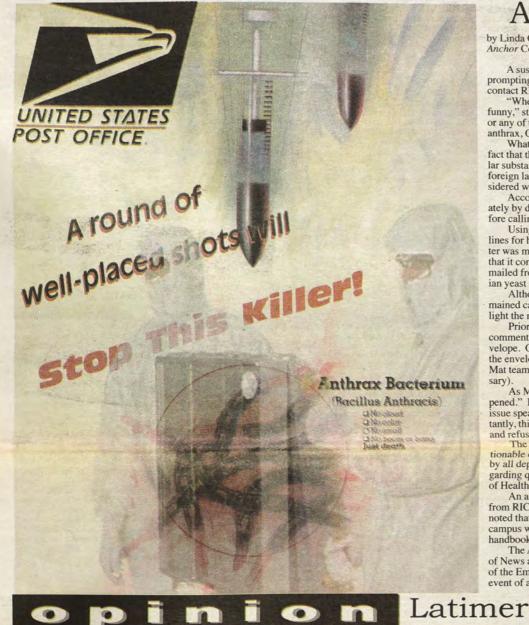


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Anthrax at RIC?

by Linda Curtin Anchor Contributor

A suspicious envelope arrived in the RIC mailroom last week, prompting Rene Perreault, Assistant Director of Office Services, to contact RIC's Office of Safety and Security. "When the piece of mail came in, our people thought it felt funny," stated Mr. Perreault. Although there was no visible powder, or any of the other signs recently reported in the news with regards to anthrax, Office Services staff handled it with caution. What prompted the call to Director of Security Cy Cote was the fact that the envelope felt as if it contained smaller packages of granu-lar substances inside. Additionally, the return address was written in a foreign language, causing even more suspicion among those who con-sidered what to do with the envelope. According to Director Cote, Office Service's responded appropri-ately by donning gloves and putting the envelope in a plastic bag be-fore calling Security.

active by domining gloves and putting the envelope in a plastic bag be-fore calling Security. Using RI's Department of Health Emergency Management guide-lines for handling, Director Cote contacted the office to which the let-ter was mailed and determined that it was not only anticipated, but that it contained a benign substance. The package, as it turns out, was mailed from Italy prior to September 11, and it contained special Ital-ian yeast used for nizza dough

ian yeast used for pizza dough. Although Director Cote stated that all involved in this incident re-mained calm and used their heads, the situation does, however, high-

Ight the need for common sense on the campus. Prior to actually interviewing those directly involved for official comment, it was noted that numerous stories arose regarding "the" en-velope. One version included a powdery substance on the outside of the envelope, and another report even included the response of a Haz-Mat team to the campus, which of course is untrue (and was unnecessary)

As Mr. Perreault stated, "This isn't even a story – nothing hap-pened." Indeed, the fact that Security was called for such a mundane issue speaks volumes about our collective state of mind. Most impor-

issue speaks volumes about our collective state of mind. Most impor-tantly, this incident reinforces the importance of using common sense and refusing to promulgate rumor. The procedure followed in this case for dealing with any ques-tionable objects on campus is currently set as the protocol to be used by all departments should the need arise. Additional information re-garding questionable mail may be obtained by visiting the Department of Health's website at www.healthri.org. An attempt to get such information in time for this publication from RIC spokesperson Jane Fusco was unsuccessful. It should be noted that no information about dealing with emergency situations on campus was available from the RIC website, nor in the online student handbook. handbook

The Anchor has been advised, however, that Ms. Fusco, Director of News and Public Relations for RIC, will soon be releasing a copy of the Emergency Contingency Plan for RIC in the highly unlikely event of a need for the evacuation of the campus arises.

Why Be "Out"?

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by Brian Baker Anchor Contributor

On October 11th I was asked why do I feel the need to tell others that I am gay. When I tell people that I am gay or when I attend a gay pride event it makes me feel recognized as a complete person. On the occasions that I come out to people at RIC I always enjoy participating in open dis-cussion concerning GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender) issues. Mainly, B1-sexual and Transgender) issues, infanty, I think the reason why I enjoy these discus-sions is because so many of us feel nervous, uneasy, and even afraid of discussing the subject of sexuality on this campus. I be-lieve that as a college community we must all try to understand the ways we are dif-ferent and that it should be acceptable for us to express those differences proudly. As a college community we should all try to encourage an environment of openness concerning GLBT issues and how they af-

fect all of us. It goes without saying that we here at RIC are committed to educating our students no matter what the boundaries. I believe that the RIC community should feel just as committed to the subject of GLBT issues even though so much of these issues have been ignored and invisible for many years

For a long time I questioned my place in the RIC community and what if any-thing- was I contributing to it. When I grad-uated in May '00 I had answered that question. By being open and honest about my-self I realized that in some small way I had changed some views on GLBT issues. For many individuals it was difficult to put a realistic "face" on GLBT issues. I felt proud and thankful that I had taken advantage of the opportunity to educate others. After re-

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Leaves RIC

Jay Latimer, Director of the Unity Center, will be leaving our campus community. Mrs. Latimer has served the students of RIC for over fifteen years as a valued consultant on minority student affairs. Her dedication will be missed and not easily replaced. The Anchor wishes her luck in all her future endeavors



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campus tidbits

Biology Department Seminar October 24th 2001 "Anthrax, Plague, and the Illegitimate Use of Biological Agents". Dr. Jon D. Goguen from the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology University of Massachusetts Medical School will be speaking. The place is FLS 050 at 12:30 pm.

RIC Women's Center The Women's Center would like to inform The women's Center would like to inform the college community that they are sell-ing safe sex and sanitary supplies. Con-doms are five for a dollar and emergency pads and tampons are 30 cents each. The Women's Center is located in the lower level of DDC room 9,

Jobs For You Stop by the Career Development Cen-ter/Student Employment Office in CLO54 and they will help find a job suited for you. Here are a few of the available jobs quality control tech/Central Falls #318, 9th grade head tuter/English sciences history/Deve level tutor (English, science, history)/Providence #319, Police officer/Scituate#320 e#320 office assistant/Providence #322, retail teleservicing specialist/Lincoln #323, teacher aide/Blackstone MA #325, Tobacco outreach coordinator/Providence #328

Peace Corps Representative On Cam-

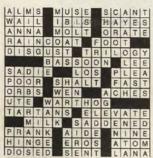
pus Joshua Tootoo the regional recruiter for the Peace Corps will be in DDC on Wednes-day November 7th. He will answer any questions you have. If you would like some additional information please call X8031, go to the Career Development Center CL 154, or go to www.peacecorps.org.

Baseball Hall Of Fame Trip This trip will be on Saturday November 17th in historical Cooperstown NY. The bus leaves RIC at 6am and returns approx-imately 11:45 pm. Cost is \$24 for RIC stu-dents and \$48 for non-RIC students. Price includes admission, transportation, snacks, movies, and baseball trivia. Seating is lim-ited so call early or get you tickets at the REC center's front desk. Call X8400 for more information more information

National Student Exchange The application period for this program for the academic year 2002-03 will begin on December 1st 2001 and last until February 22nd 2002. Information sessions for this program will be held in OASIS CL 154 on Wednesday October 24th, November 7th, 2001 November 21st, and December 12th, 2001 from 1-2 pm. Any interested students should come to one of the information sessions to learn about this program and pick up brochures and an application.

Meet Your Alumni 2001

On Wednesday November 7th the Center For Management And Technology will hold it's seventh alumni event. These alumni will share their career experiences



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with undergraduates. All center classes for that moning are cancelled, and those stu-dents whose majors are under the center's direction are expected to attend. If there are any questions call X 9637

Career Exploration Group This group will meet on four Wednesdays from October 17th to November 7th from 12:30-2 pm. It will meet in CL 153 with Ellen Weaver-Paquette CDC and Tom Lavin from the Counseling Center. Any-one who is unsum short to generate description one who is unsure about a career and needs a little help is welcome to come. If you have any questions or to register call X 8094.

Justice Studies Research Colloquium This event will be held on Wednesday Oc-tober 24th from 12:30-2 pm in CL 460. It will feature Laura Khoury who will speak on "Water rights and inequality". All are welcome to attend.

Now On Sale At The Box Office

Monday October 29th at 8 pm the Bayni-han/Philippine National Dance Co. For any information or to charge tickets by phone please call X8144

Practice and Improve Your Spanish The Department of Modern Languages in-vites the entire college community to join the Spanish conversation hour from 12-Ipm in CL 102. Come and talk about cur-rent events, experiences, and interests. For anyone with a basic to intermediate level of Spanish is welcome to attend and for more information call X8711.

Weight Watchers

Anyone interested in Weight Watchers and would like to join, the sessions will begin in mid-October and the number of weeks will depend on what people are interested in. In addition, the day may be changed for those not able to attend on Thursdays. Anyone interested, please call X8026 if you are inter dcabral@ric.edu. interested or email at

Surviving The Loss Of A Parent

This is a support group available to those who have suffered the loss of a parent. It will be held Wednesday's from 12:30-1:50 pm in CL 130 with Jan Park. All students who have lost a parent are invited, and an interview is needed before entering the group. Students will respect confidential-ity and help each other.

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Turning Point workshop For students trying to make a turning point in their lives, the workshop will be offered for four Mondays in October from 2:30– 4 pm. The workshop helps people visual-ize life as a journey with the goal of map-ping out where the journey has taken you and where you want to go. Participants should be open to using expressive tech-niques. Phone the counseling center prior to attending for a brief screening conver-

Writing Center Tutors Available

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Writing Center Tutors Available The writing center will have writing tutors available Monday-Wednesday from 9am-7pm, Thursday from 9am-4pm, and Fri-day from 9am-3pm. There is also infor-mation concerning writing issues given out in free pamphlets. For more information cell 456 8141 in free pamph call 456.8141

Referees and Score Keepers Needed The Rec Center's intramurals program is in need of referees and scorekeepers for the fall 2001 season. Anyone interested should call Mike Kelly at 456.8075. terested

Sunday Mass On Campus Sunday evenings at 10pm in SU 306, Fr. Pescatello, celebrant. For more informa-tion call the Chaplains Office at 456.8168.

Bible Study

Mondays from 12:00-1:00pm in Student Union 300. Conducted by Rev. Larry Nichols. All are welcome call 456.8168 if you have any questions.

Christian Student Organization Meetings are Wednesdays from 12:30-1:45pm in SU 300. For more info call the Chaplains Office at 456.8168.

Opportunities For Students RI Campus Contact and the RI Service Alliance have received and award of \$800 for hance have received and award of \$800 for an educational grant for students provid-ing community service. Students 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 Contact at 598.1319.

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 be J_Smith@postoffice.ric.edu. If there are two people with the same name, variations will be assigned using middle initial or numbers. In addition RIC's new online student resource is now up and run-ning and available to RIC students, and will be available to faculty and staff after October 1st.

Victims of Crime Help Line 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 pro-gram. The next training session begins Sep-tember 29th. To sign up, or for more infor-mation, contact Erin Osborne at the Sexual Assault and trauma Resource Center, 421 4100

Instructional Swimming Programs

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The Recreation Center is offering several different programs. Do you want to be a lifeguard? If you do, the Rec center is of-fering American Red Cross Lifeguard Training at the cost of \$40,00 to RIC stu-dents. The class will meet Wednesdays October 17th-December 5th from 5-8 pm. Classes are also available October 21st and 28th, as well as November 4th and 18th. Class includes everything needed includ-ing first aid and CPR. Lastly, there are aquatic exercises on Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9am, Monday-Friday 12 noon, Monday-Thursday 5 pm, and Sunday 5:30 pm starting September 30th. For more in-formation on these programs, please con-tact Alanat 456.8227 or Janice at 456.8238. Swimming for the terrified is on Thursdays from 1-1:45pm, and beginners is from 10-10.45 am on Tuesdays. Want to be in the water wallendul lacenes? Vox do en energy 10:45 am on Tuesdays. Want to be in the water volleyball league? You do not need to know how to swim just come and have

Lifeguards Needed These Hours

Monday	4-6p
Tuesday	7:45-10a
Thursday	6-10-15n

Friday	6:45-10a
	2-4:15 p
Saturday	7:45 a-12: 15 p
Sunday	4:45 10:15 0

Need to cool off? Try the Recreation Cen-ter Pool. It's open 7 days a week. Monday 7:00a–10:00p

Tuesday	10:00a-10:00p
Wednesday	7:00a-10:00p
Thursday	10:00a-10:00 p
Friday	7:00a-10:00 p
Saturday	8:00a-12:00 p
Sunday	5:00p-10:00 p

Trip To New York City

Whether or not you plan on attending please forward your mailing address to: Woonsocket_class_of_1997@yahoo.co m. Or send a postcard to: Resident 85 Park Avenue

Student Community Government, Inc. is looking for a lawyer. Anyone that has rec-ommendations please send their résumé

to SU 200 or fax us at 456-8084. For more information feel free to call us at 456-8088. Thank you. (Contact person – Eric Hole, SCG, Inc. President)

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Student Health Insurance Att4ention all studnts with the Rhode Is-land College Insurance Plan: the preferred Provider Network has changed from BEECH STREET to HEALTH CARE VALUE MANAGEMENT (HCVM) – the same network that has been utilized for the past two years. The network is avail-able online at online www.bollingerinsurance.com/ric

Registration Info

Registration Info All new, full time students, including trans-fers, should be sure that they have submit-ted their forms to Health Services. Students will be unable to register for next semes-ter's classes if they have not provided im-munizations mandated by state law. Call 456-8055 if you need further assistance.

Faculty Panel Discussion

The Office of Student Affairs is sponsor-ing a series of panel discussions. The next open hour will be held "Bio-terrorism in America"—October 23,2001, @ 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Cen-

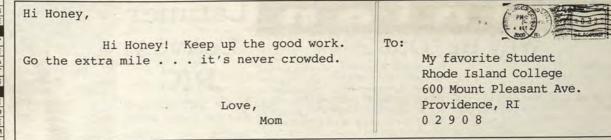
ter "Do We Need to Change Our Immigra-tion Policies?" – October 30, 2001, @ 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Center Panel mem-bers include moderator Dr. David Thomas, Dr. Peter Allen, Dr. Halil Copur, Dr. Christopher Dyer, Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto, and Dr. Thomas Ramsbey. Refreshments to be provided by Donovan Dining Ser-vices

Lifeguard Training plus four Sundays, October 28, November 4 and 18, 5-8 PM. This class would cost about \$200 elsewhere. At the Recreation Center students pay only \$40. What a deall For more information about aquatic activities call Alan at 456-8227 or Janice at 456-8238

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With Breathing Disabilities) Oct 2001 – The In Home Rx Program makes avail-The in rione KX Program makes available breathing medications and Nebuliz-ers to patients who may have Asthma, Emphysema or COPD at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. The Albutron Products are provided to those who are troubled with severe breathing conditions, and who meet the additional guidelines of the recorrent. No denset is measured and and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required and you never have to wait in line at the Phar-macy.If you are an Oxygen user at home or have severe problems with breathiung, please call for more information to see if you qualify.Please call **1.800.344.5764** or visit our website at **www.inhomerx.com** for more information on the details of this program. program.

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New Pool Hours

Swim laps, shoot some hoops, and sign up for a swim class. For more information call the Rec Center Aquatics office at 456.8227.

Inp to New York City Trip leaves Student Union loop 7am De-cember 1, 2001 (Saturday) Bus leaves New York at 7pm after day of shopping and sight seeing. Look for tick-ets at the info desk after October 12, 2001. Price will be \$21.00 per student. Sponsored by: Class of 2002

Woonsocket Class of 1997 Reunion The Woonsocket High School class of 1997 is planning their 5-year reunion, to be held Fall 2002, and needs addresses.

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BACCHUS Helps Students Make Wise Decisions

by Abbey Baker Anchor Contributor

College students are constantly faced with choices. What classes do I take? What should I major in? What should I have for lunch today? Most of us are experiencing a new sense of freedom and independence and it is easy to become over-whelmed by the fact that these choices are now solely ours to make. We must realize, however, that a lot of these choices are not only going to affect us. They will affect our families, friends, bosses, classmates, teachers, and in some cases they will affect strangers. Es-pecially when it comes to choices about drugs and alcohol.

BACCHUS is a new student organization on campus that is trying to make it easier for students to understand the choices they are making and help them make the

ight ones. BACCHUS stands for right ones. BACCHUS stands for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of Univer-sity Students. It is a nationwide or-ganization and this is its first year at Rhode Island College. Sopho-more Lauren Dulude began orga-nizing a chapter of BACCHUS at RIC last year after she received the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Scholarship at her Narragansett High School graduation.

Katie DeCubellis was a thir-teen year-old girl from Narragansett who was killed by a drunk driver in 1999. After being awarded the scholarship Lauren wanted to do something positive in honor of Katie's spirit and her short-lived life. She found out that there are no drunk driving prevention groups on campus and, with the help of Mary Olenn of the Office of Health Pro-motion, she began taking the nec-essary steps to get BACCHUS started on campus.

The purpose of BACCHUS is not to force you into a different lifestyle, but to promote positive and healthy decision-making and to make RIC students more aware of the ways alcohol can affect you and other people.

In September, RIC's Chapter of BACCHUS was approved for National Affiliation. It can now be-Already there are events being planned for BACCHUS, such as a Karaoke night, to be held at 8 pm

It is Tuesday, October 23rd in the Thorp Hall Lounge. If you are interested in being part of BACCHUS, you can reach President Lauren Dulude at extension 8345, or Mary Olenn at the Of-fice of Health Promotion, at x8061. Everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to take part in this excit-ing new group.

Campus Discussion About Racial Profiling

by Brent Robitaille Anchor Editor

On Tuesday, October 16, RIC was the scene of a discussion on how civil liberties could be af-fected by last month's tragedies and the national security issues that have since arisen. Present at this discussion were Dr. Peter Allen, Dr. Halil Copur, Dr. Chistopher Dyer, and Dr. Thomas Ramsbey Dr. David Thomas of the History Department moderated the discussion

Prominent issues around which the discussion centered included the arrest of Sher J.B. Singh the day after the attack. Mr. Singh was arrested on suspicion of in-volvement in the attack on the strength of a telephone call from Boston police with a description of four men on a train bound for Washington. Although he is no longer suspected of involvement in the attack, Mr. Singh is still being held to a misdemeanor charge be cause he was carrying a ceremo-nial dagger at the time. This was such an important issue because it seems to have been the first in a series of unjust attacks on Americans of Middle Eastern descent, simply because they resemble Arabs.

Comments concerning the charges that are still held against Mr. Singh were mainly expressions of indignation about the fact that the city continued to press charges even after having subjected him to public humiliation. As one of the panel members brought out, the city's most probable reason for this course of action is to protect them-selves from a wrongful arrest suit.

The underlying current of the discussion seemed to be that Mr. Singh's arrest only represents a larger problem – that of racial pro-filing. It is generally believed that most of Osama bin Laden's fol-lowers are of Arabic descent. Therefore, any investigations of the activity will primarily the therefore, any investigations of terrorist activity will primarily tar-get Arab-Americans as suspects. Naturally, this situation has raised the concern of many who feel that this will inevitably lead to viola-tions of civil rights.

Panelists mentioned that any sort of criminal investigation is bound to use some sort of profil-ing. The problem arises when that profiling becomes racial. Has it become a situation where people of Middle Eastern descent have become suspects simply because of their race and appearance? The case of Mr. Singh suggests that this

is so. Since Mr. Singh is neither Arab nor Muslim, but an Indian Sikh, questions concerning generalization have arisen. Apparently, Mr. Singh was suspect because he

wore a beard and a turban. According to one comment, the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995 was immediately blamed on Arabs. When the evidence pointed on instead to Timothy McVeigh, law enforcement officials did not im-

enforcement officials did not im-mediately go out looking for pickup trucks with rifle racks. Much discussion centered on the nature of the religion of Islam itself. Several panelists stressed that this religion is as diverse as Christianity, and that to try to sum-marize the beliefs and traditions of ell its adherents in one black all its adherents in one blanket statement would undoubtedly lead to error.

Panelists also compared racial profiling with the internment of Japanese-Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This discussion was the fourth in a series of forums designed to educate the community about issues arising from the September 11 tragedy. The series will be contin-ued on Tuesday, October 23, 1:00 PM, with a discussion on Bio-Terrorism



(1 to r) Drs. Dyer, Thomas, Copur, Ramsbey, Allen - all panel members on 10/16.

RIC by the Numbers

by J.D. Salisbury Anchor Staff

Of the total first year student enrollment in 1998, 70% were female.

The average SAT scores at RI College in 1998 were 484 (verbal) and 471 (math). Nation-ally, the average SAT scores were 505 (verbal) and 512 (math). Of the total RI College alumni living in the USA, 74.6% live in the State of Rhode Island.

In-state students pay for only 31% of the cost of their eduction; the difference is made up by the state.

In the 1998-99 academic year there were 201 atheletic varsity participants (men and women) and 10 cheerleaders. The total enrollment (headcount) was 8, 685 students making the 201 athletic varsity participants 2.3% of the total headcount enrollment.

Ninety-three percent of RI College students are residents of the state. Source: *Fact Book 1998-99*, published by the RI College Office of Institutional Research and Planning, Report # 99-7.

Mascot.com Goes Under

by Nathaniel Turner and Ted August Anchor Staff

On October 9th Brian Allen, On October 9th Brian Allen, director of Student Union, and Kristen Selemi, Director of Stu-dent Activities received word that ric.mascot.com was no longer go-ing to be available on the RIC cam-pus. Actually, Mascot.com will never again be available on any college campus since it has offi-cially created operation altogether cially ceased operation altogether as of October 12th. Mascot.com was a student-

hascot.com was a student-focused web site that kept a data-base of information considered useful for students. It maintained an up-to-date events calendar, an online face book, campus an-nouncements, and a student group section that allowed student organizations to stay in touch with participants. At the time of its imple-mentation in August, Brian Allen held Mascot.com in particularly high esteem.

In the September 4th issue of The Anchor Allen stated, "For years student leaders, faculty, and staff have pondered ways to com-municate with eight-thousand stu-dents on campus. Mascot will pro-vide that opportunity at last. I can

envision many positive changes resulting from this opportunity." Since October 9th, however, Allen has changed his tune. In an e-mail Allen wrote, "I think [mas-cot.com] had a faulty business plan, their cash flow never got flowing in time to cover the payroll.

Kristen Selemi in another email response wrote, "Rhode Is-land College was on a free trial ba-sis... for 18 months. We were to review the success of the imple-mentation at the end of this academic year for full consideration. We have not paid Mascot for any

services thus far." Allen believes the free trial to have been part of the "faulty busi-ness plan" and thinks that it con-tributed to Mascot's demise. In his e-mail he stated, "The 18 free months was a little too ambitious I think."

resulting in the self-destrucresulting in the self-destruc-tion of Mascot.com, the fact that RIC was using it within the free trial period rescues the college from any financial responsibility that may have been an issue oth-erwise erwise

Allen wrote, "Mascot.com did not cost the college anything. The first 18 months were free, if the College chose to continue af-ter that there would have been a per canita cost of about \$8 000 are per capita cost of about \$8,000 per year.

year." Although Mascot.com did not in itself survive, it was a groundbreaking concept that will ultimately have some positive repercussions on campus. Both Selemi and Allen believe that there will be more attempts made to achieve the same efficient com-munication canabilities that Masmunication capabilities that Mas-

munication capabilities that Mas-cot.com could have had. Selemi wrote in her e-mail, "Since Tuesday [October 9th] Brian [Allen] and I have talked about both possibilities of at-tempting to duplicate the service from a different provider as well as by the college internally- and hope that it will be a reality some-day. We think the concept is worth the effort to adopt again in the futhe effort to adopt again in the future

Allen also commented on the future possibilities of similar ser-vices. "What we learned from Mascot will not go to waste. We have a great deal of knowledge now on how to communicate with the total population of RIC. I be-lieve we will turn that into somelieve we will turn that into something positive

The following is the Mascot.com letter

Dear Client:

I am sorry to inform you that Mascot Network, Inc. has ceased operations and will discontinue service to clients as of Friday, October 12,2001.

Over the last several months, the company has attempted to reduce its overall expenses and debt while seeking a buyer. While our investors supported the company during these efforts, allowing it to maintain operations through September, a planned sale of the company recently fell through.

Please be assured that all client-specific data will be deleted from Mascot servers immediately following the service shutdown. Please follow instructions below if you wish to remove your per-

sonal documents and any other information from Mascot.

We have enjoyed being able to provide you with our service and thank you for all your past support.

Best Wishes,

The Mascot Network Team

Instructions For Saving Text:

1) Go to www.mascot.com

2) Pick your school 3) Log in and go to the text you want to save.

- 4) Use the mouse to select the text that you want to copy.

- 6) Choose Copy from your web browser's Edit menu.
 6) Go to the application you want to paste the text into.
 7) Choose Paste from the application's Edit menu.

Instructions For Saving Photos:

1) Log in to your school's web site.

 Go to the photo you wish to save.
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 (Windows Users) Right-click on the photo you want to save. Choose
 "Save Image As" in the menu that pops up. (Mac Users) Move the mouse pointer over the photo, then hold down the Ctrl key while clicking and holding down the mouse button, then select "Save Image As" in the menu that pops up. 4) Save the photo to a folder on your computer.

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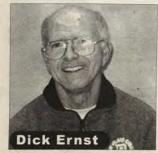
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Individual champs lead team effort: Women's tennis captures LEC Championship

by Leslie Crofton Anchor Contributor

The Rhode Island College women's tennis team captured its second Little East Conference title in the past three years on the week-end of Oct. 13 and 14. The 2001 LEC Championship victory is RIC tennis coach Dick Ernst's fourth women's title. Ernst won previ-



ously in 1994, 1995 and 1999. The most current win was a real team effort, highlighted by many out-

standing individual performances. RIC produced several indi-vidual conference champions as well as taking the team title. The 2001 LEC Conference Champions are Carminda Rocha (East Provi-dance PD et auwher two in dec dence, RI) at number two singles, Samantha Hedden (Rumford, RI) at number four singles, Meghan Mooney (North Scituate, RI) at number five singles, and the team of Mooney and Donna Vongratsavay (North Providence, RI) at number two doubles.

Rocha, a junior, has been a LEC Champion every year that she has been playing on the RIC squad, this being her third title to date. She won at number four singles in 1999 and 2000 before stepping things up this season to win at the number two position. "I felt confident go-ing into the weekend but I also felt a lot of pressure," says Rocha. "Just because you have a good sea-son doesn't mean you'll do well in the championships."

Rocha's win is even more im-pressive considering she was plagued by nagging leg cramps during the championship match. "I was in the second set, up 5-3, when I started to have massive leg spasms," says Rocha. "I tried to ig-nore the pain and push through to the end. I really think I won that match on guts alone. She was a bet-ret player and I was in pain and as ter player and I was in pain and ex-hausted." Ernst agrees, calling hausted." Ernst agrees, canning Rocha's play "a really gutsy per-formance. She is probably the smartest player in the whole con-ference when it comes to figuring out what it takes to beat an oppoout what it takes to beat an oppo-nent, to analyze and carry out a strategy." Rocha is currently unde-feated in singles play this season, posting a perfect 13-0 record. Hedden, a sophomore, was "a real hero of the day," according to Ernst. Hedden went into the tour-nament unseeded at the fourth po-

nament unseeded at the fourth po-sition, with a 6-8 singles record.



Despite this, she won each of her matches in the first-round, the semi-finals and the finals. These points became crucial to the An-chorwomen's team victory, as run-ner-up UMASS-Boston, the only LEC team who had beaten RIC in a dual match prior to the tourna-ment, finished only two points behind them

Mooney, a freshman, "clinched the championship with her win against UMASS-Boston in the finals match." says Ernst. "It's very rare that a freshman can come through with such poise un-der so much pressure. Meghan come through with such poise un-der so much pressure. Meghan made no mistakes and played with courage and discipline." Mooney is 12-1 in singles play so far this season. "I really wasn't expecting



to come in and do so well," says Mooney. "I've become more con-fident as the season has gone on.

The team has been very support-ive to me as a newcomer. It's been a very enjoyable experience." In addition to winning at num-ber five singles, Mooney com-bined with teammate Donna Von-erratesava a binior to wii the num gratsavay, a junior, to win the number two doubles title as well. Mooney and Vongratsavay were the only doubles champions on the squad, picking up key points for

The championships were "a wonderful experience for every-body" emphasizes Ernst. "We'll have all but two players back next year so we have a good shot at making it two [LEC titles] in a row." RIC closes out the 2001 sea-son at Clark University on Oct 17 son at Clark University on Oct. 17 and at the New England Division III Championships on Oct. 20 and

Student-Athlete Diaries

by Peter Ceprano Anchor Contributor

Being a Rhode Island Col-lege student-athlete is not an easy task. Through the years it only gets harder. Managing school, work, and your social life is almost impossible. For The is almost impossible. For me, when I step onto that soc-cer field your world changes. You forget about everything else that's going on in your life, and think about two things: your role as a player and winning.

After practice and games, it's back to re-

ality. Last week was a big week for us. Our top two defensemen returned back to our lineup

It was now time to prepare for Keene State, the first place team in our conference. This meant a difficult week at pracmeant a difficult week at prac-tice. After our game got can-celed against Bridgewater State, that was our green light to work hard. The Thursday before our game we worked hard for 90 minutes straight. How I know this is because we timed it with the women's soc How I know this is because we timed it with the women's soc-cer game. This was not your average workout. This work-out consisted of plyometrics, sprints, running and calisthen-ics. After the 90 minutes were up and everybody had sur-vived, we felt ready. The next practice was no

same we should have won. We needed to carry on this inten-sity to our next game, Western Connecticut State, which was one of the biggest games of the season for us. Western Connecticut beat witwice last year, once during the playoffs. It was time for us to seek our revenge. Western Connecticut was traveling four hours down to our field this year. They play their home games on a turf field, which makes them difficult to beat. Off the turf, they are a

turf, they are a different team. We defeated Western Connecticut 2-0, almost clinch-2-0 ing us a playoff spot with a home field adantage in the first round.

first round. My sched-ule as a student-athlete is very demanding. I wake up at about 9:00 AM each day and I return home at 6:00 PM. At home, I eat, shower and hit the books. After a home game on Satur-days I work until 9:00 PM. After 9:00 PM, I socialize with my friends, and then relax on Sunday. When Monday comes it's back to work again. I have a lot of confidence in this year's team. It is a

in this year's team. It is a group of talented players. Our coaching staff is excellent. They never give up on us, and they push us to improve each day both on the field and in the classroom. Every time I step onto that soccer field it is al-ways a great experience. If the team keeps up this high inten-sity and work ethic, we will make it to the NCAA's [Divi-sion III NCAA Champi-

The next practice was no time to let up. At that practice we had to prepare mentally on our roles, and how we were though we ended up losing to Keene State [4-2 on Oct. 13], we played very well. It was a onships].

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Rhode Island College women's tennis captures Little East Crown

by Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

The Rhode Island Col-lege women's tennis team captured the 2001 Little East Conference Tennis Championship, hosted by the University of Southern Maine, on Oct. 12-13. RIC placed first with 20 points, UMASS-Boston placed second with 18 points, USM was third with 10.0 points, UMASS-Dart-mouth placed fourth with The Rhode Island Col-USM was the points, UMASS-Dart-mouth placed fourth with 6.5 points, Plymouth State placed fifth with 6.0 points and Western Connecticut

points. It is the second LEC It is the second LEC crown in the past three years for the Anchor-women. It is the fourth LEC women's title for RIC Head Coach Dick Ernst, who won previously in who won previously in 1994, 1995 and 1999. Junior Carminda

Junior Carminda Rocha (East Providence, RI) was the LEC Champion at number two singles. Rocha has been an LEC Champion in each of her three seasons at RIC, takthree seasons at RIC, tak-ing the LEC crown at num-

ber four singles in 1999 and 2000. So far this fall, Rocha is undefeated in sin-gles. She is 15-0 (1.000) at

gles. She is 15-0 (1.000) at number two singles and 13-2 (.867) at number one doubles for a team high 21.5 points on the season. Sophomore Samantha Hedden (Rumford, RI) was the LEC Champion at num-ber four singles. Hedden won three matches at the '01 LEC Championships. She is 9-8 (.529) at number four singles and 8-8 (.500) at number three doubles for 13.0 points on the sea-son. son

son. Freshman Meghan Mooney (North Scituate, RI) was the LEC Champion at number five singles and number two doubles. Mooney is 12-1 (.923) at number five singles and 10-2 (.833) at number two doubles for 17.0 points on the season.

doubles for 17.0 points en the season. Junior Donna Vongrat-savay (North Providence, RI) was the LEC Cham-pion, with Mooney, at number two doubles. Von-gratsavay is 12-4 (.750) at number three singles and 12-3 (.800) at number two

doubles for 18.0 points on

the season. Senior co-captain Cyn-thia Murray (Brooklyn, CT), RIC's all-time leader in career points, singles wins and doubles wins, lost in the championship lost in the championship match of both the number one singles and doubles flights. Murray is 12-4. (.750) at number one sin-gles and 13-3 (.813) at number one doubles for 18.5 points on the season. Senior co-captain Court-ney Chauvette (West War-wick, RI) is 8-6 (.571) at number six singles and 8-7 (.571) at number three dounumber six singles and 8-7 (.571) at number three dou-bles for 12.0 points on the season. Sophomore Kristin Mandsager (Portsmouth, RI) is 3-1 (.750) in singles and 1-0 (1.000) in doubles for 3.5 points on the sea-son

son. Sophomore Amy Lan-cellotta (West Warwick, RI) is 0-1 (.000) in singles and 1-1 (.500) in doubles for 0.5 points on the sea-son. Junior Sara Hebert (Cumberland, RI) and ju-nior Beth Lardaro (Peace Dale, RI) have yet to see action this season.







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Rhode Island College announces 2001 Midnight Madness itinerary

by Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College will conduct its seventh annual Mid-night Madness event at the Inter-collegiate Athletics Building on Wednesday, Oct. 24 beginning at 10:00 p.m. RIC's

wrestling women's gymnastics teams will be on first at 10:15 p.m., followed by women's basketball at 11:00 p.m., culminating with the men's basketball team at midnight.

basketball team at midnight. Doors will open to the public at 10:00 p.m. and admission is free. There will be a prize for the residence hall that shows the most spirit. There will be free pizza and soda as well as cash prizes. For additional information, please call the RIC Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intra-murals and Recreation at 401-456-8007.

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The Week in Cross-Country

by Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Men's Cross Country

Head Coach Dick Hopp-man's team competed at the James Early Invitational at West-field State College on Saturday.

field State College on Saturday, Oct. 13. The Anchormen placed 12th, out of 29 teams, with a score of 373. Vassar won the meet with 57 points. Tim Rudd (Warwick, RI) placed 14th (220 competitors) with a time of 27:42. Freshman Joe Parenteau (Smith-field, RI) placed 23rd with a time of 28:10. Freshman Ruben Feliz (Providence, RI) placed 81st with a time of 30:03.

Senior co-captain Nick Al-fred (Wakefield, RI) placed 107th with a time of 31:00. Ju-nior Rob Geremia (Kingston, RI) placed 144th with a time of 32:35. Junior co-captain Chris Puleo (Barrington, RI) placed 151st with a time of 32:57. Sophomore Joe Giardina (West Warwick, RI) placed 169th with a time of 34:36. Ju-nior Brian Carney (Barrington, RI) placed 206th with a time of 40:01. In upcoming action, RIC

In upcoming action, RIC will run at the Eastern Nazarene Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 20

Women's Cross Country

Soccer Stats

Head Coach Matt Hird's team competed at the James Early Invitational at Westfield State College on Saturday, Oct. 13. RIC did not enter a full scor-

13. RIC did not enter a full scor-ing squad. Trinity won the meet with 40 points. Sophomore Michelle Boudreau (Lincoln, RI) placed 76th (263 competitors) with a time of 21:27. Sophomore Re-becca Horton (Seekonk, MA) placed 164th with a time of 23:09. Sophomore Leslie East-wood (East Providence, RI) placed 185th with a time of 23:52. Sophomore captain Michele Dunphy (Cranston, RI) placed 194th with a time of 24:05.

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by Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Head Coach Len Mercurio's team is 2-9-2 overall and is 1-2-1 in the Little East Conference.

This past week, the Anchormen fell to league rival Keene State 4-2 on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Junior forward Scott Main (Exeter, RI) has played in 13 games, starting all of them. He has six goals and two assists for 14 points on the season. Main has one game-winning goal to his credit. Freshman defender Mike Maciel (East Providence, RI) has played in ten games, starting nine of them. Maciel has two goals for four points. Junior sweeper James

Junior sweeper James Williamson (North Kingstown, RI) has played in 13 games, start-R1) has played in 15 games, start-ing all of them. He has two goals and one assist for five points on the season. Senior midfielder Ivo Luis (East Providence, R1) has played in 13 games, starting all of them He has one one and und of them. He has one goal and two assists for four points

Senior midfielder Pete Ceprano (Hope, RI) has played in 13 games, starting 12 of them. His first goal of the season was scored against Keene State on Oct. 13. He has one goal and two assists for four points. Sopho-more midfielder Brian Schimmel (Cumberland, RI) has played in 11 games, starting eight of them. He has one game-winning goal and two assists for four points. Sophomore midfielder Jo-han Calderon (Pawtucket, RI)

has played in 12 games, starting ten of them. His first goal of the season was scored against Keene State on Oct. 13. He has one goal

State on Oct. 13. He has one goal and two assists for four points. Senior goalkeeper Carlos Pinhancos (Cumberland, RI) has played in 12 games, starting all of them. He owns a 1.38 goals-against average, a .788 save per-centage and has made 67 saves on the season. Pinhancos has logged 1,105 minutes and has two shutouts. two shutouts.

two shutouts. midfielder Jason Nelson (Pascoag, RI) has played in five games. As a goalkeeper, Nelson has logged 105 minutes with a 3.43 goals-against average, a .714 save percentage and has made ten saves on the season. He made his first collegiate start in the loss to Keene State on Oct. 13.

Sophomore Joe Burns (Ashaway, RI) and freshman Christo-pher Furey (Cabot, VT) are re-serve goalkeepers on the team. Furey is still recovering from a broken hand he suffered over the summer

Sophomore stopper Josh Nelson (Pascoag, RI) has played in 13 games, starting all of them.

He has one assist for one point on the season. Sophomore forward Craig Bannon (Harrisville, RI) has played in 11 games, starting eight of them. Freshman mid-fielder German Cardona' (Pawfielder German Cardona (Paw-tucket, RI) has played in nine games, starting five of them. He has one goal for two points. Se-nior midfielder Alex Gracia (West Warwick, RI) has played in eight games. Freshman mid-fielder Radivoje Nedeljkovic (Belgrade, YUGOSLAVIA) has played in four games played in four games. Junior defender

Rob Williamson (Greenville, RI) re-turned to the team against Keene State after missing much of the season with a broken hand. He has played in four games, start-ing all of them. Junior defender Christopher Enright (Barrington, RI) has played in eight games. Freshman defender Matthew Lambert (Woonsocket, RI) has Lambert (Woonsocket, RI) has played in seven games, starting five of them. Freshman back Nathaniel Gaye (Accra, GHANA) has played in twelve games, starting five of them. In upcoming action, RIC will host LEC rival Western Con-necticut on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 3:30 nm and non-conference

3:30 p.m. and non-conference opponent Bridgewater State on Thursday, Oct. 18. The Anchor-men will travel to Plymouth State on Saturday, Oct. 20. Saturday,

Women's Soccer Coach Nicole Barber's team is 8-4-2 overall and 3-1-1 in the Little East Conference. RIC picked up a pair of losses and a pair of wins this week, splitting two games at home and two on the road. Both wins were shutouts. The Anchorwomen de-feated Roger Williams in a 4-0 game at home on Monday, Oct. 8, lost 3-1 at Bridgewater State on Wednesday, Oct. 10, defeated Rivier 4-0 at home on Thursday, Oct. 11, and fell to Keene State on the road 5-0 on Saturday, Oct. 13. The team needs one more win to tie the program's record for most wins in a season (nine, set in 1990) in 1999).

Senior forward Kerri Fer-Senior forward Kerri Fer-reira (Bristol, RI) has played in 13 games, starting all of them. She has nine goals and eight as-sists for 26 points. She has three game-winning goals to her credit. Freshman midfielder Alexis Bouchard (Warren, RI) has played in fourteen games start-Bouchard (Warren, RI) has played in fourteen games, start-ing all of them. She has nine goals and three assists for 21 points. She has three game-winning goals to her credit. Senior forward/midfielder Caitlin Schimmel (Cumberland, RI) has played in 13 games, start-ing all of them. She has three goals and six assists for twelve

points on the season. Freshman goalkeeper/midfielder Jamie Hinman (Burlington, CT) has She owns a 1.36 goals-against average, a .917 save percentage and has made 11 saves in 66 min-utes of action. In the field, she has five goals and one assist for 11 points on the season.

Freshman midfielder/for-ward Sadie Beaudet (Chepachet, RI) has played in 14 games, start-ing nine of them. She has four goals for eight points. Freshman defender Melissa Skodras (War-wick RU) hene dein die wick, RI) has played in fourteen games, starting twelve of them. She has two goals, one of which was a game-winner, and an assist

for five points Freshman midfielder/forward Laura Steere (Pascoag, RI) has played in 13 games, starting one. She has two goals and one assist for five points on the season. Junior midfielder Allison Vales (Bristol, RI) has played in 14 games, starting all of them. She has one goal and two assists

She has one goal and two assists for four points on the season. Freshman forward/mid-fielder Elena Sanborn (North Sc-ituate, RI) has played in 14 games, starting all of them. She has one goal, a game-winner, and an assist for three points. Freehman goalkeeper

goalkeeper Carpentier Freshman Melissa Melissa Carpentier (Woonsocket, RI) has played in 14 games, starting all of them. She owns a 1.15 goals-against average, a .870 save percentage and has made 116 saves on the season. Carpentier has earned six obstoute and her played 1254 shutouts and has played 1254

season. Carpenter the early shatouts and has played 1254 minutes. Senior forward Rena Rossi (Cranston, RI) has played in two games. She has one goal for two points on the season. Sophomore forward/midfielder Ololade Falola (Coventry, RI) has played in 13 games, starting five of them. She has one goal for two points on the season. Sophomore Audrey Hinman (Burlington, CT) has played in four games. Sophomore midfielder/defender Kim Wood (Little Compton, RI) has played in 14 games, starting all of them. She has one assist for one point on the season. Sophomore defender Malissa Holden (Warwick, RI) has played in 14 games, starting all of them. She has one assist for one point. Sophomore defender Malissa Holden (Warwick, RI) has played in 13 games, starting seven of them. Freshman defender Courtney Gardiner (Warwick, RI) has played in 13 games, starting seven of them. Freshman defender Kristien Boyko (Blackstone, MA) has played in five games.

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Homophobic Fliers Found:

These fliers were found around campus two weeks ago. We have reprinted them to show the campus administration that despite public statements to the contrary there are still many issues that face the GLBT community that need to be specifically addressed by senior administration. Pretending the problem does not exist will not make it go away.

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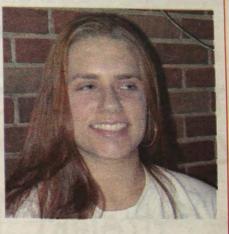


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Aimee Gregoire Art

First Year Student " I think it's being blown out of proportion." Kristin Halvorson Studio Art/ Graphic Design

Fourth Year Student " It just seems surreal at this point, because it hasn't directly hit Rhode Island yet, but it is very scary and something this generation hasn't experienced yet."

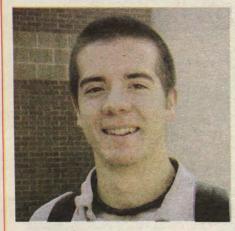


Kevin Drolet Elementary Ed/ Special Ed Senior " My reaction to the anthrax scare is if it's gonna happen, it's meant to be, and I think all the people who are sending these false anthrax scares should smarten up..."





Linda Furtado Education First Year Student " I honestly have mixed feelings about it. Sometimes it seems like it's a diversion...there might be something bigger out there that we're not noticing, because anthrax is the main thing. Sometimes it's scary, because what if I get a letter and it's unmarked..."



Jeff Bouffard Biology/Philosophy Sophomore

"I think it's crazy that everyone is so scared, because of anthrax...It's amazing that people are willing to give up their personal freedoms for this illusion of security...it's absolutely insane." Sergio Ferreira Undeclared First Year Student " I'm not really afraid of it. I'm not going to let it affect how I live my life or what I do."



Nicholas Lafreniere Physical Ed Sophomore " I honestly have no feelings about it."





Anthony Amoral III Undeclared Sophomore

" ... I think it's very scary, because you don't know where it's coming from or who's doing it. It could be a terrorist or it could be someone who had access to it...I think it's odd that it's going around right now, because it should have been disposed of in the 80s. The only ones who had samples of it and Russia were Texas...Now that it's around again, it's getting bigger and bigger."

Library In Decay

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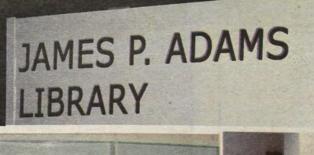
In 1991 the college faced se-rious fiscal shortfalls and had to make significant reductions in Adams Library's ability to serve the needs of the students. This service reduction was understand-able, however with the economic boom of the late nineties the ad-ministration should have bol-stered the resources of the Lithe leader of a student in the 21st century. Don't take our word for it though, here is what off campus evaluators had to say about our library

...The College itself acknowl-edges the challenges it has con-fronted in providing adequate li-brary and information resources brary and information resources to support its academic program-ming, as a result of a "sharp re-duction in the Library's capital al-location beginning in 1991 re-ported in the recent self- study. While the Commission is heart-ened to know of the renovations to the library now underway and to the library now underway and the fact that the library has joined in the region, we concur with the visiting team's judgment that, with regard to the library, some with regard to the library, some major action must be taken. It is critical that the College give spe-cial priority to increasing in some significant way its library budget on a regular basis for the purchase of books, periodicals, and the li-censing of electronic databases... ... the report has placed heavy em-phasis on the need for compre-hensive planning in which all the members of the academic com-

munity participate in the setting of priorities. In the case of the Li-brary, however, the problem and the need are so clear that it is evident some major action must be taken. It is critical that the College taken. It is critical that the College give special priority to increasing in some significant way its library budget on a regular basis for the purchase of books, periodicals, and the licensing of electronic databases. The Library is the cen-tral resource of every academic institution, and its quality repre-cants the ultimate limit of the edu sents the ultimate limit of the ed-ucational service that the institution can provide ...

Monday, Governor Almond issued an executive order telling state agencies to curb spending due to a potential shortfall of rev-enues in this year's budget in the range of \$80 to \$100 million dollars. Almond also directed agency heads to limit services, filling of job vacancies, and travel penses

penses. The Anchor wonders where that leaves the students of this col-lege. The administration of this college has obviously not pre-pared during times of financial windfall, so what are we to think they are going to do now. The stu-dents should expect a "sharp re-duction in the Library's capital al-location" on top of the "sharp re-duction in the Library's capital al-location" that was not addressed in previous years. Be prepared for some nice administration PR spin doctoring, but remember nothing can turn bull-feces to gold not can turn bull-feces to gold not even a silver-tongued administra-



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ASK DAN JESSICA 5

1) Dear Dan and Jessica, why do squirrels make duck noises...why why?!

Squirrels are very amourous animals. Did you ever see Disney's Sword & the Stone?

Some jackass squirrel is probably in love with a stupid duck. I don't even like those tree-rats. Now, if you asked me about quails, ho ho.. Then I'd be able to help.

2) Dear Jessica and Dan, who would win in a fist fight, Burger King or McDonald's?

Well, first, Burger King was all: "Why You playin' me like that, Mc-Donalds?" And McDonalds was all: "I don't need this shiznit, beeyotch!" And then it was like



3) Dear Danno and Jessicaca, give me one reason to stay here and I'll turn it back around.

Quoting Tracy Chapman doesn't make you cool. If anything, it makes you "un" cool.

4) Dear Dan jell-o tastes good, but does it really? does it? Of Course! There's Always room for Jell-o! Right, Venkman?

5) Dear Jessica, I would love to work at a zoo....but I have no training or schooling...but I love quailsmore than dear life ... how

can I get a job ..and fast? Why don't you apply at the Adopt-A-Quail foundation. There's gotta be one. There's just gotta be one, dammit! I hope there is.. I mean, I hate those stupid flagpole-chickens. Phh.. Quails... Now, if you had asked me about squirrels, ho ho... Then I'd be able to help. be able to help

6) Wud up home slice! Is it true that all Greeks are well hung? Like a Trojan Horse

7) Dearest Daniel and Jessica, if I breathe all I can now...will I have to do it later in life...I mean..I plan on a career where I have to use my mouth and nose simultane-ously at all times...I don't know quite what that profession is or even if such a job exists...but I'll find it...by jingo..I'll find it...and fast!!

Maybe drowning should be your.

profession. You should go try it right now. Tell me how it works out for you.

8) Jessica...i need Foghat tickets...ASAP. what's the word? ets...ASAP. what's the word? Foghat? Where'd you pull that one out of? Your FogASS? Why don't you go take a Slow Ride off a fast bridge? What're you, a juke box hero? The 70's ended 10 years ago, honky.. Why don't you go date a squirrel...ASAP? Jerk.

Dear Dan...you seem like the kind of kid who would own a lunch box....well I yearn for one of my own..but I live in a dumpster just outside of school and can't afford one....but if I can't afford one....but if could...OH HAPPY DAY!... guess I wouldn't be able to afford food to put in it...but if could..OH HAPPY DAY! Well, Oscar, Why not jump some fortunate kid who has a better social upbringing than you, because you're obviously jealous, you tor-rid peice of scum. You can take his Britney Queers lunchbox and put your homeless trash food in it. Luckily for you, Shacktown is com-ing to RIC, and you can check out the flotsam-esque students who are raising awareness for you and your people. OH CRAPPY DAY!

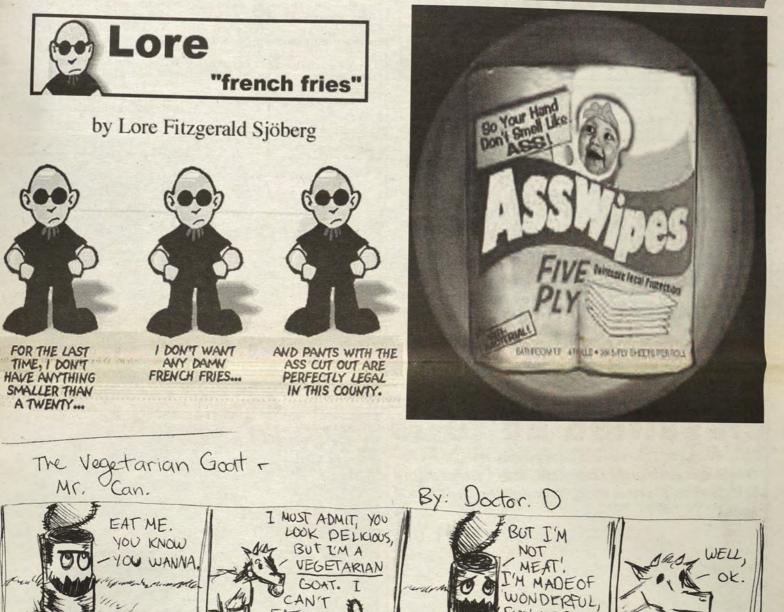
10) Dear Tick.. I mean, Dan & Jes-sica: Why does your head hurt when you eat Ice Cream too fast? Ahh, ice cream, the forbidden fruit. Of Course, it's not a fruit per se. No, and it isn't actually forbidden.... but it is creamy. And if you're lucky, it's nutty too!





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Daily Proverb: if a pig looses it's voice, is it disgrunted?







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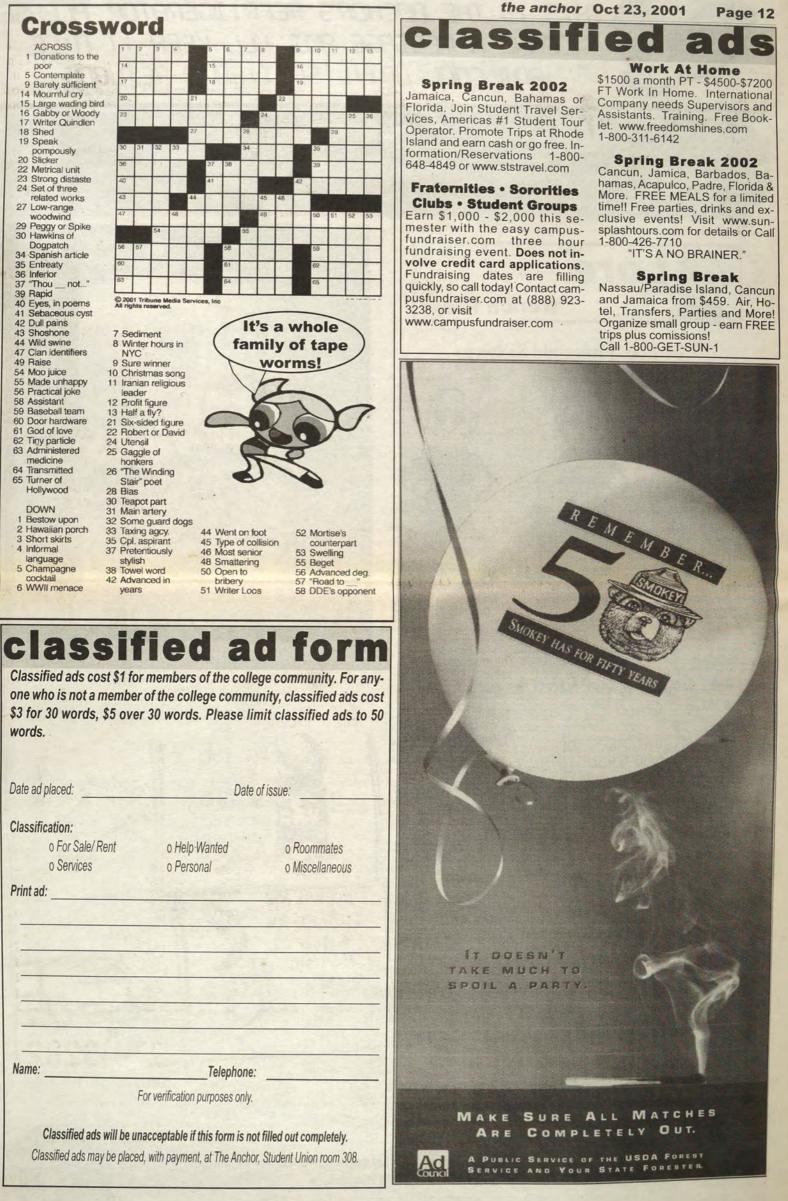
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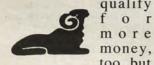
by Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

Aries

(March 21-April 19) -Today is a 7 - You

could soon get an offer to take on more respon-You could sibility. qualify

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too, but it could come in the form of additional benefits. Your partner will be supportive if you want to make a change for the better.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -

Today is a 7 - Conditions are changing in your fa-



next few weeks will be partnership. Want to form one for business or pleasure? Start taking applications.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -

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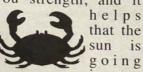
Today is an 8 - Did you know that money is a concept? There's not just a certain amount of

it. It can be created and de-

stroved. Values are flexible. Ideas can pay. You're good at many different things, so you might as well be rich. If you don't know how, start studying -investments, not philosophy.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22) -Today is a 7 - You're getting stronger. Can you feel it? Love brings you strength, and it



into Scorpio. The next few days may still be slow, but you'll have new vitality by this weekend. Plan ahead.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22) -Today is a 7 - Mercury,

which has been retrograde for weeks, is now going direct. That means the volume of errors and misinforma-



tion you're encountering is about to

diminish. The sun is going into Scorpio, though, and that's the sign of secrets. Remember to keep what you're learning confidential.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -Today is an 8 - Your ruling planet, Mercury has been retrograde all month. That's what's



was time to get things into order for the coming phase, which is now here.

Libra

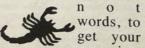
(Sept. 23-Oct 22) -Today is a 7 - Somebody else wants your

attention. It's a do-mestic matter that needs to be this problem coming. Just listen. The solution should be obvious.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -Today is an 8 - Now is the time to use actions,

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meaning across. Look for your opportunity, and when it comes, move quickly.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -Today is a 7 - You may feel bogged down with obligations. It's the season when you start

remembering all the things you

started around the time of your last birthday and haven't finished. Just do them.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -Today is an 8 - As if by magic, your supporters are growing in number.

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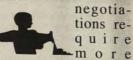


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making your opinions more pop-

Aquarius

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -Today is a 6 - You may not have much skill at wheeling and dealing, but you can learn. Good



than just having the facts to support your position - but that's a good place to start.

Pisces

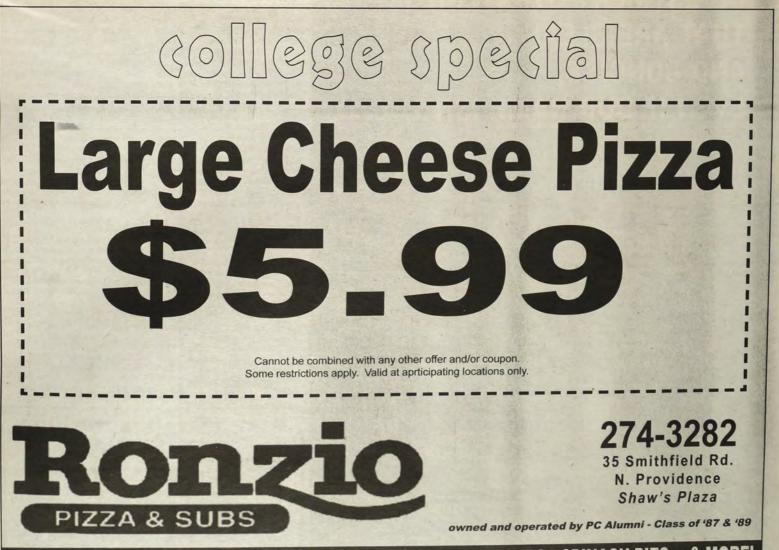
(Feb. 19-March 20) -

Today is an 8 - Conditions are changing again in your favor. Travel, higher educa-



tion and romance come more easily for the

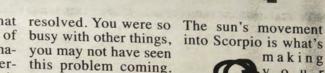
next few weeks. The right words are easier to find. Tonight is perfect for a celebraztion



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You Make Me Sick

by Cliff Rebelo Anchor Editor

It's that time of year again when everyone is carrying around a snot rag in one hand and a box of Sudafed in the other. There's nothing I love more than getting to class

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and seeing a desk with a few used tissues on it. Yummy! I hate getting sick and I'm sure a lot of you people are likewell I do too, but no, I HATE getting sick. I am the biggest and boldest bitch when I'm bedridden with mucus flowing out of my nose, mouth and any other orifice you can make mucus come out of. I hate the feeling of my body wanting to explode. I've spent many a days crying in a corner because I just want to breathe again like the normal people I see walking around. Unfortunately, as I write this I am just getting over a cold. For the past few days I have experienced the terror I have just described up top. Luckily I'm just about cured with the exception of a cough here and there followed by an occasional slab of snot.

slab of snot. So now I am writing you, my fellow students, and pleading for you all to do what I have also done. When I started getting sick on Wednesday night, and I mean SICK, I stayed in bed all day Thursday. Why? Well there's no point in making yourself miserable by having to sit in a classroom. You can wait until the next class to get the notes. I also didn't want to spread this unhealthy disease. By me staying home under the covers, I avoided getting other people sick. So all you people in my Thursday classes from 8-11am, you can thank me sometime within the next few weeks. I did go to work that day though, but hey, who doesn't want to spread a disease around at work, it's fun. Anyhow, I just ask that if

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people start to feel themselves getting real sick, call your professor and let them know you won't be there. I hate sitting between the guy who's hacking up a storm and the girl who ran out of tissue so she's using her sleeve.

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I can assure anyone who has class with me that I'm fine now. The meds have kicked in and I'm feeling just great. Another few days off of school would have been nice but heck, I can't have it all now, can I? So what have we learned today kids? If you're sick, stay home. If you do come to class, take your snot rags with you. Don't use your sleeve if you run out of tissue. If you have to cough, hold it in and run outside but if you can't do that, at least cover your mouth. Getting people sick at work is a hell of a lot more fun than getting them sick at school. There you have it boys and girls. Keep our air clean and germ free. If I do see one of the things I just mentioned going on in a classroom and I get sick again, I can guarantee you that will hunt you down and make you wish you never got out of bed.

Political Correctness The Biggest Joke Since the Whoopee Cushion

by D.L. Roth Anchor Staff

Why is it that in this day and age everyone is hell bent on being "Politically Correct"? You know "proper speech"; giving people equal representation by calling them some label that they deem themselves? I don't necessarily disagree with this idea but I think there are a few problems with this whole labeling fiasco that I see that should be corrected in one way or another.

way or another. First of all lets give the general term that this whole process goes by a grammatical autopsy. "Politically Correct" First word "politically" root word "Political", which generally brings to mind for most people the government, politicians, democrat and republican parties and the list goes on and on. I don't know about you but I largely associate political things with not hearing the entire truth or just plain out getting bullshitted. So why would anyone want to be "Politically Correct" if you're correct like a politican? Then you're just saying things because it gives touchy matters a little padding so when people tread over them the touchy people in these situations don't bitch, at least not as much.

The other day I was talking with a professor about the "importance" of how politically incorrect it is to say freshman. This rather baffled me because I have never really heard much about this particular little label battle. He told me that it's not "freshman" its "first year student". I guess I can see where this may be a problem... on second thought I take that back, there is no way this can be a real issue anywhere. What is the big deal? So I went out to the campus to find myself some ladies to ask about this problem. Out of a sample of RIC women on the average 7 out of 10 didn't see the word freshman as even remotely offensive (3 of these 7 didn't even know that this was any kind of an issue to begin with).

know that this was any kind of an issue to begin with). Some people are so hung up on being so "gender specific" that they don't even recognize that through this masquerade of technical name-calling, they are still getting the same amount of disrespect through actions. Hey, at

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alizing that I was in a position to educate others about these issues it became painfully obvious the price that many of us pay when we let ignorance and hate prosper at RIC. We cannot say that these issues are not a problem on this campus or that the RIC community has no place in educating individuals about the severity and importance of acceptance for those who identify as a member least they're getting called something they think is socially acceptable while its happening, right? If you're a woman, what does it matter if you're a mailman, policeman, or a fireman? You may be able to get them to call you a more gender specific name but the real challenge is not to make 70 cents to every dollar a man makes. Maybe the P.C. buffs out there should start bitching about that.

gender specific name but the real challenge is not to make 70 cents to every dollar a man makes. Maybe the P.C. buffs out there should start bitching about that. Let me present an interesting case that will basically do one of two things, help stop this gender specific craziness or change the entire English language, but I hope it is not the latter of the two. By looking at the base names for the genders, we find that they even have references to men in them. Woman, Female, and even she all have a base word referring to men. So what now? Lets just change those too if we are going to go all out P.C. here.

I know I have talked about women here a great deal but this also has to do with all of the ethnic groups that seem to have just as big of a problem with this labeling game. Only in this case it is far easier to explain. This is it plain and simple, you might be able to change what people call you but overall that doesn't change whether or not they will discriminate against you. It's just when all the prejudice people start talking down about you they will just call you by a different name while doing it. What is so great about that? Example: If the KKK was having a rally and was talking about how much they hate "African Americans" instead of the usual N word that they seem to use so often, does that make them better for saying that...I would sure as hell hope not. I think that women, people of different ethic backgrounds and

them better for saying that...t would sure as hell hope not. I think that women, people of different ethic backgrounds and social groups should realize that changing the name by which people refer you to will not get you the respect that you deserve as humans. We can all agree on that right, we are all humans last time I checked, Oh god that has the word man in it too?!? No one go argue to get that changed ok? Just live by the saying "Actions speak louder than words." That seems way easier than thinking up new names to label people by every few days if you ask me.

of the GLBT community. It is a small triumph for the GLBT community and RIC when an event or discussion takes place that allows for open and honest exchange of ideas and thoughts about GLBT issues. Opportunities for education concerning GLBT issues should only grow in the future and all of us at RIC contribute in making them happen. If more of us felt comfortable being "out" at RIC then I believe we can guarantee that education about GLBT issues will surely continue both in the public and private forums.



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RIIFF Horror Film Festival 2001 Schedule of Events

Friday, October 26, 2001 7:30 p.m.

"The Phantom of the Opera" USA 1925 Featuring Lon Chaney and Mary Philbin Live accompaniment Costume Competition Screenplay Winners announced \$10 admission

Saturday, October 27, 2001 7:00 p.m.

"Tomorrow's Bacon" USA 2001 Director: Bryan Norton

"Cradle of Fear"

United Kingdom 2001 Produced by Alex Chandon & Nico Rilla

Making its United States premiere CRADLE OF

FEAR stars members of the UK black metal band Cradle of Filth. The film recently premiered at Frightfest UK in London.

A homage to the cult Amicus anthology Asylum, Cradle of Fear unfolds four screamplays all linked by the unspeakable need of an incarcerated child killer to wreak vengeance on those responsible for his imprisonment.

Staring alongside Cradle of Filth members are cult actresses Eileen Daly and Emily Bouffante and the special effects are the work of Hellraiser veterans Creature FX

9:15 p.m.

"Teacher of the Year" USA 2001 35mm Director: Brian Adler

"Terror Tract" USA 2000

Director: Clint Hutchinson & Lance W. Dreesen The story of real estate agent Bob Carter who can't

figure out why three of his listings are such a tough sell. Sure, the homes have blood-soaked histories and its owners are all dead or insane. But these are top-notch houses, in turn-key condition and ready to move in! However, today Bob has a sure thing, a newlywed couple in search of the tract home of their dreams. Bob cheerfully shows the properties, the young couple delighted by what they see_ until Bob tells them the fates of the previous owners. They listen aghast as Bob relates the horrific histories. plunging them through the neighborhood's sunny faáade and into the unspeakable secrets of _ The Terror Tract!

In the Freemont Estate, a woman is haunted by nightmares of her husband returning from the dead to seek retribution against his wife and her lover. In the Gatley Home, the father of the house, convinced that his daughter's pet monkey is "evil", goes to war on the demonic primate. And in the Goodwin Residence, a teenager becomes possessed by the mind of a homicidal maniac

Winner of the PEGASUS / PRIZE OF THE AUDI-ENCE 2001 and the SILVER RAVEN 2001 of the 19th Brussels International Festival of Fantasy Film, TER-ROR TRACT stars John Ritter (BRIDE OF CHUCKY, SLING BLADE) and Bryan Cranston (MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE, SAVING PRIVATE RYAN), and was produced by Gregg L. Daniel and Lance W. Dreesen, written by Clint Hutchison and directed by Lance W. Dreesen and Clint Hutchison.

Sunday, October 28, 2001 3:00 p.m. Horror Shorts Showcase

"Dead in America" USA 2001 Director: Lawrence Klein

"The Fragile Skin" United Kingdom 2001 Director: John Carr

"Twitch" Australia 2001 Director: Daniel Giambruno

"Thou Shalt Not Kill" Hong Kong 2001 Director: Yuk Ting Chan

"Vampire Hunter's Club" USA 2001 Director: Donald F. Glut

"Digging Ashley" USA 2001 Director: Todd Cobery

"Veil" USA 2001 Director: B. Mark Seabrooks; originally premiered with **RIIFF 2001**

5:30 p.m.

"Teacher of the Year" USA 2001 Director: Brian Adler

Shorts Showcase

"TERROR TRACT"

Facts at a Glance:

Location: Columbus Theatre, (270 Broadway) Providence, RI.

Admission: \$10 "Phantom" only or \$7 student pass // \$5 general / \$8 doublebills

Contact: Columbus Theatre: (401) 621-9660 / RIIFF: (401) 861-4445; or see the web site at www.film-festival.org You can write to RIIFF at P.O. Box 162, Newport, RI 02840.

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Suite", "Maria Clara "and "Muslim Suite "followed by a brief intermission. A selection of Philippine dances and a piece called "Philippine Countryside "follow.

Now in its 45th year, the multi award-winning company (both na-tionally and internationally) brings its skill, grace and joie de vivre as well as its success in the transference of indigenous dance and music traditions from their ancient origins in the countryside to the confines of the stage without

sacrificing authenticity. Taking its name from the ancient Filipino tradition of Bayani-han, which signifies working to-gether for the common good, the company was founded in 1957 by

Helena Z. Benitez, bringing together parents, teachers, re-searchers, technicians, dancers and musicians in a common bond to achieve the objectives of the

company. These objectives are the pur-suit of research in ethnic rites, tribal folklore and regional folk-ways; the collection of indigenous art forms; the distillation and trans-formation of cultural traditions into theatrical productions, and the promotion of international under-

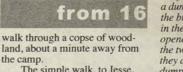
The company performed in 1958 at the Brussels World 's Fair and in 1959 on Broadway's Winter Garden Theater, the latter earn-ing praise from New York critics, who called the company the "Cin-

derella of Dance Theatre." This initial success paved the way for numerous invitations from top impresarios of the world. From 1958 to date, Bayanihan has mounted 15 international tours and over 100 brief tours to international events and festivals covering 55 countries on five continents.

The first Filipino group to per-form on Broadway, it also has the distinction of being the first non-American dance company to take to the stage at New York 's Lincoln Center as well as the first Philippine cultural group to perform in Russia, the People 's Republic of China and throughout South America.

America. In 1998,by an act of Congress, Bayanihan was officially desig-nated the National Folk Dance Company of the Philippines. Tickets are \$22 with dis-counts for students and senior citi-zens and may be purchased at the

zens and may be purchased at the main box office in Roberts Hall or ordered by phone via Visa or Mas-terCard by calling 456-8144 be-tween 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays



was, of course, anything but, as roots and branches threatened to snare and snag his feet at every step. He remained upright, how-ever, until he reached the meter-wide stream of cold, mountain runoff and began washing his face, hands and hair. The frigid water did a wonderful job of waking him up and making him feel quasi-human again, to the point where he briefly forgot about his dark, winged friend who waited for him on a log nearby. That is, until it let out another caw that made him only half-jump, this time. Jesse slicked his now clean hair back away from his face, stood up and turned towards his feathered

turned towards his feathered companion. "Okay," he said, "I'm ready, now. What do you want?" The raven cocked its head to the side briefly, blinked, bobbed twice, and then flew towards Jesse, landing on his shoulder. It was then that the visions began.

Two men were dragging an-other through a dark alleyway as a third watched and supervised. a third watched and supervised. The man being dragged by the arms was face down, and a thin trail of blood followed him. The three men who surrounded him were all dressed in suits of some

kind and wore leather gloves. They stopped when they reached a dumpster that leaned against the brick of one of the buildings in the alley. The supervisor opened the lid of the dumpster as the two larger men hefted the one they dragged up and into the dumpster before replacing the lid. It was then that Jesse was able to catch a glimpse of dead man's face – he knew who it was, and it was then that his world be-gan to spin yet again. kind and wore leather gloves.

and it was then that his world be-gan to spin yet again. He saw the large, black, bird fly away as he felt himself falling backwards, and he did not even attempt to right himself as he splashed arse-first into the ankle-deep water. A dull ache arose in his left butt cheek as his fall was, unfortunately, cushioned by a large, rounded rock that hid in the icy stream. Jesse gasped and large, rounded rock that hid in the icy stream. Jesse gasped and sputtered a bit as he clambered his way back out of the stream, and finally sat upon the downed log nearby. The raven, who had perched itself in a nearby tree, flew down and sat next to him on the log, letting out one of its soft, guttural coos.

die fog, fetting out of the of the officient guttural coos. Jesse simply cradled his aching head in his hands. "Sousa's dead... Christ, I need a drink." The raven let out an angry caw at Jesse. "Okay! Okay! I don't need a drink." He sighed and shook his head. "I need to get into contact with Archer." He then looked at the large black bird sitting next to him. "And you, my feathered friend, have to tell him I am on my way."

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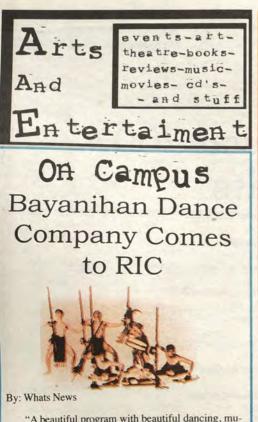
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"A beautiful program with beautiful dancing, mu-sic and costumes by a group of beautiful people. The fi-nale of the 'Muslim Suite 'fairly brought the audience to its feet!" said the New York Herald Tribune about Bayanihan, the Philippine National Dance Company, which takes the stage in Rhode Island College 's Roberts Hall Auditorium Monday, Oct.29, for an 8 p.m. performance

Its one night, reserved seating performance is part of the College's Performing Arts Series this season. The program consists of sets of music and dance enti-tled "Mountain

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Around Town Horror Film Festival in Providence

Things will go bump in the night on the big screen as the Rhode Island International Film Festival presented by Brooks Pharmacy unwraps its annual Horror Film Festival this October. The Horror Festival is an eerie-sistable salute to an overlooked genre that will include numerous world premieres of shorts and features including the best of films submitted in competition from all over the globe. In all, twelve films will be presented over the three-day period. To add to the fun, the Festival, much like a witch's brew, will consist of various ingredients such as contests for best costume and loudest shriek and awards for Best Feature and Best Short and more.

Best Short and more

Best Short and more. A major highlight of the Festival will be the screening of the restored classic "The Phantom of the Opera" directed by Rupert Julian. Produced in 1925, the film is based on Gaston Leroux's melodramatic tale of an embittered, dis-figured composer who haunts the Paris OpÇra and takes a pretty young singer as his protÇgÇ. This memorable film stars film legend, Lon Chaney with Mary Philbin. This clas-sic story was the inspiration for the long-running Broadway hit featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. To present the film as it might have been seen when it

hit featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. To present the film as it might have been seen when it was first released, live accompaniment will be provided un-der the baton of James Rohr who has been active in the Boston music scene for over 10 years. He has written music for several area filmmakers and is currently composing a score for a film directed by Mark Rigby. Since forming "day job records" in 1996, he has produced three CDs with his acclaimed free improv piano trio, "dull thud," with Curt Newton on drums and Nate McBride on bass. His most ré-cent group is a noir lounge country/blues/groove ensemble featuring Rick McLaughlin (either orchestra) and Mike Con-nors (combustible edison).

The Auring Rick McLaughlin (either orchestra) and Mike Con-nors (combustible edison). "The Phantom of the Opera is without doubt one of the most memorable and famous films ever made and what bet-ter place to screen it than at the historic Columbus Theatre (opened in 1926) which its large screen," said Shawn Drywa, RIIFF's Horror Film Director. "We are very pleased to fea-ture a print with the original color segments restored plus live accompaniment and an original score. Along with show

ture a print with the original color segments restored plus live accompaniment and an original score. Along with show-casing the theatre's magnificent organ, the original score will utilize a Theremin *** for musical effect" "The Phantom of the Opera" will open the Festival on Friday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission for this feature only will be \$10 for general audiences and \$7 to students with a valid ID. Tickets can be ordered now on line at www.vituous.com The evening will feature a costume conwww.virtuous.com. The evening will feature a costume con-test with prizes awarded for the creepiest costumes. The winners of the annual RIIFF Final Draft Screenplay Competition will also be announced prior to the screening. The 'weekend of horrors' will occur at the Columbus

The 'weekend of horrors' will occur at the Columbus Theatre, (270 Broadway) in Providence, RI. Programming begins Friday, October 26 and continues through Sunday, October 28. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., on Friday; 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. Saturday; and 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Admis-sion is \$5.00 per person for all shows except the special screening of "Phantom." In addition, audiences can stay for double-bill presentations on Saturday and Sunday for an ex-tra admission fee of \$3.00 (or a doublebill of \$8.00). All pro-ceeds generated by the RIIFF Horror Film Festival will be dedicated to the Patricia Neal Scholarship Fund that is dededicated to the Patricia Neal Scholarship Fund that is de-signed to help area college students pursue studies in the film arts.

Film arts. Soon to begin its sixth year, Rhode Island International Film Festival showcases the artistic efforts of filmmakers and encourages new talent while providing the visibility necessary to launch careers in the industry. This past year the Festival presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to noted director Blake Edwards, which was accepted by his wife Julie Andrews wife. Julie Andrews.

For more information, call (401) 861-4445 or see the web site at www.film-festival.org You can write to RIIFF at P.O. Box 162, Newport, RI 02840.

A complete listing of the films in the festival is available on page 15.

A.L.A.S "Ebon Eyes"

Anthony Drake

In his dream, Jesse Bateman was spinning. Col-ors streamed and swirled before his eyes as faces ap-peared, melted and then disappeared again. Through all of this, he felt hands touching his body – not in a sensual way, but in a probing, violating kind of way. As if every hand was there to measure and quantify his flesh. Fingernails dug into skin whilst fingers pulled and yanked at his twitching body. Jesse was spinning too quickly to see whose hands touched him, and his body was too cold and numb to fight back. He coiled and curled up as best he could, but his mild resistance did nothing to fend off the mo-lestations. The hands then began to only concentrate on his stomach – poking, pulling, ripping, tearing, swirling as he felt his entrails twist and convulse against the frigid caresses of the nameless demons that tormented him.

It was then that Jesse awoke, and vomited nois-It was then that Jesse awoke, and vomited nois-ily, just outside of his tent. The iron-tainted scent of bile mixed with alcohol singed his nostrils as it forced its way up through his mouth and onto the forest's floor in a repeating manner – he even dry-heaved for five minutes afterwards, still remember-ing the hands that had violated him in his sleep. Cracking his eyelids open slowly, Jesse at-tempted to take in all of his surroundings. He was still at the campsite, and was in his own tent – well mostly, anyways. He realized then why he felt so

mostly, anyways. He realized then why he felt so cold. The flap to his tent was wide open, and he was cold. The flap to his tent was wide open, and he was halfway outside of it, with his legs still inside wrapped up in his sleeping bag. The other half of his body, though covered with a t-shirt and a flannel, was terribly cold, and damp with morning dew. One would think that in the middle of the summer, such a thing was impossible, but up in the Vermont moun-tains, nightfall meant a drastic drop in temperature. The sun was halfway up over the horizon by this time, but remnants of the chill evening breeze still lingered. lingered.

lingered. Jesse slowly propped himself up to a kneeling position, which was when a loud, "CAW!!!" pierced his eardrums, making him leap to his feet. Unfortu-nately, his body reacted before his center of gravity could catch up, and he found himself back on the ground just as quickly as he had found himself up-right. He had remembered where the puddle of puke was, however, and thanked himself for being able to fall in the opposite direction. Flat on his back, look-ing up, he saw the culprit who made him jump, as a ing up, he saw the culprit who made him jump, as a pair of black, bead-like eyes looked down and blinked impassively at him. It let out a guttural "crooaakkk", which, to a raven, is the same as a soft,

friendly coo. "Uhhhggghhhh..." groaned Jesse, "What do you want?

The raven bobbed up and down a bit and then let out another call, a tad softer this time, but still loud enough to aggravate the man's hangover. Jesse sat chough to aggravate the man's hangover. Jesse sat up, and his damp, stringy, shoulder length hair fell into his face. He could smell his own vomit yet again, now realizing how his hair had become damp in the first place, and he cursed himself for losing his hair elastic. The raven flew down and landed a few feet in front of him, bobbing up and down again and croaking. Jesse raised an evertrow and placed at the feet in front of him, bobbing up and down again and croaking. Jesse raised an eyebrow and glared at the large, black bird. "Can you wait a second? I mean, at least until after I clean up a bit." The raven blinked at him three times and then flew up to a branch that hanged about 6 feet in the air. It let out another call and watched Jesse carefully as he slowly but surely began to make it to his feet. The long-haired man then took a step to test out his legs – he was wobbly, but still standing. He then made his way towards the raven, who began to fly towards the small stream that was Jesse's destination. The stream was a simple

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