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Campus Police assist visually impaired

By: William Dorry IV Anchor Editor

The Campus Police website is now accessible to the visually impaired. The site offers an option to allow for large text. The larger formatted text is intended to make a visually impaired per-sons visit to the site more pleasant. Almost all parts of the site are included with the exception of some forms and a few links. Lt. Charles Wilson stated

that in addition to being "the only departmental website in Rhode Island College campus to offer this capability" the Campus Police are"...most cer-tainly the only law enforcement agency in the state that does

The site provides informa-

tion on parking, crime statistics, a silent witness program, and safety. Interactive components allow individuals to rate their probability of being a victim of a murder, assault, or rape. In ad-dition to these features this highly awarded site provides links to other agencies both state and federal that deal with low an feature think that deal with law enforcement, including a link to The National Center for Missing Children that rotates through information on cur-

rently missing children. The website is adminis-tered by Lt. Charles Wilson and is visited by people from not only our community but also from as far away as Japan, New Zealand, Germany, and Great Britain. The site can be reached at www.ric.edu/campuspd/

Students owe millions

By: William A. Dorry IV Anchor Editor

The financial independence that credit cards offer students can be very seductive. Credit card companies realize this and began mar-keting credit cards to college students in the late eighties. Credit card companies have been lured to colleges because college students are a youth market with a high disposable income. That disposable in-come, however, may be proving no match for the spending habits of stu-

Sixty percent of college students now possess credit cards. The average credit card debt of the college undergraduates is about \$2,200. This coupled with student loans, and/or car loans can be crip-pling for the average college student. Surveys done by the Ameri-can Savings Education Council(ASEC) have shown that 28 Council (ASEC) have shown that 28 percent of students roll over their credit card debt. This eventually causes students to make only the minimum payments. Paying in this method leads to students paying 10 percent to 20 percent more than the percent to 20 percent more than the

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by Cora Chaos Anchor Editor

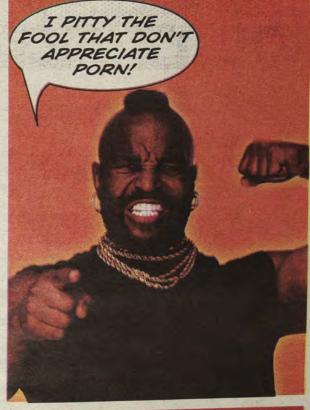
It seems, cats and kittens, that some of our fair community was offended by the word "Porn" in the title of a cover article of last week's paper. The article, dear delicate reader, was an FTC press release about Internet porn sites that ask you to download a dialer to access their "free" pics of naked folks, doing what naked folks sometimes do.

In chit chatting about this scam, I found I had a friend of a friend who had been taken by just such a scam. Their ten-year-old son had downloaded just such a dialer, incurring the parents with \$8000 worth of long distance phone charges in only fifteen days. Eight grand for a kid to look at boobs. You may say, "Shame on the parents." Rightly so. There are ways to filter pornography from the prying eyes of our most delicate and impressionable young people.

But this is college. We are grown ups. We are of the age of consent. Pornography, whether you like it or not, is here to stay. It is part of our reality. Do you, gen-tle reader, really think all those fresh new dorm students with their shiny new computers are only doing research and papers on the net? If you do, you are living in an un-reality that I do not care to visit. If you do then you are a victim of the puritanical, back-wards thinking mindset of the same ilk that drove the first set-

tlers out of England. Pornography, though sometimes base and degrading, is a part of our culture. Pornography can also be thought provoking, sen-

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Class of 2001 Athletic Hall of Fame

By: Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College will induct eight former student-athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on

into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 13 in conjunction with Homecoming. Paul Donovan '5 1, '67 played basketball and soccer while an un-dergraduate at Rhode Island Col-lege from 1946-51. He played pro-fessional baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals organization ('46-'5 1, '54) and in the Baltimore Orioles organization ('55). Donovan spent organization ('5 5). Donovan spent two years in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-53.

Donovan recently retired after 44 years as an interscholastic base-

ball coach, spending the past 18 seasons at Moses Brown School. The Quakers posted a 16-0 record and won the SENE League under his guidance in 1984. He also coached for 28 years at Hope High School in Providence. He is a 1999 inductee to the Hope High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He received the Rhode Island Baseball Coaches' Carl Toti Memorial Award in 1989 and the Rhode Is-land Baseball Umpires' Ed Jansen Award in 1996. He was also an as-cietant cache for football indoor sistant coach for football, indoor track, and basketball.

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campus tidbits

Sunday Mass Campus

Sunday evenings at 10pm in SU 306. Fr. Pescatello, celebrant. For more information call the Chaplains Office at x8168.

Christian Student Organization

Meetings are Wednesfrom 12:30days 1:45pm in SU 300. For more info call the Chaplains Office at x8168.

Poet To Read From His ESL Work

Award winning poet Jay Wright will read from his work Tuesday Sept. 18th at 8pm in classroom C of the Forman Center. It is free and open to the public, and for more information call Cathleen Calbert at x8678.

Opportunities For Students

RI Campus Contact and the RI Service Alliance have received and award of \$800 for an educational grant for students providing community service. Stu-dents will be expected to devote 300 hours of service over the course of the academic year. For more information or any questions call Maggie Grove at RI Campus

On Contact at 598-1319.

PPST Workshops

The academic development center will sponsor informal workshops to prepare students for the Praxis I beginning on Wednesday, September 12 and thought the semester from 12:30-1:30 pm. Any questions call or for an individual tutorial appointment call Jayne Nightingale at x8071.

Conversation

group On Tuesday, Sept 18th the English as a second language table discussion will start. The meeting is open to all and is weekly from 5-6PM in CL 154. Any questions call Jayne Nightingale at x8071.

Canoe Trip

Saturday, September 29th, join us for a picturesque and relaxing paddle down the Scenic Wood River, a remote and beautiful river abundant with natural wildlife and beauty. Beginners are welcome. Bus leaves the Student Union at 9 a.m., and returns at 5 p.m. For more information call the Rec. Center Aquatics office at x 8227.

Student Activities Day Wednesday, September 12, 2001 has been set for our annual Campus Activities Day, from 12:30 - 2pm, on the Ouad (rain location will be the Student Union Ballroom). More than 50 student organizations and departments will be setting up tables to showcase their 2001-2001 offerings and recruit students for involvement. For more info, contact the Campus Center at 456-8034.

New Email Accounts

Beginning this fall, RI College students will be issued college E-mail accounts. Their email address will be their first initial followed by an underscore, last name and postoffice.ric.edu. For instance, John Smith will he J_Smith@postoffice.ric .edu. If there are two people with the same name, variations will be assigned using middle initial or numbers. For information. more check out the Network and User Services web page at the URL listed below! In addition RIC's new online student resource is now up and running and available to RIC students, and will be available to faculty and staff after

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October 1st.

Student

Teaching Spring 2002 Meetings Wednesday, September 12, in Horace Mann 193 at 12:30p.m. Elementary education, early childhood education, elementary or early childhood education and special education, health education and physical education. Wednesday, September 19, in Horace Mann 193, at 12:30 p.m. Art Education, secondary education, technology education and secondary education and special education. All who wish to apply for SPRING 2002 Student Teaching MUST attend the appropriate meeting.

Whale Watching Trip

On Sunday, September 23 join us as we depart from Provincetown Harbor on Cape Cod and cruise Stillwater Banks, the center of the whale feeding grounds. Watch some of the majestic creatures of the deep up close as they swim by your boat. Leaves Student Union at 8 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 per student and the price includes lunch and transportation. For more information call

the Rec Center Aquatics office at x 8227.

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Victims of Crime Helpline seeking volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes. Volunteers must be 18 years old and complete a 30-hour training program. The next training session begins September 29th. To sign up, or for more information. contact Erin Osborne at the Sexual Assault and trauma Resource Center, 421-4100.

Instructional Swimming Programs

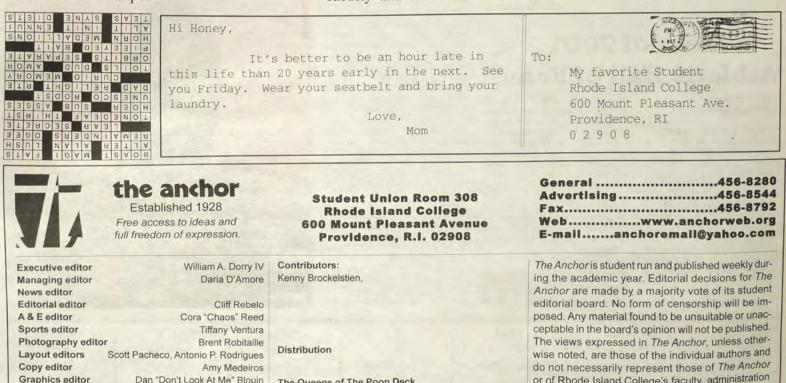
The Recreation Center is offering several different swim classes for all different levels and abilities. All classes are free for students.

Swimming for the Terrified: Tuesday, September 18 from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Adult Beginner: Thursday, September 20 from 1 – 1:45 p.m.

Adult Intermediate/Advanced: Wednesday, September 19 from 7 -7:45 p.m.

For more information on these programs, please contact the Recreation Center at 456-8400.



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What every RIC student needs to know

By: Daria D'Amore Anchor Editor

With the beginning of the new school year, and so many freshmen and transfer students starting at a new college, I thought I would share my RIC ex-perience with all of you. I know what you're all thinking, go to class, do some homework, go out drinking, what's there to learn. Well, first things first. In case you find yourself so

In case you find yourself so bored in class that you want to stab yourself in the leg with a pen, and you actually do. Go to Heath Services, located in the lower level of Brown Hall (next to Campus Police). Make sure to call ahead and warn them that you're coming 456-8055. Following that, in case you

find that you're too scared to walk back from the Recreation Center, at midnight, ALONE, you can call Campus Police and request an escort at 456-8201. But re-member folks, they do respond to member folks, they do respond to

calls other than "my cat's stuck in a tree," so please make it impor-tant if you do call.

For those days that you fi-nally take yourself serious enough to start thinking about the rest of your life, and find that you need counseling. Call your friendly pier counselor at OASIS, the Office of Academic Support the Office of Academic Support and Information Services at 456-8083.

If you would like the phone number to start badger the nice ladies at Financial Aid, here it is: 456-8033. But don't tell them I sent you, I'm still awaiting my award letter!

For the wintertime, when you're really praying that school will be cancelled because a halfinch of snow on the ground, call 456-9500. There will be a recording telling you that "all classes and activities are being held as scheduled." Sorry sucker. The Student Union Info Desk

is always helpful, phone number 456-8148, or just stop by on the

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1st level of the SU. This where tickets for most activities are sold, or like the name insinuates, Also, they have an internet termi-nal setup here. So if you're on your way to class, and want to know if Johnny has emailed you asking you out yet, here's a great

asking you out yet, here's a great place to make the five minute-sat-isfy your curiosity pit stop. I think that should do it for Guru Daria's advice on RIC. Oh, and the thing I always tell incom-ing freshmen GET INVOLVED! We at the Anchor are always

We at the Anchor are always looking for fun and interesting new people to work with. Writ-ers, graphics, photos, whatever your bag is, we got it covered. Even if you don't want to work for the paper though, get involved with some kind of campus organization. You'll meet lots of peo-ple, get to learn new things every-day, it helps build your resume and make contacts, and I could go on forever. Plus it's better than sitting in your car between classes.

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cost of their purchases. According to a leading trade publication the student making the minimum credit card payments, adding in rent, food, utilities, and transportation needs to earn \$2,100 a month, or \$38,000 a year before taxes. This is unfortunate because the average starting salaru for a col

taxes. This is unfortunate because the average starting salary for a col-lege graduate is \$24,000. However appalling these facts may be colleges continue to sell their students to the highest bidder. This college like many others is paid by credit card companies in order to push credit cards to the students on campus. After paine the college push creat caras to the students on campus. After paying the college companies set up booths in high traf-fic areas and entice students with gifts and other incentives to sign up. This form of marketing is so suc-cessful that many students sign up for as many as faurts sign cargo. for as many as four to six cards. Stu-dents with more than one or two cards are often the ones who get into the most trouble with debt.

The ASEC offers the following Read the fine print. Just be-cause a credit card company offers

you a free toaster for signing up

doesn't mean it's a good deal. Many unbelievably low introductory inter-est rates turn into unbelievably high rates after their expiration date. Also look out for annual fees. Keep up with your bills. Skip-ting naving late burt

Keep up with your bills. Skip-ping payments and paying late hurt your credit rating and your ability to get more credit in the future. Don't spend what you don't have. Make sure you have enough money to pay off your credit card at the end of every month. Exceed the minimum pay-ment. Making only the minimum monthly payment on your bill prob-ably means you're just covering your monthly finance charges and not actually paying down any debt.

your monthly finance charges and not actually paying down any debt. Communicate with your card company. If you get behind on your payments, talk to your crédit card company and see if they can help youre-organize your payments. Sign up for just one card. Having a wallet full of credit cards may look impressive, but it's not necessary and can get you in real

necessary and can get you in real trouble

Shop for a good APR. Cards for first-time holders usually charge an annual percentage rate (APR) of 18 percent to 20 percent, but you can lower that significantly if you estab-lish a good credit history. Look for the best rates available.

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No substitute for experience:

Veteran squad seeks powerhouse status in women's volleyball

By: Leslie Crofton Anchor Contributor

The RIC women's vol-leyball team is expected to have one of its best seasons yet due to the fact that head



coach Kristen Norberg's squad is a veteran one. "We didn't really lose much except for Jess [Arrighi, of Rumford], which means that we have a lot of experienced players. That in itself will play a good role in this year's suc-cess," says Norberg.

The core is composed of senior tri-captains Kim Lebrun (Woonsocket), Brandee Trainer (North Kingstown) and Erica Waltonen (West Greenwich). The captains have been teammates since they stepped on campus three years ago. They believe that the experiences that they have had playing to-

gether will help them to lead this year's team. "The three of us have played together all through col-lege," says Lebrun. "When we were freshmen, we had to step it up and fill in gether all through some holes, so I'm really excited to have it all come together this season," adds Trainer. Lebrun, a setter, is RIC's all-time leader in assists. Trainer, a middle hitter, is RIC's all-time leader in career kills and Waltonen, also a middle hitter, set a new RIC record for digs in a season last fall.

Other key returnees in-de outside hitters clude Stephanie Callaghan (Warwick), and Victoria Bi-lalyan (Cranston). Coach Norberg cited rookies Tracy Lopes (Warren) and Kristen Bibeault (Woonsocket) as impact players who should see a lot of playing time.

Assistant coach Jennifer Hastings describes this year's squad as "stronger than last year's, most definitely. There is so much more confidence on the team this year." Because of this, the coaching staff feels that the Anchor women have the potential to place much higher in the Little East Conference (LEC) than their current

pre-season ranking of sixth. They have their sights set on finishing the season among the top three teams in the conference. This will be no easy task given the strength of



league powerhouses like Western Connecticut, Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut and Plymouth State, but Waltonen believes that this is the year to do it. "This is the most experienced, confident, talented team we've had in four years," says Waltonen.

Last fall the Anchor-women were 13-11 overall and 3-4 in league play to take fifth place in the LEC, making it their first winning season since 1991. Their first chance to see how they fare in confer-ence play this season will be when they host the Little East Round Robin on September 14 and 15.

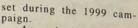
all-time lead in career points By: Scott Gibbons

Sports Information Director Rhode Island College senior co-captain Cynthia Murray

Murray (Brooklyn, (Drookryn, CT) became the women's tennis proprogram's all-time leader in career points in the Anchorwomen's 5-4 win at Salve Regina University on Tuesday after-**Cynthia Murray**

Murray, who competes at both numwho competes at both num-ber one singles and doubles, won in doubles to bring her career point total to 55.0. She began the season tied with Trisha Haworth, '00. with 54.5 points. Murray is RIC's all-time leader with 36 career doubles wins and needs five singles victories to take over first place in that category as well. After one match in '01, she is 0-1 (.000) at number one singles and 1-0 (1.000) at number one doubles for 0.5 points on the season.

one doubles for 0.5 points on the season. She is 37-14 (.725) in singles and 36-12 (.750) in doubles in her three-plus seasons at RIC. Murray holds the RIC records for the most points (23.5) and sin-gles wins (17) in a season,



As a junior in 2000, Murray posted a record of 10-7 (.588) at number one

singles and was 10-5 was (.667) number one doubles for 15.0 points. She fourth on the team in sin-gles wins and points and she was tied for third on the club with ten doubles

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victories. As a sophomore in 1999, As a sophomore in 1999, she was the Little East Con-ference Champion at both number two singles and number one doubles. She posted a record of 17-1 (.944) at number two singles and was 13-4 (.765) at num-ber one doubles. Murray compiled a team-high 23.5 points on the year. She led the team in singles victories, singles winning percentage and points. Murray was tied for the team lead in doubles victories.

As a freshman in 1998, Murray was 10-5 (.667) at number two singles and 12-3 (.800) at number three doubles for 16.0 points. She was a Little East Conference Champion at number three doubles



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hall of fame

As an educator, Donovan taught at Hope High School from 1957-83, serving as the Head of the English Department from 1972-83. He moved on to Moses Brown in 1983 where he taught English until his retirement in 1996. He was named the Rhode Island Teacher of the Year in 1973. Donovan earned his bachelor's degree in education from RIC in 1951 and his master's in secondary education in 1967.

in secondary education in 1967. He hails from the Fox Point District of Providence and is a 1946 graduate of La Salle Academy. He resides in Cumberland, Rhode Island with his wife Eileen. The couple has one child, Mary (39).

Mark Fullam '60 played three sports for the Anchormen from 1957-60. He played four seasons of basketball, three in soccer and one in baseball. Fullam co-captained the soccer and basketball squads and received the John E. Hetherman Award, signifying him as RIC's top male senior athlete in 1960.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree degree in education in May of 1960, the Woonsocket native embarked on an impressive career in education, spanning 36 years. He spent 22 years ('60-'66, '80-'96) as a teacher and coach in the Broward Country School System in Holly-wood, Florida. In 1963-64, Fullam traveled to Iran as a Fulbright Scholar and lectured at the Univer-sity of Meshed. He returned to Iran in 1967 and worked at the Tehran American School as a teacher, coach, then as the Director of Ath-letics and Student Activities. During this time period, Fullam served as President of the Middle Eastern Schools Athletic Association. This organization held competitions in athletics and extracurricular activities in countries throughout the Middle East. Fullam remained in Iran until evacuated in February of 1979 following that country's revolution. During that year, he served as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Bill Keough, who was held as one of the 52 hostages by the Iranians for 444 days. In 1980, Fullam resumed his teaching and coaching duties back in Florida. He primarily coached baseball, swimming and basketball, and also served as an official for baseball, football and basketball. He retired in 1996.

He hails from Woonsocket, Rhode Island and is a 1951 graduate of Woonsocket High School. He currently spends the summers in Warwick and returns to Destin, Florida during the winter. Fullam has five children, Tim (44), Mary Jane (35), Sue (34), Karen (29) and Sharen (20)

Sharon (29), South (29), Rate (29) and Sharon (29). Scott Martin '89 is one of the finest wrestlers ever to compete for Rhode Island College. His accomplishments on the mat speak for themselves. He was a member of two New England College Conference Wrestling Association (NEC-CWA) Championship teams at RIC in 1987-88 and 1988-89. He was the NECCWA Champion at 118 lbs. in each of his four years at RIC, winning titles in 1986, '87, '88 and '89. Rarely, if ever, did a freshman win a title, and there is a short list of New England Champions who have won four consecutive crowns during their careers.

He was a two-time All-American, placing third in the country in 1989 and fourth in 1988. His third place finish in '89 was the highest status a RIC wrestler had ever attained up to that point and helped the Anchormen place in the top 20 in the country as a team. Martin currently ranks tenth all-time in career victories and pins at RIC. His success was a key factor in strengthening RIC's recruiting which led to three more NECCWA Championships for the Anchormen in 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92. Martin earned his bachalor's

Martin earned his bachelor's degree in computer information services from RIC in 1989. A native of Cranston, Rhode Island, he is a 1985 graduate of Cranston High School East. He is a successful businessman who currently runs his own computer business based in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. He resides in North Smithfield with his fiancée Karen.

Robin Gobeille Orticerio '93 was an outstanding two-sport athlete while an undergraduate at Rhode Island College. She played four seasons of women's basketball from 1989-93 and competed in outdoor track and field for two seasons in 1991 and 1992.

In women's basketball, she is third all-time with 1,402 career points at RIC. Orticerio is one of only nine players in RIC women's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point milestone. She also ranks in the top ten in several season and individual game statistical categories. She was named First Team All-Little East Conference as a senior in 1992-93 and was Second Team All-Little East as a sophomore in 1990-9 1. She cocaptained the team as a junior and senior. As a track and field athlete, Orticerio competed in the javelin event. As a junior in 1992, she was All-ECAC, placing fourth, and All-New England with a fifth place finish. As a sophomore in 1991, she was All-ECAC with a second place finish.

Orticerio was a student athletic trainer at RIC from 1989-93 and a member of the RIC Student Athletic Trainers Club during that same time span. She graduated in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. She is currently a Certified Athletic Trainer and has been the varsity girls' basketball coach at the Lincoln School since 1998. Orticerio hails from Smithfield, Rhode Island and is a 1988 graduate of La Salle Academy.

She resides in Smithfield, Rhode Island with her husband Michael and their daughters Emily (2) and Anna (four months).

Elizabeth Penkala '79 was an outstanding softball player during her career at Rhode Island College. She starred as a third baseman/pitcher from 1976-79. As a junior in 1978, she was named to the All-RIAIAW Tournament Tewn and posted a .326 batting average for the season. As a senior in 1979, she was an alternate selection to the All-RLAJAW Tournament Team and was named the Most Valuable Player of the RIC softball team. That season, she led the team with a .451 batting average and a 3.23 earned run average.

She continued to play and coach softball for many years after her career at RIC was over, winning many championships and several MVP awards in numerous leagues. After graduation, Penkala taught math in the Warwick School Department from 1979-82. She was an Assistant Softball Coach at RIC in 1980 and 1981. She moved on to the Bristol/Warren School Department where she has taught math since 1982. She was the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's FastPitch Softball Director from 1985-89. She was the Head Softball Coach at Warren High School from 1984-93 and is currently entering her ninth season as the Head Girls' Tennis Coach at Mt. Hope High School. She is a 1999 inductee to the town of Warren's Athletic Hall of Fame.

She is a 1975 graduate of Warren High School where she excelled in tennis, track & field, and basketball. Penkala resides in Warren, Rhode Island.

Cathy Dusza Stengel '89, '97 was an outstanding gymnast for the Anchorwomen from 1984-88. Over the course of her career, she held the RIC records for the top scores on vault, beam, bars, and floor and in the all-around.

As a senior in 1987-88, Stengel placed third on beam and fourth on bars at the New England Championships before an injury prematurely ended her season. As a junior in 1986-87 she was named a National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) All-American, placing seventh in the all-around. She placed first in New England on floor and second in the all-around.

She was the New England Champion in the all-around in 1984-85, placing first on vault, bars, and floor. Stengel placed first on vault, second on floor and third in the all-around at the Division III ECAC Championships. Stengel received a bachelor's

Stengel received a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Rhode Island College in 1989 and earned an additional bachelor's degree in nursing in 1997. Stengel is currently a registered nurse and has worked in the medical/oncology department at Rhode Island Hospital since 1997. She hails from Cumberland, Rhode Island and is a 1984 graduate of Cumberland High School.

She resides in Cumberland with her husband Michael and daughters Emily (3) and Julia (ten months).

James Whitaker '58 was an outstanding soccer player during his career at Rhode Island College, playing for three seasons from 1955-57. He co-captained the team and received the John E. Hetherman Award in 1958. Whitaker earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1958. Prior to coming to RIC, Whitaker played professional baseball in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization for two seasons in 1948 and 1949 before an elbow injury ended his career. Whitaker distinguished him-

Whitaker distinguished himself as a teacher and coach at East Providence High School. He was the Head Wrestling Coach at East Providence High from 1947-73, beginning his career as the youngest head coach in Rhode Island high school history. Whitaker coached 75 Rhode Island and New England Champions, three of which were selected as "Outstanding Wrestler" in New England. He was inducted into the Rhode Island Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1975 and into EPHS's Hall of Fame in 2000. After his wrestling coaching career, Whitaker was a wrestling official for ten years. In addition, he was the Assistant Baseball Coach at EPHS for nine years

and the Head Coach for ten years. Whitaker was the Head Football Coach at Central Junior High School for 19 seasons. He served as the President of the R.I. High School Baseball Coaches' Association for two years.

He retired in 1990 after a 32year career at East Providence High School, primarily as an English and social studies teacher. He resides in Seekonk, Massachusetts with his wife Anita. They have five children, Mary Katherine (44), Liane (40), Peter (36), Susan (34) and Nancy (32) as well as nine grandchildren.

John Wilkins '83 is one of the finest baseball players in Rhode Island College's history. Despite not playing for the Anchormen for over 18 years now, he still holds RIC records for the most career victories, strikeouts, shutouts, complete games, appearances and innings pitched. Wilkins also holds single season records for the most victories, strikeouts, shutouts and games started.

started. He was named the team's captain, Most Valuable Player and was First Team All-New England as a senior in 1983. Following his career at RIC, Wilkins played professionally in the Detroit Tigers organization. He has been an umpire for the past ten years, primarily working high school games, as well as summer college leagues. Wilkins is a member of the Eastern Connecticut Umpires Association.

Is a member of the Eastern Connecticut Umpires Association. He hails from Warwick, Rhode Island and is a 1979 graduate of Veterans High School. During his days as a Hurricane, he played four years of hockey and baseball. He was an All-Division selection as a pitcher in 1979 during his senior year.

Wilkins earned a bachelor's Wilkins earned a bachelor's degree in social work in 1983. He currently works for the Connecticut Department of Corrections as a counselor. Wilkins primarily works at the Corrigan Correctional Institution in Montville. He resides in Pawcatuck, Connecticut with his wife Lynn and children, Brendan (9) and Megan (5).

Paweattee, Connecticut with this wife Lynn and children, Brendan (9) and Megan (5). The Rhode Island College Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2001 will be officially inducted at the Athletic Recognition and Hall of Fame Dinner, held in conjunction with Homecoming, on Saturday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$40 each. The deadline for ordering tickets is September 24. Please contact the Rhode Island College Office of Development at 401-456-8105 to purchase tickets or for additional information.

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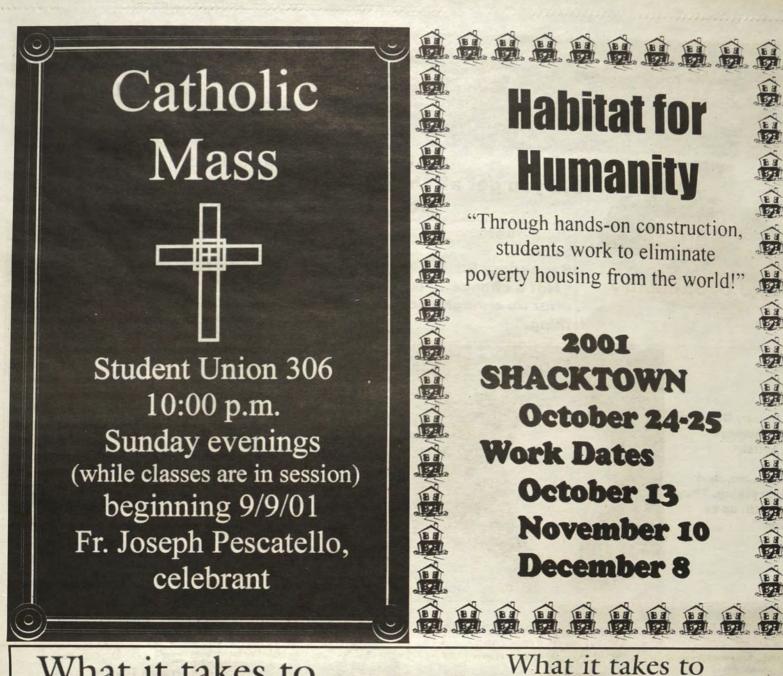
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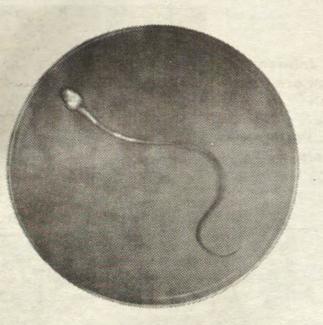
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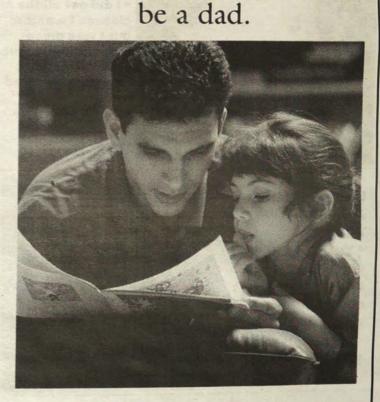
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this week's question: Did you get all the classes you wanted this semester? How do you feel about it?

Julia Santos Senior Secondary Ed " Not a chance...I don't think they offer up enough sections of anything."

Lindsey Gemme Sophomore English

" Uh...no...not everything. They just fill up to fast."



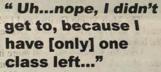
Ana-Maria Santos Freshman Education

" I did get all the classes I wanted, but I was disappointed to find out that one of them was canceled and it puts a dent in my schedule...So, that was a problem."





Roman Duffy Senior Elementary Education



Denny Keohane Junior Theater " Yes I did...I feel very happy, because last year I

didn't get [into] many of my classes, so it's a good thing."

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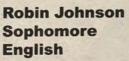
y Calvin Sophomore Philosophy

> "I didn't get any. You know, some days even my lucky rocketship underpants don't help."



Ruth Wartenberg Junior Psychology

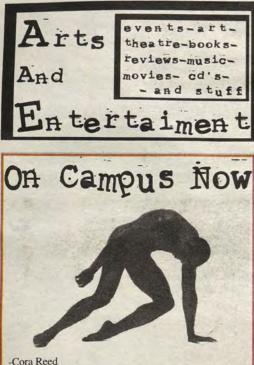
"No...it was my stupid mistake. I just came from a class, I thought had I signed up for something on Middle Eastern women and I get there and it's Native American studies... I still think it's cool though."



"Yes...I'm pretty enthusiastic."







Anchor Editor

The Nazarian Center for the performing arts is The Nazarian Center for the performing arts is gearing up for a world class season. The Performing Arts series begins it's fall season with a performance by Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zance Dance company on Sep-tember 25th. Their work has been called a "fusion of theatre and dance." Jones is a visionary talent who uses movement to express the joys and pains of life. Later in the season look for performances by the Royal Shakespeare Company's "Shakespeare Re-view", The Bayanihan/Philipine National Dance Company, and the Muddy Water's Tribute Band. There looks to be something for every taste this season, from music to dance and theatre. RIC looks to put itself on

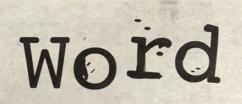
music to dance and theatre, RIC looks to put itself on the performing arts map.

Two one act plays, the dark comedy "Dentity Cri-sis" and "The Disruptive, Discursive, Delusions of Donald" will be on the RIC Growing Stage Septem-

ber 27-29. "Five Women and One Dress", written by Alan Ball, who also wrote "American Beauty" will be in the RIC theatre in October.

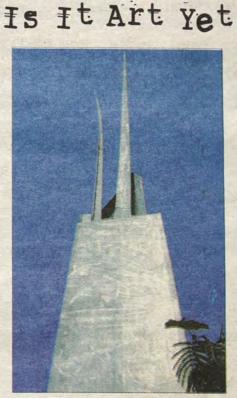
The Muir String Quartet and I Musici De Mon-treal as well the RIC Chamber Orchestra are also in

the lineup. Look for these events and more in upcoming is-sues of the Anchor. For general information call 401-456-8194 or the box office at 401-8144.



Poet Jay Write to Read at RIC By: Cora Reed Anchor Editor

Award winning poet Jay Wright will read from his work Tuesday Sept 18th at 8pm in classroom C of the Forman Center. In 1996 the Chancellors of the Academy of American Poets awarded Wright the Academy's 62nd Fellow-ship for distinguished poetic achievement. "Over the past quarter-century," reads J.D. Mc-Clatchy's citation, "Jay Wright's books have appeared like summer lightning: sudden, unex-pected, brilliant in the surrounding dark." This is an opportunity to see a great contemporary is an opportunity to see a great contemporary poet right here at RIC. It is free and open to the public, and for more information call Cathleen Calbert at x8678.



Title: Unknown Artist: Unknown Installation Date: Unknown

You walk by them every day. Monoliths, giant rusted structures, and those strange eggs. They are RIC's contribu-tion to the world of public art. I would like to say I could find any information on our public art that peppers The Rhode Island College Campus, but to date I haven't been able to locate anyone who knows the titles and artists of any of the pieces.

See more public art on page 9!



Auditions:

Iding auditions for children fo A Christmas Carol Audition nt only and will be held on Sat

New Music **Bitch and Animal**



By: Daria D'Amore Anchor Editor

> I have been lucky enough to preview: their newest relea

their Righteous Babe debut,

their newest release, their Righteous Babe debut, their "latest salute to the politics of pussy," *Bitch and Animal's* "Eternally Hard". Their second album, *Eternally Hard* is slated to hit the masses on Sep-tember 11th, and if you really dig the likes of Ani Diffranco, then you'll love this NYC based duo. Getting down and dirty, their lyrics explode with base words and vulgarity. "They can't stay away from the best cock on the block today... It's eternally hard My dick's so big I don't even have to pack it," and that's within the first 3 minutes of the album. Their music follows in Ani's footsteps, actually, it left me craving, making me want to take out my "Little Plastic Castle" album and try to play along. It's a mix-ture of slow, sad folk songs that tug at all of your heart strings, high energy tribal-political funk, and powerful and driving bass lines, all put into a blender and set on high. To explain it in their words, it's "tribal chick hoe-down funk poetry with a political wedge and bass line edge," whatever that's supposed to mean. The cover art is unmemorable at best. It's a photo of the gals, doing their music thing, with hand-drawn text. Also, inside there are notices of random found ch

of the gals, doing their music thing, with hand-drawn text. Also, inside there are photos of random found ob-jects, and a self-portrait of the duo. Yet another musical group that likes to think that they can draw. Lyrics are included in the booklet, incase you feel so inclined as to sing along. I usually look down upon the lyric inclusion, though. Songs are so much more fun when you can make up your own words.

up your own words. So if you're in a mood to hear man-hating chick folk, but can't seem to find you're Ani Difranco cd's; run, don't walk, to your nearest alternative music store and pick this up. It's a great way to diversify your col-lection of Righteous Babe music that all sounds the same anyway. I think I'm going to attempt to sign a deal with Righteous Babe Records. Here's my song: i have a dictionary i am imaginary

i am imaginary i don't eat dairy where's mah strap-on?

Hellspawn: Lords of Eternity



By: Lord Drake

In the realm of extreme music, there are many things that are found regularly, and in many cases, in-dicative of bad music. The debut album "Lords of Eterdecauve of bad music. The debut abuin "Lotas of Eter-nity" by the band Hellspawn has that look to it. The cover of the album is adorned with a goat-headed in-versed pentagram (circa Anton Lavey's Satanic Bible), and the liner notes boast pictures of three men, dressed in black with spiked armbands, standing in graveyards

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	WED Sept. 12	THU Sept. 13		SAT Sept. 15		SAT Sept. 17	SUN Sept. 18
Things To	Stay in and study Order Pizza	Got humor? Go make an ass of yourself at the open-mic comedy night at: Stage, 235 Promenade Street (621-4141)	See some uber-cool short films at the Ca- ble Car Cinema (204 S. Main). Part of Con- vergence Film/Video/Anima-	Check out The Con- vergence Sidewalk Painting Festival. Free. More info at www.caparts.org	event Featuring tours of a colonial property, music, and Refresh- ments. Gilbert Stuart	Poetry: RIC's Poetry 7:30 pm Coffee Ground Lounge Free	Classroom C of the Forman Center For info call: Cath-
Do	and the second		tion Festival. Admission is \$7	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	Birthplace, 815 Gilbert Stewart Road, N. Kingstown. 294-3001		leen Calbert at x8678



Hey - got a problem?

Bring it here. This advice column specializes in answering the nagging questions about us, you, your friends, your grandmother, and the rest of the universe that you might have festering in the underside of your noggin. So, rack them brains & come up with a question that you want to see us answer. Answer boxes will be found in the Campus Bookstore, Donovan Dining Center, and the Anchor Office. More boxes might be on the way! So, please drop those questions off, or else we'll have to make them up and say we didn't. Oh yeah- if you want, put your name on the question, and we'll give you credit. If you don't want, we'll make up a fake name for you. Or if we're bored, we might do so anyway. Whatev.

Dear Jessica & Dan- How do you live with yourselves? Your question has just added one more bottle of Scotch to my closet and one more slash to my wrist.

Hey Guys- What does S&M stand for?

Well, I used to think it stood for something dirty, but later found out that it was quite the opposite. You see, S & M stands for Scrubbing & Mopping. So, when practicing S & M, don't forget your rubbers... gloves, that is.

Dear guys- Why do zebras have spots?

Hello.. this is the 90's. They can have whatever they want.

Hey you suckas- Who ever told you-guys you should give people advice?

That's not what you said last night. *Wink*

Hey Jessica- Ok... Here's the deal.. I pick my nose... a lot. I was wondering if it would be ok If I started eating it too... I mean, why not go all the way with this thing... right? Only if you share with me.

Um... What is glass made of?

What do you think this is.. Beakman's World? Why don't you find out what fire is made of.. first by dousing yourself in gasoline.. and then by GOING TO HELL!!

So Dan, I hear you are an expert on janitors (Custodial technicians). My question is: Why am I alive? I hate my life and I need a reason to live... please help me now. I do fancy myself an expert on janitors.. I've spent a long time learning their jar-

I do fancy myself an expert on janitors.. I've spent a long time learning their jargon and behavioral patterns. The society they live in is a strange, yet refreshing new world that I found remarkably difficult to extract myself from. I mean, who wouldn't love their tawdry tales of behind-the-door shenanigans? And never let anyone tell you that janitor-folk aren't the friendliest folk this side of the Mississip. Just when I thought I was done for at my previous place of employment, I was re-assured by the janitor that someone's always got my back. I've never felt more safe since. Who better to clean up the mess I make for myself in everyday life than the person who cleans up the scum from my shoes and borax from my pocket? And as for the "Romance" angle of it all.. I've been told that 4 out of 5 janitors prefer me to the leading Dan.

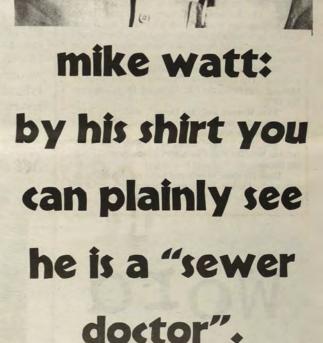
Dear Ask Dan & Jessica- Can I do anything if I put my mind to it?

If you were to actually remove your mind, you'd probably be dead.

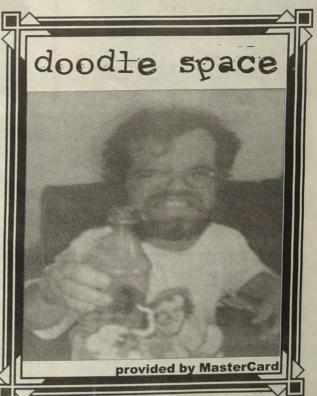
Dear D& J- When will I get mine? When your blood, sweat & tears reek of piss & vinegar.

Dear Buckaroos- Where have all the cowboys gone? Every question you people ask, makes me want to punch you in the face!

(Hey Everyone- don't forget to ask us things!)

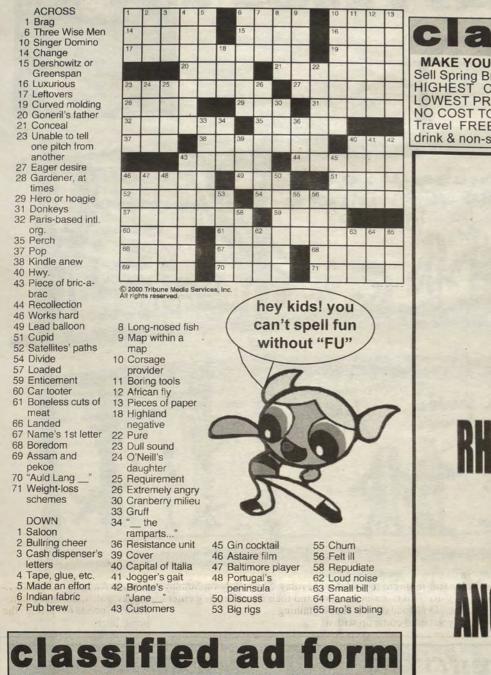


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the anchor Sept 11, 2001

by Linda C. Black College Press Services

Aries (March 21-April 19). Education's your theme again this week. You may be in a ro-



mantic frame G of mind on M o n d a y, though. Sched-

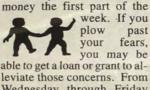
ule your date for then. On Tuesday and Wednesday you'll have too much work, and everything will take longer than expected. The pressure starts to ease around Thursday, and by Friday you'll be past the worst part. With a partner's help, you'll accomplish quite a lot on Fri-day and Saturday. Shop for a month's worth of supplies on Sunday. You'll be in the mood.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're moon is in refulx and this is a good thing, you'll be

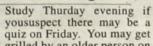


won't skip a beat. Look for love in unlikely palces, you'll be pleasently surprised. Plenty will keep you busy over the weekend since you've had zero time for chores all week long!

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You many be worried about



you may be able to get a loan or grant to alleviate those concerns. From Wednesday through Friday travel should pretty well.



quiz on Friday. You may get grilled by an older person on Saturday, too. Don't make elaborate plans.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22). You should be able to see the big picture on Monday. Work

3 without a partner, and money could come your way. Getting accom-

Tuesday and plished on Wednesday will be very difficult. Be patient. The logjam starts to break up by Wednes-day afternoon. The partner you turned down will make your Firday hard to bear, but press onward, and the goal will be in reach.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish old business on Monday so you can launch a new enter-



you've been planning for a long time, however. Completion's OK this week; innovation's risky. Look for ways to make more money on Thursday and Friday. This weekend could be hectic. Better draw up a plan and stick to it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have the advantage this week. Mercury's going retro-

grade in your sign though, so you'll be most success-V ful polishing old skills and using your experience. Mon-day's good for planning with a partner. Get what you need on Tuesday and Wednesday, including something nice for yourself. Travel looks good on Thursday and Friday. Technical difficulties can be overcome. Look for ways to increase your income over the weekend

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). On Monday, be prepared for a quality control inspection. On

Tuesday and Wednesday, Wednesday, you focus on Λ another person and how to get along. If you need a partner, find one then. On Thursday and Friday, you may feel agitated. Don't be critical; others will be easily upset. On Saturday and Sunday, complications could arise while traveling.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You and your friends do some heavy-duty bonding this week.

You emerge as a natural leader all on Monday Be careful

with your money on Tuesday and Wednesday. Keep it in your pocket. You'll figure out what was really going on by Thursday and Friday. Have friends over this weekend, especially the ones you've been promising for ages.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're gogin to look for ways to make money this week. On Monday and Tuesday you could come up with a

brilliant scheme. From the middle of Wednesday until about friday, study, read and

practice. Your nerves may be on edge over the

weekend, so don;t try anything too wild, unless you want to regret it. There isn't any love for you Saturday, but don't stop looking and you might jst find it on Sunday

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love's your main theme again this week. Form a partnership



smack something. into Around Wednesday you should get help form your partner, and that'll be nice. Your workload should be more fun around Thursday, but don't let yourself fort that there is still work to be done on Friday. You could find money you need over the weekend, and that's pretty neat, too.

and

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). You want to pay attention to something at work this week. On Monday

you'll work

to fix up your



relationship. You and your partner may have to agree to disagree on Tuesday and Wednesday. A compromise isn't possible on Friday. Shop early on Sunday and then do something entertaining.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Home and faily are important for you on Monday and Tues-



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day espe-cially. Make

the way you want them. Around Wednesday you'll feel cuddly. Invite your favorite perdson to see the second perdson to come over then. You're in a party mood on Thursday and Friday. You may not feel like working until this weekend, but that's OK. You'll be able to find something to keep you busy

If You're Having a Birthday This Week

Sept. 3: You're a real go-getter, it's already gotten worse, so wait for the good times ahead.

Sept. 4: You're in the mood to settle down this year, so make sure you get things right. First, decide what you want.

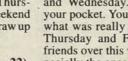
Sept. 5: That bad habbit of yours needs some cutting back. You've noticed that it's taking up your time too often. Sept. 6: Your creativity comes out this year, and you're paid well for your talents. You still have to do the work, however. Sept. 7: If at first you don't succeed, go back to the draw-ing board. Your system needs revision, so spend to bring it up to date.

Sept. 8: Time is short for that project, and your boss won't want to hear that it's going to be late this time. Sept. 9: An early loss leads to

bigger gains, so don't com-plain. Spend to prime the pump later.



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A Psycho, A Knife, and Mascot.com

By: Cliff Rebelo Anchor Editor

This week, I come to you a bit disturbed. As most of you know, there's a new way to access any email sent to you through your ac-count on campus. There's been a



buzz around lately about a certain website called MASCOT.com. If you haven't been there yet, it's a site completely devoted to college life. When you go there, you look through a list of colleges around the country, and pick yours. Once in, you have the option to log on, something every student here at RIC can do. Looking around, I found bulletin boards and loads of information about organizations right here on campus such as the Anchor and the American Market-

ing Association. It's a pretty good way to meet other students and definitely get involved. Unfortu-nately, there's one flaw, some-thing I found very appalling. There's an icon at the top of the web page that reads DIREC-TORY, so I clicked on it. When the page loaded up, I noticed that there was some boxes I could fill in, and one of them was for a name. I wrote my name in and hit name. I wrote my name in and hit search. I waited a minute and sudsearch. I wated a minute and sud-denly, there it was. My picture was up on the web page along with my home phone number. I was blown away — but it got even worse. When I clicked on my pic-ture, I was taken to another screen, one that listed my name birthday one that listed my name, birthday and, get this, my HOME AD-DRESS. I couldn't believe it, and at first, I was enraged. I jumped from my chair and started asking my fellow ANCHOR members what was going on? Well, appar-ently, all of our information is public property, so there is noth-ing LEGALLY wrong with all of our information being up there. Unfortunately, most kids don't

know about this. A letter was sent out over the summer, but being ig-norant, I didn't fully read it and I threw it out, as I'm sure a lot of people did.

I personally think that what is going on here is a potential dan-ger to all of us. What if you have class with someone crazy and they're in love with you. All they have to do is go to this website and type your name in and BOOM, they know where you live. You CAN, however, go in and block this information, but since a lot of people don't know about this new venture yet, not many people are blocked. So hopefully, this article will get a lot of you on MAS-COT.com and looking around. If you're comfortable with your per-sonal information online, then great, go on anyway because it is a pretty interesting site. If you're like me and don't want that infor-mation on there, I suggest you go on and block it from the public. Hopefully, I've helped a lot of people out there so we can avoid any mishaps due to this recent discovery

The philistines are alive and well in Providence

In an article (Providence journal, Wed, Aug. 30, LIFE Sec-tion) about art agent Robert Der-rick's "fledgling" art gallery on 466 Wickenden Street in Provi-406 Wickenden Street in Provi-dence, Channing Grey's interpre-tation of Rossi d'Providence's masterful oil paintings is pub-lished as "...schlocky Italian rip-offs (A colloquial on "schlock", a Jewish word meaning "crappy"). However, contrary to this willful intent to defame, Rossi just hap-pens to be the premiere artist on pens to be the premiere artist on the face of this earth today. (Needless to say, the Italian com-munity in Providence is not too happy with this matter of defam-

The 65 year old disabled artist was born in Providence and we dont of the city 40 years ago moved out of the city 40 years ago for the very reason he, then and now, argues ... that the Providence journal (A Texas owned newspaper) and the Rhode Island School of Design (a preppy design school next to and associated with Brown University) conspire to Brown University) conspire to run out of town any fine-artist of means, to keep the area pure in R.I.S.D. works. (The mural in the R.I. Convention Center [\$450.000] went to an out-of-stater (Carpenter, NYC), a gradu-ate of R.I.S.D. - as was the R.I.S.D. artist in the same article who got favorable raviaws on who got favorable reviews on-work that is unquestionably infe-rior to Rossi's, and student-like). So it is with all the funding to ma-jor works of art in and around the city, which incidentally are all senseless (sans artifice) installations by corporate pseudo-artists. This, while the fine-artists, the tal-ent, of Rhode Island struggle in cheap lofts in potentially dangerous fire-traps in and around the culturally dead city of Providenc

It is this same Channing Grey

It is this same Channing Grey who destroyed the R.I. Belcanto Opera Company with his scathing reviews on budget struggling artists. Channing believes, if it is-n't Equity or R.I.S.D., it isn't wor-thy of a place in the dead city. Providence, Rhode Island and the Providence journal should be kissing the ass of the likes of Rossi d'Providence (his works can be seen at the small gallery on 466 Wickenden Street), a master unlike any other ever born in the U.S. Instead, each tromps on the U.S. Instead, each tromps on the impoverished and disabled painter as if there were the likes of such masters on every street

corner of the dead city. Rossi, who not oddly, lives in nearby Seekonk, Massachusetts

with his cat PICASSO, is undisturbed by the malicious article, but did turn the matter over to his attorney David Cicilline, Esquire, a R.I. attorney who specializes in defaming cases

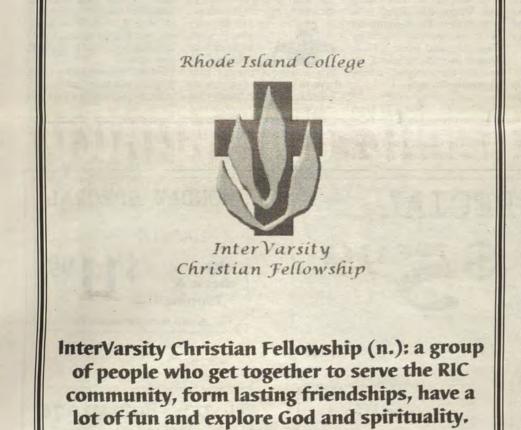
Those visitors to the gallery are shocked at what they see, in that the work of Rossi d'Provi-dence is by far the finest work they hed every they had ever seen in the state, or in the country. One young woman stated she hadn't seen "... any-thing like this [Rossi's work] out-

thing like this [Rossi's work] out-side a museum in many years". Is the 'R.I.S.D.-Journal con-spiracy' chasing artists out of the state to keep the advantage favor-able for their own people? "Yes", Rossi claims, "I have been fight-ing this very matter nearly all of my life. The corporate world (R.I.S.D. included), like a cancer on society, has taken over the small state (even now, the civic center has been named the dunkin donuts center, rather than being named after one of Rhode Island's favorable sons or daughters)."

named after one of Rhode Island's favorable sons or daughters)." There is not one iota of fund-ing to qualified individual talent in the state of Rhode Island. All funding and awards goes to fa-vorites, and bypasses the real tal-ent that would enhance the state. Look at the sculpture all over the city - it is either out-right corpocity - it is either out-right corpo-rate (Mr. Potato Head sculptures representing Hasbro, a second-rate national toy company) or crap rate national toy company) or crap made by art wannabees connected to R.I.S.D. or Brown - neither of which pay a red cent in taxes to the -state, and whose students leave the state once they acquire a schooling at the expense of Rhode Islanders, leaving the state and the City of Providence in dire and the City of Providence in dire straits.

America is in a crucial situa America is in a crucial situa-tion in its history and needs all the natural resources it has, to con-tinue, and for Mr. Grey to bash one of America's finest national resources (Rossi d'Providence) is a blow to The City of Providence and to the country as a whole. It is advised that the work in ques-tion he viewed by all to see the tion be viewed by all, to see the deliberate besmearchment upon a great American artist and to see first hand why this critic and their out-of-state run newspaper should pay a supreme price in the courts for their bias opinions and nepotistic attitudes.

Students of Rossi d'Providence 466 Wickenden Street Providence, R.I. USA 1 402 270-5051 Aug-30,2001



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sual, and enjoyable. Disagree with me if you like, then turn the channel on your TV set some night and watch just one episode of "Survivor", "Ally McBeal", or "Sex in the City", or page through that Victoria Secret's catalogue you get every couple of weeks and en-joy your titillation without ever having to see real pornog-raphy. Your imagination will do the job quite nicely. This is a student-run news organization. Admittedly, some of what you see here is

fluff. Some of what you see is burgeoning young writers finding their voice. But much of what you will read is real information, for a real college experience. If you are getting worked up about seeing the word "Porn" in print maybe you should wake up and smell the coffee. Porn is every-where. It's not going away. If I really wanted to of-fend you, my delicate friend, I could think of better words to use. But that's another story. fluff. Some of what you see is

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in broad daylight attempting to look evil and frightening. As if this was not bad enough, the members of the band hold names such "Nekroslayer" as and "Masochist". If I did not have to review this bloody album, I probably wouldn't have given it a shot, but now I am glad I did.

For those of you who are "Black Metal", it could be best described as an extreme form of heavy metal music, blending thrash metal, death metal, and neo-classical el-ements to provide a wall of noise that is brutal, yet surprisingly melodic at times. To those of you who still cannot comprehend such a hodgepodge of musical styles, imagine playing only the darkest forms of classi-cal music, (think Bach and Grieg when most depressing), and then exchanging violins and cellos for elecing). tric guitars and heavy drums. After this is done, speed the pieces up to about 90 miles per hour, and then put someone in front of a microphone screaming in a manner that can only remind you of someone having a brain aneurysm whilst choking on their own vomit. Some people would find such an artistic expression repulsive at best, but metal heads such as myself see it as one would view a fine, aged wine: The taste is acquired, but ultimately satis-

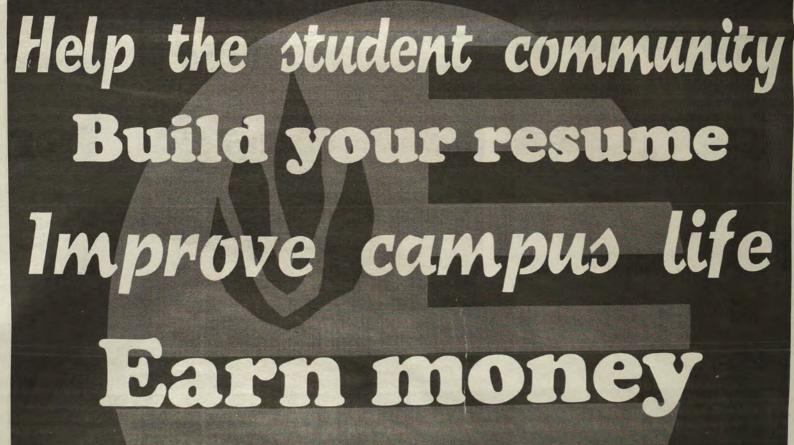
quired, but ultimately satis-fying. Amusingly enough, this band does not hail from the frozen planes and dark forests of Northern Europe like most black metal acts, but come from, of all places, Australia, home of the Croc-Australia, home of the Crocodile Hunter. However, don't let this minor idiosyncrasy deter you from pick-ing up this album, for as far as generic black metal goes, this is the crème de la crème.

this is the crème de la crème. I use the word "generic", for the simple fact that you will find noth-ing new on this album. Heavy, searing, guitar riffs? Been done. Well-composed harmonies? Old Hat. Blatant Satanic imagery? Done bet-ter by bands like Deicide. Lyrics about death, destruc-tion and debauchery? Talk tion and debauchery? Talk to King Diamond. But, if you are looking for a blistering album incorporating all of these elements into a powerful debut, look no further. From the first track, "Carnal Desires", to their closing track, "Realm of the Black Angels", incredible musicianship is prevalent. The guitars are snot-on the The guitars are spot-on, the keyboards - atmospheric but not overbearing, and the drums are played at such breakneck speed that I have to wonder just how many met amphetamines the drummer for the was on recording of this album.

Those familiar with the

black metal genre will hear a tour-de-force of influences from better known bands of the scene such as Emperor, Dissection, Dimmu Borgir, and early Cradle of Filth. Those into heavy music but still inex-perienced towards the black perienced towards the black metal sound would be fortu-nate to pick up this album and give it a spin in their CD player, in order to see if they are compatible with the stuff. To put it simply, if you don't like the music found on this album, you don't like black metal. My only ad-vice, though, would be to please throw out the horri-bly campy liner notes (I mean, come on, "Masochist" doesn't play guitar, he plays the "Chain-saw", not to mention the drummer, the only one with

"Matt". Oooh, spooky). If we subtract lame pic-tures and bad liner notes, however, we have an incredibly talented black metal band that is still just getting warmed up. I am personally awaiting their next album to see how they mature, for if they can find some way to establish a unique sound for themselves within their musical genre, these guys are going to be absolutely huge. Only time will tell, of course, but for now, I have a wonderful album to add to my collection, and a set of liner notes to torch.



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