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RIC Basketball
Player Accused of
Vandalismby William Dorry
Anchor Editor

The Rhode Island College Woman's Basketball team has been struggling on the court all season. The team has racked up crushing defeats that have left them with a 4-17 record, and now the problems have moved off court. Katie Hansen, a sophomore guard from Providence and one of the team's best players, has been accused by fellow team member Tara Mekuto of vandalism.



Katie Hansen

According to police reports Mekuto parked her car in the parking lot behind Weber Hall at 12:25 am. Approximately two hours later she came back outside to find her car vandalized. The car, a 97 Honda Accord which is registered to Mekuto's mother Brenda Matarese of Providence, had all of its windows broken. At that time Mekuto reported that Hansen was the one responsible for the damage. Campus Police had Mekuto review security surveillance tapes, where she once again identified Hansen as the individual who vandalized her car.

The Anchor spoke with Campus Police Officers who said that the confrontation had apparently started off campus and was over a male companion that both women know. One Campus Police Officer also said that he found it odd that anyone had been identified on the tape since it was a "bad" picture.

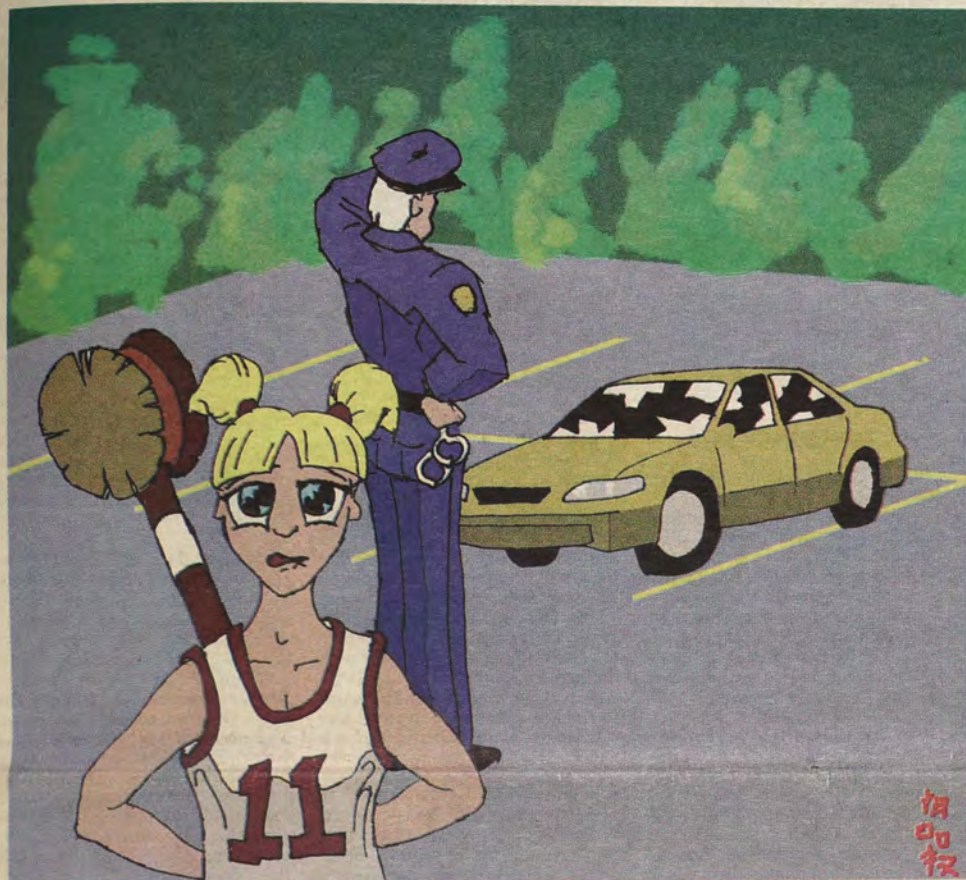
Both Hansen and Mekuto declined to be interviewed about the incidence. Mekuto however did tell The Anchor that both girls were still playing basketball, and despite the allegations were playing well together.

Scott Kane, Associate Dean of Student Life, stated that he had no comment about the



Tara Mekuto

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New Escorting Services on
Campus for Mental EmergenciesBy Nuria Chantre
Anchor Staff

Tom Lavin, Director of Counseling Services at Rhode Island College, states that circumstances prompted the introduction of the new escorting services on campus designed for mental emergencies.

Lavin explains that after twenty years working at RIC, he's witnessed a handful of mental emergencies. "Most of the time they are students who suffer from psychotic episodes", says Lavin. These episodes usually involve students having hallucinations.

"Our response is to immediately get them to a psychiatrist facility", he adds. Although these emergencies don't take place very often, he says, he doesn't feel comfortable sending these students by themselves. Up until now, friends and family members have been contacted for such emergencies. But, there are also times when a student is from out of state and family members and friends aren't readily available, Lavin points out.

"To provide companionship and support to students with mental emergencies is one of the main functions of the escorts," says Lavin. "It could be a stressful and terrifying experience."

But mainly, escorts will be required to

accompany students to the nearest facility by taxicab or ambulance, and provide health information when they arrive. "We're not asking them to provide transportation ... or to be a therapist", remarks Lavin. "They're simply being asked to be caring and supportive human beings."

Lavin says he's looking specifically to hire upperclassmen or students who have had the time to experience and adjust to the college community. "Ideally", he adds, "I would like to hire six RIC students who would work in a rotating on-call schedule. The escorts would be provided with six hours of paid training."

"Students suffering mental emergencies are usually those still trying 'to figure out who they are' and sometimes that involves coming in terms with their sexuality", says Lavin.

Most of the time, these are also students with common problems such as moving from the stage of adolescence to that of adulthood. "More and more students come", he says, "and they usually are involved in relationships, have money problems and/or trouble regulating their moods". They struggle constantly with worry, stress and anxiety, and so they go to him for help and support. For this reason, Lavin is in the process of looking to recruit helpful escorts.

Habitat for Humanity

by: Karen Whitehead
Anchor Staff

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing ministry founded in 1976 in Americus, Georgia. The goal of Habitat is to provide safe, affordable housing for low-income families from around the world. Habitat has built over 100,000 houses around the world, many in Providence and surrounding communities.

I have been involved in Habitat for Humanity for the past two years as the secretary of our campus chapter. It has been a wonderful experience for me. The RIC chapter has been growing in the past couple of years; however, we still need help. We need members to help with the organizational part of our chapter, coming up with fundraising ideas and helping to run events such as Shacktown. Shacktown, as many of you may know, is our major fundraiser. It is a campus and community wide event where Habitat and different student organizations build cardboard shacks to raise awareness of sub-standard housing and raise money for their time spent sleeping outside on the quad. The funds raised from the past years have gone to our Student Built house which was collaboration between RIC and 4 other colleges and universities in the RI/MA area.

Of course, raising funds to build a house, even a subsidized one where volun-

teer labor is provided, isn't easy. Each college chapter donated 10,000 dollars to the cost of building the house. In the near future, the RIC chapter of Habitat hopes to be able to fund their own house for a family in need. The cost of this would be 50,000 dollars, not an easy task for one college. This is why we are asking for more volunteers and members who are willing to give a little of themselves, whether it be money or time, both are just as valuable.

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Everyone Welcome
Everyone is welcome to weekly open discussion AA meetings. They are held every Wednesday from 12:30-2 pm in CL 231. For more information call The Office Of Health Promotion at X8061.

Research Study
Miriam Hospital is conducting a free research study to help RIC students cut down or give up smoking. All meetings will be held during the free period on Wednesdays. Participants may receive free nicotine patches and up to \$100 for their participation. For more information call 866-793-8400.

Biology Seminar
There will be a seminar on February 13th presented by Elizabeth Jacob from the department of psychology at UMASS Amherst. The seminar will be entitled "The Flexible Behavior Of Jumping Spiders". It will be in FLS 050 at 12:30 and all are invited to attend.

City Year
City Year is now accepting applications; due by April 30th for August 2002-June 2003. Successful applicants will complete 1700 hours of service, receive a taxable weekly living stipend, a free uniform, health insurance coverage upon completion of the program, and will receive an education award of \$4725. For more information call the Career Development Office in CL 054 or call City Year Rhode Island at 401-553-2500 X244

Mindfulness Meditation
Meditation has been shown to have substantial benefits for the mind and body. This group will offer some beginners some basic instruction for beginners and will give more experienced attendees a regular sitting practice. No appointment is required and it is open to the whole college community on Thursdays from noon-1 pm in CL 130 with Tom Lavin.

Assertiveness Workshop
This workshop will be offered in three sessions on Monday, February 18th, 25th, and March 4th from 2:30-4 pm in CL 130 with Elizabeth Sundermeier. This workshop requires a commitment to actively participate so call ahead to reserve a spot (401) 456-8094.

How to Ace Your Luncheon Interview
Tonia Matthews from Etiquette Advantage will be presenting "How to Ace Your Luncheon Interview" in the Faculty Center, at Donovan, on February 25, 2002, from 12-2 pm. The ticket cost is five dollars per person for R.I.C. students only, refunded to

those who attend, and are available at the S.U. Info desk or the Career Development Office. Ticket includes formal luncheon and presentation (proper attire recommended). The event is sponsored by R.I.C. Programming and the Career Development Office. For further information, contact either Rose x8319 or Ellen x8031.

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.

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.

Weight Watchers
Deborah Cabral Martin will run another session of weight watchers. The sessions will be on Tuesdays from 1-2 pm in CL 460 for twelve weeks. The cost of the program is \$130 and registration will begin on Tuesday February 5th. If you have any questions call X8026 or email dcabral@ric.edu

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: Cranston Public Schools, Cox Communications, New England Financial, Meditech, First Investors Corp, Attleboro Public Schools, and John Hope Settlement House. There will be more available so call X 8031 or stop by the Career Development Center for more details.

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.

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.

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 (HCVN) - the same network that has been utilized for the past two years. The network's available online at www.bollingerinsurance.com/ric

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 are available 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 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 Vannaria 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.

Urban Debate League Needs Volunteers
This organization links up Providence's high school students with college students mentoring and coaching students in debating skills. This organization is also part of a national movement to revitalize debate in central city schools. No experience in debating is required, it will be provided. If you are interested please contact Dorick Scarpelli coordinator of the Providence Urban Debate League at 863-9836

Thinking About Kicking Butts?
Call the Office of Health Promotion, 456-8061 to develop a strategy for success.

Aquatics Programs And Special Events

If you would like to learn to snorkel there will be a free class offered on Thursday February 28th from 5-6 pm. All equipment will be provided and please sign up at the front desk. There are also swim classes available with Swimming for the Terrified - Tuesdays at 11 am, beginners on Thursdays at 1 pm, and intermediate swimmers on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Aquatic exercises are held Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9 am, Monday and Friday at 12 pm, and Monday and Thursday at 5 pm. There is also Swim Stroke Analysis where you have the chance to see yourself swim on tape and get some expert coaching advice. If you have any questions call Alan at X8227 or Janice at X8238.

Low Cost Dental Cleaning
Where can you get a thorough and professionally supervised dental cleaning for just \$10? Or how about a full set of dental x-rays for \$10 (which usually costs upwards of \$100 at a pri-

vate practice)? The Community College of Rhode Island's Dental Hygiene Clinic is now scheduling cleaning appointments for the public. Complete dental hygiene services are available at the Flanagan Campus in Room 1120, 1762 Louisquisset Pike. Each cleaning includes blood pressure monitoring, oral cancer screening, periodontal examination, cleaning, polishing, fluoride treatment, and personalized oral health education. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call CCRI's Dental Hygiene Clinic at (401) 333-7250.

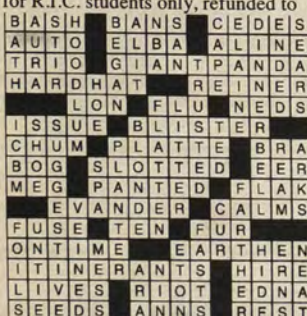
Congressional Internship in Washington, DC
The Political Science Department is now accepting applications for the Spring semester Congressional Internship Program in Washington, DC. The program is open to all RIC students. The Department will select six students to intern for one week in the offices of Sen. Jack Reed, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, and Rep. James Langevin. Each student will receive a travel stipend of approximately six hundred dollars. The applications are available in the office of the Department secretary, CL 210. The deadline for completed applications is February 15th.

Video & Discussion: The Angry Eye
Wednesday, February 20th in the Unity Center. Jane Elliot has conducted her "blue eyed" experiment in both educational and corporate settings. This documentary explores the nature of prejudice in a classroom exercise conducted on a college campus. Participants will be invited to engage in a discussion of the issues raised in the video.

Rhode Island College Talent Show
Sponsored by the Alumni Association and open to all RIC students, faculty and staff. Auditions will be on February 27th and March 6th in the Student Union Ballroom, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm (during the free period). Prepare a 5-minute routine (maximum). The Talent Show will be held in Gage Auditorium on March 27th from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. Cash prizes are: \$500 1st place, \$250 2nd and \$100 3rd. There will also be raffle prizes, free ice cream, and much more!!! For more information call Julio at x8404. All proceeds to benefit the Rhode Island College Foundation.

Interested In Earning Some Extra Cash?
Local companies have immediate openings for college students who are interested in steady weekend work. For more information call (401) 353-2155

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Hi Honey,

Love and kisses are never wasted. They enrich both the one who receives them and the one who gives them. Happy Valentines Day!

Love,
Mom

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An Exodus of Change

By: Andrea J. Stewart
Anchor Editor

Samantha Mendes, Editor-in-Chief of the Exodus, can't understand why more people aren't interested in purchasing a copy of the yearbook.

"It's such an important part of college," she asserts. The yearbook is a memory book, so that students will never forget their time spent at R.I.C. Exodus accepts submissions from everyone, so that each student can personalize the yearbook with special photographs.

This year, Exodus has gone through a variety of changes. These changes have improved both the quality of the product and the morale of the staff. For the first time ever, the Exodus staff is able to work on the pages using a computer. Previously, all of their work was done on paper. The total number of pages has increased

by sixty, and now incorporates color into various sections.

This year, the executive board will be attending a media conference in New York City. At this conference, they will have the opportunity to learn new skills, as well as interact with yearbook staff members from other colleges and universities. The Exodus will not be submitted into the competition this year, but there are already plans for an entry the following year.

While the conference promises to be both productive and enjoyable, the "big event" for the Exodus is the upcoming 1st Annual Yearbook Unveiling, which takes place in the Student Union Ballroom on February 20th. While all members of the R.I.C. community are encouraged to attend, invitations have already gone out to all organization presidents and other prominent figures on-campus.

The Unveiling functions as an event on a variety of levels. Mendes insists that the set-up will be lavish, as it is a celebration of both the final product and the hard-work that put it all together. The Unveiling is also a press party in order to get the word out that the yearbook is a *big deal*. Consequently, Mendes admits that the Unveiling is also a tribute to the parents of the dedicated staff members, to thank them for their continuous support.

The Unveiling begins at 6:30 pm, and is free to the entire community. Prizes and food are offered, as well as a raffle which contains significant rewards. Of course, copies of the Exodus will also be up for sale throughout the evening.

"It's a celebration of accomplishments," Mendes explains. And, after a year of significant transformation, the Exodus staff certainly has reason to celebrate.

were confidential. The only people aware of them were members of the hearing board and students directly involved who signed an agreement waiving their right to discuss the outcome with anyone, including their parents.

Colleges have stated that these hearings provide schools and victims with an easier and faster means of dealing with a violent student on campus. Critics of these secret hearings however have complained that colleges often use them to cover up campus crime. In addition many critics have complained that athletes and high profile students receive special consideration.

With Rhode Island College officials refusing to comment about the disposition of this case, referring to the above mentioned FERPA, *The Anchor* has not been able to ascertain what action, if any, the college has taken against Hansen.

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If for any reason our meeting times and/or workdays are not convenient for you, please let us know and one of our executive board members would be happy to set up a time to meet with you and discuss ideas and give you information on our organization. To contact the RIC Habitat for Humanity campus chapter please call 401-456-8168 or by email at RICHabitat@hotmail.com.

of the most criticized methods colleges have used to hide campus crime.

Around the country these hearings have increasingly dealt with violent student misconduct like sexual assault and forced hazing. Colleges and Universities have used the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law designed to protect the confidentiality of student grades and other educational records, as a reason for keeping these hearings closed. This is despite a 1998 amendment to FERPA that permits institutions to disclose the results of student disciplinary hearings when the crime is violent in nature or found to be a non-forcible sex offense.

Some colleges have gone even further to protect the secrecy behind these campus courts. Until recently, the outcomes of student disciplinary hearings at Georgetown University

tat. There will always be a construction supervisor on site to instruct, help out, and insure the safety of our volunteers. If Saturdays are not convenient for you please feel free to attend our member meetings. Our meetings are every other Tuesday in the Student Union room 211. Our next meeting will be held on February 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 211. There will be food provided at the meetings and

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incident, but that any allegations of misconduct would be investigated by the college, if necessary the college would hold a student disciplinary hearing. Should Hansen be found guilty she could receive a sentence as light as a warning or as strong as expulsion. Kane also noted that all hearings are confidential and not disclosed to the public. This is because the college considers the hearings an educational record that is protected.

The Anchor was disturbed to find that the college would keep the outcome of these disciplinary hearings secret. Further research by *The Anchor* staff found that most colleges maintain their own system of justice apart from the criminal courts, and that the secrecy of these student disciplinary hearings have become one

habitat from front

Our workdays are always on a Saturday during the day. Please do not let inexperience working with building materials deter you or someone you know from coming out to join us on a workday. I personally had no experience building anything, let alone parts of a house, before I joined Habi-

In Memoriam



In memory of Angela C. Palumbo, graduate of the class of 1997. Summa Cum Laude student from the school of nursing, she recently passed away from a rare form of cancer. This poem is dedicated to Angela's sister, Melissa A. Ruscito Andrews, class of 1985. The poem was written by Michaela L. Carter of Warwick, RI, and was read at Angela's funeral mass.

My Sister, My Friend

God's greatest gift to me was an angel
That I was blessed to see...

She would come to me, day or night,
To see me through to make it right...

She is my sister, she is my friend,
She shed no tears, as she fought to the end...

My angel blessed me with her love,
Her grace, her beauty, she was my glowing dove...

She taught me how to shine, how to be strong,
That no matter what in her heart was where I belonged...

Angela may no longer be with me,
But in my heart and in my soul she will always be...

She will grace me once again by watching me from
above,

Because we love each other,
She is my sister, she is my friend,
I will love her forever,
Until we can be together again.

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Crime on Campus

Week in Review

Feb 4, 2002: Motor vehicle reported stolen from parking lot L

Feb 5, 2002: Campus Police reported stopping individuals casing out cars in parking lot I.

Feb 6, 2002: Disorderly noise reported in Browne Hall, disposition unknown.

Feb 7, 2002: Theft of a handbag from Horace Mann. Bag was reported to contain a cell phone, an ATM card, between 80-100 dollars, and car keys. Victim reported calling cell phone, a woman answered the phone and when told she was using a stolen phone hung up. No one has come forward to report missing bag.

Feb 7, 2002: Male student found illegally using handicapped tag. Student said that he was here to pick up his handicapped sister. Upon further questioning student revealed that the tag was not his and that he had found it on the ground in Bristol. Student was issued a summons for misuse of a handicapped tag.

Feb 8, 2002: Motor vehicle reported stolen from parking lot L.

Feb 8, 2002: Drug activity reported in Willard Hall, disposition unknown.

Feb 9, 2002: Disorderly and unwanted subject complaint in Browne Hall. Disposition unknown handled by housing staff.

Feb 10, 2002: False fire alarm in Sweet Hall. Officers found that someone had pulled the station on 3-West.

Feb 11, 2002: Assault in Willard Hall.

Feb 11, 2002: Assault in Weber Hall, statement of complaint taken and photos taken of injuries. Main suspect involved and 2 companions left campus in a Jeep and have not been seen again.

The Johnny Lobello Fund

Johnny is an 8-year old boy who has cancer- lymphoma. Johnny is in 3rd grade at St. Thomas School, just down the street. He has come to Rhode Island College with his gym class when they come to help our future Phys Ed teachers practice on some real children.

He has already undergone some chemotherapy and surgery, but they have found more cancer. His family is in need of help. He will be going to Boston in the next few weeks for more aggressive chemo. Every time he enters the hospital, it costs his family \$200.00 out of their pocket, just for him to be admitted, never mind what else he needs when he is there.

A "Johnny Lobello Fund" has been established to help the family with the cost. A raffle is being held the first weekend of March to help raise funds. Alan Shawn Feinstein is matching all money raised from this raffle. Tickets are \$1, and are available by contacting Joan Barden at the Chaplains' Office, Student Union 300, 456-8168. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, make a donation, or for more information, contact Joan.

Correction

Compiled by: Anchor Editor

In last week's issue, The Anchor mistakenly published the outdated Academic Probation Policy. The new policy, as well as other valuable student information, is currently available in the new Student Handbook, which at the moment is only available at

the RIC on-line web site (www.ric.edu). The updated Academic Probation Policy contains two significant differences:

1. A student placed on academic probation shall be restricted to registering for a maximum of 12 credits of course work, until such time as the student's cumulative index is raised to one step

above the minimum required.

2. Students on academic probation will be held to a semester course load limit of no more than 12 credit hours (or 13 credits with one four-credit course).

The remainder of the Academic Probation policy remains correct as printed in last week's issue.

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Tuesday, November 20
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Women at 5:30 p.m. Men at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1
vs. Eastern Connecticut
Women at 1 p.m. Men at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4
Women vs. Pine Manor at 5:30 p.m.
Men vs. Coast Guard at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 12
vs. Plymouth State
Women 6 p.m. Men at 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 26
vs. UMASS-Boston
Women at 1 p.m. Men at 3 p.m.



Tuesday, February 5
vs. Western Connecticut
Women at 5:30 p.m. Men at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 9
vs. Southern Maine
Women at 1 p.m. Men at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12
vs. UMASS-Dartmouth
Women at 5:30 p.m. Men at 7:30 p.m.



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Student-Athlete Diaries

By: Kristen Oliver
Anchor Contributor

This is one of the hardest essays I've ever had to write. Its funny how things in life are going great at one point, and then all of a sudden with a blink of an eye, your life has changed.

This is exactly what has happened to me. All my life, I was a person who spent most every-day in a gymnastics gym. This was truly something that was always important in my life. I've been a gymnast for 18 years and not once have I had an injury. Now with six meets to go and with all my heart and soul into it, I have a foot injury [broken left foot]. Why at the end of my career, I do not know.

About four months ago, our team didn't have an assistant coach, so this made it hard for not only the team, but for our head coach [Nikki Pannone] who is expecting a baby soon. Until we found out someone named Tim O'Leary came to take the job. We were all extremely excited. This is when everything pretty much changed for me.

Since this was my last year, I knew I had to work and train hard to accomplish many goals and skills that I've always dreamed of doing. In two months, with the support of two wonderful coaches, I learned many new skills that I never thought I could ever do. They made me believe that I really was a talented gymnast and believing in myself gave me confidence.

About two weeks ago, the night before my injury occurred, I had the best meet of my life at Ursinus College [on Jan. 25]. I completed every new skill that I had been taught in the past four months. I can't even tell you the feeling I had when I stuck my routines. I even had tears of joy. My next goal was to clean the skills up and improve my scores...an easy task after adding all the hard tricks. I was so excited I just wanted my coaches and my team to be proud of me. Well, I'll never have the opportunity to improve, but I did end my career on the highest of notes and I feel very proud of my accomplishments.

Because I am scheduled for surgery next week, I'll never have the opportunity to make it to Nationals [National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships], my one big dream. But I know in my heart that my team, if they all work together they will make it. They all are very strong and talented gymnasts and I am sure they will make us all very proud. Good luck girls. My wishes and dreams are with all of you!

Kristen Oliver is a senior gymnast from Bristol, Rhode Island. She suffered a severely broken left foot at the Wilson Invitational on Jan. 26 and is out for the season. Prior to the injury, Oliver was posting some of the top scores on the team. She was averaging scores of 8.460 on vault, 6.913 on bars, 8.681 on beam, 8.835 on floor and 32.950 in the all-around.

RIC Freshman Bissonnette Thrives In New Setting

By: Kristen DiChiaro
Anchor Contributor

Making the transition from high school to college is never easy for an athlete. For Rhode Island College freshman Becca Bissonnette, the transition was even harder than usual because of a unique situation at her high school.

Bissonnette's high school, Mananapolis Prep in Thompson, Connecticut, required all students to be on one of the sports teams rather than taking physical education class. For four years, Bissonnette was on the basketball team, a team that had many players who had never even dribbled a basketball before.

Bissonnette quickly became a leader for the team, being named captain for three years and winning several awards. She even played every position for the team. Recruited by RIC Head Women's Basketball Coach Mike Kelley, Bissonnette decided to join the Anchorwomen. "I liked Coach Kelley's style of coaching and I wanted to stay close to home," says Bissonnette.

Bissonnette knew she was joining a team that was expected to have a difficult season. "We're a small team so we knew this season was going to be a challenge," says Bissonnette. With only three games remaining, the Anchorwomen have struggled in last place all season with a 4-18 overall record and a 1-10 record in the Little East Conference.

Bissonnette, however, has thrived in her first season. Not expecting to be a starter, she has started in every game for the Anchorwomen. She is second on the team in rebounding, averaging 5.1 per game, including a career-high 16 boards against UMASS-Dartmouth on Jan. 22. She is also averaging 6.5 points per game.

The greatest thing about being on the team for Bissonnette may be something overlooked by many fans, but to her it is very important. "The fact that everyone out there wants to be out there is the greatest thing to me because that's not how it was with my team in high school. I love basketball more than anything and the fact that everyone out there feels the same way and will work just as hard as me means a lot," says Bissonnette.



sonnette. "She is playing very well, especially for a freshman," says Coach Kelley. "She's playing a lot of minutes and has gotten better throughout the season."

Bissonnette feels Coach Kelley will lead the team to more success in the future. "He knows what works and what doesn't," says Bissonnette. He knows how to get different people motivated. He'll go more individual to get you motivated in the way he thinks will help you but in the same respect it will also help the team."

She feels the positive aspects of the team will also help them next season. "We have a lot of team spirit. When you're out playing you can hear the whole

team cheering you on from the bench. That really helps get people moving and motivated."

Knowing the importance of hard work, Bissonnette plans to work on her shooting, ball handling and defensive skills over the summer. "I could stay home during the summer and sit around, but while I'm doing that, there will be other people out there working hard to get better. If I want to get better, I have to work hard too."

Bissonnette graduated from Mananapolis Prep in 2001. She was named MVP, Most Inspirational, Best Offensive Player and an ECC All-Star as part of the basketball team. Besides working on her game, Bissonnette plans to do some coaching for AAU Basketball over the summer.

The Indoor Track and Field Wrap-Up

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Head Coach Kevin Jackson's Anchorwomen competed at the Wheaton Invitational on Saturday Feb. 2. The team finished eighth (12 teams) with 24 points on the day.

Senior co-captain Chris Puleo (Barrington, RI) placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 52.48 and second as part of the distance medley with a time of 52.26.

Junior Brian Carney (Barrington, RI) placed 24th in the long jump with a leap of 15'07.75" and 28th in the 55 meters with a time of 7.33.

Junior Mike Daniels (Warwick, RI) placed seventh in the 800 meters with a time of 2:05.64 and 11th in the 400 meters with a time of 54.78. He placed second as part of the distance medley with a time of 2:07.87 at the same meet.

Junior Joseph Padykula (Seekonk, MA) placed 16th in the shot with a distance of 33'05.75". Sophomore co-captain Tim Rudd (Warwick, RI) placed second in the 1,000 meters with a time of 2:32.22 and second as part of the distance medley with a time of 4:27.89.

Freshman German Cardona (Pawtucket, RI) placed 23rd in the 200 meters with a time of 25.49.

Freshman Chris Fernandes (Cumberland, RI) placed 11th in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 9.38 and 24th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.64.

Freshman Joe Giardina (West Warwick, RI) placed 18th in the 1,500 me-

ters with a time of 5:06.04.

Freshman Joe Parenteau (Smithfield, RI) placed eighth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:06.33 and second as part of the distance medley with a time of 3:27.56.

Head Coach Kevin Jackson's Anchorwomen competed at the Wheaton Invitational as well. RIC finished seventh (11 teams) on the day with 18 points.

Senior Joyelle Galli (Exeter-West Greenwich) placed fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 32'04.25" and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15'02.00".

Sophomore Courtney Gardiner (Warwick, RI) placed ninth in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 10.19 and 16th in the 200 meters with a time of 30.39.

Sophomore captain Joanne Pora (Attleboro, MA) placed 11th in the weight throw with a distance of 32'09.50" and 12th in the shot with a distance of 28'01.50".

Freshman Shari Fenton (West Warwick, RI) placed eighth in the shot with a distance of 30'02.00" and ninth in the weight throw with a distance of 34'00.00".

Freshman Jessica Leonard (Warwick, RI) placed second in the weight throw with a distance of 41'04.50" and 17th in the shot with a distance of 27'02.75".

Freshman Rolanda Mangum (Providence, RI) placed eighth in the shot with a distance of 31'06.00".

Freshman Katherine McCalligett (Warwick, RI) placed fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 1:00.83.

RIC receives NCAA Sports Science Speaker Grant

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

The Department of Inter-collegiate Athletics, Intramu-

als and Recreation have received a grant for student-athlete educational program speakers. The first program will be on Tuesday, Mar. 5 at

7 p.m. in which Dr. Kathleen Laquale will speak on nutritional supplements. Seminars are for RIC student-athletes only.

Little East Conference
Women's
Basketball
Standings
CONFERENCE OVERALL

| Team | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------------|----|---|-------|----|----|------|
| Southern Maine | 10 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 | 1 | .952 |
| Eastern Connecticut | 9 | 1 | .900 | 19 | 1 | .950 |
| Keene State | 6 | 4 | .600 | 13 | 7 | .632 |
| Plymouth State | 6 | 4 | .600 | 13 | 6 | .684 |
| UMASS-Boston | 4 | 6 | .400 | 11 | 9 | .550 |
| Western Connecticut | 3 | 7 | .300 | 9 | 11 | .450 |
| UMASS-Dartmouth | 1 | 9 | .100 | 4 | 16 | .200 |
| Rhode Island College | 1 | 9 | .100 | 4 | 17 | .190 |

Men's
Basketball
Standings
CONFERENCE OVERALL

| Team | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------------|----|----|-------|----|----|------|
| Keene State | 10 | 0 | 1.000 | 18 | 1 | .947 |
| UMASS-Dartmouth | 7 | 3 | .700 | 14 | 6 | .700 |
| Eastern Connecticut | 6 | 4 | .600 | 11 | 10 | .524 |
| Western Connecticut | 6 | 4 | .600 | 14 | 6 | .700 |
| Plymouth State | 5 | 5 | .500 | 11 | 8 | .579 |
| Southern Maine | 3 | 7 | .300 | 9 | 12 | .429 |
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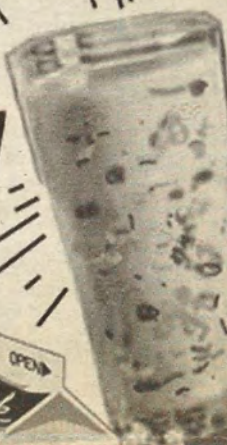
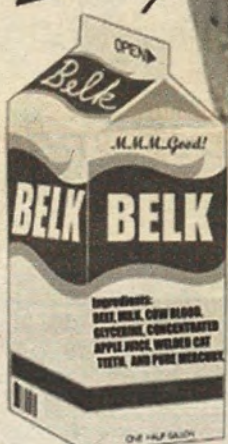
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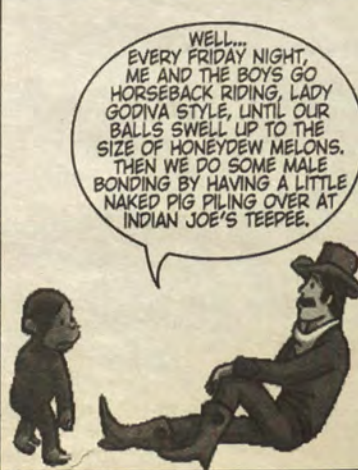
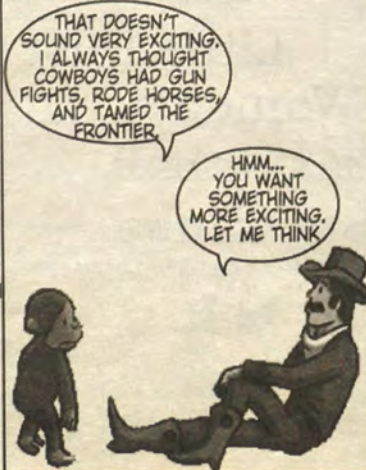


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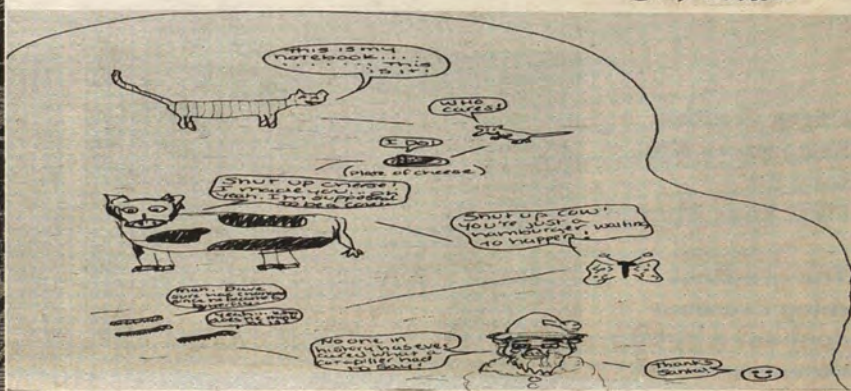
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Victim of Chance



by JD Salisbury

roving reporter

Guys, what's the best thing you've ever given for Valentine's Day?
Girls, what's the worst Valentine's Day gift you've ever received?



Peter Lemieux
Art Education
Sophomore

They don't need a gift when they have me.



Olu Jones
Elementary Ed
Junior

Nothing but him

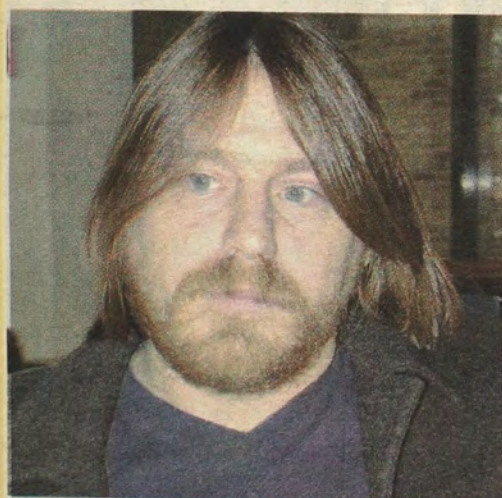
Derek Freitas
Secondary History Ed
First Year Student

The greatest thing I've ever done for a girl on Valentine's Day was write her a poem and it went really well.



Nicole Fontenault
English
First Year Student

An abortion



Harold InDelicato
Media Studies in the Masters program
First Year Student

Actually, the best Valentine's Day gift I've ever given was last Valentine's Day and it was chocolate-covered strawberries and I actually made them myself.

Holly MacKay
Nursing
Sophomore

The worst gift I've gotten is my boyfriend at the time told me he was cheating on me.



Todd Welch
Film Studies
Sophomore

The best gift I've ever given was a blender to my mother a couple years ago. She really wanted one, so I got it for her.



Maldup Bun
Business Management
Junior

I once received a stolen teacup from a Chinese restaurant.

around campus



Just a little representation of the numerous Valentine's Day Festivities that you've probably seen this week.



Pictures from the Black History Month opening reception, "Changing Times, Changing Faces, Changing History" For a list of scheduled events please stop by the Unity Center, or the the Office of Student Life.



Bushwhacked

By: Cliff Rebele
Anchor Editor

I think I'm seeing a trend in our country, a trend involving a few famous "daughters" of America. Is it just me, or are the Bush daughters constantly getting into trouble? President Bush's

Cliff's Corner

daughters spend more time behind bars than they do in the White House with their parents, and their cousin, Noelle Bush, daughter of Jed Bush, just entered a drug treatment center after she allegedly obtained an illegal prescription of the drug Xanax. What's wrong with these crazy chicks? If I get arrested, the farthest it will go is the police report of the Providence Journal Bulletin. These girls do something stupid, and it's on CNN. You would think they'd have a little common sense since their daddies are big shots by society's standards. I find situations like these very strange. It seems like the kids who have everything are always the ones who take advantage of that and screw their lives up royally. Take me for instance, I'm a poor bastard and I've never been in trouble with the law once. Maybe it's time to recruit a team to perform extensive research on this subject.

Why is it that rich kids think they have the right to be morons? Oh yeah that's right, when they get in trouble, they know mommy and daddy will always be there to bail them out and hand over a Mercedes in compensation for the "trauma" they just endured. I wish my mom would hand over some money to pay for my education as well as provide me with a car that doesn't fart whenever you hit the gas. However, we weren't born that "lucky". There's nothing in this

world that aggravates me more than when I hear about a sixteen year old getting a \$30,000+ car for his/her birthday. It does bring a smile to my face though when I hear that the car got wrecked a few weeks later, but it doesn't matter because mom and dad buy them another brand new one. It's nice to know that kids these days are still being taught the value of money and how to save it. If your parents buy you a crappy car then that's another story. My first car was paid for by my parents, but it wasn't close to a Porsche. If your parents help you out, then that is understandable, but some of the things I see make me sick. The Bush kids, I'm sure, have lived one hell of a life and then they turn around, get arrested, do drugs, whatever and screw it all up. Of course, the only people to blame for this behavior are the parents, for giving them everything they want.

The funny part about all this is the fact that the media actually thinks we care what those idiots are doing. They're spoiled and they will constantly be in trouble, with or without cameras on them twenty four hours a day. The fact that Noelle Bush is in rehab was one of the top stories on CNN.com this week. Is there nothing else to report on in the world day? "Spoiled Bitch Screws Up Again", tonight at 11. I know this isn't important for many people to rant and rave about, but I just can't stand to see kids who take advantage of their parents' wealth or fame. It must be nice to be able to throw your dad's name around and get off the hook whenever you want. I'd love to see the Bush daughters thrown in jail next time they do something wrong, something which would probably land me there for the night. It's the "O.J. effect", you know, if you're rich, you're above the law. Anyway, I just hope people leave the Bush daughters alone, not because I feel bad for them, but because I don't want to hear about their mishaps if they're not going to be punished like the rest of us.

Sex for A Dozen Roses

By: D.L. Roth
Anchor Staff

I was just minding my own business on Friday when out of nowhere this unbelievable stench hit my nostrils. It was hideous and it vaguely reminded me of the smell of the sewage plant that I toured in elementary school when I was in 5th grade, which made me vomit all over my shoes. I got to thinking "what the hell could the smell be?" I thought someone crapped their pants, or even I might have crapped my pants, so after looking around and checking my drawers I saw that this wasn't the problem. Then out of nowhere it hit me and I knew what it was coming from. I looked at my watch and it said that it was February 8, not only my birthday, which stinks in an entirely different way, but it was also 6 days until the "holiday" of Valentine's Day. I then knew that this smell in the air was caused by this holiday's impending arrival, which means it will only get worse as the bullshit that is this god forsaken day and the feeling of love associated with it could only bestow on someone like me. I absolutely despise this event and all who acknowledge and practice it. It just reeks of cheesiness and stupidity; there are countless reasons I could state as to why I feel this way and why you should reconsider your own celebration of this day filled with hearts and redness. It is time

to dispense enlightenment to all you sappy love mongers, you'll appreciate me for this later on, I promise.

How can someone designate one day out of the year to go tell the girlfriend, boyfriend, concubine, farm animal or whatever you people tend to have "feelings" towards, that you love them and to show this you buy them some lame, cheap ass candies that gives them the runs and roses ranging in numbers from 1 to 100, depending on how much you want to have sex with them that night. Because lets face it folks, it all goes right back to sex in the end; you people want to score with someone so you buy them some overpriced garbage that you think will better your chances of getting them in the sack. If everyone that celebrates Valentine's Day really thinks that this gift exchange is showing "love" in any way at all then you're all one extremely disillusioned group of people. So why is there just one day a year that you are supposed to show how much you love someone? I mean, if you love someone, you should show him or her every single day, not just one day in February. This day has turned into nothing more than an event where 90% of men, who treat their girlfriends like a piece of garbage 364 days a year, can go out and buy them a bracelet and a dozen roses so they forget all the other times that they got cheat on, hit, or whatever other

horrendous act that was committed in their so-called relationship that year. These same girls also seem to like congregating and having a bragging contest as to how much expensive crap they seemed to milk out of their boyfriends every Valentines Day. "Oh, he got me a diamond bracelet", "oh yeah, well I got two diamond bracelets, a bottle of perfume, and 40 roses." Who gives a damn who got what anyway? No matter what they get you, they're going to go sleep with your friend the next week anyway, so why does it even matter?

What I'm trying to get at is this "holiday" (if it can even be called one) doesn't represent what it is supposed to. Maybe at one point in time this day had some real meaning, but in this day and age, it's nothing more than a day where unstable couples give each other gifts, act like they are really in love, and make other people who don't have anybody (and are way better off) feel worthless and lonely for this one day. So the next time cupid tries to hit you with the arrow of love and make you celebrate Valentine's Day, tell you will bash his head in with a brick, and then give him a wedgie with that sorry ass diaper he's wearing. Just keep your head out of the clouds and take a good look at reality; Valentines Day is crappy like the people who celebrate it. I hope you all choke on your candy you get in that heart shaped box.

I Ain't Gonna Shut Up Letter to the Editor

By Ed Lamothe

"I ain't gonna shut up" are just some words to show how I got your attention. All I need to do is write some Ebonics and people start reading.

"I ain't gonna shut up", are just some words to describe how people don't respect the rules of the school and try to impose some.

"I ain't gonna shut up", are just some words saying that after all of the years of persecution, of fighting for equality, it is still happening in this world, even in this college.

"I ain't gonna shut up" because I believe that if I don't stand for something, I will fall for everything. I am a true believer of

equality and that is why, today, I am standing up for this issue.

Now, you're wondering what issue I'm addressing. I guess that you don't know so let me tell you. Did you know that the rulers of this college are trying to impose a law saying that when there are parties on campus, Rhode Island College students can only have two guests per college student? What is going on? Is it because campus police can't handle a college party? Is it because the parties on campus are mostly minority events? Tell me, I do not know the answer.

When there is an issue affecting the Vice-President of student affairs drinking on campus, no one wants to talk about it. But, now that there is an issue affect-

ing the students, everyone has something to say and wants to give a solution.

I think that this is nonsense. The rules should apply to everyone. If there is a limit on how many people can be invited to a party, then there should be a limit on everything that happens on campus from plays at Roberts Hall to regular events in the Student Union Ballroom. This is not a small issue. It will affect you, me, and all future students at Rhode Island College. We must stand up for once. If there is something that you must keep in mind two months from now is that one voice is weak but united. We are strong, and we will stop this injustice from occurring right before our eyes.

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By Lasha Seniuk

horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 20). Four weeks of business misinformation and disjointed work communications will fade over the next few days. Watch for a new wave of business ambition to soon arrive. Listen to your initial instincts. At present, colleagues will greatly respect your ability to settle



long-standing disputes. After Saturday a close friend may reveal unique family information. Relocation or a job change may be key issues. Expect important decisions from friends or roommates in the coming weeks.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Over the next few days family and romantic relationships will intensify. Watch for loved ones to create a new level of intimacy within the home or ask for increased emotional support. Three months of misplaced priorities is now ending. Show others your intentions and welcome positive growth in all key relationships. After Friday dreams, intuitions and social wisdom will be vivid. Pay close attention to fast hunches. Someone close may now need public support.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Business and romantic security is now on the rise. After Tuesday many Geminis will begin six weeks of rapid business expansion and increasing romantic intensity. Be prepared to separate a key business project into several parts. Further development



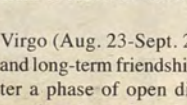
and new research methods will now bring surprising advancement. Don't hold back. Thursday through Sunday romantic passion will be rewarding. Remain open to new invitations and bold statements of affection.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Quiet celebrations and gentle emotional encounters will bring romantic improvement over the next eight days. Many Cancerians are now ending several weeks of workplace or financial stress. Spend extra time with loved



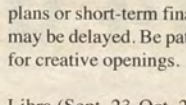
ones before Friday. Long-term relationships will now offer increased intimacy and powerful moments of family sharing. After Saturday watch for a series of annoying phone calls from a nervous relative. Past social mistakes may be at issue. Stay balanced.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Workplace or financial demands will this week require a bold or expressive approach. After midweek expect recent restrictions or failed discussions with authority figures to be slowly corrected. Late Wednesday a four-week period of business ambition and financial negotiations arrives. Don't be shy. New opportunities will soon be offered. After Saturday watch for a close friend to organize a unique group event. Join in and expect tensions to fade. All will be supportive.



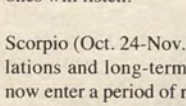
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance and long-term friendship will now enter a phase of open discussion and newfound passion. After midweek powerful physical attractions may be

come a prime influence in your life. Find new ways to explore sensuality and romantic commitments. Relationships will now quickly evolve based on your subtle comments, guidance and direction. After Sunday business

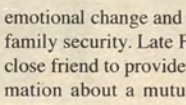


plans or short-term financial ventures may be delayed. Be patient and watch for creative openings.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Family security and increased romantic intimacy are now an ongoing theme. Beginning Tuesday, and lasting over the next four to five weeks, expect complex family or home issues to be steadily resolved. Pace your reactions according to the time schedule of loved ones. At present, others may be highly motivated to make productive home changes and fast romantic improvements. After Saturday rest and discuss long-term dreams and plans. Loved ones will listen.



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Home relations and long-term romance will now enter a period of rapid actions or serious discussions. Speak your mind freely concerning recent disappointments or setbacks. Over the next five weeks honest and sensitive confrontation will bring about positive

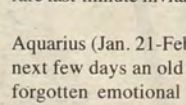


emotional change and new growth in family security. Late Friday expect a close friend to provide unusual information about a mutual friend. Romantic triangles may be a rare concern. Avoid unnecessary risk.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Intensive romantic change will now be difficult to resist. After Wednesday emotional security between lovers and conflicting business aspirations may be a central theme. Clarify long-term goals and show loved ones your dedication. All is well. Thursday through Sunday family relationships may also require clarification. Someone close will now benefit from a strong statement of loyalty. This will be a mildly draining week. Stay alert to small hints and gestures.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Early this week a mood of business and romantic restlessness will fade. Wait for attitudes to slowly change and expect an intensive phase of ambition or sensuality to then arrive. Over the next five weeks close relationships will be less complicated by social rules or home pressures. Set concrete goals and let others see your confidence. After Sunday your physical and social charisma will dramatically increase. Stay focused and watch for rare last-minute invitations.



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Over the next few days an old friend or long-forgotten emotional issue between lovers may resurface. Even though feelings of nostalgia are strong right now, this is not a good time to become overly focused on the past. Say your farewells



to old patterns and move swiftly on. Loved ones now need present day dedication. Late Friday marks the beginning of five weeks of joyful romance and renewed interest in family or social celebrations. Stay open to new love.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Gather friends and trusted companions around this week, Pisces. Emotional strength can now be gained from sharing your ideas, plans and feelings with a receptive social group. Over the next few weeks many Pisceans will feel a powerful urge to establish a new network of friends or begin unique social activities. Unusual forms of study, educational plans or artistic pursuits will be highly appealing. Late Sunday rest and regain focus. Family memories will soon fade.



If your birthday is this week... over the next three months new friendships will challenge your long-standing ideas or emotional patterns. Many Aquarians will now experience a dramatic phase of social expansion. Expect previous questions of identity, social status or romantic restriction to no longer be bothersome. Powerful emotions are now at work and may soon trigger serious lifestyle changes. Pay special attention to passionate dreams and a vivid inner voice. Before mid-May loved ones may question your choices; by early June, however, all will follow your lead.

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Local Music Soulshed

By Cameron Moquin

Soulshed is:
Danny Bryant – Vocals
Danny DeMelo – Drums
Josh Floriano – Guitar
Josh Lee – Guitar/Samples
Nelson DeMelo – Bass

When Soulshed hits the stage, it's all about the drama. It's hard-hitting, audio intensity with a light show to match. The music comes at you like a bullet train and the vocals tear through the music like a jagged knife. The band creates even more energy on stage with their constant motion and epic way of playing. You can tell that the band puts their soul into the music and performance every time they play.

The band sports the scary make-up for added affect and Danny the singer goes the extra mile, covering his face with blood (it's fake blood). The make-up combined with the light show and constant on-stage action makes the show worth going to even if you couldn't hear a thing. Of course – the music is what it's all about, and none of the quality of their music is sacrificed for the impressive stage show.

The songs Danny Bryant writes are searing stories of



vengeance, self-abuse, and evil ex-girlfriends (or so I've interpreted). Most of the lyrics are far too vile to reprint for your reading, but here are a few of the more socially acceptable words found in Soulshed's songs: "The", "you", and "I". You can read the lyrics for yourself at Soulshed.com – you can even download two of their best songs on the website: "Relic" and "Shallow" – at no charge, imag-

ine that.

"Relic" just may be the band's best shot at radio play. The song features some great hooks, and an inspiring vocal performance by Danny. This is the song that gets even the girls in the crowd to kick some ass in the mosh pit. Incidentally, the band does an interesting cover. For the second to last song of their set, Soulshed plays their rendition of "Larger than Life" by the Back-

street Boys, in honor of AJ's stint in rehab. Sounds like a bad idea (you know, a hardcore band playing total Pop music), but it makes a great hardcore song, and it segues to "Relic", the epic closer, pretty damn well.

To get an idea of how these guys sound, here are a few of the bands that get Soulshed all rowdy: Korn, Digital Underground, Sevendust, and Nothingface. Other influences include such drinks as

Jagermeister and Red Dog. Overall, their performance invades your sense of sight, sound, and the music is guaranteed to help you 'shed' your 'soul'. Was that corny? Oh well.

They tear apart any club they play – Here are a few shows where you can witness the insanity.

Saturday, Feb. 23 – The Met Café TRIPLE CD RELEASE PARTY!!! w/Dedset, Imprint, and Kobalt. Soulshed goes on at 8:30.

Sunday, Feb 24 – Fat Cats. Springfield Mass w/CLIP

Friday April 19, New Wave Café (New Bedford)

For More info and an up-to-date calendar of shows, check out www.soulshed.com

Give me feedback if you check out any of the bands I interview – Or contact me to get your band reviewed – dirtydirtycamm@hotmail.com

Do you play bass? If you can play in different time signatures, and like bands like Nothingface, Soulfly, Reveille, Tool, and System of a Down, contact me: dirtydirtycamm@hotmail.com

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istent. He can not make any new memories what so ever, so the hunt for his wife's killer is a wee-bit difficult. To make things a little easier, Leonard has devised a system that involves carrying around a Polaroid camera to take pictures of what he has done so far, and writing tattoos on his body of the facts he has discovered. This plot adds a fresh spin to an old theme.

This film is the first outing for director Christopher Nolan, and to mark the occasion, he has used a rarely done technique in filming that makes this movie stand out: he has the film play backwards. The first scene is Leonard killing his wife's killer, and moves up to the events that led him to finding the killer. While some may say this is confusing, it actually

serves to let the audience see through Leonard's eyes, as we, much like him do not know what happened, save for a few notes and pictures. We discover as the film moves, who is responsible and who he found out. This goes into making a good thriller: the element of discovery and surprise. By the end of the film, you will doubt everything you have seen, and yet you already know the outcome of everyone's actions.

Besides the unusual form of the film, the acting is all top notch. Guy Pearce plays the hapless Leonard with a wide-eyed wonderment, where you will actually believe he has no idea of what he is doing. He stumbles through scenes and confuses people, much like you'd expect from a man with no memory. Joe Pantoliano, best known as Cypher from, "The Matrix," plays Teddy, a shady individual you don't know what to think of until the

very last five minutes of the film. He feeds Leonard information about the killer, but what is his motivation for doing so, the audience has to wait for. And the other person in Leonard's life is Natalie, played by another "Matrix" alumnus Carrie-Ann Moss aka Trinity, who is using Leonard for her own ends to her problems. Her characters is the only one that falls flat, as she lacks true motivation and quickly enters the film, and exits just as quickly. Other than that, the film is a true gem.

A film that everyone should check out, "Memento" is one of those thrillers that will be burned on your memory. Much like what "Seven," and "Silence of the Lambs," did for the genre, "Memento" challenges you to solve a mystery that has no answer. Rent this film and true to remember that you shouldn't trust your weaknesses.

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self in my eyes as a talented actor with his portrayal of John Nash. He was completely the character down from the walk and voice to very distinct mannerisms. As the character aged I could see the specific changes that were made. I was actually impressed by the acting of Russell Crowe, which I didn't think could be possible.

There wasn't one weak link in the cast. The luminous Jennifer Connelly played John Nash's wife. You could feel the undying love for the man. The chemistry between both actors portrayed a beautiful love story. This is finally a film that shows a realistic love story and the hard work it takes in a person's character to love unconditionally. It seems possible in dogs, but unbelievable in humans. How much can love take is a question, as an audience member, that would be asked. Paul Bentanly and Ed Harris played the metaphorical angel and devil on the shoulders of John Nash. Ed Harris is always a pleasure to watch. Paul Bentanly I could watch more. Fi-

nally Ron Howard as a director – he can set a mood! He also has a talent of making me cry at some point in his films. Take that as either good or bad. This is all I will tell you about the film now. It is up to you to watch it from my recommendation, which, under the following guidelines, will be a good one.

1. If your favorite movie is Lethal Weapon 2...DON'T see this movie.
2. If you can not wait for Britney Spears' new movie...for the love of God, DON'T see this movie (in fact, never read anything I write again).
3. If you are tired before walking into the theater...DON'T see this movie. It is a little slow at times.
4. If you are the type of person that asks question in the movie theater when you just "don't get it"...please do everyone a favor and wait for video.
5. If you don't feel like seeing the 7 war movies that are in the theaters now...SEE this movie.
6. Finally, if you want to leave a theater for once actually thinking...SEE this movie.

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Director Mark Peillington is best known for his award-winning music videos. This is not surprising, considering the Mothman Prophecies is shot like one. The opening sequence is eye-catching with its trippy photographic manipulation. It's innovative, and visually; very interesting.

The problem with this film is the abundance in which Pellington uses these techniques. Instead of relying on suspense, the film goes for bad horror-movie shock: sudden loud music, flashes of light and screaming. Flashbacks are shot with yellow-tinted film; the Mothman appearances are in shades of red, white and black. Combine that with slow-motion, sped-up, and unfocused sequences – the whole thing becomes damn annoying, and it only serves to distract us from the plot.

Nothing is subtle in this film:

there's even an early closet scene where a moth flutters over the heads of Klein and his wife. How understated. As well, every dream and odd statement heard throughout the film is brought together in the end in an all-too-apparent way. As one of my companions said, "I'm surprised that the Mothman didn't stand up, introduce himself in a laboratory? Questions remain throughout the film, and the few, vague answers given are inadequate. One might say that that's how the real-life investigation went (and that's true), but movies that end without any kind of closure feel directionless and, worst of all, pointless.

When the Mothman appears, he leaves behind some kind of gray fuzz and violent gashes in nearby surfaces. One of my many questions about this film: why didn't they analyze those affected areas in a laboratory? Questions remain throughout the film, and the few, vague answers given are inadequate. One might say that that's how the real-life investigation went (and that's true), but movies that end without any kind of closure feel directionless and, worst of all, pointless.

In addition, Richard Gere was

not the man for this film. Gere's such a mild-mannered, passive kind of actor that the reporter's genuine fear and obsession over the Mothman and his wife's death is lost in favor of a poker expression and a quiet voice. A redeemable performance came (surprisingly) from Debra Messing of "Will and Grace" fame. Her presence, although limited mostly to photographs, haunting, and flashbacks, was a mixture of angelic and sinister, altogether very effective. The soundtrack was very lilting and otherworldly.

The high-velocity climax, though unrelated to the Mothman, was surprising and chilling at certain points. However, it was something that belonged in an action movie, just as other sequences, people, and techniques would be better suited to a horror, expressionistic, or B-rated drama. Instead, all these aspects are all thrown together into a disappointing mix of suspense and silliness. Grade: (C)

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dollar sign insignia. For lack of a better term, it was "priceless."

He not only had a great gimmick, but he also had some great moments, the most memorable of which being when he become the World Champion, which he did by hiring Andre the Giant to defeat Hulk Hogan. After Andre beat Hogan, he just handed over the belt to DiBiase, much to the chagrin of the fans. Another great moment was at the '90 Survivor Series when he first unveiled the Undertaker to the world as his secret weapon to destroy good guy Dusty Rhodes, the father of modern wrestler Goldust. These are but two of his many, many moments that defined him as the number one bad guy.

DiBiase wrestled in the WWF

for close to ten years when he retired in '92. He later went on to manage his own group called, of all things, the Million Dollar Corporation. Right before he left the WWF for good in '96, he managed one last wrestler. That wrestler was a young man named "Ringmaster" Steve Austin, a new guy who would later go on to become "Stone Cold" Steve Austin. When he left, he would leave a vacancy for a great villain that wouldn't be replaced for another two years. The owner himself, Vince McMahon, replaced him.

So, if you are new to the wrestling scene, try to find some early tapes to see some of the best crowd-working by a wrestler ever. Highly suggested is Wrestlemania 3, where he had Andre win the belt for him. DiBiase was the Million Dollar Man in every way, and as the song said, "Everybody's Got a Price, Everybody's Got to Pay."

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Films You May Have Missed

Memento



by J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

"Some memories are best left forgotten," is the tagline for the 2001 film, "Memento." An independent movie, many people overlooked this film, as it wasn't highly publicized. I'm here to tell you what you are missing.

The premises of "Memento" are simple, but yet at the same time complex. The story revolves around Leonard (Guy Pearce), a man who watched as his wife was killed in front of him. He wants nothing more than revenge against the man who committed this act, but there's one thing that is stopping him. When he tried to rush to his wife's aid, he was hit on the head, causing brain damage. "What kind of brain damage?" you might be asking. Well, his short term memory is hereby nonex-

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Lord of the Rings

excellent adaptation of a literary classic



by Patrick J. Tierney

This weekend I saw the film version of Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. I thought that the movie as a whole was excellent. The special effects were ranging from framing shots so it appears like one character is taller than the other and the fully CGI (computer graphic image) characters of the cave troll and Gollum. The story itself is about an evil ring created many eons ago whose evil master is searching for again. A small band made up of all the peoples of Middle Earth, Elves, Dwarfs, Hobbits and men must unite to destroy it.

"According to several world wide polls it was named the greatest and most popular book of the twentieth century" (Sibley, Brian The Lord of the Rings official movie guide) so I, having read the books was not sure if the film would match. But I was pleasantly surprised that the film lived up to the greatness of the book. It is important to keep in mind though that The Lord of the Rings is one story broken up to three movies. You will have to wait until 2003 to see the entire story unfold.

Dean of the Old School

Everybody's Got a Price



by J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

In honor of this week's upcoming "WWF Raw" event in Providence, I've decided to delve back into the Old School vault to look at a classic wrestling heel (villain, if you are not a fan). When looking back at the 80's, only one wrestler truly demonstrated what it was to be a real bad guy, and that man was "The Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase.

Ted DiBiase was a wrestler who got his start in the seventies, before its first rise in popularity in the early-mid 80s. He got his start from his father, "Iron" Mike DiBiase and started in the southern territories. He wrestled in the independents until he got the call from Vince McMahon to wrestle for his new WWF. Ted quickly accepted.

Ted was placed with a simple gimmick that he ran with to become the top heel in company: he was an obnoxious millionaire. Basically, he was what we all wanted to be: filthy rich and able to do what ever he wanted as a result. He would enter into the ring and then think of something outrageous for an audience member to do in exchange for cash, such as lick the heel of his boot. The best part of this was the money wasn't even real; it was a million dollar bill with his face on it. For those of you that don't remember him, imagine a wrestling Mr. Burns from "The Simpsons." But probably the most memorable aspect of his wealth was that he made his own belt. Since he wasn't able to win the world title, he made the million dollar belt, complete with

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A Beautiful Mind



by: Kristen Killilea

Warning: Don't ever read a review for the movie: "A Beautiful Mind".

It will be a danger to you, as a possible participant in the movie-watching process. As most movie reviews have a tendency of doing, they give away a juicy part of the movie. When this happens it is normally not damaging as much as it is annoying. Well if someone even starts talking about this movie in your presence, walk away. If certain things in this movie were discussed, well, I will be bold enough to say that there would be no point to even watch the film. It would be ruined. It would be like going to "The Empire Strikes Back" knowing that Vader is Luke's father. (Now if I ruined that for you... I am glad. What's wrong with you? It is Star Wars).

"A Beautiful Mind" is the story of the genius of Noble Prizewinner John Nash. It poses the question of how far can the mind go before it becomes dangerous and who is it a danger to? Russell Crowe, as an actor, has been making me wish that he stayed in Australia and become co-host of the "Crocodile Hunter." I think I was just bitter about him winning the under-served Academy Award for "Gladiator" and don't even get me started on "Proof of Life". But Mr. Crowe has redeemed him-

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The Mothman Prophecies



By Heather Bryant
Anchor Contributor

Based on true events, the story revolves around Wall Street Journal reporter John Klein, (Richard Gere) whose wife Mary (Debra Messing) mysteriously dies a few days after an inexplicable car crash. Klein finds pictures she drew during her final days: images of a howling, winged creature with red eyes. He goes to the town where other similar sightings have taken place and begins to investigate the legend of the "Mothman."

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A PAGAN REALITY

by C.A. Dean

Mountains away on a pagan's grassy knoll
I drink herbal tea and listen.
The grass talked about getting thin.
His gay lover had died three years ago.
They had cultivated four and half acres together.

A rooster crows at ten am.

Days spent tilling mother earth, feeding tom cats field mice
And restoring an inoperative sauna.
Rested atop a barn was a turquoise chair for mourning;
Outside were shields of the medieval sort.
Past the curiously ornamented barn
Distances away from wholesomeness,
A small sanctuary pro indulgence.
Orgy nature aphrodisiac on an altar.
It stunk of wrong but was well behaved.
Outside lingered sugar water conquering uncivilized sin.
Surrounding wood gossiped in the spring air.
Deep set advantaged neighborhood.

Rooted by the outspread past he will never leave his refuge.
A bowl of blow for dinner.
He is alone.
Above the table is a picture of his lover.
Memories keep him alive.

Enchanted he lures young non conformist backs to serve him.
Butting the plot hard, they sweat innocence.
I am one of them working for his remorse.
Bugs buzz bite
Off
Succulent skin survival.
Intense Fahrenheit taunts my mind.
He, preaching peace pulls peppermint,
A sense pleasing struggle.
I listen and wipe the cool moisture beads from my burning forehead.
Leftist laborer
Cooperative harvest subsists fascist supermarkets.

A Murder of Swans

By Drake

Sweeping, euphoric, dark and dreary,
yet intoxicatingly fragrant
arms incorporeal holding him as if he was close to
nothing —
next to eternity, falling blissfully into the abyss.
Desperate, like the fingers that gently traced her soft
lips
Body listless as he leaned forward to press his tongue
to hers
There was a tensing of muscles, a gasp of breath
And a feeling of claws rending flesh

They held each other until the dawn came

Innocence was just a fleeting memory
Like a murder of swans
And a splash of crimson
against pure white-feathered sheets

Nothing would be the same again