drug tests.

The reforms come after increasingly harsh criticism of big-time college sports, and scandals of fans paying players, low gradu-

ation rates and charges of grade fixing.

In the last decade, more than half of the biggest sports programs in the NCAA were punished at least once.

"There is now within the membership a very strong and urgent feeling that we need some change," Schultz said. "This was a good first step."

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ing the talents of Bobby McFerrin and Al Jarreau, "Tomorrow (A Better You, A Better Me)" which showcases the incredible vocals of a newcomer, 11-year-old Tevin Campbell, and "The Secret Garden", a rich ballad that contrasts the style of the deep rasps of Barry White and the high pitches of El DeBarge.

Quincy Jones has not only come back on the block, he has upgraded the neighborhood. (Victor M. Andino)



Quincy Jones

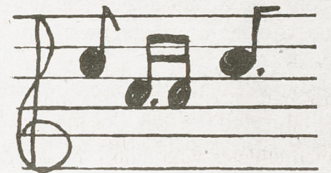
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Shawn Colvin
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probably sing a rioting crowd back to order. Her latest release shows musical excellence and versatility. Her lyrics shadow what could have been the start of her life.

The release of "Steady On" joins a number of artists on the "Acoustic Revolution" everyone from "Guns 'n Roses" to Tracy Chapman is into the acoustic scene these days. Shawn falls into the category of artists like James Taylor. A few years ago she would have never been heard.

Her lyrics are well orchestrated with meaning and purpose. You won't hear "hooklines" in her songs. Perhaps this is because her lyrics come from the heart. She is the kind of artist who can make you happy one minute and somber the next. There is also a kind of romance in her style that makes you want to rent a cabin with a fire place and a bear skin rug. Shawn Colvin is going to make her mark in the music business. Maybe one of these days she'll do a duet with James Taylor! (Tom Anter)



Shawn Colvin has a sweet voice. She could

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An Alarming Strip Show

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The alarm was triggered by a smoke machine the stripper, who was hired by male hall residents "as a response" to female residents' hiring of a male stripper earlier in the term, was using in her act.

Primal Screams In Psych Class

A huge, 1600-student introductory psychology class at the University of Toronto abruptly was disrupted when many students, heeding to a cue given them at 12:25 p.m. on November 21, began shouting as loudly as they could.

Students said they had been organized by a class mate who had seen a Molson beer ad in the Varsity, the campus paper, urging readers to "scream (a Molson slogan) out at

the top of your lungs during a psychology lecture."

Professor Katherine Covell was particularly upset by the incident because the big class had been difficult to control all year. "The first day (of the term)," she told the Canadian University Press, "everybody was doing the wave."

Degrees, Degrees Everywhere, But Not A Diploma In Sight

Tampa, Florida, bad check writer Jeanne Brooks, 32, was sentenced to the maximum 15 years in prison when judge Susan Bucklew discovered Brooks' plea for leniency — in which she has cited a sterling record as a scholar and a teacher — included entirely false claims that Brooks had degrees from both Holy Cross and Georgetown universities.

The state of Missouri has shut down an accrediting agency that apparently would

approve any college that had "a building, people, and \$860" to pay for an accreditation certificate.

To investigate the "International Commission for Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries," run by a husband-and-wife team, state Assistant Attorney General Erich Vieth set up a bogus Eastern Missouri Business College, had the agency review the qualifications of a faculty list that included the name of the pig from the tv show "Green Acres," and won full accreditation.

But Will They Take Him To Jail In A Toe Truck

Madison, Wisconsin, police arrested a man in late December they say has spent the last five years stealing shoes from people at campus libraries at Illinois State University and the universities of Wisconsin-Madison and Illinois at Campaign/Urbana.

The unnamed suspect reportedly struck when students absently would kick off their shoes under tables or get up to get a drink of water. Police found 80 pairs of shoes in the man's apartment.

And Then There's The One About The Yale With A Sense Of Humor

Utterly bamboozled when Cornell pranksters, intent on puncturing a little Yale pomposity, stole into New Haven in the dead of night, intercepted copies of the Yale Daily News rolling off the presses and replaced them in student mailboxes with "parody" issues of the Yale paper, Yale Managing Editor Andrew Wexton graciously said, "For some reason Cornell imagines there's a Cornell-Yale rivalry. I mean — the Cornell Daily Sun — who the

hell are they?

NOTES: Washington State actually has an endowed chair for a Taco Bell Distinguished Professor...The University of Cincinnati's law school reportedly keeps Play-Doh in a library reading room "to relieve (students') tension and stress"...In a new 450-page book about the history of the pencil, Duke Professor Henry Petroski claims one pencil can draw a line up to 70 miles long...At Kirkwood Community College in Iowa, students say they're still waiting for administrators to respond to a petition to finally construct a bathroom in the 15-year-old Horse Science building.

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men Anthony Moretti, who suffered a dislocated jaw, and heavyweight Gary Knodler, who tore ligaments in his elbow. It is not known when either will return to the mat.

In an intense UNH matchup, the Anchormen posted some excellent performances. Once again, Brian Allen won his match by the score 8-5. Scott Carlsten registered his second pin of the meet, overpowering Brehm at the 2:45 mark.

Sophomore Dominic Divincenzo overcame an initial slump and put 190 pound UNH opponent, Lancelotti, in what Carlsten called

"a tremendous head lock." Divincenzo pinned Lancelotti at 5:30 tying the score at 21.

Carlsten attributed the team's difficulty finding heavyweight wrestlers to the fact that RIC, unlike WNEC and UNH, has no football program, which usually attract that weight class.

The Anchormen will travel to Cambridge, MA on Wednesday, Feb. 7 to compete at MIT. On Saturday, Feb. 10, the RIC grapplers will host a quad-meet with Amherst, Bowdoin, and Williams. That meet will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Walsh Gym.

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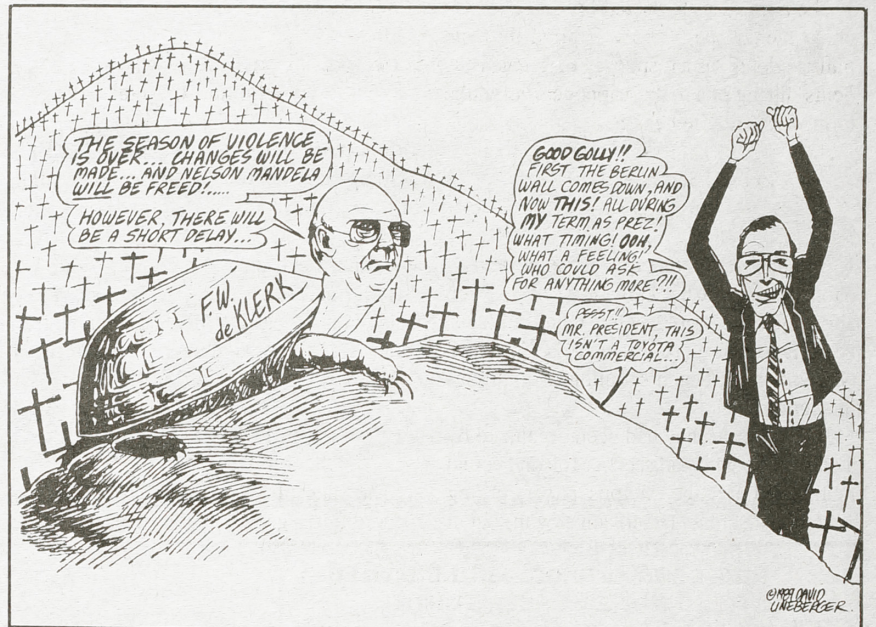
Who ever said we were going to get a red carpet?

As the semester begins, and the winter doldrums set in, it appears that Rhode Island College students are in for a bumpy semester.

Putting aside the normal anticipated turmoil and confusion, early indications point out troubles on the horizon. Campus wide inadequacies in everything from budgets to course offerings to maintenance slapped students and faculty in the face upon their arrival to school. Leaky roofs, unplowed parking lots, and icy stairways and walks made for hazardous campus traveling. Angry students expressed outrage at continued parking problems and the impossibility of scheduling classes with the limited selection of courses.

With recent budget cuts, students at Rhode Island College certainly did not expect a red carpet welcoming. Lack of finances have forced cutbacks that administrators reluctantly implement. One need only take a look at the University of Rhode Island to see how desperate the situation can become. (Where is our omnipotent "education governor" when we really need him?) However, does this excuse really hold water in the face of problems that simply boil down to poor maintenance.

Was it really too much to ask that parking lots be plowed and icy walkways be shoveled or sanded. Waiting for the spring thaw certainly saves money, but inconveniences and endangers the college's clientele — the students.



Letters to the Editor / Commentary

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Dear Editor:

Earlier this semester, I overheard a fellow Philosophy major waging concern over the relevance of her selection of academic study. She made the statement: "There's really very little I can do in my field (Philosophy) unless I go on to get my doctorate." While I applaud this particular student's fervor for educational advancement, I strongly disagree with the pessimism she attributes to the foundational study of Philosophy. I will admit that employment advertisements are not typically filled with listings for Philosophers; and perhaps rightly so. By the same token, one cannot refute the need for sound Philosophical judgment or well-balanced critical analysis, within the egocentric conception of commercial enterprise. Hence, the problem is not that foundational Philosophical studies are unapplicable to contemporary employment, rather, that such an orientation tends to threaten the rogue ideologies of incumbent management.

In short, industry as a whole is not yet prepared to have entry-level people doing something as serious as "thinking" for themselves. After all, it would upset the rigid balance of organizational politics and render truly incompetent employees obsolete. For this reason, those who are bold enough to undertake a study of something as radical as Philosophy are considered less applicable to simplistic corporate operations. While this harsh reality is no consolation for the struggle undergraduate, one must never underestimate the power of their predicament. For, I can think of no more willing or better able to engage in critical assessment, than a student of Philosophy. This has been evidenced as far back as Plato, perhaps further. More importantly, as it has been throughout history, critical thinking is still our greatest competitive advantage.

If we consider that all great revolutions in ideal have occurred as a result of opposition, of criticism and out of varying degrees of

conflict; then we can begin to appreciate the power that lives within the defiant opinion. This very sense of judgmental prerogative has given us the leverage to endure as free people in a free nation with guaranteed freedom of expression. What better supporting political climate could a student of Philosophy ask for? Given such liberal environmental support, the capacity of every free thinker is limited perhaps only by their personal initiative and cognitive resourcefulness.

Society affords us the opportunity to express our independent thoughts, it grants us the forum to enlist support for our beliefs and it provides us with the freedom to effect dramatic social change. Individuals with strong ideals can, on the merits of their beliefs, save Whales, save Bays and raise funds for innumerable causes. Why then does such an individual require a Doctorate in order to embark upon gainful employment?

Kevin J. Gibson

Dear Editor,

Human beings make mistakes. So it was when the Bursar's Office dropped me from my classes for non-payment of tuition. They acted in spite of having two letters on file from two separate agencies promising to pay for my courses. They acted despite my call to them to advise them of the facts of the matter.

Yes, I was angry, damned angry. I admit raising my voice on the Bursar's Office and I regret that the whole situation occurred. I cannot apologize, however, for forcefully asserting my right to be enrolled in college classes.

When I went to the Bursar's Office, all I could think of were the education courses which were now filled, courses that are prerequisites for the fall semester.

Attempts to explain this to them were futile. They just kept repeating the same

mechanical phrase: "You'll have to re-register at late registration like everybody else."

If a little bit of compassion goes a long way, the total absence of it just enflames me. A simple "I'm sorry this happened to you" would have helped, but no apology was forthcoming.

Luckily, this situation was resolved in another way and I was reinstated in the courses for which I had registered. Still, a larger question remains: When the Bursar's Office has this much control over a student's education, do they not have an equal responsibility to exercise it justly and compassionately?

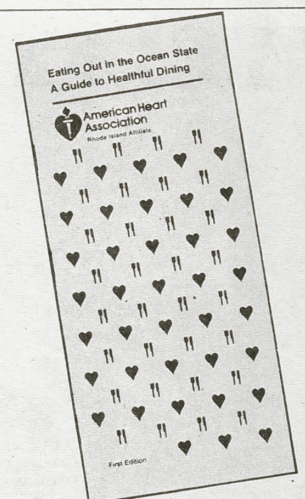
Frank Holland

W-4 & W-4A

HERE'S A NEW TAX LAW TIP

The tax law now requires you to file a new **Form W-4 or W-4A**, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," by October 1, 1987. But don't wait for the deadline—file it now. Once you've received a paycheck with the new withholding amount, use Publication 919, "Is My Withholding Correct?" to make sure it is correct. Order the free publication by calling the IRS tax forms number in your telephone directory.

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CHEESE'S SPREAD

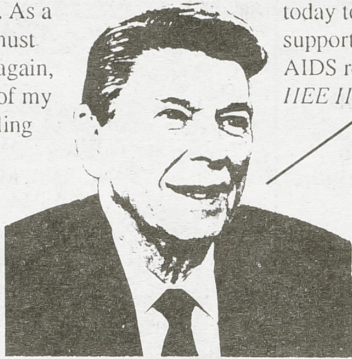
CELEBRATES THE START OF A NEW DECADE BY REFLECTING ON THESE SIGNS OF THE TIMES...



1.) WE GOT SCANDALS!
Bishop Louis Gelineau: "Due to the recent controversy surrounding Father O' Connell's relationships with little boys, this diocese is torn apart. As a shepherd of the Lord, I must bring the flock together again, but I'm afraid too many of my fellow shepherds are fooling around with the sheep."



2.) WE GOT ENDORSEMENTS!
Ronald Reagan: "My fellow Americans, I'm speaking to you today to ask you to support funding for AIDS research... My fellow Americans... Darn it, I know I can say that with a straight face!"



(Ahem...)
"My fellow Americans, I'm speaking to you today to ask you to support funding for... AIDS research!--HIEE HIEE HIEE!! Oh fudge!"

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3.) DEJA VU DEPT., PT.I: Shout it out loud!
Yes, true believers, Kiss is back, and they're badder than ever. Why? 'Cos they will once again be sporting face make-up, just like in the old days. Doesn't the idea of grown men wearing spandex & greasepaint, vomiting buckets of curdled pig's blood like rejects from *The Exorcist* send icy ripples from your navel to your nipples?



4.) DEJA VU DEPT., PT.II: Theeey're baaaaaack!
Due to popular demand, the Brady family will be returning to television for a limited-run series. I don't know about you, but watching 5 minutes of *A Very Brady Christmas* gave me a feeling not unlike what I imagine having a 34-foot long tapeworm removed from your intestines with a fishhook, without anesthesia, feels like. But that's just me.
5.) DEJA VU DEPT., PT.III: But wait--there's more!
The Go-Go's are REUNITED!!! Wowwee!!!!!! Aren't you EXCITED?!!! Aren't you just DYING to see the Go-Go's, LIVE and IN PERSON, in all their splendor, being told what GREAT MUSICIANS they are, by Gene Simmons, using large amounts of curdled pigs blood?

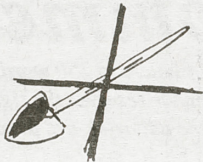
EEAAGH! IT'S THE '70'S ALL OVER AGAIN!!!

The State of Rhode Island and Providence, too, presents THE OFFICIAL RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE STATE WORKER'S GUIDE, HOW TO USE A SNOW SHOVEL IN 4 EASY STEPS

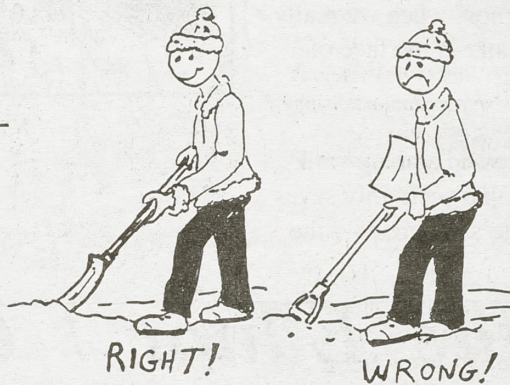
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This is a snow shovel.



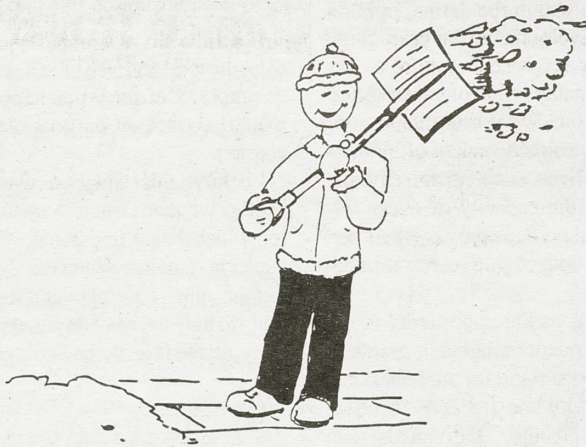
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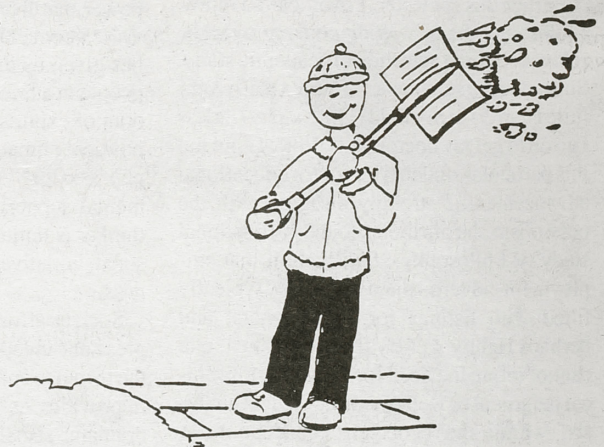
STEP 1. Hold shovel firmly in hands, with wide, flat-looking part on ground. (See diagram.)



STEP 2. Push. This will scoop up the snow.



STEP 3. Lift shovel (with snow) up and over your shoulder (either will do), thus tossing the snow. *** (Helpful hint! Don't dump snow on area you just cleared!)



STEP 4. Repeat.

-by Alan Gunther.

THE MARVELOUS MISADVENTURES OF CORVUS BANE

by Morse

TODAY FOR YOUR CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND ALSO BECAUSE THE CARTOONIST WRITING THIS COULDN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING BETTER WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT FOR YOU AN ADOPTION OF THE CLASSIC PLAY "PEACE" BY ARISTOPHANES. THE PLOT OF THIS STORY IS REALLY QUITE SIMPLE THE POWERS THAT BE ARE FINALLY SICK AND TIRED OF THE CONSTANT IDIOCY OF THE HUMAN RACE. SO THEY HAVE GIVEN US ENTIRELY TO WAR. WAR IN THE MEAN TIME HAS BURIED PEACE SOMEWHERE IN HEAVEN. THE PLAY BEGINS WITH THE HERO SETTING OUT FOR HEAVEN TO RESCUE PEACE.

AND I TAKE IT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE HERO?

WELL... YES.

OKAY, I GUESS. AND JUST HOW AM I GOING TO GET THERE?

WELL, CONSIDERING OUR BUDGET I FIGURED YOU WOULD TAKE A BEETLE.

A VOLKSWAGON? ALRIGHT! I USED TO LOVE THOSE THINGS I'M GOING!

WELL... NOT EXACTLY

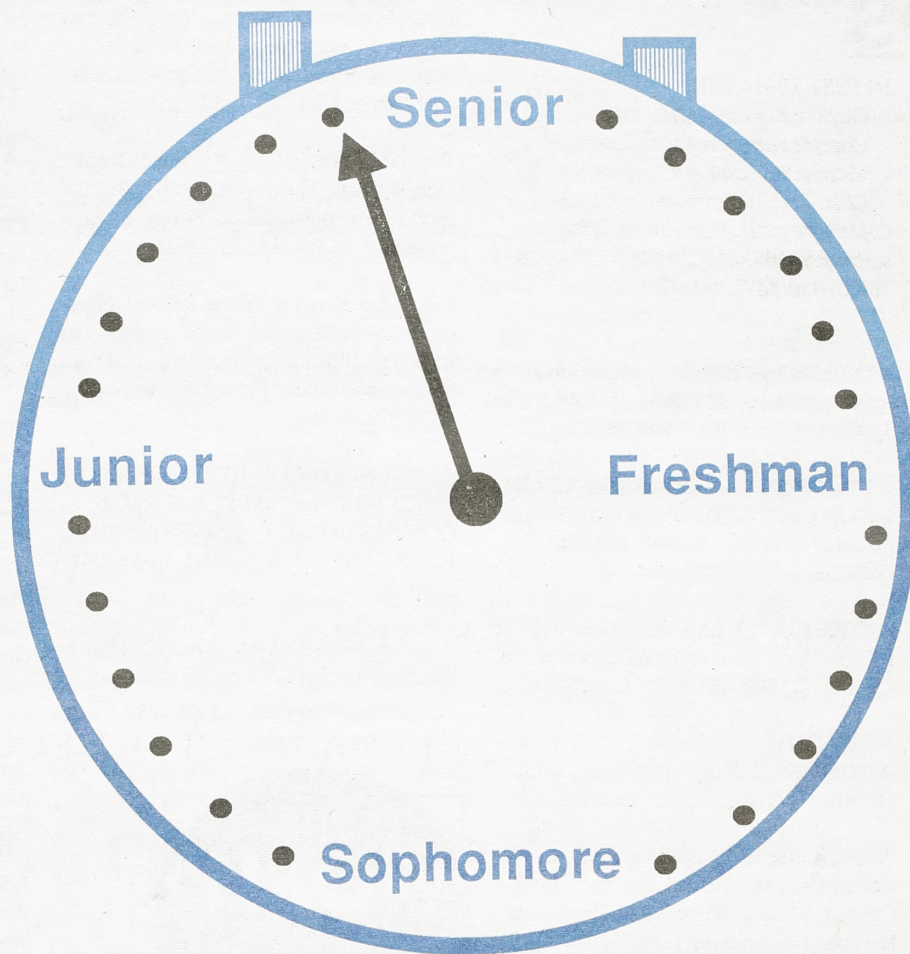
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!!

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