



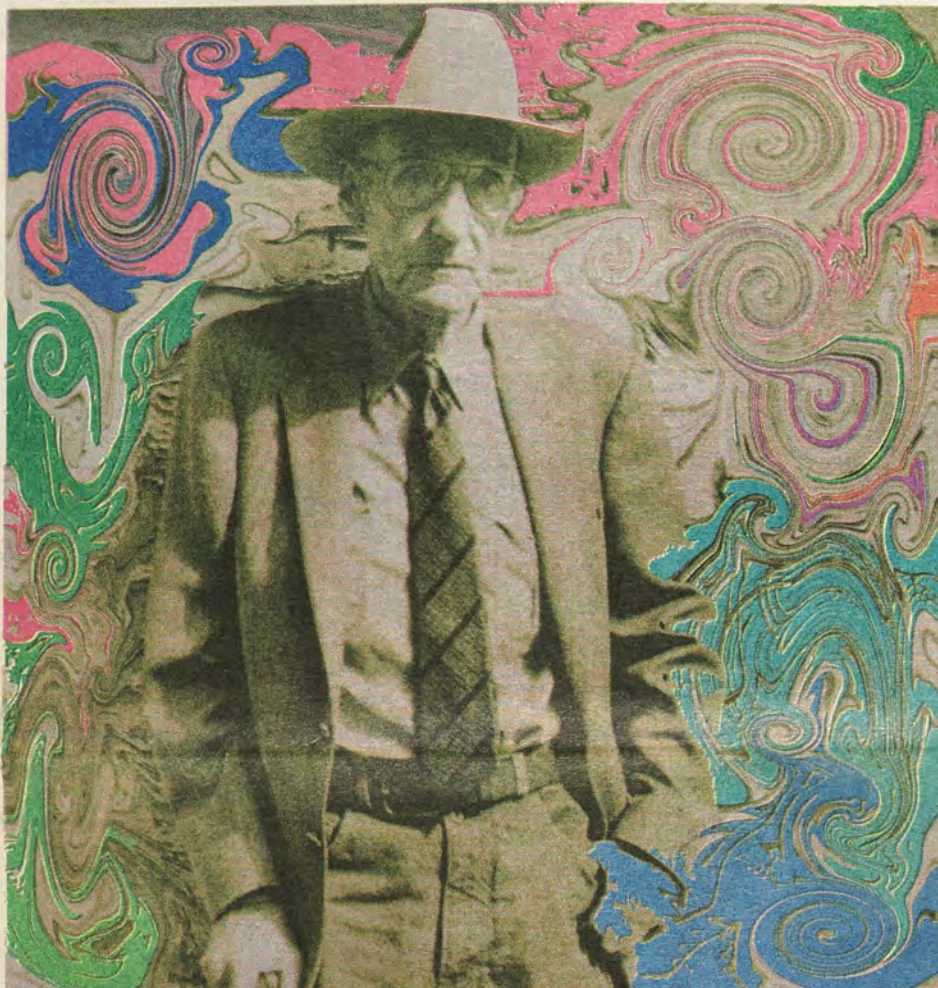
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An Interview With
William S. Burroughs

As a buildup to The Anchor's 75th birthday, this newspaper will be publishing 'classic' Anchor pieces that document the rich history of the organization

by George McFadden and Robert Mayoh
Anchor Staff 1974

William S. Burroughs is perhaps one of the most complex, diverse and controversial of modern writers. In order to understand his works, one must leave behind all the old conceptions of literature and the old modes of thought. Burroughs has been much misunderstood and maligned by critics and so-called "students of literature" in recent years, but with the world being in the situation that it is these days, many are finally waking up to the fact that he is not, and never was, off the track at all. It is difficult to explain Burroughs to those who do not take to either his literary style or to his message. It is a bit like speculating on the existence of God with a "true believer": set ways are set ways, and more's the pity.

Burroughs' first work, *Junkie*, was published in 1953 and it concerns Burroughs' life as a heroin addict in the United States and Mexico. Written at the urging of Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac, both of whom Burroughs befriended while the two were students at Columbia University, *Junkie* is a frank and realistic narrative. The book, which is only a thinly veiled autobiography, was written under the pseudonym of William Lee, a character who has since appeared in most of Burroughs' later works. The "novel" begins in New York City around 1945, when Burroughs first started taking heroin. Burroughs maintains that addiction is an "illness of exposure," and since he was able to get morphine at that time he gradually became hooked. For the next fifteen years, eight of which are covered in *Junkie*, Burroughs' life revolved around opiates. In *Junkie*, one can see the seeds which were later to grow into such novels as *Naked Lunch*, *Nova Express*, *The Ticket That Exploded*, and others.

Burroughs also wrote another work, *Queer*, immediately after *Junkie*, but this remains to be published. *Queer* was an extension of *Junkie*, recounting Burroughs' adventures in Mexico.

From Mexico, Burroughs traveled down through South America in a holy grail type search for Yage, a drug of supposed telepathic powers which, for Burroughs, offered the possibility of what he termed "the final fix." (At the end of *Junkie*, Burroughs wrote: "Yage may be the final fix.")

During the time he traveled in South America, Burroughs corresponded frequently with Allen Ginsberg, and from this correspondence came *The Yage Letters*, in which are the beginning "routines,"

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RIC Records Office Closing
Early for Spring Semesterby: Veronica Bruffy
Anchor Staff

Beginning the third week of spring semester, a change in schedule will be instituted by the Records office at Rhode Island College.

Students who expect to be able to change billing addresses, order transcripts, add and drop classes, pick up a course catalog and do many other errands, will be unable to receive service after 4:30 p.m., which is when the office will be closing Monday through Friday.

The Records office will remain open until 7 p.m. during the first two weeks of spring semester only. However, by the start of week three, as well as the third week of every subsequent semester, Records will be closing by 4:30 p.m.

Recently, Gov. Lincoln Almond announced a state reduction of expenditures. Consequently, President Nazarian sent a memo to all Vice-Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs, and directors of the college informing them that, "the state is an-

icipating a significant shortfall revenue for the current fiscal year."

James Dorian, Acting Director in the Records Office, explained that because of this budget difficulty RIC Administration asked, "How can we save money—and keep anyone from being laid off." Thus, Records decided an earlier closing time would be beneficial to help with reduced spending.

Eleven people are employed in the Records office, working full-time hours. Keeping someone at the office until 7 p.m. required overtime workers and overtime pay.

Jeanne Boichat, an employee at the Records office said in the past there was specifically an evening shift from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., but then employees working overtime replaced that position. Now that closing time will be 4:30 p.m., overtime will be extinguished.

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Providence to Host 2001
Pan-Am Intercollegiate Chess
Championshipsby: Seneca Nowland
President, RIC Chess Club

The 2001 Pan-Am Intercollegiate Chess Championships will be held December 26-29, 2001, at the Providence Marriott in Providence, Rhode Island. The event is being sponsored by the Rhode Island College Chess Club in conjunction with the US Chess Federation, and will attract teams from the United States, Canada, and South America. The total prize fund is \$2600, which will be divided among the top five teams.

The Pan-Am Intercollegiate Chess Championships is the largest collegiate chess tournament in the western hemisphere, and awards a USCF recognized national title. This will be the third time that Providence has played host to the event (1986, 1994). Rhode Island College won the event in 1985.

Also taking place will be a Scholastic tournament for high school, middle school, and elementary children. The top high school finisher will be awarded a 4-year tuition and fees scholarship to the University of Texas - Dallas, last year's

Pan-Am co-champions (University of Maryland - Baltimore County). There is an Open tournament as well, for which any player is eligible.

Two-Time United States Champion, 2001 FIDE World Championship participant, and RIC Chess Club coach Larry Christiansen will be giving a simultaneous chess exhibition at 2:30pm on Wednesday, 12/26, and will also provide analysis of games for free during the tournament.

The Providence Marriott is located at the corner of Charles and Orms St. in Providence. Phone number for reservations is (800) 937-7768. The Rhode Island College Chess Club is located at Student Union 204, 600 Mt Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908. (401) 456-8175, <http://scg.ric.edu/chess>.

Schedule of Events:
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lo 36°FMON
Dec 17
Sun and Showershi 47°F
lo 33°F

New Location

Just a note that the records office, bursars office, payroll, and purchasing office have moved to the buildings on the east campus please call them to find out each building number.

Tie One On For The Holidays

Tie a red ribbon on your car, backpack, doorknob, or anything else to remind everyone else not to drink and drive. Call X8061 to get as many red ribbons as you need.

Mathematics seminar

This event will be on December 12th in Gaige 373 at 1PM. Lynn C. McGrath from URI will present "On A Rational Difference Equation". This seminar is open to the public.

Women's Softball Holiday Fundraiser

The women's softball team is holding their annual fundraiser now through December 18th Poinsettias are in the choice of red, white, or pink and are in a 6" foil wrapped pot. Wreaths are decorated with a red velvet bow and the price of each item is \$12 each. Your order will be delivered on your choice of dates December 11th or 18th and to place an order call X8259.

Holiday Dinner

Come to this years holiday dinner where the theme this year is "it's a small world". The event will be on December 13th 2001 in DDC. Hors D'oeuvres will be served on the mezzanine level at 4 pm and the dinner buffet will begin at 4:45 pm with a talent show to follow. Admission price for the college community is \$10 and students on the meal plan will have one meal's worth of points deducted from their board plan.

Holiday Food Collection

The Chaplin's Office and the American Marketing Association would like to remind everyone about the holiday food collection going through December 12th. Please drop off your non-perishable food at the Chaplains Office box SU 300 or in the SU lobby, Alger Hall, Whipple Hall. If you would like to adopt a family call the Chaplains Office at X8168.

Volunteers are needed for First Night

First Night in Providence will have its 17th annual New Year's Eve Celebration of the Arts on December 31st. Volunteers are needed for three or four hours of time and will receive a button for all of the events, a 2002 souvenir apron and a pass to the Feinstein IMAX for a volunteers appreciation night in January. For more information or to volunteer call the first night office at 521-1166 or fax 273-5360 or email volunteers@firstnightprovidence.org.

RIC Women's Center

The Women's Center would like to inform the college community that they are selling safe sex and sanitary supplies. Condoms 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 Center/Student Employment Office in CL 054 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 level tutor (English, science, history)/Providence #319, Police officer/Scituate #320, Office assistant/Providence #322, retail teleservicing specialist/Lincoln #323, teacher aide/Blackstone MA #325, Tobacco outreach coordinator/Providence #328.

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, November 7th, 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.

Practice and Improve Your Spanish

The Department of Modern Languages invites the entire college community to join the Spanish conversation hour from 12-1pm in CL 102. Come and talk about current 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 interested or email dcabral@ric.edu.

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 confidentiality and help each other.

Writing Center Tutors Available

The writing center will have writing tutors available Monday-Wednesday from 9am-

7pm, Thursday from 9am-4pm, and Friday from 9am-3pm. There is also information concerning writing issues given out in free pamphlets. For more information call 456.8141.

Sunday Mass On Campus

Sunday evenings at 10pm in SU 306, Fr. Pescatello, celebrant. For more information 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 an educational grant for students providing 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 running and available to RIC students, and will be available to faculty and staff after October 1st.

Instructional Swimming Programs

The Recreation Center is offering several different programs. Do you want to be a lifeguard? If you do, the REC center is offering American Red Cross Lifeguard Training at the cost of \$40.00 to RIC students. The class will be January 7th-10th and the time will be scheduled later. If you are interested, call Janice Fifer at X8238 to leave your name and number. In addition in January during the break there will be a lifeguard training review for those who will need to renew their license. Class includes everything needed, including first aid and CPR. 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. Swimming for the terrified is on Thursdays from 1-1:45pm, and beginners are from 10-10:45 am on Tuesdays. Want to be in the water volleyball league? You do not need to know how to swim just come and have fun. In addition there is snorkel-

ing Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm with the equipment provided. Scuba is a great follow up to snorkeling and will be offered on December 11th from 6:30-8 pm as a short intro class followed by an instructor guided dive in the pool and all equipment provided and there will be a full course offered in February 2002. Lastly there is Water Way To Relax which will be offered on December 14th from 1-1:30 PM. Spend a relaxing half an hour doing relaxing movements, gentle stretching, and have it accompanied by soothing music. Come down and try a program out. For more information on these programs, please contact Alan at 456.8227 or Janice at 456.8238.

Lifeguards Needed These Hours

Monday	4-6 p
Tuesday	7:45-10 a
Thursday	6-10:15 p
Friday	6:45-4:15 p
Saturday	7:45-12:15 p
Sunday	4:45-10:15p

New Pool Hours

Need to cool off? Try the Recreation Center Pool. It's open 7 days a week.

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

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

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. Whether or not you plan on attending please forward your mailing address to: Woonsocket_class_of_1997@yahoo.com. Or send a postcard to: Resident 85 Park Avenue Woonsocket, RI 02895

SCG, Inc. Lawyer Needed

Student Community Government, Inc. is looking for a lawyer. Anyone that has recommendations, please send their resume to SU 200 or fax us at 456-8084. For more information feel free to call us at 456-8088. Thank you. (Contact person - Erica Hole, SCG, Inc. President)

Student Health Insurance

Attention all students with the Rhode Island 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's available online at www.bollingerinsurance.com/ric

Registration Info

All new, full time students, including transfers, should be sure that they have submitted their forms to Health Services. Students will be unable to register for next semester's classes if they have not provided immunizations mandated by state law. Call 456-8055 if you need further assistance.

AA Meeting On Campus

AA meetings will be held every Wednesday during the fall semester from 12:30-2 pm in CL 231. All are welcome to attend.

Student Conservation Association Internships

They will offer over \$1500 in internships in national parks, forests and historical sites this year. Interns can receive up to \$4,725 for college, free travel to and from the site, stipends, housing, and insurance. Positions available for summer 2002 will be available November 15th on <http://www.sca-inc.org> and additional information is available in the career development center.

Diversity Committee Seeks New Members

Are you interested in becoming a member and expanding the diversity on campus? This committee is seeking new members for the 2001-2002 year. Anyone interested should e-mail Roger Simons at rsimons@ric.edu or call X9865.

Depression Screening

Now the RIC campus can be screened for depression online on the RIC Counseling Center's web page. This is confidential and will only take a few minutes to tell you whether or not professional consultation or evaluation would be helpful to you. For any information or an appointment call X8094.

Volunteers Needed

The VNA of Rhode Island Hospice Program is looking for volunteers to work with hospice patients and their families in their home environment and/or to fill office and clerical positions at the VNA offices. For further information about opportunities for a rewarding experience in a caring environment, please contact JoAnna Vanaria at 401-335-2603.

Join BACCHUS

If you are interested in being a charter member of RIC's BACCHUS Chapter (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), call Lauren Dulude at x8345, or stop by the meetings any Wednesday during the free period in Craig-Lee 203.

Thinking About Kicking Butts?

Call the Office of Health Promotion, 456-8061 to develop a strategy for success.

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Hi Honey,

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Love,

Mark Twain & Mom

To:

My favorite Student
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Providence, RI
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New Location and Business Hours for the Record's Office

Our new location is the lower level of Building 4 on the East Campus (across from the Recreation Center). Our office hours have been 8:30am to 7:00pm Monday through Thursday while classes are in session (8:00 am to 6:00 pm during the summer sessions). Beginning with the Spring

2002 semester we will be open until 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday only during the first two weeks of each semester. The remaining time we will close at 4:30 pm (4:00 pm during the summer). Students can access transcripts, grades and other student information on the RIC Web site.



by J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Staff

The highest number of degrees awarded in the undergrad program is 479 which is in the liberal arts program.

The highest number of degrees awarded by major is 146 in psychology.

The tuition for in state students has increased by 186% in the past ten years, when it jumped from \$1,412 to \$2,620

The highest source of revenue for RIC is not tuition, but rather state appropriations which contribute a total of \$34,717,000 to the college.

The number of attendees to the James P. Adams library was 2,390 (note: this is the people who actually borrowed books, not just used the area to study).

Source: *Fact Book 1998-99*, published by the RI College Office of Institutional Research and Planning, Report # 99-7.

Correction Notice

In the December 4, 2001 issue of *The Anchor* we printed an article titled "Teaching is the Noblest of Professions." In this article we refer to the honor society presenting the teaching awards as Kappa Delta Phi when, in fact, the name is Kappa Delta Pi. Kappa Delta Phi, the RIC fraternity, also had an article written about them in the same issue of *The Anchor*. Although we sincerely apologize

for the mix up, I would like to say that in our defense, Kappa Delta Phi and Kappa Delta Pi sound alike, and it's all-Greek to us anyway. I hope our mistake can be forgiven.

Furthermore, although this has nothing to do with the Greek alphabet, we misspelled the name of Lesley Bogad in the same article.

Residence Halls Close Friday, December 21, 6:00pm

All residents must vacate the halls for break within 24 hours after their last exam, or by 6:00pm on December 21 (whichever comes first). Residents who need to stay in the residence halls the night of December 21 must contact the Office of Residential Life and Housing with their written request by Friday, December 14 before 4:30pm.

For questions call Anne (LaBorne) Colacarro
Assistant Director of Residential Life and Housing
Rhode Island College
600 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908-1991
phone: (401) 456-8240
fax: (401) 456-8501
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Registration for Intercollegiate, Scholastic, Open - 2-5pm
Round 1, Intercollegiate, Scholastic, Open - 6pm
Thursday 12/27
Round 2, Intercollegiate, Scholastic, Open - 10am
Round 3, Intercollegiate, Scholastic, Open - 5pm
Blitz (five-minute chess) tournament - 9pm
Friday 12/28
Round 4 - 10am
Round 5 - 5pm
Bughouse (2-player chess variant) tournament - 9pm

Saturday 12/29
Round 6 - 9am
Awards Ceremony - 3:30pm
Quick Chess Tournament - 4:30pm
Prizes: Intercollegiate
1st \$1000
2nd \$700
3rd \$400
4th \$300
5th \$200
Trophies 1st - 10th, class prizes, and others
Scholastic:
1st Place HS - 4 Year UTD Scholarship
Trophies for individuals and teams, and others
Open: 1st \$500, and others
For More Information, contact Seneca Nowland, President, RIC Chess Club, (401) 456-8175, (401) 559-7749, S_Nowland@yahoo.com

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Dorian believes that by closing early, all 11 employees will be able to hold their jobs and continue to work full-time.

Closing early may reduce overtime spending for employees, which will help the budget. However, students who attend class in the evenings, or those who work until 5 p.m. may see inconveniences with the early closing schedule.

"I think it is absolutely ridiculous," said Boichat. "So

now we will be unable to serve the students who take evening classes."

According to Dorian, although students will be unable to get service from the Records Office after 4:30p.m. the new on-line system will be available to access grades, print out unofficial transcripts, add/drop classes, and provide many more personal uses.

"I didn't even know there were on-line services now," said Rhode Island College junior, Kim Allenson. "I probably threw that letter away... the one with my password... cause I thought it was more junk, RIC mail."

When asked if the Web will

Seeking Child Care Professionals

Communities for People is a non-profit organization that services adolescents in a variety of community settings. We're seeking full-time child welfare professionals who are able to communicate effectively, work well in a team and provide a safe nurturing environment. We are seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

Outreach Worker:

Innovative home based family preservation program seeks a professional to work full-time, with 5 families, 40 hrs/wk. Ideal candidate will possess a Master's Degree, family work experience, a willingness for local travel, the ability to be on call for the families' needs, and a commitment to strengthening families.

Salary \$26,000

Communities For People, Inc.
211 Waterman Street
Providence, RI 02908
Administrator: Joan Valentin

Student Community Government is looking for Non-Parliament students to serve on the following committees:

Elections Commission
-Oversee budget allocations for student organizations

Public Relations Committee
-Publicize Student Government work, organize forums and debates

Student Organizations Committee
-Assist student organizations in goals and planning

By-Laws Committee
-Review and amend SCG By-Laws

If interested, call 456.8088 or come in to Student Union 200 for more details

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which were later expanded and added to by Burroughs and then incorporated into *Naked Lunch*. The *Yage Letters* also describe Burroughs' discovery of yage, which he found to be far from "the final fix."

After spending several years in South America, Burroughs went to Morocco in a state of complete addiction to opiates. He lived there in a small, dirty, underground apartment in the native quarter of Tangiers, where his main activity was keeping up his habit. For excitement, he would occasionally do target practice on a wall of his room with a pistol, but the majority of his time was spent in staring at the tip of his shoe for hours at a time, sitting, in his own words, as "inscrutable as a turd." For the most part, he seldom went out for any other reason than to cop more junk.

"Stasis" went on until Burroughs could not afford his habit, which was growing monstrously, even in a cheap and drug-laden country like Morocco. He had tried a wide variety of cures, none of which had any lasting effect. Finally, he was at the end of the line. At this time, he has said, "I wasn't doing ANYTHING. I was dead." In a life or death decision, Burroughs took what little money he had left and got on the next plane to London to take the "apomorphine cure," under the supervision of Doctor John Dent. This cure, which involves the injection of apomorphine to offset the effects of withdrawal, was administered to Burroughs in a London nursing home. Miraculously, or so it must have seemed, Burroughs walked out eight days later a cured man. "that usually takes at least a month with other cures, had been accomplished in a little more than a week with apomorphine, a drug which is produced by boiling morphine with hydrochloric acid.

This cure left an indelible im-

pression on Burroughs because of the simple fact that it worked. In the following years, Burroughs relapsed only twice, and quick administration of apomorphine cured him. Burroughs has attempted to interest a number of concerns in this country with the apomorphine cure, which he has seen work, time and time again, on many addicts and alcoholics, but no one was, or still is, interested. (Even the Federal Narcotics Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, has consistently refused to try it, on the grounds that it is too "dangerous" - a charge which Burroughs labels as ludicrous. This is indeed strange, considering the blather one sees and hears in the media about "every possible means" being employed to cope with and stem the drug problem in this country. The "every possible means" which they talk about, often boils down to a jail sentence or its clinical equivalent.) Such official disinterest has led Burroughs to conjecture that, perhaps federal and state narcotics agencies DO NOT WANT a reliable cure.

In the late fifties, as he emerged from the junk world, Burroughs put together a series of notes and routines which he had written during the worst days of his addiction, and published them under the title suggested to him by Jack Kerouac: *Naked Lunch*. This satirical work contains fantasies so wildly horrible, but humorous, that one wonders how Burroughs could have made such incredible perversity so overwhelmingly funny. How could anyone laugh at such things? Well, the answer may be because it is all so familiar. Burroughs does not deal with any universal "truths" or "absolutes" in *Naked Lunch*; he has just put down, in a form that is not that exaggerated, much of what exists around us but which we resist admitting.

Naked Lunch is a vast panorama of shams in every field of endeavor. Political parties devoted to control and Big Brother takeover, bigoted sheriffs, utter

shams of doctors (especially the most fraudulent of all: Doctor Bensay), completely unscrupulous businessmen (such as Salvador Hassan O'Leary, the afterbirth tycoon), drug addicts and dealers, dishonest cops, a strange species, like the Latahs (people afflicted with a disease which compels them to imitate the actions of those around them), the mugwumps (creatures too horrible to describe), and so on. Most of *Naked Lunch* takes place in the City of Interzone - a horrible but familiar place, which Burroughs describes as "the Composite City where all human potentials are spread out in a vast silent market."

In Tangiers, Burroughs met Brion Gysin, an English painter and writer who suggested to Burroughs the application of painting techniques, such as collage and montage, to writing. This led to the "cut-up technique" of writing, which Burroughs has since pioneered in his own works. Cut-ups are best described, as it was first formulated, in Gysin's article of 1959 - *Cut-Ups Selfexplained*:

"Writing is fifty years behind painting. I propose to apply the painter's techniques to writing; things as simple and immediate as collage or montage. Cut right through the pages of any book or newsprint ... lengthwise, for example, and shuffle the columns of text. Put them at hazard and read the newly constituted message ...

... Poets are supposed to liberate words - not to chain them in phrases. Who told poets they were supposed to think? Poets are meant to sing and to make words sing. Poets have no words of "their very own." Writers don't use their words. Since when do words belong to anybody? "Your very own words," indeed! And who are you?"

Burroughs, Gysin, Gregory Corso and Sinclair Beiles applied this technique to several works and published the results in a pamphlet entitled "Minutes to go" in Paris in 1960. A subsequent pam-

phlet of the cut-ups came out in the United States, entitled *Exterminator* featuring cut-ups by Burroughs and Gysin. The technique quickly achieved notoriety. (as Burroughs states, the technique is not actually all that new. Tristin Tzara, an early twentieth-century surrealist, experimented with the random composition of poems by pulling words out of a hat. He once proposed to do this at a convention of writers in a Paris theater, and the madness that ensued rivaled the premier of Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* in 1913.)

In his next three works, *The Ticket That Exploded*, *Nova Express* and *The Soft Machine*, Burroughs the cut-up technique to a great extent; but these works, as all of his works, in fact, are not as random as they seem. Using a science fiction style as a vehicle, Burroughs again satirizes many facets of American life. He extends many of the themes in *Naked Lunch* into a setting, which comprises much of the known universe. The "Nova Mob" in *Nova Express* always aggravates the situation, desiring to keep it ever in a state of turmoil while the "Nova Police" move in on the situation, take care of it, and then quickly leave. But in Burroughs' world even the "Nova Police" are suspect, as even they have a tendency to get out of hand.

In Burroughs' next two works, *The Wild Boys* and *Exterminator!*, he demonstrates the effects of the failure of control, a theme he had worked with extensively in his four previous books. *The Wild Boys* is set in the future where the world is completely taken over by wild boys - gangs of rampaging youth armed with eighteen inch Bowie knives.

In *Exterminator!*, the chaos comes a little closer to home. Operating in the capacity of "exterminators" are high-ranking army officials, CIA agents, the Chicago police (one part of the book is set in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic convention), secret-service men, and various other such familiar figures. (For a time to-

wards the close of World War II, Burroughs worked as an exterminator.) In this work, Burroughs extends the exterminator image into a comprehensive metaphor. It is the result of control that has been resisted and broken down; if you can't control the populace, exterminate it. These exterminators, of course, are easily identifiable forms.

The methods described by Burroughs by which control is carried out have a frightening and familiar ring to them, probably because they're practically the very same methods used by the "Plumbers" and various "national security" agencies. In the light of this, Burroughs' works may be considered prophetic. If so, we are in for a terrifying future.

Despite his warnings, much of what Burroughs has written about has come to pass. What seemed grossly exaggerated and perverse in Burroughs' works during the 1960's is now everyday front-page news. We are now in an age of young, suburban junkies, official tape-recorded blackmail, and police state control *Ad Nauseum*. If he wished to do so, Burroughs could sit back and justly say, *I Told You So*.

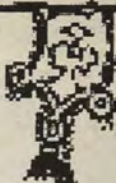
Many critics have dismissed him for his radical and, to them, his incomprehensible style, and many upholders of "decency" have despised and fought him because of his (whose?) perversity as is usual, many of them got caught up in the particulars while the gist of the matter went ignored. Concerning this opposition, Marshall McLuhan wrote in *The Nation*, "It is amusing to read reviews of Burroughs that try to classify his books as non-books, or as failed science-fiction. It is a little like trying to criticize the satirical and verbal manifestations of a man who is knocking on the door to explain that flames are leaping from the roof of the home."

Maybe it's time to open up more than our mouths ...

Continued Next Week ... The Interview

Open Forum

for
Rhode Island College
Students
Tuesday, December 11, 2001
12:30-2:00pm
Presidents Dining Room
Donovan Dining Center



A time to voice
concerns and opinions
with the
Board of Governors
for Higher Education
Student Liaison
Committee

Former RIC Athlete is Staple of Athletic Department

By: Leslie Crofton
Anchor Contributor

Coordinator of Athletic and Recreational Facilities Andy Coughlin has made a career of Rhode Island College Athletics. The 1996 RIC graduate who studied community health began working part-time in the College's athletic department in his junior year and has been here ever since.

Coughlin, who is now 28, has held several different positions in the department since the beginning of his career. He is now a familiar face to everyone who is involved with any facet of RIC athletics.

He started out as a student worker, then he became in charge of field maintenance, which led to him taking on more and more facilities responsibilities. He then became the Intramurals Coordinator, while still being responsible for the facilities duties that he had had in the past. This all eventually led to his current role as the Coordinator of Athletic and Recreational Facilities. He is responsible for the day-to-day functioning of anything and everything related to athletics and recreation at RIC, from a facilities standpoint. His primary responsibilities include set-up and break down of equipment before and after athletic contests, staffing events and maintaining and upgrading campus facilities including the Intercollegiate Athletics Building, the Recreation Center and the athletic fields.

When asked how he ended up working at his alma mater after graduation Coughlin replied, "As

a student, I started working with Steve Alves, who was in charge of facilities at that time. He got sick so I started to take on more and more responsibilities in the department, which is how I eventually came to work full-time at RIC."

Anyone who knows Coughlin, especially those who have worked with him, knows that he is not one to exist only within the parameters of his job description. Despite how hard he works to accomplish the multitude of tasks - that are on his own to-do list, he constantly goes out of his way and above and beyond what is expected of him to support the other members of the department's administration as well as coaches and athletes. "Andy's hard work, countless hours and dedication continue to make RIC athletics as great as they are," says Andy Barron, a former RIC baseball player and a student who has worked extensively with Coughlin over the past two years.

"Until you work for a collegiate athletic department, you have no idea how much work is involved," says Coughlin, who was no stranger to RIC athletics before he became an employee of the department. Coughlin ran cross-country and track & field, lettering all four years while an undergraduate. He captained the team his junior and senior year and he won the prestigious Heatherman Award, which is awarded to the top male student-athlete of each year's graduating class.

Coughlin resides in North Providence, Rhode Island. He and his fiancée Danielle are busy planning their wedding, which will take place this August.

Student Athlete Diaries

By: Chris Puleo
Anchor Contributor

As a student-athlete at Rhode Island College I deal with the stress of juggling classes, indoor track practices and a part time job. I became a member of the indoor track team to stay in shape and to continue my dedication in track (I ran all four years of high school as a sprinter). Being a sprinter on a college team demands tough workouts on a daily basis. The workouts are conducted in a positive environment where the coach and the other runners are supportive of each other.

A typical day for me, after attending classes, is to head to the track around 3:30 in the afternoon. Once the team is all accounted for, we start our warm-up. The warm-up consists of a 1/2 mile jog, followed by stretching. After the warm-up we start our drills. The drills consist of three sets of each of the following: high knees, butt kicks, kick-outs, straight legs, a backwards jog,

moving jumping jacks, up and outs and finally strides. Doing these drills will help improve our coordination and balance. These drills are done everyday before the workouts and usually take about 25-30 minutes.

The workouts differ from week to week and day to day. On a typical day, we have around ten sprinters working out. Monday and Tuesday are the toughest days and Wednesday and Thursday are less grueling. Friday is our easiest day as we prepare for our meets. After we are completely done with practice, most of us will head to Donovan Dining Center to grab something to eat and talk about how well we just worked out and prepare for the upcoming meet. Saturday is the day we finally get to compete. The indoor track team doesn't compete during the week; instead we travel to meets around New England every Saturday.

On Dec. 2, the team competed at the Brown University Invitational, where we competed

against Division I teams [RIC is Division III]. Usually, a track meet lasts all day. That is because the men and women compete together, but not against each other. Mike Daniels had a great meet for us, placing first overall in the 800 meters. Tim Rudd placed second in the 3,000 meters. Matt Tarpy placed second in the high jump. Finally, the week ends on Sunday, when the team gets together on its own and runs about 3-5 miles.

Being a part of the men's indoor track team is an experience. What I mean is that indoor track practices are very different from other sports practices. The members of the team push each other to work harder each and every day, pushing their bodies to the limit in the process.

Chris Puleo is a senior on RIC's men's indoor track and field team. He was an All-Alliance/Little East selection in the 400 meters as a sophomore in 1999-00. He is also a member of RIC's cross country and outdoor track and field teams.

Sports Gal's Sports Update: Oh, That Tricky BCS!

By Tiffany Ventura
Anchor Editor

This week, I've decided to talk about one of my favorite things in the world: college football. Nothing beats a college football game. The atmosphere, mascots, marching bands, students, alumni, mystique and tradition of college football do not even compare to professional football. Therefore, it's my favorite time of the year: It's time to crown a National Champion!

However, there is a problem. As much as I love college football, we have issues in the NCAA with how to determine a national champion.

Let me give you the background. In the beginning, college champions were usually determined by the best record, the Coaches' Top 25 poll, and the media's Top 25 poll. However, sports experts came to the conclusion that the coaches and the media were biased. Need proof? In 1998, the Michigan Wolverines led by Charles Woodson were clearly the dominant team in college football, winning the National Championship. According to the media poll that is. The coaches' poll ranked the Tom Osbourne coached Nebraska Huskers number one, and coincidentally, it was Osbourne's last year as head coach. What a coincidence. So, the teams shared the national title. *Share?* There's no sharing in college football!

So then came along the Bowl Championship Series Rankings, an eclectic combination of numbers, stats, mathematical magic, gobbledygook, and I'm pretty sure there's some sprinklings of well-placed baloney. But, at least now we had an objective computer telling us who the two best teams in the nation were, and they could battle it out at a bowl game. Perhaps we got a little ahead of ourselves with this "great answer" to our problems.

This year, the BCS has shown to be just another piece of non-working machinery that is the

college football's determination of who is number one. The BCS is supposed to mathematically average strength of schedule, wins, losses and by how many points, who a team lost to, and the final result will be a proper ranking of the top teams. Sounds good, right? Well, here's the problem this year.

For starters, the undefeated Miami Hurricanes are the number one team in the nation. The number two team is the Tennessee Volunteers. Here's the kicker: the Colorado Buffaloes are ranked fourth. Ahead of them are the Nebraska Huskers, with the same record as Colorado. *Except* one of Nebraska's losses came to Colorado, at the hands of a crushing, demoralizing defeat. Yet, for some reason, Nebraska is ranked third. Now, if Tennessee were to lose to LSU in the SEC Championship Game, Nebraska could easily move up to number two and be playing in a championship game they don't belong in, seeing as Colorado beat them soundly. If Tennessee wins, this won't matter. But what if?

Brigham Young University is undefeated, yet isn't even being considered for a major Bowl game, so they're suing the system. By the way, how can you sue a computer system? Anyway, what we have here is one big mess. So, if Tennessee loses, the BCS computer explodes, we have to declare anarchy, and college football will cease to exist.

Okay, that probably won't happen. But the BCS has fallen and it can't get up. But there's hope. The BCS should not be beaten down like the bad machine it is. I'm here to tell you that the BCS can be used...in conjunction with...and this idea is so ingenious college basketball has been doing it for years...

A playoff system! That's right, a playoff system in college football. It's simple, easy, fair, and efficient. The top ten ranked teams at the end of the year play in a bracketed playoff.

Then, we determine who the winner is. *Yet...* with all of this strife and misery with the BCS, there are still opponents of the playoff system. They claim that players are subjected to too many games at the end of the year and that it would take away from their studies.

Am I hearing this right? So, I suppose Shane Battier and Ruth Riley, in graduating from Duke University and Notre Dame respectively, couldn't manage their time effectively during the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament, where 64 teams travel and play games during the month of March to determine a champion. Since when do we baby our college athletes? Education is important. But I see many fine athletes who have played in several Final Four tournaments, and managed to graduate from these universities.

My response to this criticism is that college athletes need to learn to manage their time. Playing sports is a *privilege*, not a right that needs protection. Having a playoff after the regular college football season (not to mention, after the time most finals are over with at most universities) will be difficult for some to handle. However, they made the decision to play football. They must be prepared to study on the road, take tests ahead of time, and write papers accordingly. If basketball players can handle it, so can football players. It's time to stop the inane arguments against a playoff system. It's blatantly clear that heads of universities are using this argument to shadow the real complaint: That a playoff system will do away with big (read: money) bowl games. You can still have the bowls at all stages of the brackets. You'll still get your money. And it will be fair.

So Santa Claus, please, please, please give me a playoff system in college football for Christmas. And Tom Coughlin as head coach of Notre Dame football. Thanks, Santa.

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ASK DAN & JESSICA

Dear Dan and Jessica- If you were a teenager, and you had really bad acne, and you found out about a rare insect that lived deep in the African rain forest that feeds off clogged pores, would you let it crawl all over your face?

uh... what are you, crazy? I'd do it even if I didn't have acne... mean what if I had acne waiting to happen...you can't be too careful these days.... Plus, bugs don't bug me..heh.....(shut up dan)

Dear Dan and Jessica- did you ever shake someone's hand, and they have the WORST handshake ever? It makes you feel all gross and violated? In some way? Do the owners of these terrible fish-like handshakes even know this is a problem?

would hope so. They probably don't, though. They probably shake other people's hands and say "What a crappy handshake! Whereas, mine is perfect." In which case, who is the person who taught them to shake hands? their 90-year old grandma? No, because you've gotta figure, they've shaken a lot of hands in 90 years. They're probably pretty good at it.

people like that just shouldn't be making hands. I shook someone's hand today with this problem... funny you should bring it up... and as soon as I got home, I immediately grabbed a wetnap and rubbed it so hard into my hand, it just soaked into my skin. I have a wetnap permanently

lodged in my hand, now... just because some idiot decided to shake my hand after keeping his hand in his pocket for too long. What a jerk.

3. Dear Dan and Jessica when I'm making a collect call sometimes I stop and think about what I should dial....1-800-collect?...1-800-call-att?...or 10-10-2-20..what do you guys think? Well, let's examine them by the way they are advertised...now 1-800 collect has Mr. T (the man!) and Alyssa Milano (fox) sporting their company...and what do you have with AT&TCarrot Top?...well screw that... I'm too afraid to use it. What if the T comes over and beats me up for not using COLLECT? He'd probably be all up in here jibba jabberin' about pityin' me 'cause I'm a fool.. and I don't want to be pitied. As for 10-10-2-20...they always have the cruddiest, washed up, old men advertising for them... They remind me of death...and who wants to die?...that's why I use 1-800 collect...save a buck or 2.

4. Dear Dan and Jessica, why do people throw knives at you if you don't want them to? I know this is you Steve.. who else would it be? Sorry, but that's what happens when you dress up in tights and call yourself "The Human Chopping Block" and tape vegetables to yourself. You brainless sack of stupid.

5. Dear Dan and Jessica, I saw a guy and a girl at the Smoothie

King the other day...they were asking a lot of questions....weird questions....and then they would answer the questions themselves before anyone else had the chance to....oh yeah...and they would also start every question off with "Dear Dan and Jessica"....was it you guys? Nope. What a coincidence.

6. Dear Dan and Jessica, why do knives grow out of my face? Why don't knives grow out of my face!? Think of how much time and money I would save...y' see...I have these urges to commit suicide but then by the time I go to the store and pick out a knife and then wait in line and then drive home I'm too tired to do anything...I just want to kick back with a nice mug of hot chocolate and watch AMC...then my cat would come cuddle up with me and we could fall asleep and have dreams about teddy bears and pillow fights....

7. Dear Dan and Jessica, I recently discovered that there is a deformity that occurs in some people where they grow an extra vertebrae called a vestigial tale.....well I was shocked and suddenly wanted to know everything I could about that particular phenomenon....but I hate to read so I want them to do a thing on the discovery channel about it...I want to tell them but I hate writing letters and dialing phones...what should I doooooooooooooo!?

You could go to the Discovery Channel store.. but then again, you probably hate going places, too. Well, tell you what. Since you took the time to write to us despite the fact that you hate writing letters, we'll go down to the Discovery channel store for you to complain to them. Personally, I look forward to it. I went down there the other day looking for a Christmas present.. a kazoo was like, 6 dollars. What is that? Who do they think they are charging 6 dollars for a kazoo? You'd think Christopher Lowell crapped it out himself. My Mom likes Christopher Lowell. That's actually why I was there.. I was looking to see if they had like, a Christopher Lowell action figure, or something. You know he dresses in drag, now? That's just inviting ridicule. Anyway, nuts to the Discovery Channel.. and Christopher Lowell. I know one unlucky establishment that's getting TP'd this Christmas.

8. Dear Dan and Jessica since Christmas is coming, do you have a good fruit cake recipe I could borrow...hey, shut up back there....so do you have it or not.....I said shut the hell up.....hurry up and tell me...assface! Now! You can't just demand recipes for Fruitcake like that and expect me to pay up. Christmas may be the time of giving, after all, but Assface? Have you no decency or respect? Anyways, I'm not much in the way of a cook. Usually, I just take a banana and shove in in the middle

of a store-bought cake That's all the fruit in cake I need. Some people don't like banana in their cake, but nuts to them. I guess they just can't see the a-peel.

9. Dear Dan and Jessica, my name is Jerry Seinfeld. Hey, what is the deal with New Mexico?...it's not new and it's not Mexico....what is the deal? Oh yeah, and did ya ever notice when you have a successful career and then you don't...what is the deal?

What's the deal? We'll tell you what the deal is. You were on top of the world, Jerry.. ON TOP OF THE WORLD! Your show was the only thing breaking up the monotony of the common sitcom bile we're forced to swallow. Your obsessive and cynical ways showed us that it's ok to be crazy. You gave birth to us, Jerry Seinfeld.. and you threw it all away! Look at what's become of your legacy.. The "Michael Richards Show"? KFC Commercials featuring Jason Alexander? That's not cool, Jerry. The deal has been dealt. And it's saying: Go Fish.

10. Dear Dan and Jessica, if I send you a cork, will you put it in it...or maybe a sock...yeah something! How about a cork and a sock. You could call it a sork.... or a cock. But that's just ridiculous. And no, I won't be putting either one in anything. I don't even know what a sork is, and as for a cock.. well, where could one possibly put that?

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Victim of Chance
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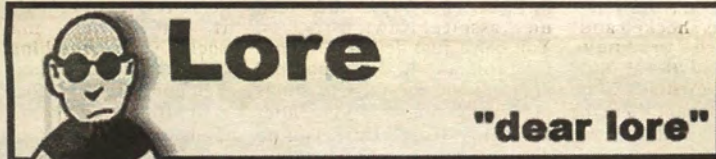
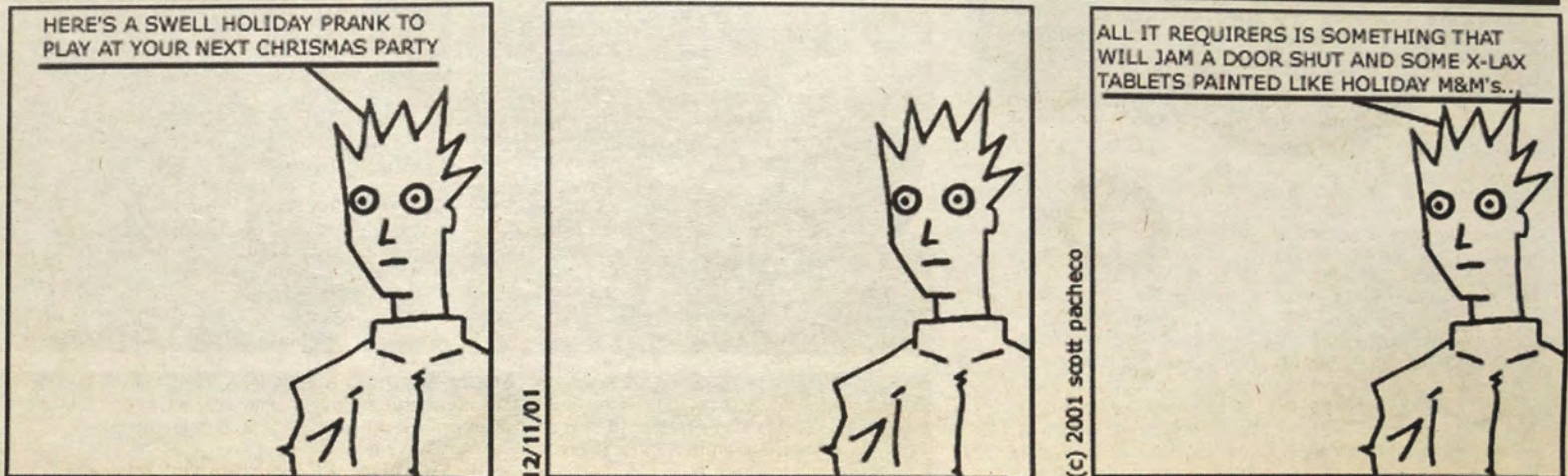
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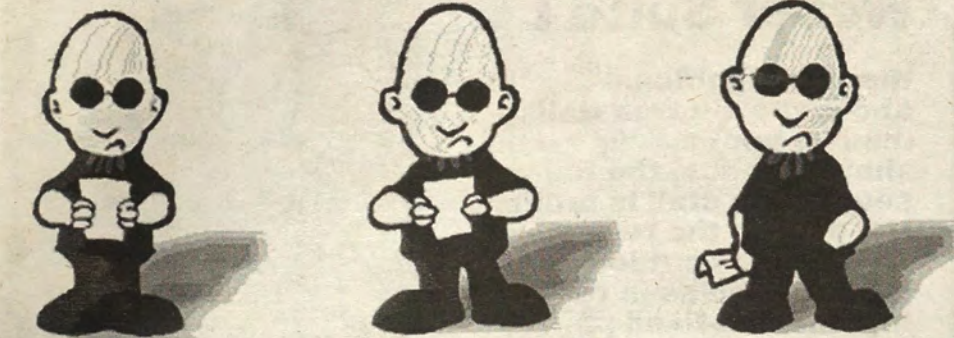
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taken from the book:
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Compiled by Professor Anders Henrikson

Please keep in mind that just because the people represented in this column are royally screwing with what has transpired before our time, doesn't necessarily make them idiots. But it's funny to say, so slag off. :)

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World War II - III. Historians and others at-
tempt to pin the tail on the reluctant mon-
key of change."**

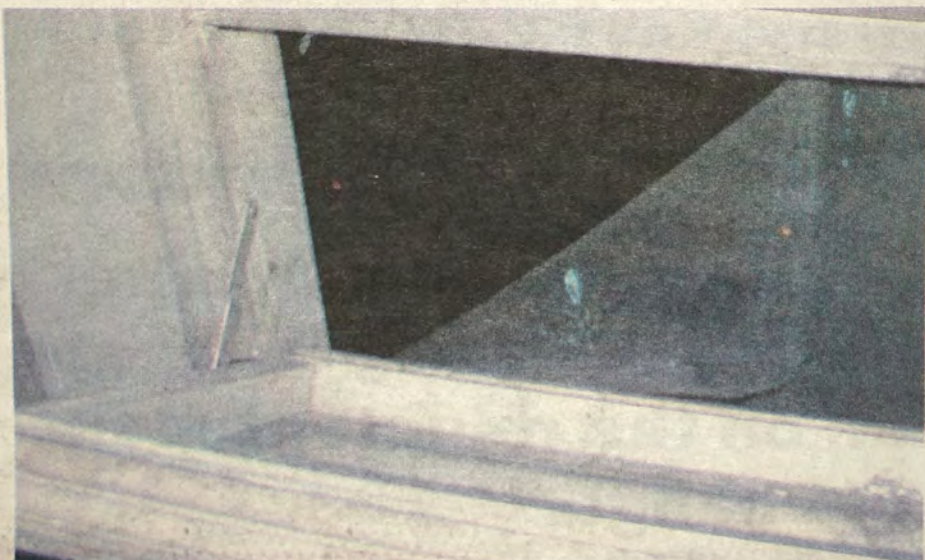
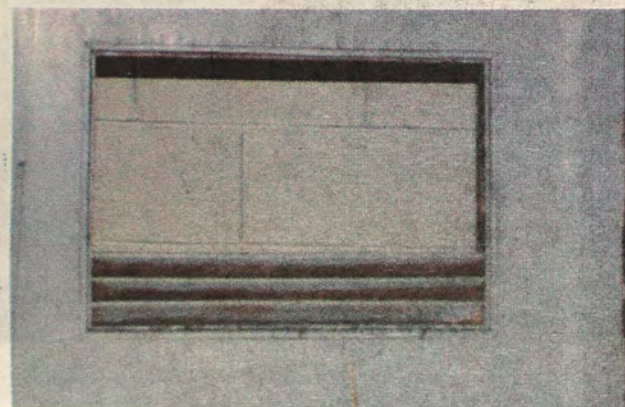
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these photos show the decaying state of

Weber Suite L

there is significant peeling above the shower stalls, mildew and buildup on the shower heads, the toilet seat in one stall is broken, the door to the restroom is missing its vent louvers, there are holes in the ceiling, the RIC-fixed pa speaker, and last but not least the broken screen on the common room window.



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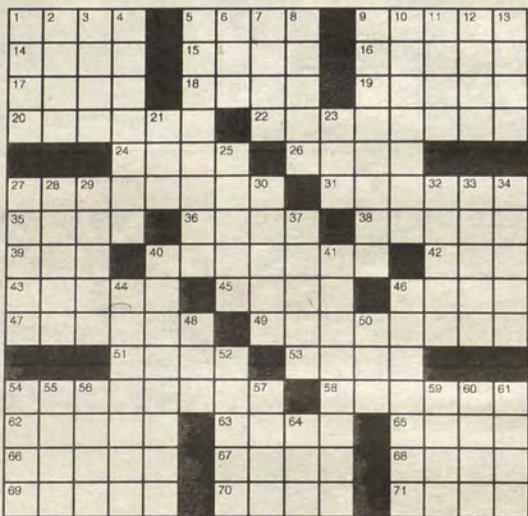
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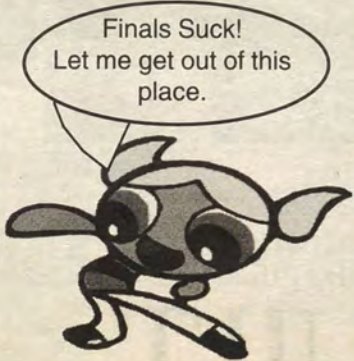
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 - Maine college town
 - Historical period
 - Swaggering behavior
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 - Scandinavians
 - List of candidates
 - Demon
 - Western state capital
 - Chilean range
 - Encumbrances
 - Appoints
 - Old-time trousers
 - City center
 - Homeric epic
 - Straightens out
 - Stadium cheer



- Expected
- Fit for a king
- Sentry's command
- Wide-mouthed pitcher
- Good review
- What makes the world go 'round
- Work hard
- Word with stretch or run
- Just got by
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horoscope

Dec 11, 2001

Weekly horoscope Dec. 10-16

Aries (March 21-April 20). Romantic invitations or subtle messages may soon lead to new love. Emotional attractions are now compelling. Early this week expect friends, new co-workers or business associates to provide unusual glimpses into their private lives. Accept all as a sign of intimacy to come. It's time for your social and romantic awareness to expand. After Thursday parent/child relations may be stressful. Go slow and don't anticipate rational responses from loved ones.



Taurus (April 21-May 20). Family decisions or ongoing romantic discussions may be briefly draining this week. Close friends, loved ones or romantic partners may now feel insecure or emotionally vulnerable. Key issues may involve past family disappointments or changing property matters. Provide insight and advice. Your practical outlook will be helpful. Thursday through Sunday new social invitations may be surprising. Past relationships, emotional debts and old friends are accented.



Gemini (May 21-June 21). Close friendships may be confusing or strained over the next few days. Before midweek expect friends and loved ones to deeply feel the consequences of their actions.



Areas of prime concern may be social triangles, subtle family relations or ongoing power struggles. Don't take any of it personally. This week your best response to controversy is to remind loved ones of past social obligations and emotional support. Sensitivities are high this week; stay alert.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Social invitations and romantic flirtations will be emotionally charged before midweek. Over the next few days close friends or loved ones may wish to create greater intimacy in their lives and relationships. Accept new overtures of affection. This is a positive and powerful time for deepening your emotional connections in life. After Wednesday watch financial paperwork for delays. Contracts and agreements are now promising but poorly defined; don't give up.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Long-term family or social disruptions are now ending. Early this week a close relative or romantic partner may finally resolve past resentments or deep feelings of isolation. Plan new social events or gatherings. This is a positive time for renewed romantic interest or social involvement. Family finances or home agreements may also require added attention before Sunday. Expect loved ones to be divided on purchases, costly renovations or home planning.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Old business records or past financial statements may be important this week. Check facts, contracts and paperwork carefully for mistakes or forgotten information. Some Virgos, especially those born in late August, may also experience a powerful return of yesterday's work opportunities or business agreements. Thursday through Sunday romantic innuendo will be subtle but compelling. New attractions will now steadily deepen; expect positive gains.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Social routines will soon change. Early this week expect friends or work mates to make last minute changes to group plans. New events, activities or social gatherings are promising and productive over the next few days. Watch for unexpected romantic invitations or business introductions. Emotional interest is on the rise; get involved. After Friday family members or roommates may be restless. Solitary or shared creative activities may be best.



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Work relations may soon change. Over the next few days expect a recently bold or opinionated co-worker to abandon a key project or dramatically alter their workplace role. Duties and skills may need to be redefined. Expect authority figures to avoid responsibility for recent losses or individual assignments. Late Friday romance is intriguing. A close friend may deny their feelings or offer misinformation. React quickly; complex social politics may be involved.



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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New work ventures or financial investments may need to be reversed before Thursday. Watch for unexpected business details to arrive without warning. Remain focused on long-term goals or original plans. A steady, confident approach is best. Later this week a close relative or loved one may ask for extra time to make an important decision. Family relations or unusual parenting obligations may be involved. Wait for further information before taking action.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Financial and business negotiations may be stalled this week. Over the next few days expect work officials or key partners to offer vague excuses or uncompleted assignments. Don't offer criticism. At present, others may need extra time to sort out their personal role versus their public responsibilities. After Saturday rest and enjoy quiet activities with loved ones. One-to-one relationships and subtle romantic attractions will now increase confidence.



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Business relationships will be unpredictable or strained before midweek. At present, friends and co-workers may feel compelled to express controversial ideas, comments or inspirations. Underlying issues may involve withheld talents, allotment of duties or social isolation. Some Aquarians, especially those born between 1978 and 1982, may also encounter quick romantic disruptions. Expect loved ones to offer intense honesty and fast social demands.



Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). New business ventures and short-term financial projects are promising this week. Watch for colleagues and close relatives to now present long-studied ideas, agreements or contracts. Proposed budgets will need further evaluation. Remain dedicated to creative financial planning and shared goals. After Thursday a close friend may announce rare family changes or revised home needs. Expect added details and complex decisions to arrive in the coming weeks.



If your birthday is this week... a unique friendship may create controversy or unexpected family strain in the coming months. Although fresh hobbies, new forms of entertainment and social involvement are all productive at the moment, underlying tensions between old friends and new companions may be difficult to negotiate. Over the next six months many Sagittarians will also make long-term changes to their romantic lives. Three years of isolation and mistrust are now due to end. Expect passionate invitations and new love before the end of June.

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I See How It Is

by: Cliff Reboleo
Anchor Editor

If you read last week's edition of *The Anchor*, then you know about the controversy surrounding Kappa Delta Phi's annual alumni

Cliff's Corner

dinner. In case you didn't read it, I'll give you a quick recap. People were smoking and drinking in Student Union during the day, and all this was done in the presence of Gary Penfield, V.P. of Student Affairs. Well, so far to my knowledge, nothing has been done about it. It seems that the administration on this campus doesn't care about the whole event. I find that hilarious that students, alumni, and one of our Vice Presidents were allowed to drink on a dry campus and smoke in a smoke free building. When I first heard about this, I was amazed that this went on during the day when anyone could see and I was especially blown away by the fact that Gary Penfield was there, witnessing all this taking place. Well, I figured that the story in *The Anchor* last week would bring all of this to light and at least anger some of the administration here on campus, but there has been no reaction to the story.

Another thing that bothered me has to do with the Roving Reporter this week. The question had to do with the dinner and how students felt it should have been handled. Some students submitted their answer and picture to be published this week but then changed their mind. A few students came up

to the office and ask that their statements be retracted. Apparently they were scared that something would happen if someone "important" read their opinion. It's really sad that there are students out there who feel that they have to hide their thoughts for fear of some kind of retaliation. There's no denying it, what happened at that party was wrong and what didn't happen afterwards was even worse. I am all for tradition and I'm not saying that they should stop holding this event, but if they're going to involve alcohol and smoking, two things this college doesn't "tolerate", maybe it's time to move the party off campus. If anything happens off campus then they can take full responsibility for it. However, when something like this happens on campus, it brings a bad rap along with it. It also sends out a bad message to all organizations, letting them think that as long as a respected member of the administration is present, then any deviant behavior on campus is acceptable.

Since no one, including President Nazarian, seems to care about this fiasco, I plan to hold my own party out on the Quad. I'm throwing a giant keg party outside sometime during next semester. Hey, if they don't mind that all this happened inside Student Union, then they definitely won't mind if I'm doing it outside. At least the Quad won't reek of smoke like Student Union did that day. I'll even send out an invitation to President Nazarian and any Vice President I can find. If someone in the administration out there does feel that this keg party would be a bad idea, please call *The Anchor* office and let me know, I would love to hear from anyone who cares.

Why Straight Pride Day?

Letter to the Editor

by: Dave Wild

Yes, it's me again. You are probably wondering to yourself, "what does he have to say now? Why can't he just let this drop?" To answer your question, I am here to respond to your article, Sarah, in which you proceed to bash me and put words in my mouth, again. I would like to refer to some points in your article, and explain my point of view. That is all I have done from day one. I have never "gay bashed". I have never made threats against you, the Rainbow Alliance, or any member of the gay community for that matter. So why do you feel the need to insult me? To persecute me? I have done no such thing to you. I agree that there are some extremely homophobic, sick individuals out there, who will unfortunately carry out atrocities such as the murder of Matthew Shepard. You asked me how that makes me feel, and it makes me feel sick that one human being could do that to another. How do I feel about slogans such as "gays go back in the closet"? I personally think they are very juvenile, homophobic, and uneducated. It takes all kinds of people to make up this world.

Next, you ask me why I feel the need for a Straight Pride Day. Do you have a problem with this notion? If you are not heterophobic as you claim, you would not have a problem with this, am I right? I believe that there should be a Straight Pride day, because I am proud to be straight. We want to show the world that we are proud of our sexuality, and we will

not try to hide it to spare somebody's feelings. No person, whether straight, gay, or bisexual should have to hide who they are. If you are gay, be proud. I am straight, I am proud. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that breeds hatred towards those of the homosexual community. However, your acts of chalking the quad had just the opposite effect of which you intended. Instead of uniting the campus, you have divided it. Homosexuals are not the only people out there who have to live in fear. When I went to your "talk" which was nothing but straight bashing, I was in fear. Just because you are part of a minority that is so wrongly hated, that does not automatically make you immune to feeling hate yourself. I will be honest in that I feared for my safety. So what are my goals for a Straight Pride Day?

I want to be proud of my sexuality. I want others to know that I am proud. I want people to know that they do not have to hide their sexuality in some weird game of political correctness. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank people such as Phil Masso and Michele Fusco for having the courage enough to speak their minds, even though they knew that just because they were disagreeing with the gay community on this campus, they would automatically be LABELED ignorant or homophobic. I would also like to take this time to thank whoever it was that tore down the fliers that promoted a Straight Pride Day. These fliers were carefully constructed to be pro-heterosexual and not anti-gay. The fact that less

than 24 hours later almost all were torn down, it just goes to prove my point that not only does heterophobia exist, but it exists right here on this campus. Thank you for proving my point. In closing, I wish to say thank you to the *Anchor* for all that they have done to keep this discussion, which often has been heated at times, very fair. However, I no longer wish to discuss this issue through this third person medium. So, to Sarah, or any other member of the Rainbow Alliance, I am willing to discuss this issue further if you so choose, just not this way anymore. If you wish to discuss this with me personally, I have asked the editor of the anchor, Mr. William A Dorry IV to keep my email address on record. If you wish to obtain this from him, I would be glad to discuss this issue with anybody.

So is it true that the gay community has suffered through hate, discrimination, and persecution? Unfortunately, the answer is yes. Now, have I, as an individual done any of those things, no I haven't. So to persecute me, and to insult me, for things that others of the heterosexual community has done. I am not responsible for the actions of others, and to hold me responsible, and to use me as a scapegoat is just plain not fair. I understand that the world is just not a fair place, but I also believe that individual people can make a difference. If you wish to continue to use me as a scapegoat, by all means continue to do so. Just know that if you do, you are doing the same thing that you claim to hate.

I Cannot Remain Silent

Letter to the Editor

by: Jason L. Blank
Associate Professor of Sociology
President of the RIC/AFT

I cannot remain silent. I am a Jewish person. I have been victimized. In the November 20th edition of the *Anchor*, Robert L. Penrose, Sr. wrote a letter to the editor "The Great Satan" in which he spewed forth venomous, explicit anti-Semitic and racist beliefs, stereotypes and prejudicial bile. Many have offered advice; "you cannot change this person"; "do not attack the person, attack the lies"; "leave it alone, it will go away"; and "it's the product of a warped mind". My objective is for from noble, I believe in free speech, his and mine, but hatred frightens me. I cannot remain silent.

Point by point rebuttals would be fruitless but some statements demand a response. He has linked the ills with the world to the "International Jewish Nation". Rather than praise my people for being the "conscience" of the world, he accuses us of self-serving manipulation of the moral, economic and social standards of innumerable nations and peoples. Instantly leaping to America's support of Israel, he blames the hatred of the USA upon the Jews. We have seen and we have heard this diatribe many times before. The messenger changes, the lies remain the same!

I cannot remain silent. He receives the great lie of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion". This concoction purportedly demonstrated that Jews were involved in an international conspiracy to take over the world. While not the au-

thor, Henry Ford mass produced this piece of hatred and distributed this despicable fraud from 1919 to 1926. This document has been used to blame the Jews for the First and Second World Wars, the Depression, Recessions, and everything bad [including the failure of crops and unusual weather]. And here we go again, -Penrose says Jews control America by virtue of their control of the media, the government, and the politicians, rubbish! And we do it with "alien philosophy". I suppose the philosophy of equality, of unabashed tolerance, of the golden rule and of respecting diversity and difference is alien to Penrose.

I cannot remain silent. His convoluted logic of the Jews creating the racial turmoil of the 1960s, "Civil Rights" and unrelenting minority worship, damning the white creators of America as a Jewish survival tactic escapes me. However, the implications and inferences do not. If Jews are guilty of promoting equality amongst all races, minorities, and ethnic groups than I am more than proud to be one of them. Six million Jews died because they were "different". Countless millions have died in Holocausts and massacres because they were different. Six million Jews died and the very foundation of their existence, of our survival is based on the Bible, prayer, and charity. I am proud to be Jew.

I cannot remain silent. Jews are accused of manipulating immigration policies to promote the flow of millions of "Create-not" Third World immigrants to America. If Jews contributed to multi-

cultural America and obviously rejected the genetic heritage [read purity, read superiority, read Aryan, read xenophobia] then I am once again proud that a small minority of the population contributed to the benefit of our society.

I cannot remain silent. The Jewish people are accused of complicity of the savage barbarism of September 11th and the Anthrax sequel. As every minority knows, eventually you will be blamed for the worst. Hatred needs a target. Find one, create one - it is all the same. As most of also know, hatred cannot be contained, it is like a universal solvent - what can you keep it in? Governor and Presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson said, "When you sling mud, you get dirty". I am reminded of what Rabbi Joshua said, "an evil eye, the evil inclination and hatred of people remove a man from the world" [Ethics of the Father 2: 11].

Reverend Martin Niemoller wrote while being transported to the infamous Dachau concentration camp:

"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."

I will not remain silent and you should not remain silent. Hatred attacks us all. We are dirtied by any discriminatory act and we are elevated by acts of compassion, love and respect.

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A response to "Take A Stand"

(Take A Stand was printed in the Nov. 20th issue of the anchor)

Allow me to quote directly from your letter and comment accordingly. Your words shall be italicized, whilst mine shall be in plain type.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America.

I hope not, with the last name of Lanzi. Sounds like you have the same ancestry that I do, amico.

...however, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some Native Americans need to understand.

By Native Americans, I assume you mean the people who inhabited this land a few millennia before the Europeans came, and not people born here. From the Native American standpoint, it is you who has just recently come to this country.

"In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some off-the-wall, Christian, Right Wing, politi-

cal slogan—it is our national motto. It is engraved in stone in the House of Representatives in our Capitol and it is printed on our currency.

"In God we Trust, all others pay cash."

We adopted these principles because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation; and this is clearly documented throughout our history.

I am a tad curious as to which Bible tells you that the invasion of a foreign country, followed by a systematic extermination of its language, culture, resources, and native population, are "Christian Principles". How about slavery, hatred, and racial intolerance? These are all documented throughout our history. Where exactly in the New Testament are any of these considered Christian principles? Also, I will say that most of our founding fathers were Protestant, and detested the Catholic Church. With an Italian last name, I am assuming that the Christianity you preach of is that of the Catholic faith. I could, of course, be wrong...

God is in our pledge, our National

Anthem, nearly every patriotic song, and in our founding documents.

Find me one mention of "God" in our National Anthem. I bet you can't.

We honor his birth, death, and resurrection as holidays, and we turn to him in prayer in times of crisis.

Funny, it says "In God We Trust", while you seem to be talking about a specific Jewish carpenter. If it said "In Jesus We Trust", I would understand your point, but it does not. A very large population of the World believes in God. However, the population is not as large when the belief is in Christ. Also remember that what we now know as "Christ's Birthday" was actually, in fact, an old Pagan holiday. Your ancestors called it "Saturnalia", until their leaders forced them under penalty of death to call it something else. This is also documented in history. I wonder if you would call these "Christian Principles" as well.

Semper Servus,
Anthony "Lord Drake" Geremia

Who Is Robert L. Penrose, Sr.?

Letter To The Editor

by: J. Stanley Lemons
Prof. of History

Who is Robert L. Penrose, Sr.? According to the Admissions Office, he is not a student at RI College. So, who is this person who spews conspiratorial nonsense in the pages of the Anchor? His ranting reminds me of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a vicious anti-semitic document concocted by the Czarist secret police back in 1905. It was exposed as a complete hoax shortly after. This little book is still sold in right wing bookstores and websites today, demonstrating that

exposure of the lie did not make it disappear among the true-believing anti-semites. Reality rarely intrudes or corrects the "facts" accepted by conspiratorial-minded thinkers. They merely string things together, connecting dots that really do not have connections.

The column might be taken as a good example of a disturbed mind. However, I am confident that our students are not so brainless or naive to accept his anti-semitism, his racism, his xenophobia, his conspiratorial fantasies, or his crackpot view of American history.

It's Not a Choice

Letter to the Editor

by: Heather Black

I am writing this article in response to the article Heterophobic Homosexuals article that appeared in the October 30, 2001 addition of the Anchor and the articles published there after. Being straight I do not know exactly how difficult it is to be gay but having many gay and lesbian friends I have many times seen them suffer at the hands of prejudice and bigotry and I can tell you right now that no one would choose to be a homosexual. Basically the article said that if you choose to be gay you have no right to complain about it. What Mr. Wild doesn't seem to understand that you don't choose your sexuality? If you could why would anyone choose to be gay? Doesn't Mr. Wild realize how difficult it is to be gay. Coming out knowing you were going to upset and perhaps lose people that matter to you. Knowing that you will never going to be considered a norm in today's society. Knowing that you may never be allowed to marry the person that you love. Knowing that even if you spend 50 years "married" to your partner there are no laws protecting your position as spouse or next of kin and that you may not have any legal right in medical or legal decisions regarding the care of your partner. Knowing that even if do manage to have children through donors or adoption the world will always be looking at the

way you behave and raise your children. That you may never be considered a fit parent even though you are.

I do not pretend to know why people are homosexual but I firmly believe that it is something completely out of our hands. If the Rainbow Alliance and the gay community would like one day out of the year to bring attention to the pain that they have to endure everyday because of ignorance I applaud them in doing so. I think it is wonderful that on this campus we have an organization that promotes compassion, inclusion and acceptance. The straight world has no need for a National Straight Day because it's National Straight day everyday. All the laws in this country regarding marriage are completely designed of heterosexual persons, the straight world has no need of a day out of the year to bring attention to the bigotry against straight people. Our rights are protected. Know we need to stand up for those who are not protected.

As for "defacing" the quad, no one had a problem we the sports teams wrote in chalk. The artwork was tastefully done. I do not think that just because the message makes you uncomfortable it can be called defacing. And the only ideas that were shoved in your face are peace and compassion and if that is in your face Mr. Wad and those like you I think you should take a good look at what your message is.

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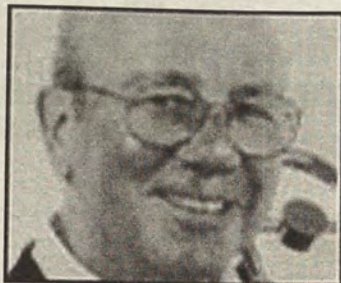
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Dean of the Old School

by: J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Staff

Greetings and welcome to the first installment of a section I'm calling "Dean of the Old School." Here, I hope to make a section, dedicated to the 80s, a decade that held so many memorable moments for us all. For the first issue, I will give one of my fondest products of the big 80s... The Dark Knight.

Now, we all know who Batman is: rich guy who likes to dress up like a member of the rodent family to beat up equally colorful villains. Well, up until 1986, the comic was just a rehash of the old 60s show with Adam West. Villains were corny and more like pranksters than actually threatening, and there were subtle tones that Batman and Robin were more than just "partners," and overall, the series was a joke. And then came Frank Miller...

Frank Miller was a little known comic commodity that was just starting to get big at this time. He had radical idea that went back to character roots and he wanted to have his swing at Batman and so he wrote a miniseries called "The Dark Knight Returns," which, to this day, is considered to be one of the greatest graphic novels ever.

The story is simple, but effective. Ten years in the future, a retired Batman decides that the world is just too messed up a place to leave alone and goes back into action. Now, a fifty-year-old vigilante is on the loose in the town... and he's pissed. This wasn't the Adam West Batman who traded clever, witty banter with his foes, no. Rather, he just was interested in stopping crime, by any means necessary. He cripples one thug by shattering his spine. He practically kills Two-Face. He makes sure the Joker never, EVER hurts again. The best part of the story was the symbol in the fight between Batman and his greatest foe ever, Superman.

The battle is based off of the old argument, which is more important, personal freedom or national security. By this time, Batman had become public enemy #1, but did what he thought was right. Superman on the other hand, had become the right hand man to the President and fought for the nation's best interests. The fight raged on, with each man defending his morals. They continue to fight until the death, as one man stands the victorious. The winner might not be whom you think, though.

The ramifications of this story redefined comics as a medium. No longer were they kid stuff, but intelligent sources of literature. *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and even *Time* magazine reviewed this work as a piece of contemporary fiction. And Batman was never the same.

Available at most bookstores, "Dark Knight Returns" was a highlight of 80's comic culture and is worth looking at. It sets the tone for comics to finally grow up.

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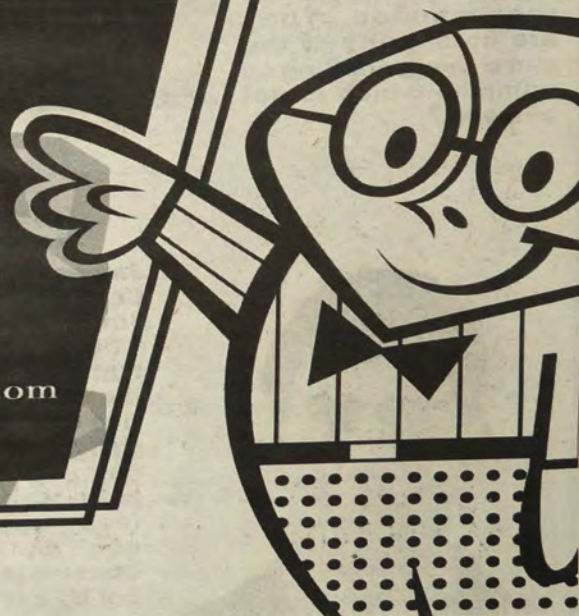


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roving reporter

By: J.D. Salisbury

What actions do you think should be taken for administrators drinking with underage students on campus?

Hollis Lima
English/ Communications
First Year Student
"I think that the administrators should be punished to the full extent of the law for breaking the dry campus rule."



Jennifer Miranda
Elementary Ed
First Year Student
"I think they should be punished. If we aren't allowed to drink on campus, then neither should they. There should be more of an investigation into it."



Ramitez Yamazeka
Computer Science
Senior
"I think that the administrators should be punished, because they are responsible for the student's actions."



Melissa Z. Benitez
Sociology/ Social Work
Unknown
"Well, I think if they were encouraging the underage drinking or even gave them the alcohol in the first place, then they should get in trouble for that."



Sarah Dark
Elementary Ed
Unknown
"I think since the students are probably going to get suspended, then the administrators should also be suspended, because they were there when the students were drinking...They should be reprimanded...They are both guilty of the same thing, drinking on campus, which is not allowed."



Kevin Houlihan
Film Studies
First Year Student
"I think they should be they should be put on sixty days probation and be forced to attend one fine arts program like the students have to."



James Pacheco
Computer Science
Junior
"I think the administrators should face the exact same penalties any student caught drinking on campus would face and possibly any other fees applicable to the consumption of alcohol by a minor."



Editor's Note

Many people were asked this question, but said that they did not want to answer for fear of repercussions from the administration. The general consensus of these individuals though, was that they believed that the administrators involved should be punished for both their actions and what they allowed to transpire.