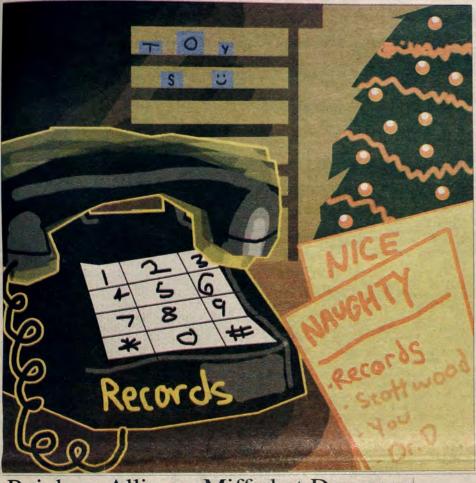
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Setting the "Records" Straight

By: Andrea J. Stewart Anchor Editor

The Records Office has a bad reputation. It is one of the most dreaded offices on campus, and is also the most trafficked: students are constantly in need of transcripts, proofs of student status, and other student information. Alumni use the office as a resource, as copies of their transcripts are often needed during later employment. Employers also call the Records Office personally, in order to verify their restential employers; degree status

Employers also call the Records Office personally, in order to verify their potential employees' degree status.

Student Heather Black has recently voiced her dissatisfaction with the Records Office in the form of a fiery commentary that appeared in last week's Anchor. Black was openly disgusted with the fact that she can never get through to Records over the telephone.

"How many of you out there have ever tried to call the Records office, only to listen to the phone ring or be directed to an answering machine? Has anyone ever gotten through to the records office and spoken to an actual human being?"

Black is obviously looking for answers.

Acting Director of the Records Office, James Dorian, was shocked to read Black's commentary; he claimed to have no idea that students felt this way. In fact, Dorian was under the impression that the Records Office has improved over the past few years.

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A few years ago, the Records Office began taking on student volunteers to increase service during peak periods (generally the beginning and end of the semester). These students keep detailed logs of all office visits and telephone calls. With the added help, Dorian believes that the office operates much more smoothly.

However, the telephone system still persists as an issue. Dorian explains that the phones at the Records Office never ring busy, even if all phones are in use. This is obviously frustrating for students. A busy signal would at least indicate that the staff is busy with other calls. Instead, the phones ring and ring, making it seem like the calls are just being ignored.

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when a student calls the Records Office, seven telephones ring. While it is extremely possible that seven other calls are in progress, this is not always the

Rainbow Alliance Miffed at Donovan

By: Jackie Crevier Anchor Staff

visit

The Rainbow Alliance held a get-together in Donovan on Wednesday afternoon titled "Live Homo Acts", to bring stu-dents' attention to the fact "that they are That was the slogan on a pamphlet that was passed out to advertise the event.

To raise awareness for the event, mem-

To raise awareness for the event, members of the Alliance hung a poster up on the Donovan wall that said: "Live Homo Acts-Now Happening Upstairs." According to junior and President of Rainbow Alliance, Sarah Gilliam, they were told by Director of Dining Services, Vincent Flemming, "to advertise in a better way." Flemming told them that the sign could not remain posted where it was, because students in Donovan were upset, throwing out their lunches, and leaving.

leaving.
"Donovan knew that we were putting a poster up beforehand," explained Gilliam.
"They didn't ask us what we were actually

"They didn't ask us what we were actually doing."

Flemming was concerned about the matter and did comment. "The Dining Center needs to approve every poster before it actually goes up," he stated. "My goal is to have all the groups co-exist in a peaceful and amicable manner."

Vice President of Rainbow Alliance,

Jazmyne Robb, stated that they also had a problem reserving an available space at Donovan to hold the "Live Homo Acts." She explained "they reserved a classroom in Donovan a few weeks ago. They said we could use the space, but then immediately

afterwards said it was booked." She pointed out that Donovan did, however, suggest that they block an area off to hold the event. Robb acknowledged that this was not the Robb acknowledged that this was not the first time they've had problems with a "scheduling conflict." The spaces in Donovan were booked when the Alliance wanted to hold their Sex Toy Workshop, which ended up being held in Alger Hall. In response to this "too often of a scheduling conflict", the Alliance feels that "there is some reason that Donovan is not voicing," concluded Gilliam.

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"Students are not coming directly to us to discuss their issues and concerns regarding our activities; they are complaining to the higher-ups." She explained this problem to be part of the reason why the Alliance was holding the "Live Homo Acts" in the first place. She also pointed out that these issues and concerns get back to them only through and concerns get back to them only through rumors and are all "hearsay." "We don't know exactly what we are doing wrong."

The Rainbow Alliance invites students

The Rainbow Alliance invites students to approach them with concerns regarding any issues. "The constitution of our Alliance contains the motto that we accept all people of all sexualities and genders; including straight people," Gilliam pointed out. In addition to her words, senior and Treasurer of the Alliance, Elaine Agarwal commented as well, and explained what "Live Homo Acts" is. "We wanted to sit here, read, play cards and eat like normal people, because that's what we are. Everybody's expecting us to sit here and

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Pillow Talk

By: Dr. Tom Lavin

What do the Exxon Valdez, the space shuttle Challenger disaster, and your recent poor performance on your History (or Math, or Philosophy or whatever) exams have in common? No, it is not the fact that all were unmitigated disasters, but rather the fact that a lack of adequate sleep and consequent daytime sleepiness were definite "direct causes" in each of the first two disasters, and likely a major contributor to your own smaller scale



disasters. Contrary to the portrayals by the media, it was not the Captain's being drunk that caused the Exxon Valdez to run aground and create one of the biggest oil spills and worst environmental disas-ters in history. Rather, because there oil spills and worst environmental disas-ters in history. Rather, because there were ice floes in the shipping channel as the supertanker left port, the Captain had ordered the ship to briefly leave the chan-nel to avoid the ice and then steer back into the channel once they were clear of that hazard. The Captain had actually left the bridge and turned over command of the ship to the third mate. However, this individual, who had slept only 6 hours in

the 48 prior to the ship's departure, forgot that the autopilot was on and didn't notice that the ship failed to turn back

that the autopilot was on and didn't notice that the ship failed to turn back into the shipping lane when he ordered the helm to starboard. Once he did realize his error, the kind of information processing error that is typical of someone sleep deprived, it was too late!

According to pioneer sleep researcher Dr. William Dement, in his 1999 volume The Promise of Sleep, we live in a chronically fatigued society in which excessive daytime sleepiness is an unnoticed but potentially tragic reality of life. In surveys carried out by the National Sleep Foundation, 75% of adults said they experience daytime sleepiness and 34% said sleepiness interfered with their daytime activities. And being chronically sleep deprived is practically definitional of being a college student. In studies of college students at Stanford, the students exhibited such "pathological" levels of daytime sleepiness that they could not be distinguished from patients with narcolepsy, a sleep disorder characterized by nearly continual sleepiness and sudden daytime "sleep attacks." The college students were not in the early stages of narcolepsy. They were simply not getting enough sleep!

What the work of Dement and other sleep researchers has made clear over the last 30 years is that sleep is a basic and

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Holiday Weight Gain

The average person gains 5-7 pounds between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Start your weight gain defense program now. You will reap benefits for yourself and possibly others as well.

Make a commitment to exercise Make a commitment to exercise just a little bit every day. The extra calories you burn will leave room for a few holiday goodies. Give up one snack food every day. Eliminating a few calories from your daily diet will prevent a holiday indulgence from turning into a disaster. Keep track of the money you save on snacks. the money you save on snacks, then donate it to charity that will provide food for those in need. All the help you need is right here on campus. Come to the

Rec Center to exercise. Contact the Chaplain's Office about the charitable donations. See the nutritionist for calorie informa-See the Read the next Anchor for more tips on weight control, plus some stress busters.

New Service Health Services Service Available at

Student Health Services is now offering Women's Health Care (including smears and birth control), STD (sexually transmitted) disease) screening for males and females, pregnancy testing, emergency contraception and full lab services on campus. Call ext. 8055 for an appointment. All services are confidential.

On-Line Alcohol Screening

The counseling center now offers on-line alcohol screening for members of the RIC community. It is a 10-15 minute evaluation and you will receive immediate confidential on-line feedback as well as ideas on where to go for help. Just go to www.ric.edu then click on campus life/then click on counseling center/ then click on alcohol screening.

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

Mindfulness Meditation

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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 com-munity on Thursdays from noon-1 pm in CL 130 with Tom Lavin.

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.

Writing Available Center

The writing center will have writing tutors available Monday-Wednesday from 9am-7pm, Thursday from 9am-4pm, and Friday from 9am-3pm. There is Friday from 9am-3pm. There is also information concerning writing issues given out in free pamphlets. For more information call 456.8141.

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.

Water Ways to Relax Friday, December 13th, 1:00-1:30 PM

Take a half hour out of your busy life to float away all your stress.

The combination of music and movements in this session create a totally relaxing experience.

Pool Hours

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM- 10:00 PM Friday 7:00 AM- 4:00 PM Saturday 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Aquatic Exercise Clas Aquatic Exercise Classes are offered every day:
Monday & Wednesday
9:00 AM 12:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 PM

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Spring 2003 Programs
Old favorites as well as several new programs will be offered in the pool throughout the semes-

All levels of Swimming Instruction for adults and chil-dren will be offered as well as a few one hour specialized clinics. The Aquatic Exercise schedule will continue to offer aerobics, strength training, kickboxing, and Pilates. Look for Aqua Yoga and some power aerobics to be

New this Spring will be an opportunity to learn some boating skills.

Lifeguard Training

Lifeguard training will be offered from February 6th through April 24th, from 6:00-9:00 PM on Thursday nights. The cost is only \$45 for students and this certification will guarantee you a good summer job. Don't get eliminat-ed from the class because your ed from the class occurs
swimming skills aren't up to par.
Make an appointment with Alan
or Janice to review the necessary skills and get tips on how to improve. Success takes planning and preparation. Start training now to insure your future suc-

Free SCUBA Experience Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30-8:00 PM.

\$165 for students. Tuesdays, February 4th through April 29th, 6:00-9:00 PM.

Snorkeling – FREE Thursday, March 6th, 5:00-6:00

Take advantage of what is offered at your Recreation Center. You'll pay big bucks for this kind of stuff after you graduate!

Safety Instructor Course

The Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course will be offered for academic credit during the Spring 2003 semester (PED 280-01; 3 credits; Tu, Th, 8:00 AM – 9:50 AM). Students may register through the regular process through the telephone or the web. While some knowledge of water safety if desirable, lifeguard certification is not required to take tification is not required to take this course. A combination of classroom and pool practicum activities will enable students to learn how to teach swimming and water safety to all age groups and populations. WSI certification will make physical education stu dents more marketable at job search time. For more information, call Janice Fifter at X8238.

Catholic Mass

Sunday evenings at 10 p.m. in the President's House. Fr. Pescatello the celebrant.

President Nazarian has been providing refreshments after th Mass. For more info, 456-8168.

Bible Study

Bible Study
Mondays from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office, Donovan Lower Level/Unity Center. Rev. Larry Nichols conducts our weekly study with Deacon Mike Napolitano filling in when Larry cannot be here. Bring your lunch (soda, water are provided), your Bible (we can provide one if needed), and enjoy the discussion. Call Larry at 465-8169 for more information.

Student Christian Organization

Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office, Donovan Lower Office, Donovan Lower Level/Unity Center. Rena Rossi (one of our Peer Ministers) leads this weekly meeting. Please email her (RR5815@aol.com)

with suggestions of topics you would like to hear discussed dur-ing a meeting. The meetings are loosely structured to meet the needs on a particular week. Basically you introduce yourself and have a chance to discuss problems or issues in your life.

Rabbi Available to College

Community
The Campus Ministry would like everyone to know that Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz will be available to the community in our office in Donovan Lower Level/Unity Center on Mondays from 10:15-11 a.m. or by appointment.

Contact him at RAB-BIBENL@YAHOO.COM to schedule and appointment with him or call Campus Ministry at 456-8168.

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AIDS Quilt
The AIDS Quilt will be at Adams Library from December 2nd through the 6th, for International AIDS Awareness Week. This quilt was created as a means for quint was created as a means for remembrance and healing. The goal is to increase public aware-ness of AIDS, assist with HIV prevention, and to illustrate the enormity of the AIDS epidemic. The quilt is 792, 000 sq. feet (50 miles long from and to end) and miles long from end to end), and weighs 50 tons. The names on the quilt represent 19% of US AIDS deaths.

The Womens Center is now selling Durex condoms: 10 for one dollar! We also sell pads & tampons for 30cents each, plus workshops are frequently held during the free period on a variety of subjects. The Women's Center the lower level of DDC, room 9, and can be reached at 456-8474

Residence Halls Close Friday December 20, 6:00pm All residents must vacate the

halls for break within 24 hours after their last exam, or 6:00pm on December 20 *whichever comes first), residents who need to stay in the residents halls the night of december 20 must contact the office of residential life and housing with their writen request by Monday, December request by M 16 by 4:30pm

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The secret of getting ahead is getting started. Good luck with your papers.

Love,

Mom

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Mark Estrin A Rhode Island College Legacy

By: Nuria Chantre Anchor Staff

"I think the Rhode Island College community should know that we have all lost an extremely valuable member of the commu-nity," said English professor Joan Dagle referring to the recent death of friend and colleague, Mark Estrin, "someone whose contributions were very real," she

Since he had come to Rhode Island College in 1966, Estrin had worked in the English Department as both professor and English department chair, but his contri-butions to the campus communi-ty, went beyond his teaching duties. Estrin founded RIC's film studies program and hired Dagle in the summer of 1976 to offer the program's first course on the RIC campus.

For seventeen years, Estrin served as the film studies' first director. "He made film studies at

periodic biological drive, much like hunger. Just as hunger is our brain's way of signaling to us that

RIC, he really did," said art pro-fessor Bret Rothstein who knew Estrin through his affiliation with the film studies program. "Rhode Island would not have a film studies program of this nature, in this state, without him," he added.

In fact, if Rothstein could tell him anything today, he would thank Estrin, he said. "He deserves profound gratitude for having assembled an international recognized faculty, for having created and helped purture one of created and helped nurture one of the finest undergraduate film studies programs in the country, said Rothstein.

The campus in the Rhode

"The campus in the Rhode Island College community in general has been the beneficiary of a remarkable talent, a remarkable intellect," he added.

Estrin had earned his PhD from New York University, but his excellence in teaching was rewarded with the Paul Maixner Distinguished Teaching Award and numerous RIC faculty

research grants and fellowships. His intellect on the other hand, is perhaps better shown in the four books he published during his lifetime: Conversation with Eugene O'Neill, Critical Essays on Lillian Hellman, Hellman: plays, film, memoirs, and Orson Welles Interviews. Estrin was also working on a fifth book enti-tled Hitchcock's America before he died.

Although Rothstein knew Estrin mostly through faculty meetings, he says he remembers his wit and his sense of humor. "He was an exceedingly sharp individual in every respect," said

Besides Estrin's extraordinary wit and intelligence, Dagle remembers his vast knowledge of plays and films. "I don't think he ever saw a film or play and then forgot a single actor, a single director, a single aspect of the set-ting, he had a phenomenal, phenomenal memory and he saw

everything," said Dagle.

"Every semester students flocked to his classroom, there were always waiting lists for the upper division classes," she added, "the community as a whole has lost."

"But it's a measure of his contribution that the school still bears fruits of his labor...and in the body of students that he produced over the years who have gone to do all kinds of terrific things. So, there's a things. So, there's a legacy..."said Rothstein clearly

contemplating.

Dagle admitted that it's still difficult for her to accept that Estrin won't be right around the Estrin won't be right around the corner in the English department anymore. "He loved to rail against certain things," she said pointing out one of Estrin's favorite targets, George Bush. "I'm going to miss that really sharp and funny outrage that he had about foolishness," she finished with a chuckle ished with a chuckle.

Records from cover

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case. With seven different people receiving one telephone call, one would think that a call would never go unanswered. Yet, as Black described in last week's Anchor, many calls fail to be answered by Records staff.

If you stay on the line long enough, your call to the Records Office will be forwarded to voicemail. Unfortunately, there is no message box available. The option to leave a message was removed by Telephone Services a few years ago, because the messages were rarely checked and would pile up.

Dorian. Dr. McCroskery (Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences), and Dana Stark of Telephone Services, will meet this week to address these telephone issues. They have reached a consensus that reform

Black is delighted that her commentary has sparked some positive repercussions. This week's meeting will hopefully put reform into action.

"Service to students is very important," Dorian emphasizes. Together, Telephone Services and the Records Office will attempt to improve that service.

Acts from cover

have sex, but not everything is

Gilliam declared that the Alliance will continue to hold activities in Donovan. "It's the only place on campus to hold anything public." The Alliance anything public. The Almance did comply with Flemming's wishes, and took the poster down. Flemming told them that they could hand out flyers advertising the event to people as they walked into Donovan. Gilliam pointed out that what was writ-ten on the poster was the same as what was written on the flyers. The only other advertisement for

the event was the full page spread in the Anchor.

"We just want to raise a lot of awareness, and hopefully Donovan will learn to work with us," concluded Gilliam.

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Insight from cover

lated. And they have found that accumulated sleep debt is correlated with dramatic decreases in performance, mood, motivation, energy and sense of well-being! When psychologists hear about sleep difficulties they often automatically begin to suspect this as matically begin to suspect this as a symptom of depression, but Dement's research documents that the causal vector can move the other way, that lack of sleep may significantly depress our mood. So, if our need for sleep is like our need for food, we are living in a society of sleep anorexi-

You may protest that even though you get far less than 8 hours of sleep per night, most days you feel fine, especially at night! Dement clarifies that "because the alertness—sleepiness continuum is actually a com-plex function of sleep debt, bio-logical alerting, and environmental stimulation; we are generally very bad judges of our sleep tendency." Opposing our internal drive for sleep there is a biologi-cal clock, a kind of internal pace-maker, that twice a day, in the morning and again in late after-noon and early evening (and later for most adolescents), stimulates us to feel more awake even though we may have some accu-mulated sleep debt. This "clock-dependent alerting" explains a

number of variations in our level of wakefulness-everything from 'jet lag" to the late night burst of energy, to the early afternoon "slump" that so many of us feel (and which is, contrary to popular belief, not due to the effects of lunch)

Dement elucidates a full spectrum of negative conse-quences of insufficient sleep, but at the far end of the spectrum his mantra and main take-home message is that driving while drowsy is supremely dangerous.
Whenever you feel drowsy while driving you should regard that as a severe red flag that you need to pull over and get off the road and take a new immediately. Sleen is take a nap immediately. Sleep is not something that we gradually slip into, but rather its onset is sudden, as if the brain flips a switch and we are out. Further, Dement presents convincing evidence that in many driving fatali-ties that are attributed to alcohol, "the real culprit, or at least a co-conspirator, is often sleep depri-vation." Alcohol unmasks sleep debt, and even a small amount of debt, and even a small amount of alcohol, combined with a large sleep debt, can create a "fatal fatigue." Particularly as we head into final exams, and the approaching holiday season, this information can be life-saving if you are mindful of it.

In order to assess your own

sleep debt, ask yourself the fol-lowing questions: How sleepy do I feel during the day? How often do I yawn or actually fall asleep in class or doing homework? How frequently do you want to nap or feel you need some coffee? When you take a daytime nap if When you take a daytime nap, if it takes you less than 5 minutes to fall asleep, you are "pathologically sleepy"; less than "10 minutes and you are "borderline." Dement asserts, and I would agree, that we cannot overstate the dangers of unintended sleep the dangers of unintended sleep episodes and daytime drowsiness. On the other hand, people who have taken control of managing sleep in their lives and lowered their sleep debt gain a new sense of zest and well-being. You can too! It might even keep you from running aground. running aground.

(This article is part of an occasional series in which The Counseling Center staff addresses mental health issues. The Counseling Center provides free confidutial professional coun-Counseling Center provides free, confidential, professional counseling, and groups and workshops, for any currently enrolled RIC student. The Center is open 8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The phone number is 456-8094. You can get more information at our website: www.ric.edu/counour website: www.ric.edu/counselingctr/).

we have gone for a period without food and are in need of fuel, sleepiness is the brain's way of telling us that we have been awake too long. In fact, our brains keep an exact accounting of every hour we are awake, and in so doing are measuring our "sleep debt." As Dement says, "all wakefulness is sleep deprivation," and every night we attempt to pay down the debt. Although there are some small individual there are some small individual differences in what constitutes a person's "daily sleep requirement," and although there are some age-related differences in sleep need, "generally people need to sleep about one hour for every two hours awake, which means that most need around eight hours of sleep a night." One of the breakthrough moments in the history of sleep research occurred when Dement and colleagues found an objective way to occurred when Dement and colleagues found an objective way to measure daytime sleepiness, the MSLT, the "Multiple Sleep Latency Test." By taking repeated measures of how long it takes individuals to fall askers during individuals to fall asleep during the day, researchers have not only quantified daytime sleepiness but have correlated it in a linear way

to the number of hours of sleep debt the individual has accumu-Smoke Signa

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Quitting Smoking makes a great New Year's resolution. So this January make it a point to see that your habit goes up in smoke!

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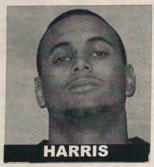
Still have children to shop for on your Christmas list? Shop online at

http://www.riccooperativepreschool.com/. This is an inexpensive website that will benefit the children at the preschool here on campus.

Jimmy B's Prime Time Player

By: James Bessette Anchor Staff

A big reason why this season has already been somewhat of a success for RIC Men's Basketball is the good play of sophomore forward Jason Harris out of Bedford, Massachusetts. He has improved his production



both in points per game (from 9.8 to 10.5) and rebounds per game (from 6.8 to 7). He has also helped the team have a 2-2also nelped the team have a 2-2 record, already an improvement considering the team had one win for all of last year. So far, he's started in all four games for RIC this season.
"Everybody is more confi-

dent in how they go about playing. They understand Coach (Kelly's) system a lot more. There is also a lot of good team chemistry, which is a big plus," says Harris, commenting on his perception of the team this year as opposed to last year. Jason also spoke on the difference between playing high school ball at Bedford High in Massachusetts, where he was the

team's captain and was named team's captain and was named All-League in his division, and college ball. "Everybody's big-ger, faster, and stronger. There are no 'Cupcakes' in the Little East Conference. Every team is a challenge. That is why we, as a team have to take it one game at a time. Even though we have more wins already than all of last year, we're not happy with two

wins. We want more." Harris also stated that the team doesn't focus on where they finish because every team in the Little East Conference plays in the

East Conference plays in the conference tournament at the end of the regular season.

Harris also likes Coach Mike Kelly's style, and as a person. "He (Kelly) is a player's coach. He's young; he understands how he wants to play and how the players want to play how the players want to play. There is good middle ground."



That's a big plus for a team to be successful if the coach and the players are both on the same page. Jason,

Jason, who is majoring in Criminal Justice, likes it here at RIC because the location is good; it's close to home. ball in the college level, and ulti-mately coach in the NBA. "I want Coach Kelly's job here at RIC and he can be my assistant when I become coach." when I become coach

BCS- Boring, Crappy, Stupid

By: Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Staff

A champion is defined as one who shows superiority over all competitors. In sports, it is a term used to describe a person or team that proves to be better than another. In most sports, the champion is decided after an elimination tournament, often known as a playoff system. After

known as a playoff system. After a couple of preliminary rounds, two teams emerge to do battle with each other and determine who goes home with the trophy.

Playoff systems provide fans with the ultimate sports moments. With everything on the line, teams will do whatever necessary in order to advance to

the line, teams will do whatever necessary in order to advance to the next round, and this often produces unforgettable moments that will be replayed constantly.

When thinking about unforgettable sports moments, it's hard to picture anything that didn't happen during a playoff game or series. Without playoff systems, we may have never been witness to moments like: witness to moments like:
Jordan's game ending threepointer against the Knicks,
Dyson's lateral pass to beat the
Buffalo Bills (Music City
Miracle), or Luis Gonzalez's
game 7 game winning bit to best game 7 game winning hit to beat the Yankees and win the World

What these moments all have in common is that they happened with everything on the line. If Jordan threw up an air-ball, if Dyson threw it out of bounds, or Gonzalez grounded into a double play, they wouldn't be the same. Their teams would have lost, and we would have long forgotten it.
With that it mind, I am dis-

with that it mind, I am disgusted with College Football. As a sports fan, I fail to see what the need is to have the BCS (Bowl Championship Series). The BCS basically establishes who the best two teams in the country are, and gives them a direct shot against each other to determine who the national champion is who the national champion is

who the national champion is.

Maybe it is just me, but I can't see how this is fair. Just imagine how this would have worked if the NFL put this in place. Last year, it was clear that the St. Louis Rams and the Pittsburgh Steelers were the best teams in the AFC and NFC, respectively. If the BCS had any say, it would have been St. Louis vs. Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl say, it would have been St. Louis vs. Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl. While it may have been a good game, teams like the (Super Bowl Champion) New England Patriots would have had to settle for a consolation bowl game instead of getting their shot to go for it all.

Without a playoff system, it

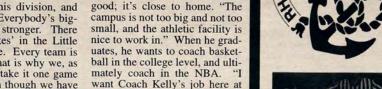
is impossible to have fair competition. College Football teams that are known to be the best, think Florida State or Oklahoma, often get the best recruiting classes. Players know that these teams will get more national coverage, and provide them with a better shot to become professionals later on. Because of this,

sionals later on. Because of this, often time the smaller schools get left out of the picture, and usually remain at the bottom of the standings each year.

If College Football had a playoff system, even if it was like their basketball counterparts, smaller schools, like the Nevada's or the Rutgers of the world, would have a better shot to get their share of national coverage. Who knows? One of these erage. Who knows? One of these teams might catch fire and shock

teams might catch fire and shock the big dogs when they're off their guard.

One of the reasons that the BCS is under constant scrutiny is that it's hard to have an undis-puted champion who doesn't play most of their competitors. This year, Miami is the consen-sus pick as the number one team This year, Miami is the consensus pick as the number one team in the country. They will, most likely, be given a shot at the national championship. I just wonder how teams like Notre Dame and USC would do if they were given a shot to prove that they belong.











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Tuesday, January 7 vs. Newbury • Men at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 9 vs. Bridgewater State • Men at 6 p.m. Saturday, January 18 vs. Plymouth State • Women at 1 p.m. • Men at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21 vs. Western Connecticut • Women at 5:30 p.m. • Men at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, January 25 vs. Eastern Connecticut • Women at 1 p.m. Men at 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 28 vs. UMass-Dartmouth • Women at 5:30 p.m. • Men at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 8 vs. Keene State • Women at 1 p.m. • Men at 3 p.m.

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Sports Gal's Sports Update

Oh, That Tricky BCS! Part Deux

By: Tiffany Ventura Anchor Editor

Winter break is coming upon us in one glorious week. Once again I find myself needing to end the year by focusing on an issue that sports fans will be paying attention to over the coming weeks, and that would be the matter of: crowning a national cham-pion in college football!

Does this seem like déjà vu to you?

Rather, you know how it's said, that "things just can't get worse?" Or, "anything that is bound to go wrong will go wrong?" Well, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has taken these sayings and given taken these sayings and given them deeper meaning. Last winter, I wrote about the BCS ranking system and how I thought it could be still be saved by combining it with a playoff system. Of course, the College Football Gods did not listen to me, even after last year's farce of a championship game between an undeserving Nebraska Cornhusker team and the champi-on Miami Hurricanes. This year, though, we have a whole array of problems with our wonderful

problems with our wonderful ranking system.

Let's just come out and say it: the system is biased. The University of Notre Dame, with Tyrone "God" Willingham at the helm, went 10-2 this season playhelm, went 10-2 this season playing some of the toughest teams in the country at the time of their game. These teams included Florida State in Florida State, ranked at the time, Michigan State in Michigan State, played host to Michigan that was ranked seventh at the time played AirForce at at the time, played AirForce at AirForce's home field that was

ranked 25th at the time, while also hosting the Purdue Boilermakers. Yet, unless UCLA beats Washington State, and Virginia Tech upsets Miami, the number one team in the pattern Netro one team in the nation, Notre Dame does not get a BCS Bowl. Instead, Iowa, 11-1 and the Big Ten champion, will get the bid and so will USC, soundly beating the Irish at 10-2, with the same record.

Yet, explain to me why Florida State, an ACC champion, with FOUR, count them, FOUR losses, gets a BCS Bowl bid, simply because they're a champion of their conference? So does that mean that if I win a conference with 6 losses I deserve a BCS Bowl game? While Notre Dame gets stuck with the Gator Bowl? Or maybe the Holiday.com Bowl? Or the Thomasville Muffins

(Yes, that was poking fun at the number of bowl games that there are. In two words: Too many.)

If it sounds like I'm biased, you're right, I am. The University of Notre Dame is the greatest college football team in the nation. Spare me Michigan, with the Victors Valiant. Spare me Penn State with the great Joe Paterno notwithstanding. Spare me Nebraska with their girlfriend-beating running backs such as Lawrence Phillips. Especially process me Migni Elocida and Lawrence Phillips. Especially spare me Miami, Florida, and Florida State, the three tiers of everything that's wrong with college football, considering their lax academic standards and their spe-cial "Athletics Management" degree, a.k.a. "The Major for Stupid and Good Football Players
Who Get To Play Football By
Majoring In Shoe-Tying."
The University of Notre

Dame has had more All-Americans than any college football team in history. They have the most national championships in college football. They have had Joe Theismann, Joe Montana, Paul Horning, Tim Brown, Jerome Bettis, Ricky Watters, and Bryant Young as their former players. They have had Knute Rockne, the greatest coach in football history, along with the legendary story of greatest coach in football history, along with the legendary story of The Gipper. They had the most quoted line in sports journalism history, coined by Grantland Rice, with four special players known as the "Four Horsemen," in case that sounds familiar. Of course, who can forget about "RUDY! RUDY! RUDY!" This famous story was turned to a great movie called Rudy starring Sean Astin as Rudy Ruetteger, a walk-on with little athletic ability that stayed on the team for all four years and played for nine seconds in his last game as for nine seconds in his last game as a senior. After recording a sack, he a senior. After recording a sack, ne was the only player carried off the field on Notre Dame's Stadium soil since 1975. Let's not forget legendary coach Lou Holtz, who brought winning back to a beleating the statement of the same was correctly as the same was correctly as the same was the s guered system and was sorely missed until the next coming,

missed until the next coming, Tyrone Willingham, came around.
But, *Iowa* gets a BCS bid?
Granted, Iowa has earned it. I'm not saying Iowa shouldn't be allowed to have a Bowl game. But just ask the Orange Bowl who'd they rather have playing, and they're conducting prayers to they rather have playing, and they're conducting prayers to Notre Dame "our Mother" as we speak. Notre Dame makes money, period. The team has tons of fans everywhere and who doesn't want to see them play? *Iowa?* How boring an Orange Bowl would be between USC and *Iowa*. Can people even name one player on the ple even name one player on the Iowa team? IOWA?

Not to mention, the University of Southern California

(USC) Trojans have the same exact record as Notre Dame at 10-2, losing to 25th ranked Kansas State, and 18th ranked Washington State. Yet, USC gets the bid over Notre Dame because they beat them at home. Certainly, USC whooped, shellacked, stepped on, murdered, and mercilessly kept scoring on Notre Dame. This is acceptable and logical that USC acceptable and logical that USC would get a better bowl than Notre Dame would. But how fair is it that the BCS gets to measure the losses by ranking who a team lost to and in what fashion? Notre Dame gets short-changed because they lost to Boston College, an unranked team, at home. Of course, Boston College plays their only meaningful game every year against Notre Dame, more a rivalry for Boston College than it is for Notre Dame. College than it is for Notre Dame.

Then again, you have to expect that from a team whose only crowning college football memory is Doug Flutie. But I digress.

Isn't a loss a loss, however?

Does it mutter to whose or in what.

Does it matter to whom or in what matter you lose? If you lose...it's a big capital L. Likewise a win is a win. No matter how many points you win by, the fact is, you won.
It's a big capital W. Even if Notre
Dame struggled against Army they
still won, didn't they?

still won, didn't they?

The BCS is far too specific in its rankings and I think it's a shame. It's a shame that the greatest story in college football this year, Notre Dame, is relegated to a Gator Bowl because the College Football Gods decided that the BCS is the best way to make the BCS is the best way to make the most money instead of caring about what the fans want. They about what the fails want. They underestimate our intelligence. Put Notre Dame's defense up against Miami, and I bet they could beat Miami. I even bet they could beat Ohio State. But we'll never know. Because the truth of the matter, sports fans, is that officials want

their money from the Bowl games. A playoff system would take this away in their minds and we can't

away in their minds and we can't have rich people not getting their money, can't we?

I've been asked about a playoff system? We'd be blessed if we ever had one. Look at the excitement caused by playoff systems around the world. Think about this: if we had a BCS ranking determining a NFL champion, the New England Patriots wouldn't be the defending champions. If a BCS New England Patriots wouldn't be the defending champions. If a BCS ranking determined the NHL champion, then the Boston Bruins would be defending champions. If a BCS ranking determined what appropriate television viewing was, I can guarantee we wouldn't be watching *The Osbournes*. Can you picture a world without Ozzy, the prince of bleeping darkness? I thought that the BCS could be used in combination with a playoff system. Well, guess what?

playoff system. Well, guess what? Let's take the BCS and throw it into the Charles River. The BCS is not only biased, but it doesn't work. But while it seems I'm bitter for the beginning of winter break, let me assure you, I am not. Because even if Notre Dame gets a Gator Bowl, at least it's a bowl game. Quite frankly, I'll take the game. Quite frankly, I'll take the bowl game action over no action at all, or worse, the Capital One Bowl Game. Although I know that in a playoff I'd lay my bets on Notre Dame to win, I unfortunately don't have a playoff system to look forward to. But, I do have an entire month off, to watch the NFL Playoff S. Bowl Games. NHJ and entire month off, to watch the NFL Playoffs, Bowl Games, NHL and NBA action, college basketball, and of course, checking out some games here on campus. So, my faithful readers, until the spring semester comes upon us, stay safe, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year, and of course, keep watching sports.

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Anchorwomen Basketball Round Up

By: Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Head Coach Mike Kelley's team is 1-2 on the season, dropping their last contest to Connecticut College, 57-44, on Nov. 26. Junior guard Angela Sarette (Putnam, CT) has played in three games, starting all of them. She is averaging 17.0 points, 5.3 rebounds, 1.0 assist and 4.0 steals per game. Junior guard Abby Ferri (Greene, RI) has played in three games, starting all of them. She is averaging 11.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 4.0 steals per game. Junior forward Liz Shields (Warwick, RI) has played in three games, starting all of them. She is averaging 12.3 points, 6.7 rebounds, 1.0 assist and 3.0 steals per game. Sophomore forward Becca Bissonnette (Danielson, CT) has played in three games, starting all of them. Head Coach Mike Kelley's

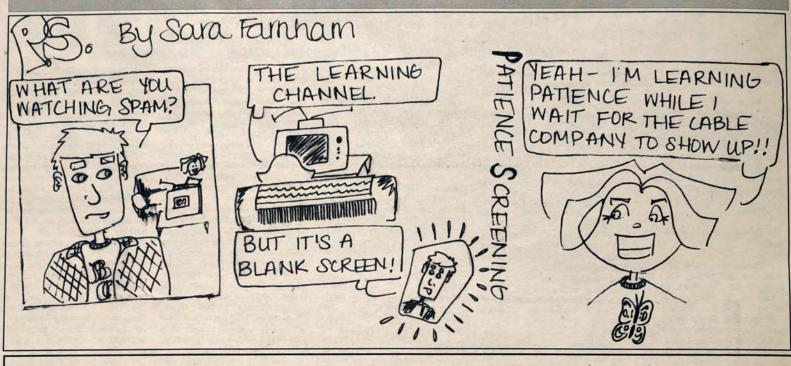
She is averaging 10.3 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 1.3 steals per game. Freshman forward Liz Barrette (North Providence, RI) has played in three games. She is averaging 3.3 points, 3.0 averaging 3.3 points, 3.0 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.3

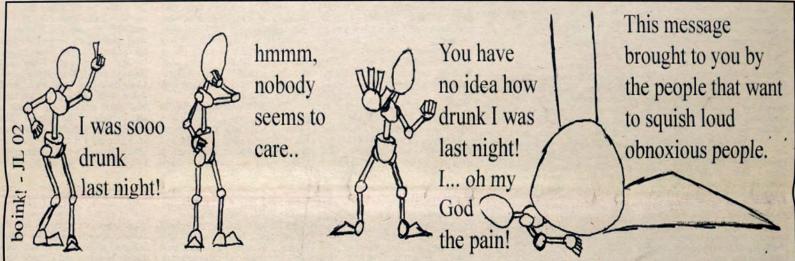
rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.3 steals per game.

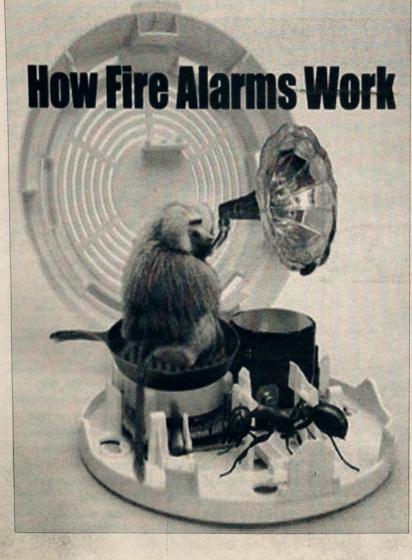
Freshman forward Stacy Archambault (Woonsocket, RI) has played in three games, starting all of them. She is averaging 2.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. Freshman forward Betsy Bliven (Charlestown, RI) has played in three games. She is averaging 1.7 points, 3.7 rebounds and 1.0 block per game. Freshman guard Lynn Bertherman (Slatersville, RI) has played in three games. She is played in three games. She is averaging 1.3 points and 1.7 rebounds per game. Senior guard Alicia Hersperger (Providence, RI) has played in three games. She is averaging 1.3 rebounds

It's the Holiday season, and for Christmas this year, I want you meatheads to Join the Anchor. But I probably have as much of a chance of that happening, as Suzle has a chance of her parents getting back together. Which is Ironic, because they've started seeing each other again, and they've worked out their differences. so, maybe you'll come up here after all. If not, you risk getting on Santa's naughty list. Unless you're Jewish. Or you just don't celebrate Christmas.

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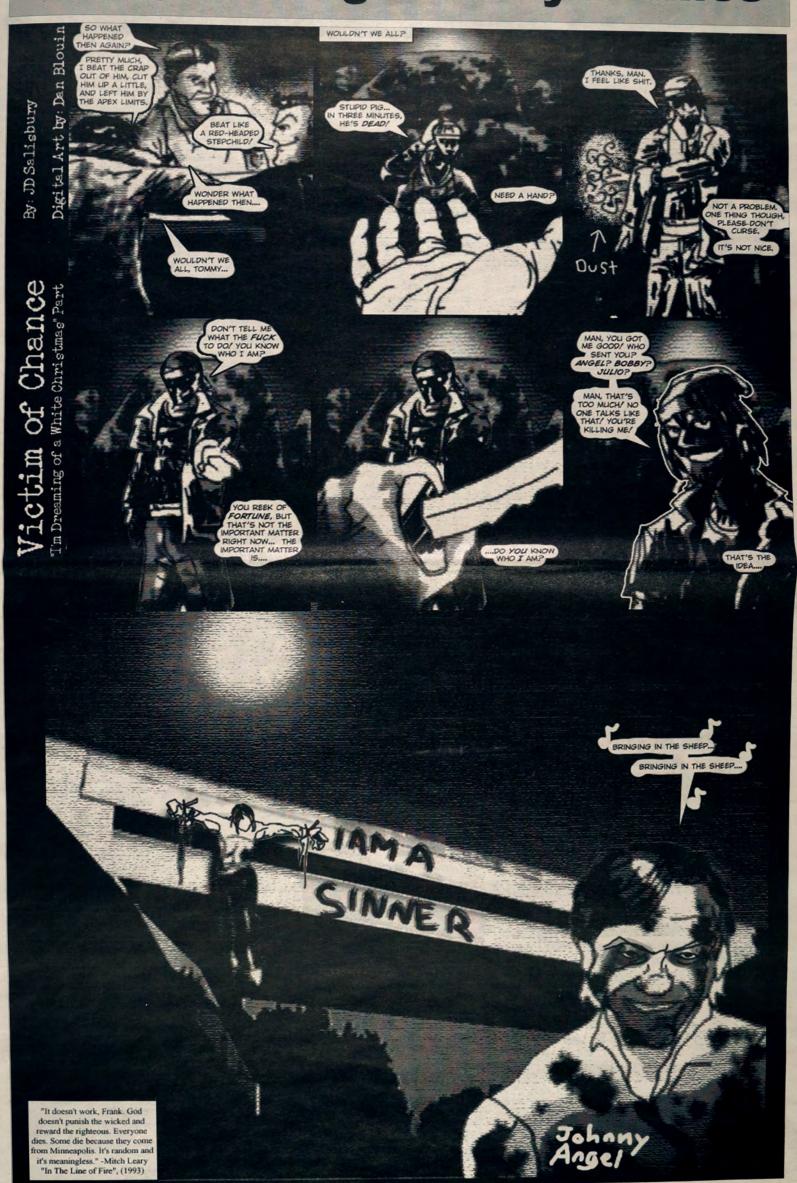






ASIDE FROM DELIVERING TOYS TO ALL THE WORLD'S CHILDREN, SANTA'S MAIN OCCUPATION IS HIS ENDLESS WAR AGAINST THE SPIDERS FROM SPACE.

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Just Cancel Class!

By: Cliff Rebelo

Why is it that Rhode Island College finds it so hard to cancel school when we're having a major snow storm? Last week we had a good blast of snow and the conditions were horrible. The snow didn't start until around noon, so all my morning classes were fine. By the time three o'clock came, the whole situation was a mess. I was already at work because I only take morning classes, so this take morning classes, so this problem doesn't apply to me. I am writing this for all the pissed off students around campus. The got worst all day and I



know that by the time I got out of work at 6:30, it was horren-dous outside. I figured afternoon classes would have been can-celled but apparently the admin-istration here on campus forget to pay their cable bills and there-fore could not watch the weather fore could not watch the weather

fore could not watch the weather channel to see the day's forecast.

I got to work and my boss asked me if whether or not classes had been cancelled. We called 456-9500 and the nice lady on the recording said that classes were still in session. She started getting upset because her daughter left their house in East Providence and was heading ter left their house in East Providence and was heading towards RIC for a 2 o'clock class. She said the professor had said this class was extremely important because they were doing something for the final. Well, I got to watch my boss panic and worry about her daughter's safety as she treaded towards school. Now, here comes the funny part. Her daughter got to school, called

her mom, and told her that there was a note on the door canceling was a note on the door canceling class. Apparently her professor did not want to risk his/her life and decided to stay home where it was nice and cozy. So, her daughter had to get back into her car and drive back to East Providence, making her mom freak out for another 30 minutes. Her daughter got home safe and sound, but still, if the idiots here at RIC had just cancelled class.

sound, but still, if the idiots here at RIC had just cancelled class, things would have been fine.

Apparently a lot of students went to class and were met with a sign that said their class was cancelled. How ignorant can the people who run this place be? Other schools cancelled their classes. afternoon/evening classes, allowing the students there to stay home. Here at RIC though, school wasn't cancelled but instead professors got the oppor-tunity to flex their muscles and cancel classes on their own. This really isn't right, but then again maybe I am wrong. Maybe risking our lives to come to class is some kind of judge of character and in the long run it will be good for us one day. Well, I shouldn't say us because if it's snowing out I just stay home. Class isn't that important where I'm going to fly off the road. I'm I'm going to fly off the road. I'm waiting for the day a professor yells at me for staying home in the snow. That would probably be the greatest day of my life and I would probably have to laugh in his/her faces. My solution to all this is to JUST STAY HOME. People always watch the TV in the morning, waiting to hear RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE: NO CLASSES, well it's not going to happen. I think it's not going to happen. I think it's happened once since I've been here and this is my fifth year. Don't rely on the school to can-cel classes next semester if it snows, just use your judgment and if it looks bad out, stay home. On that note, you all have a great winter break and stay safe and I shall be gracing you with my column once again in January.

The Struggle for the Truth About Rhode Island, John Brown, and the Slave Trade

By: Dr. Richard Lobban

Truth [about slavery in Rhode Island] goes through various stages. First it is denied; secondly it is ridiculed or declared ondify it is ridiculed or declared as irrelevant, thirdly it is violently opposed and the "messenger is killed" and fourthly it is accepted as being self-evident. Most Rhode Islanders, myself, and the standard historians of this topic including. William G. standard instoriatis of this topic including William G. MacLaughlin, Robert J. Cottrol, Barbara Mills, Edgar J. McManus, Martin H. Blatt and David Roediger, Leon Litwack, and Jay Coughtry have long ago and Jay Coughtry have long ago shown the very important role of Rhode Island in the maritime slave trade. For all of them and myself included we are already at stage four. But two Rhode Islanders, Professor Norman Fiering at Brown University and Professor Stanley Lemons at Rhode Island College are still struggling to break out of stage one while resisting the move to stage two. stage two.

For many years the struggle for the truth about Rhode Island and the slave trade has intensi-fied. Considering that the last slaver in Rhode Island was over fied. Considering that the last slaver in Rhode Island was over 140 years ago one wonders why this topic still generates so much heat. The one case of the John Brown house drew particular fire and debate. When the Providence Journal (1 August 2002, Emancipation Day) proclaimed that the John Brown House was the "house that slavery built" two supposed "scholars" took issue. In particular I have been "charged" with being "sloppy" with the facts by Norman Fiering (Providence Journal, 19 August 2002), Director of the John Carter Brown Library of Brown University. But no single fact was questioned or challenged; I am still waiting to discover what this sloppiness might be.

——I have been treated to the snide comment by Professor Stanley Lemons in the Providence Journal (12 August 2002) for not being a "real historian" for being "mostly wrong" and a "distorted view." However, Professor Lemons points to no single fact he indicates to be in error along with his ad hominem charge that violates the principles of logical argument. Indeed, in my decades of teaching, lecturing and research on the slave trade

my decades of teaching, lecturing and research on the slave trade and specifically on John Brown, my preferred primary sources are the words of the man himself. Moreover, my PhD in anthropology is deeply articulated with history and I believe that my scholarly productivity in the field of history substantially exceeds that of Dr. Lemons. We are talking about facts that exist quite independently of disciplinary methodology and I don't mind a bit if Drs. Lemons of Fiering talk about culture and I never knew about culture and I never knew that only PhDs in history could investigate history. What facts do they dispute? Why can it be said that The John Brown House was truly built by slavery?

John Brown came from a prominent slave trading family from which he got his family wealth in the first place. He was President of the Providence Bank

that was across the market square where Providence slaves were bought and sold after being ware-housed on Water Street. It is well known that a substantial portion of the funds in this bank that still stands on the same location, were from the slave trade and its sub-

sidiary industries.

John Brown was actively involved as a primary owner in numerous documented voyages involving hundreds of slaves. He was a secondary owner in other voyages and many documents are presumed lost for other slave trading voyages, especially after he was criminally prosecuted for violating Rhode Island's slave trade prohibitions. It is believe that he may well have trade and shipped slave under flags of other nations, especially in bringing nations, especially in bringing slaves into his own large slave

operated sugar cane plantation.

John Brown was a major slave plantation operator in Suriname where such typical plantations were operated with hundreds of slaves whose life span was short and their steady replacement was required. These data along would show the great data alone would show the great wealth invested and produced

rom slavery for John Brown.

John Brown exported

molasses from his Surinam plantation to be distilled into rum that he used heavily in the barter economy for slaves. John Brown was also a major producer of iron products from his iron mine and smelting in Cranston. These products included chains and shackles for the slaves as well as slave ship fittings and cheap iron

bars that were also common "currency: on slave trading on the
west coast of Africa.

John Brown was a major
shipper and his vessels were
sometimes especially constructed or outfitted just for the purpose of salve trading. Financing of the construction of such vessels was presumably handled through the Providence Bank where he was President. Other early Rhode Island banks and insurance com-panies were likewise engaged.

John Brown's export of Rhode Island "Pacer" horses, spermacetti candles and agricul-tural products like cheese, salted trad products like cheese, salted meat and fish from Rhode Island was intimately linked to the slave trade as food for the voyages and trade items. The listing of these by Dr. Lemons as proof that Brown was involved in other trade, in fact, links this back to slave even more closely. The "Pacers" were favored by plantation overseers, salt cod was famed as slave food since it was nutritious but very cheap and the other items were standard fare on slave ships and in the slave trade such as conducted by John

John Brown had at least five slaves in his house. At least, until they were incited to run away by his, then Abolitionist brother, Moses Brown. His is a real hero Moses Brown. His is a real hero of this period if one is to be found since he recognized the moral error of his ways and joined the forces of the Quakers who opposed it. How many other, or earlier, slaves Brown owner in Rhode Island during his lifetime must be far greater but this information has not yet been devel-

oped.

Amazingly, Rhode Island still retains the official name of "Providence Plantations" and these were real slave plantations, not just "farms" as some dismissive "historians" are inclined to state. Some of the names of the major Rhode Island slave plantation owners, were: The Silas major Rhode Island slave plantation owners were: The Silas Casey Farm in North Kingston; The 2,000 acre livestock plantation of Jeffrey Champlin in Charlestown; The Dagget Farm in Pawtucket; the 1,000 acre George Gardiner Plantation in Boston Neck in Narragansett; The George Hazard Plantation at Great Pond in Point Judith; the Robert Hazard Plantations in Narragansett; the Thomas Hazard Plantation in Narragansett of about 1,900 acres and the largest Plantation in Narragansett of about 1,900 acres and the largest single slave owner; The Henry Marchant Plantation of South Kingston with extensive slave ownership; The Matthew Robinson Plantation of South Kingston; Rowland Robinson Plantation in Narragansett; Plantation Plantation in Narragansett;
William Robinson Plantation in
South Kingston; the Richard
Smith Plantation in
Cocumscussoc; and the Stanton
Plantation in Charlestown. These
were articulated by common
laws, economic objectives, personal and marital ties, slave labor imports and integrated export businesses.

Occasionally, Drs. Lemons and Fiering insist that John Brown was a failed slave trader, yet how can this be accommodated with Brown's own words in ed with Brown's own words in his primary documents where he said that slavery was the only way he could rapidly gain funds to pay for his heavy debts. In one very well documented contemporary (1773-1774) voyage of the sloop Adventure the overall profsloop Adventure the overall profit was 23%. See Brown History Professor Verner Crane's very detailed report of 1922 for this. Moreover why would the clever merchant, Mr. Brown repeat such ventures if they usually lost money? Logic itself refutes this point. How could he get progressively richer and accumulated enough money to build his mansion if his slave trade trading one unsuccessful voyage only steadily lost him money. Taking one unsuccessful voyage only shows the risks of the business not the nature of the trade that spanned centuries in Rhode Island's history.

Sometimes, Drs. Lemons and Fiering insist that the John Brown House was built from the China Trade (was opium a part of his carso?) in order to duck the

China Trade (was opium a part of his cargo?) in order to duck the facts. For sure, this was a later and lucrative venture for John Brown no question about it. But this was after the war where he served as an official privateer, perhaps taking on slaves again, and after much of his direct slave trading, but while he still operated his Surinam plantation. This was also after the anti-slaving laws were in effect in Rhode and after he was prosecuted in Rhode laws were in effect in Rhode and after he was prosecuted in Rhode Island for violating these laws and after he offered his ardent defense of the slave trade in his letter of 27 November 1786. Perhaps Drs. Fiering and Lemons need a copy?.

The irony of this is that the more Drs. Lemons and Fiering

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try to lead the discourse away from slavery. The more it comes back to this topic. Like a mother pheasant distracting a clever fox she keeps circling the nest to assist the foxes' discovery of the chicks. In fact, the maritime slave trade was the true beginning of American globalization. The dominant aspects of the economy then, and now, were linked insep-arably together. Only the most disconnected, mechanical and minimalist model could see oth-erwise. Can one think of describing modern capitalism as only the Wall Street banks and the Stock Market without sweatshops in the Philippines, slave labor in China, and gold and diamonds from Africa? Look at the labels on your shoes and clothes, your electronic products, your cars. Globalization is certainly here Globalization is certainly here now but it was here then in the 18th century linking Africa, North America, the Caribbean, Europe and South America. Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Slave Plantations can only be understood as parts of an integrated holistic political economy. grated holistic political economy, not as a decontextualized, disarticulated, ahistorical incident. am compelled to conclude that I am not the "sloppy: historian in this respect, perhaps others should do some self-examina-

In fact, it is these two individuals themselves who are truly guilty of "sloppy" history. Indeed, they have committed worse by resting on their posi-tions and prestige to falsify histo-ry to serve their own bizarre interests of defending the notori-ous slave trader, law breaker, and official pirate, John Brown.

Fiering has said (Providence Journal, 19 August 2002), page A7) that my comments were wildly erroneous. Despite public and public communications to him I am still waiting to be informed about a single specific error. He has however utterly fal-sified the impression and wellknown record by saying that slavery for John Brown did not amount to the value of "a couple of balusters." Are five domestic slaves equal to two balusters at Was his plantation in Surinam worth the same? Were his ships and the 500+ known slaves equal John Brown House. Were his debts equivalent to a 'couple of balusters'? This sort of historical falsification has no place in objective history whatsoever, especially if it is contested.

Dr. Lemons joins Dr. Fiering in this duet of obscurantism (Providence Journal, 12 August 2002) saying that slaving was "never more than a minute part" of John Brown's enterprises. Elsewhere (Anchor, 17 Elsewhere (Anchor, 17 September 2002) Lemons said in print that slavery did not buy more than "a few bricks" of the John Brown House. This type of historical falsification truly needs to be exposed for fear that someto be exposed for fear that some-one might believe this obvious falsehood. One wonders what other imaginary "facts" these supposed historians might place in their works.

While waiting their specific chargers of my "sloppy" history I offer the above a very serious examples of intellectual fraud and obfuscation of Rhode Island history. A few months

(Providence Journal, 18 August 2002) I also made a public call for a public debate on this important topic. I am still awaiting an answer. More recently at the Promising Practices Program on Diversity at Rhode Island College (2 November 2002) a debate was advertised about teaching the conflicted history of Rhode Island, John Brown and the slave trade. I spoke to the exact issue advertised, but Dr. Lemons switched to a different topic. Apparently he believes that his spurious charges can be made in print but in a well-adver-tised debate on this topic he can duck for cover.

I still call on Drs. Fiering and Lemons to have a public debate and try to defend their charges against me and their pub-lished misrepresentation of Rhode Island's complicated history. That is the minimum expected by real scholars probing for the truth. Naturally, they can choose silence, diversion or fakchoose silence, diversion, or fab-rication as they wish, but I stand ready to meet them in any public forum to continue this debate that they have deliberated clouded for reasons only they might know in their souls. John Newton, a British slave ship captain, finally had his moment of truth and personal epiphany and caused him to write the lyrics for the moving song Amazing Grace. Perhaps Drs. Lemons and Fiering will come to their historical senses and add their voices to the pursuit of truth rather than devoted wasted energies to try to bury the very known, but perhaps uncomfortable, facts about the history of Rhode Island and Providence

Walk Carefully

By: Heather Black Anchor Staff

Well it's going to be another sadistically cold winter in Rhode Island this year. Last Thursday, my fellow students and I, found ourselves walking and driving to school in a blizzard. Being from school in a blizzard. Being from a more temperate climate find myself ill equipped to deal with snow. Unfortunately for me, classes weren't cancelled and I found myself hiking across cam-pus through the snow and ice slipping and sliding the whole way there

Every time it snows I find myself dreading the next two weeks. Why you ask? Because I know that we will be dealing with ice until it melts. And why is that? Because dealing with snow usually means dealing with the helf-ger effects of mysters.

snow usually means dealing with
the half-ass efforts of many of
the physical plant workers.

Now I know many of the
physical plant employees work
very hard and take pride in their
jobs but looking around at the
efforts taken to safeguard the
campus during the snow storm
one can't help think that some
could care less. We all know
how much the physical plant can how much the physical plant can aspirate, but the efforts taken by the physical plant during snow storms are by far the worst. Some areas looked as thought

they hadn't been touched, especially areas down by the Art Center, residence halls, and Alger hall. In many places that had been salted, workers didn't even bother to correctly layer the salt lightly over a wide area. Instead huge piles of salt sporadically littered the ground mixing with the snow to form hefty piles of a glue like substance. That glue was then tracked into the building where it lingered potenof a glue like substance. This glue was then tracked into the building where it lingered potentially ruining floors and carpets.

Even worse were the pitiful efforts made when shoveling the walkways. Every time it snows the complaints are made that the

the complaints are made that the front sidewalks in front of Sweet Hall are covered with ice and dif-ficult for some students to use. And every year they respond with salt to cover incredibly slick surfaces, which does nothing to help anyway. And every year people fall. I bet the front of people fall. I bet the front of Roberts Hall was clear though. I wish that the attitudes of RIC employees that cared about the students (and there are a lot) would rub off on the ones that don't care. It sickens me to think of the amount of students and faculty that have fallen and hurt themselves because some people won't do their jobs.

So to all of you out there walk carefully and watch out for

un-shoveled ice.

What's up with the Live Homo Acts?!

By: Elaine A. Agarwal Anchor Contributor

I'm sure that was a question that was on everyone's mind that was in Donovan Dining Center on Wednesday from 12:30-2. Rainbow Alliance had a banner up and flyers being handed out at the door announcing the event.

The Live Homo Acts officially happened upstairs in Donovan for an hour and a half. I'm sure there is going to be an article or two (or twenty) covering the con-troversy of the Live Homo Acts themselves and the antics of Donovan administration. So I'm not going to bother talking about I'm here to talk about the acts themselves; people's reac tions, and the stereotypes people

I would like to address the people whom, upon seeing the signs and flyers, immediately got up, threw their food away, and left Donovan... without even checking out what all was REALLY going on. Sure, part of that group was the blatant homophobes, etc., which is a topic for another article. But there was another group, the people who think that they are "okay" with homosexuals and bisexuals. But still, they left without coming upstairs. Why, you might ask? If you are okay with two guys or two girls, why run like the devil himself was on your tail? The answer is actually the very stereotype that the Rainbow Alliance was trying to fight.

The immediate thought that popped in to many people's minds when they heard "Live Homo Acts" was that there were two guys or two girls having sex, or making out, etc. Sadly, there I would like to address the

are so many people that hear the term 'homosexual' or 'bisexual'. or 'heterosexual', and SEX is what their brain really processes. But being one of these labels (or another, if you do not like any of these) is not all about sex!!!!! When you brushed your teeth When you brushed your teeth this morning, you were still one of these... when you were in class daydreaming, you were still one of these... while you are reading this article right now, you are one of these labels!!!!! And that is what the Rainbow Alliance was trying to show

Alliance was trying to show everyone.

If you came upstairs during the Live Homo Acts, you would have seen the same things going on there as were going on downstairs and everywhere else. There were people eating lunch, playing cards, doing homework, crocheting, and generally hanging out. No sex. No making out. Just life, and people living it.

Sex is all around us, no doubt about that. But sex is not what you revolve your life around. When you are out playing softball or football, it's not about sex. It's about playing the game. Sex is only a small portion of time in anyone's life. And yes, it is a powerful portion, but a portion none-the-less.

And there you see what the

portion none-the-less.

And there you see what the And there you see what the Rainbow Alliance was trying to show to everyone. Homosexuals are people just like everyone else on this planet. Homosexuals do not have sex twenty-four hours a day. Homosexuals do not think about sex twenty-four hours a day. In regards to the time devotuay. Homosexuals do not think about sex twenty-four hours a day. In regards to the time devoted to various activities, the day of a Homosexual is pretty much the same as a Bisexual or a Heterosexual.

Talk About Live Homo Acts

By Jazmyne Robb Anchor Contributor

The purpose of Rainbow Alliance's LIVE HOMO ACTS was to raise awareness. I think we accomplished that goal. However, I'm not so sure it was positive. I understand that we can't please everyone and with each event, there is at least one unhappy person. But problems raised over something as simple as a poster seem slightly ridicu-

Let me explain: This event, held only one day for just an hour and a half, wasn't heavily advertised for. There was a banner in Donovan and a full page ad in the Anchor. There was no chalking because of the weather. At about because of the weather. At about noon, a poster was placed at the bottom of the stairs in Donovan. It read "LIVE HOMO ACTS Going on NOW Upstairs." That's it- simple. The poster was just a way to lure people upstairs to see what the fuss was about.

What did they see? Just people sitting around hanging out, eating lunch, doing homework, and chatting. And anyone was welcome to join us in our every-day activities. That was the point,

day activities. That was the point, to prove that we are people too. And to dispel the assumption that homosexuals and bisexuals think

about, want, and have sex 24 hours a day, 7 days a week-because that's just NOT true. Not all heterosexuals think about. want, or have sex and neither do all homosexuals or bisexuals. just a small part of anyone's life.

In fact, the percentage of high schoolers who said they'd ever had sexual intercourse dropped from 54 in 1991 to 46 in 2001, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Just as there are heterosexual couples that don't have sex, there are also homosexual and bisexual couples that don't have sex. You can connect with someone on other lev-els besides physically and sexually, such as emotionally, mentally, psychologically, etc. And those are just as important, if not

more.

So I guess some students threw out their food and complained to some Donovan employees. As these complaints moved further up the chain, the poster by the stairs was taken poster by the stairs was taken down and two of us were asked into the Director's office. He told us about the paying customers' (i.e. the students) complaints, although we were customers as well. He told us that they try to accommodate everyone but peo-ple don't want to think about sex

while they're eating. He asked us to leave the poster down and instead, pass out fliers to students individually. What I don't understand is why the poster was a problem but the banner wasn't? And if we pass out fliers to stu-dents entering Donovan, they are still going eat. And perhaps, the fliers would be even more offensive because we were forcing them upon the students, rather them upon the students, rather than one single poster which could easily be ignored anyway. I wish the students would have come upstairs and read our explanation or at least spoken to us directly to voice their opinion.

The purpose of this event was not to offend anyone, or to ruin anyone's appetite; it was simply to raise awareness that homosexuals and bisexuals are nomosexuals and obsexuals are people too and sex isn't everything. We apologize to those who took offense, but to those who supported us- thank you very much. I guarantee that this event will happen again at a later date much. I guarantee that this event will happen again at a later date and that the Rainbow Alliance will not disappear without a fight. We welcome anyone who would like to discuss this event (or any others). Please come by the Rainbow office (in Alger, the old payroll office) during the posted office hours for an open dialogue.

Happy Holidays from the Anchor, but mostly from the Layout Editors. They love you more.



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What was the worst holiday present you've ever recieved?



Kerin McCarthy Nursing Sophomore

A green and magenta Hanes Her Way sweatshirt. Melissa Z. Benitez Sociology, Justice Studies Junior

A nasty, peach prom dress when I was twelve.



Matthew Tek Physical Education, Health Education Senior

I got a remote control car without the batteries.



Erica Hole Communications 5th year

My boyfriend forgot about me one year.



Ainsley Morisseau Communications Sophomore

Huge, granny panties.

Theresa Peters Psychology Senior

My ex-boyfriend got me a clock radio shaped like a computer. That was pretty bad.



Laura Colannino Communications Junior

It would have to be a make-shift necklace that someone gave me because they didn't feel like getting me a present. It was a string with an ugly rock tied to it.

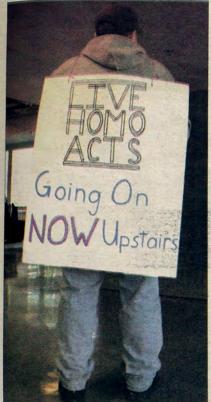


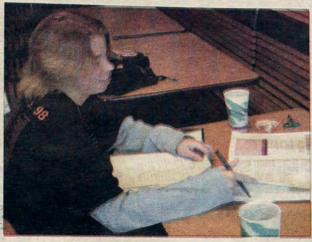


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A bucket of pop-oids when I was 8 years old.

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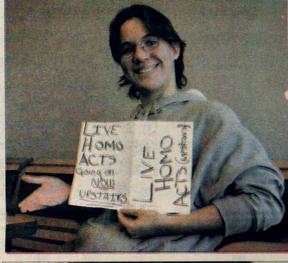


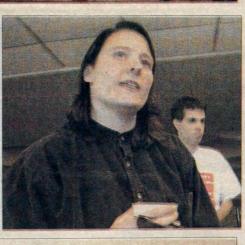
These are images from last week's "Live Homo Acts" performed by RIC's Rainbow Alliance. Some of the "homo acts" included playing cards, knitting, talking and studying. Not your usual idea of "homo acts"?

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By Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Stay well removed from office politics this week, if possible. Over the next few days bosses or managers may need time to sort out



their own dynamics or roles. Some Aries natives may also

encounter a change of assignments or office duties. Be patient, however, and watch for further reversals early next week. After Thursday a friend may require romantic advice or direction. Avoid picking sides or pressured for controversial opin-ions. offering criticism, especially when

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Social or family relations may be complex over the next few days. Before mid-week watch for loved ones to be moody or offer vague explanations. Key issues may involve



family disputes or power struggles between

siblings. Don't be drawn into other people's problems this week there simply isn't time. After Thursday business management and office relations may require delicate diplomacy. All is well but avoid making bold statements or asking probing questions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Subtle romantic flirtations, although mildly unethical, will



bring confi-dence this week. Social relations may nov enter a brief

stage of increased invitations romantic innuendo or small ges

tures of love. Don't shy away from experiencing all dimensions of a close relationship but do go slow and expect outward expressions of affection to not be well accepted. After Friday review finances, work commitments and short-term budgets. New debts or obligations will soon arrive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Trust your instincts this week. Early Tuesday many Cancerians



social communications and group intrigue. Expect friends or

colleagues to become silently involved in power struggles or hidden disagreements. Not to worry, however, planetary movements suggest that competitive office and social dynamics will not become public or overly complicated. After mid-week get extra rest; physical and emotional energy may be low.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). This week the business motives of a colleague may become clear. Late Tuesday listen carefully to office communications for clues of future



projects or hidden negotiations. No serious or long-lasting affects can

be expected here but do react quickly to temporary period work delays and unusual office politics. 't get involved; rather, wait for further indications of new assignments or business plans. A complex and demanding week. Stay focused on short-term results.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Honoring the past will bring important emotional movement this week. Both friends and lovers will now find it necessary to repeat old behaviors or discuss family



involve helping others to evolve

terday's limitations. Be generous and show others the value of empathy. After Thursday a close friend may also begin planning group celebration or social events. Join in and expect immediate, pos-

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Business officials or colleagues may ask for an increase in mental



or verbal attention this week Important assignments or short-term

duties will be particularly demanding over the next few days. Stay focused and let others witness your aptitude for details. After Wednesday watch also for a romantic partner or close friend to be nostalgic or sensitive to past family disruptions. Be helpful and offer emotional support. Loved ones now need to feel accepted and appreciated.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Business officials may bow to public pressure this week. Social demands, customer satisfaction or



team assignments may now take on added importance

in the workplace. After mid-week expect colleagues and bosses to offer only vague explanations of their actions or ideas. Refuse to be derailed: change in workplace rela-tions will soon bring a more refined team effort. After Friday new social invitations or family

gatherings will draw your attention: plan fresh diversions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before mid-week watch for a close



friend or work mate to introduce information or emotional roles. Over

the next two days many Sagittarians will feel pressure to become involved in the personal or romantic lives of loved ones. Advice, counseling or mediating a dispute will not work in your favor this week. Remain distant, if at all possible. After Thursday a difficult work project may end. Work hard this week to finalize paperwork and complete assignments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Busine



message may be the theme for this week. Before

Wednesday business officials or team leaders may announce a quick reassignment of duties or changed short-term plans. To some degree, travel, long-distance communications or advertising may be involved. Stay focused. After Friday a social relationship may blossom into a subtle romantic attraction. Go slow, however, emotional or family triangles may be a

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Early this week a business col-league or



work official may introduce

scheme or short-term project. Creative energy is on the rise in about new team assignments. Be patient, however, planetary movements also indicate that further changes or delays may cause necessary adjustments in business plans. Late Friday find new ways to communicate with a recently to communicate with a recently despondent friend. Actions rather than words may be needed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Yesterday's love affairs will have a strong appeal this week. Before



horoscope

mid-week watch for nostalgic memories.

invitations or the return of an old friend. Over the next few weeks many Pisceans may find it necessary to clear their minds of old relationships, broken promises and romantic regrets. Late Friday expect both friends and lovers to begin subtly asking for present day commitments or meaningful discussions. Let the past go: It's time for serious

If your birthday is this week

Make sure lovers and long-term friends are not socially misin-formed over the next four to five weeks. High emotional expecta-tions in all key relationships may now cause loved ones to question their social value or romantic appeal. Misinterpreted comments, confused facts or mistaken impres-sions may soon prove costly. Stay alert to unusual dynamics. After mid-January all returns to normal, so not to worry. Do, however, expect a constant wave of business and financial pressure throughout the first seven months of 2003. Negotiated solutions and unique partnerships will provide relief. Don't shy away from risky career moves or shared ventures.

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Band Stargazing

By: Sara Farnham Anchor Staff

Leah Stargazing is a young new band that formed in December of 2000. All five members, Timothy Aubin, Jordan and Brandon Fielding, Thomas Keohane, and Jennifer Yakes, are natives of Rhode Yakes, are natives of Rhode Island and range from ages 19 to "20-something." They consider their music to be "melodic poppunk", which consists of high energy, up-beat songs. They all feel strongly about pleasing their fans, and do so by responding to fan mail and emails, signing autographs, and giving a great, energetic stage show.

When I listen to the debut CD of Leah Stargazing called "Leave It All Behind," one word comes to mind: GOOD! This new band has a good sound, good lyrics, and a good story.

Their good sound is based around two great guitar players and a good drummer, which is Jennifer. Thomas, who plays synthesizer, plan a unique cound for

synthesizer, piano, and organ for the band adds a unique sound. the band adds a unique sound. They have been compared to Green Day, New Found Glory, Saves the Day, and Sum 41. Personally, however, their fun lyrics and voices sound like Homegrown and Blink 182 to me. There are a couple songs that the three singers of the band harmonize in, like "Wonder What You Wonder," and they sound like Weezer, which is also cool. These are a few of my

sound like Weezer, which is also cool. These are a few of my favorite bands and lets you know what kind of music to expect from Leah Stargazing.

Guitar player and lead vocalist, Jordan, does most of the writing for the band. His songs are all about friends, love, and life while growing up. As a young college student I can really identify with these songs. The lyrics are also easy to understand and I am already finding myself singing along. I can picture a car

full of my friends singing these songs with the stereo blaring. This is definitely fun music.

This is definitely fun music.

Another point I would like to make about the lyrics, which is definitely a plus for me, is that they do not use curse words!

(Okay – one in the whole CD, but it is not even a bad one!) Lately, I have only come across a few types of music without explicit lyrics and pop-punk has not been one of them, but the style is still one of my favorites. This is not only music I enjoy, but the redicate them. but the radio stations will not have to bleep out any words either! I am very pleased to find a "cool" CD I can give to my

a "cool" CD I can give to my sixth grade cousin that her mom will approve of!

The good story I referred to is actually several good stories. The band began with a couple of buddies playing guitar for fun at their school. As the members added up, they searched the Internet for a drummer. After holding auditions in their basement with one of their fathers serving milk and cookies, they chose Jennifer. The band has been complete ever since.

The title of the band, Leah Stargazing, was named for a

Stargazing, was named for a friend' sister. The band played at a surprise party for her when she was sick with cancer at age was sick will cancer at age eleven. Leah was her name and they later added the word Stargazing because it sounded so hopeful. Similarly, their debut single, "Someone To count On," single, "Someone To count On," was actually written for a friend who was having some troubles. This band obviously has good morals. I think they would be perfect role models for a young, aspiring music artist.

"Leave It All Behind," Leah Stargazing's debut album, will be released on January 7, 2003. They are a good band, but you do not have to take my word for it. Check them out at their web site, www.leahstargazing.com and

www.leahstargazing.com download their biggest hits!

Television Redecorated

By: Sara Farnham Anchor Staff

Several weeks ago I caught a glimpse of a new show on The Learning Channel, called "Trading Spaces." I saw it one and a half times, fell in love with it, and expanded my cable to include TLC just so I could watch it. Since then, I have talked to friends, teammates, and colleagues about this show and we all seem to love it. I bet you

we all seem to love it. I bet you will love it, too!

Here's the deal: two pairs of neighbors, friends, or family who live very close to each other each pick a room in their house to be redecorated. Then they call the show. One of the several decorators on the show will come and work on that room.

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"Trading Spaces" is an hour long show that gets it name from long show that gets it name from the fact that the two participating teams 'trade spaces' to work on each other's new room. Besides the many decorators, the show also has two carpenters and a hostess. One carpenter appears in each episode and must be shared between the two designsnared between the two designers. Typical projects for the carpenters include shelving, frames, and end tables. Some extraordinary projects I have seen have been two big columns in a master bedroom and a whole new bed in another.

Although the show begins with each team stating what they want or do not want done to their room, it rarely ever matters and the ceiling fan nearly always goes. The designers are allowed to do whatever they want to the rooms, but they do have to follow a few restrictions. First, they

must stay within a given budget of \$1,000 per room. Secondly, they only have two days to com-plete the room. They give their helpers "homework" overnight to work on so paint can dry and everything is ready for the next day. Finally, they can only enlist the help of the carpenter on duty and the two people that are trad-

and the two people that are trading spaces.

The hostess, named Paige Davis, is there to make sure the rules are being followed and to explain to the viewer audience what is going on (I am not very home involvement saway so this home improvement savvy, so this really helps). She goes from house to house nagging the designers about time and money. She keeps tabs on all the dough that is spent, right down to the last penny by collecting receipts. that is spent, right down to the last penny, by collecting receipts. The designers themselves must pay her the extra money if they go over budget, which is luckily less than twenty bucks that I have seen so far. Sometimes the hostess will even help out, but usually only on fun, crafty projects like gluing marbles to a flower vase for a quick accent.

Some of the rooms I have

Some of the rooms I have seen done have actually been pretty cool. I think it is amazing to see what the designers can do for under a thousand dollars! Most of the rooms are taken to the extreme, though. Some of the more outlandish things I have more outlandish things I have seen are: a bed hanging by chains from the ceiling; an indoor rock climbing wall in a child's bed-room; a tile floor covered in cement and rocks in a living room; an entire bedroom ceiling painted gold; and a gigantic self portrait of one of the designers painted on a sitting room wall.

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The funniest part of the show is when the neighbors do not like their new room. One lady even had to leave the set and go off screen, although you could still hear her crying in the background. Most of the time they just point out a few things in the room that "have to go." Usually, though, the people love it.

It is also funny when a designer does the exact opposite of what a couple requested. The editor of this show must have a ball flipping between scenes of one couple painting a chair hot pink to a scene of the chair's owner saying, "The worst thing they could do would be to paint my chair, especially my least favorite color, pink!" In times like this, the opposing couple has to be forced to do the work while grumbling the whole time about how upset their friends will be.

The emphasis of the show is not necessarily humor, but that is part of the fun. "Trading Spaces"

really does have some great, cheap decorating ideas. The show itself is very creative! Watching it makes me want to redecorate my own apartment - I just wish I had such a large budg-

For more information on "Trading Spaces," check out their fan site on TLC's

homepage, www.tlc.com. If you would like to watch "Trading Spaces," it is on every weekday at 4:00 pm, Saturdays at 8:00 pm, and Sundays at noon. Similar shows

might be interested in are
"While You Were Out" which is
also on TLC and "Changing
Rooms," on BBC America.

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has no desire to own it. The fifth and final character is a man named Carter, whose involve-ment I will not delve into, as it would ruin the surprise.

The flick takes off once the

The flick takes off once the characters start making attempts to get the collection. It all starts out with offering the mother money, but when that doesn't work they stoop to unspeakable lows in order to obtain it. They become a pack of animals that

will stop at literally nothing to get their paws on the collection with an estimated value of some ware in the million. Polymer with an estimated value of some ware in the millions. Robinson also did an excellent job in developing the characters personalities, because being an avid reader and collector myself, I could easily identify with all the poeple, and compare them to guysthat I know in real life.

Now even though this movie

Now even though this movie is technically a comedy it also

had a lot of sad parts to it when had a lot of sad parts to it when you start to realize just how desperate and selfish these people are, they've been corrupted by greed and in the end, the one least likely wins. So if you're into quirky indie flicks and very dark humor, check this one out. It's wonderfully written and directed, and the best part is, is that you don't even need to be into comics to enjoy it

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very beginning with the raucous, throbbing opening of "TrenchMouth" the band promised to rock the club as it never had been before.

had been before.

They played songs from all their albums, though they seemed to lean more towards tunes from 1998's How We Quit the Forest, pumping out "LeechWife", "Things I'm Gonna Do", "Sign of the Zodiac", and the unbearably perfect "The New Zero". Also present were a few songs from their new album, Cabin Also present were a few songs from their new album, Cabin Feverl, like "My Orphanage", "Rats", "The Remnants of Percy Bass", and "Hunter's Kiss". They also rolled out a number of their wonderful lively covers —

Siouxsie and the Banshees' "Fire + Ice", Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Bad Moon Rising", The Violent Femmes' "Blister in the Sun", and Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll", which was sung in a medley with their 1996 hit, "Transylvanian Concubine". As usual, their wonderfully eccentric dress and Creager's equally eccentric and witty banter were highlights of the show. Rasputina's infamous choices of costume are almost as out there

Rasputina's infamous choices of costume are almost as out there as their wild music. Dressed like she'd just stepped out the 19th century Wild West, complete with a feathered headband and a red pinstripe corset, Creager covered topics such as fairies, feces,

bestiality, big butts, and the inimitable profession of LeechCraft.
Rasputina is a band that is

Rasputina is a band that is constantly redefining the concept of rock; and this very innovative system of change is what keeps it true to the very heart of rock and roll. While defying the typical rock set up, they've managed to stay closer to the spirit of the music than many average bands do. Through their adventurous albums and entertaining live

do. Inrough their adventurous albums and entertaining live shows they will definitely leave their mark on rock history.

To find out more about Rasputina, go to www.rasputina.com. Photo of Rasputina live at the Met courtesy of Kathryn Pollnac.

A Musical Timeline of Bodyslams

By: Paul J. Spetrini

When you hear a good song, what do you think of? The best thing about music is that it lets you imagine whatever it is you want. The same song can take one two meanings for two different people. One may envision a hot day at the beach, while the other may picture a relaxing night with friends. It doesn't matter what you may think of, music just has a way of evoking memories while

you listen to it.

With this in mind, World
Wrestling Entertainment recently
released WWE Anthology, a three disc collection of the most popular entrance themes for some of your favorite characters. Now, I know what you may be thinking.

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Who in their right mind would pay money to hear a wrestling CD? Obviously, you're missing the point of the story thus far.

WWE Anthology is about more than the music. It is a musical collection that will take the average wrestling fan through years of memories and emotions. years of memories and emotions Many people may not understand this, but there is a feeling to be had when you hear a theme song that you haven't heard in close to

ten years. Once you pop in Anthology, it is hard to take it out. All in all, the set contains an unbelievable 85 songs, enough to drive anyone up a wall. For anyone that has ever enjoyed watching professional wrestling, there is at least one song you're bound to enjoy. The WWE doesn't miss a beat, and manages to fit nearly every song you could possibly want onto this collection.

The first disk is a blast to the past, and features almost every recognizable theme song from superstars most of us would remember from our childhood. Starting off with "Real American" from Hulk Hogan, and going to the days of "Dude Love", this disk will provide lis-

and going to the days of "Dude Love", this disk will provide listeners with memories of where they were when they first saw each particular wrestler.

Some of the best songs on the first disc include "Hitman" from Bret Hart, "It's All about the Money" from The Million Dollar Man, and even "Cool Cocky Bad" from the Honkey Tonk Man. Now, I don't know about you, but upon listening to this you, but upon listening to this disk, I felt as if I were brought back to a simpler time, where I could be amused by practically anything. It was a much simpler

era.

The Second Disk picks up right where its predecessor left off. It covers what is simply known as the "Attitude" Era. Featuring songs from the likes of DX, Stone Cold, and Val Venis, this disk takes listeners back to a this disk takes listeners back to a time where crotch chops and jumping on the ho train were some of the most popular things

Also on this disk is the much-beloved "My Time" track from Triple H. One of my personal favorites, the song is one of the best that I have ever heard. Unfortunatly, with the good comes the bad. Perhaps one the most annoying songs ever created "Ass Man" from Billy Gunn rears its ugly head onto the disk. But, all is well. Let's see how my neighbors like that song played on repeat for six hours while I'm Also on this disk is the muchnot home. It's enough to drive a man berserk

The final disc, appropriately entitled "Now", focuses on some entitled "Now", focuses on some of the best themes from current wrestlers. It is also where you'll find some work done by the likes of Saliva ("King of My World" ~ Chris Jericho) and Lil Kim ("Keys to the City" ~ Trish Stratus). Controversially missing from the disc is the theme song to the most fearsome stable in federation history, Kaientai, but that's ation history, Kaientai, but that's another story.

What I like best about the

third disc is that is has one of the most catchy themes to date in "Next Big Thing" from Brock Lesnar. It is a very hard hitting track which will stick in your head for days. If that song doesn't inspire you to get up and bench press something, then...your

All in all, WWE Anthology is everything a wrestling fan could want. Composer James Johnson does a masterful job with three discs that are sure to water any sport entertainment fans appetite, and no true fan should be without it. Be warned, however, if you're not a true fan (or if you only watch wrestling to see that cute guy...oh, what's his name?), then you may not want to pick it up. Now, excuse me while I go turn up the volume so that eryone can hear how much the Hurricane's entrance music rocks.

Editor's Note: When Paul was talking about the most fear-some stable, I believed that he honestly meant to type in the tan-dem of Pete Gas, Joey Abs, and Rodney, the Mean Street Posse. Kickin' it in Greenwich!

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original rights to it. After the first script had been written, the executives at Miramax wanted to Since this would butcher the story, the director, Peter Jackson, refused but was able to take his script to whatever distribution company wanted it. During the meeting with New Line the exec-utive declared that this story must be told not in two films but three.

As a fan of the book, it was

very interesting to watch how the concepts evolved. To get an idea of what the shots would look

like, the crew first used story-boarding. Disney created story-boarding during the creation of Snow White; its purpose is to get an idea of what the shots are going to be before filming begins. After the story was sto-ryboarded, they used computer animatics and toys to continue the pre-visualization

As a whole this DVD is a must have for fans of the book and the film. It adds to the whole experience of the story and develops the characters even more. I give this DVD 5 stars.

MIB2 from 20

Featuring improved roles for the worms and Frank the Pug, two of the most beloved characters from the original, MIB2 does not disappoint in terms of comedy and action. The much over-used scene of Frank singing in the car could be seen in just about every trailer for this movie, but will still very funny nonethe-

Overall, Men In Black 2 is a movie defiantly worth giving a look. While some would argue that it is just a cheap substitute for the original, it still provides audiences with great moments, and many laughs. For those of you that are interested, the DVD Widescreen Edition is defiantly worth picking up. It takes view worth picking up. It takes viewers throughout production, and shows exactly what it took to make the movie. With 15 featurettes, an Alternate Ending, blooper reels, and even a music video, it is defiantly something worth having. Whether you are a casual fan or a serious collector, *Men in Black 2* is not something that should be missing from your that should be missing from your movie library.

70's Show from 20

have been proven true. They have been proven true. They have absolutely nothing in common, but it hasn't stopped them yet. Even their dear friend Michael, Jackie's ex, wasn't enough to come between them. As they grow closer as a couple, time can only tell if was all a joke, or if they were meant to be together. together.

Last but not least is every-body's favorite character, Fez. When the show first started, he was an innocent foreign exchange student who wasn't up to the latest trends. Now, he is probably the funniest people on the show, and always finds him-

self in an awkward situation.

Although FOX tried to use the success of "That 70's Show" to spawn a horrible spin off, it appears as if all is well in Wisconsin. The show has become a staple on Tuesday nights and is still one of the most original shows on television.

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What the future holds for this group of ragtag confused teenagers is unclear. One thing is for certain, however, what ever happens is bound to be hilarious. After all, it is the seventies. How could you honestly look back on that decade and not find your self in the middle of a fit of laughter?

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One DVD to Rule Them All



The new extended edition of the first part of Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring is better on the new DVD than it was on screens last December. The extended DVD has about 30 minutes of extended footage to the movie. This footage fills in more of the back-story, though it was not essential last year when the film was released. The purpose is more for fans of

the book.

Some of the tiny details that did not move the Some of the tiny details that did not move the story along were cut out for the theatrical release, but because they are important to the fans they were put back in the film for the second DVD release. These details include Gandalf shouting the "One Ring" verse in the black tongue, the language of Mordor.

The appendices are meant to mirror the appendices that Tolkien put at the end of the book. Tolkien put them in to explain more back-story. The appendices on the DVD go through the entire process of making the film from conception to release. There is a

making the film from conception to release. There is a documentary that goes through Tolkien's life and why he created the stories. The main opinion was because England had no mythology. England has "borrowed" the mythology from all corners of its empire. Tolkien was disturbed by this and wanted to create England's

true mythology.

The films were originally to be made in two movies. Miramax, which is owned by Disney, had the

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Rocking It, Victorian Style



By: Annalisa Moretti

Rock and roll is constantly trying to reinvent itself,

Rock and roll is constantly trying to reinvent itself, employing new effects, crossing genres, pushing for shock value. But with the simple combination of cellos, drums, and electricity, Rasputina continues to push the envelope in a way no one else can really replicate. Led by Melora Creager, who played cello for Nirvana on their final tour, the band has released three albums and several EPs since their 1996 debut, Thanks for the Ether. They have opened for Marilyn Manson and worked with Chris Vrenna of Nine Inch Nails; they've lambasted PJ Harvey and Björk in the most hilarious way possible; they've transformed classics from Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" to Leslie Gore's "You Don't Own Me" to Melanie's "Brand New Key" into eerie melodies and made them utterly their own. And they've done it all in corsets.

On Monday, November 25th, Rasputina performed at the Met Café in Providence. Despite their reduced numbers – instead of the usual trio, Creager and new girl Zoë Keating were the only cellists present, along with drummer Jonathan TeBeest – from the

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Disco Might Be Dead, But The 70's Lives On.



By: Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Staff

Being young has its benefits. For me, I am fortunate enough not to have had to live through the seventies.

enough not to have had to live through the seventies. That era, filled with Afro-Sheen and bell-bottoms, is undeniably the funniest period of time to make fun of. I mean, I'm sure I'll have kids that laugh at my generation, but could it possibly be any funnier than the seventies? For those of you that don't know, it is now possible to laugh at the seventies every night. "That 70's Show," now in its fifth season, is one of the best shows on television. Now syndicated on UPN, fans that may not have been in from the beginning can catch up right in time for the new episodes on FOX.

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As far as the story goes, it is pretty simple to explain. You've got your average teenager (Eric), the hottie next door (Donna), and the government rebel (Hyde). Add to that a pretty little rich girl (Jackie), her on-again off-again moron boyfriend (Michael), and a hilarious for-

again moron boyfriend (Michael), and a hilarious foreigner (Fez), and you've got a recipe for success.

The show, which has slowly picking up support, focuses on this group of kids as they struggle to deal with life, and get out of Wisconsin. It's set up in a middle class neighborhood trying to survive an economic recession, and the occasional ABBA song.

In its time on the air, a lot has happened to the group. Eric and Donna have gone from neighbors to lovers, and recently got engaged. Although they've had their struggles, they always seem to pull through. Recently, they have had to come to terms with the fact that they now go to different schools, and might go to different colleges as well. Pretty soon, they'll see what happens when their parents find out that they got engaged. All hell can, and probably will, break loose.

Another relationship that has recently sprouted is

Another relationship that has recently sprouted is that of Jackie and Hyde. Although they used to hate each other, the old adage of "Opposites Attract" appears to

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Under the Radar



Booze, Broads & Bullets

By: Scott Pacheco Anchor Editor

After a short hiatus I am returning with one of the best indie movie I've seen in a long while, Comic Book Villains. The movie, written and directed by James Robinson is a black comedy about comic book collectors. The story follows the escapades of five characters as they try to get their hands on a comic book collectors. as they try to get their hands on a comic book collection that has been left to the mother of a dead collector. But it

as tney try to get their hands on a comic book collection that has been left to the mother of a dead collector. But it isn't just any comic book collection; it's the ultimate one. Numbering in the thousands, the collection contains books dating back to the early 40's, and they're all in mint condition. Obviously when the characters hear about this they want nothing more that to get their mitts on them, and that's what the movie is basically about. Now you're probably thinking, "A movie about trying to obtain comic books, that's stupid", but wait, there's more, the movie really gets interesting once you get into the characters. Like I said before, the movie consists of five characters, two of which are Norman & Judy, a husband and wife who run a mainstream comic book store, they don't really care about comics and only do it for the money. The next guy is a man named Ray; he runs the "real" comic book store across town. Ray is basically just a realized version of the Comic Book Guy from The Simpsons. He doesn't want the collection for the monetary value, only the recognition it will bring him amongst his peers. The third is a Archie, avid collector and friend of Ray, his only interest in the collection is in the fact that it's something cool to look at, he

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Can I Interest You In Some Egg Salad?

By: Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Staff

What could you possibly add to the sequel of a \$250 million block-buster? Well, for starters, you can toss in a singing dog and a room full of comical worms. Men In Black 2, the follow up to the surprise hit of 1997, has everything a person could ask for in a sequel, and more.

When the original came out, I didn't like it at first. I, like many others, felt the movie failed to deliver as far as plot and story line go. Luckily,

far as plot and story line go. Luckily, I gave it another shot. Men In Black turned out to be a very enjoyable movie, once you gave it a shot. With that in mind, I was very

cautious about making a decision on whether or not to see the sequel. To put it bluntly, most sequels suck. With few exceptions, sequels spend so much time trying to stay true to the original, that it all gets lost. Men In Black 2 manages to avoid this, and once again straps audiences in for an unforgettable ride.

For those of you that don't know, the Men In Black are a top-secret government organization that monitors and controls alien activity on Earth. They work in silence, and operate in shadow.

The nucleus group of actors that made the first installment such a suc-



cess has returned, many with stepped up roles. The plot now revolves around an evil alien named Serleena

around an evil alien named Serleena, played by Lara Flynn Boyle (TV's "The Practice"). With little time to spare, Serleena must find Light of Zartha, an instrument which can bring about the destruction of an entire race of aliens.

Standing in her way is the Men In Black, and one of their best agents, J (Will Smith). Agent J has spent five years on the force handling every situation thrown at him, and this is no exception. His mission is to find his former partner, Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones), the one person who knows where the light is hidden. Unfortunately, that is going to be a little harder than planned.

At the end of the first film,

Agent K made a decision to retire, knowing that his memory was to be wiped clean of any knowledge of his past life. This included the Men In Black and the knowledge of where to find the Light of Zartha. Now, Agents J and K must work together and piece together everything before Serleena gets her way.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones steal the show, hands down. In the scenes where they are together, it is hard not to laugh. Smith, fresh off of the success of ALI, is as charming and funny as any actor today. Jones is the perfect companion. A serious and hard laced individual, it is great to see them clash at and often provides some of the best moments in the film.

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Also worth noting are the performances by Rip Torn and Johnny Knoxville. Knoxville plays Serleena's sidekick (Scrad/Charlie), a two headed alien with a mean streak. Torn once again plays Zed, the commander of MIB, and the boss of J and K Also Returning, but with a different role than in the original, David Cross plays conspiracy theorist Newton, and manages to provide a spark right as the movie starts to drag.

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