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Dropped

By: Jackie Crevier
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The new semester springs into gear as students who were dropped from their classes scramble to get their schedules fixed. 1000 students, which equals 20% of the RIC population, were dropped from classes due to varying reasons.

Bob Conrad, whose title includes Assistant Control to the departments of Bursars and Financial Aid, noted this high percentage to be an increase from the 800 students that were dropped last semester.

Conrad explained that classes are dropped by a computerized automated drop system called PeopleSoft. It was because of the Y2K computer problem, that this new system was implemented in the spring semester of 2000.

Prior to that system, the school had stopped dropping students in mass numbers and continued to do so for two consecutive years. "What happened was the bills were not getting paid and as a result the receivables doubled," said Conrad. He pointed out that 40% of the school's budget goes to tuition, so when the bills don't get paid, the tuition has to go up.

Charlene Szczepanek, the Bursar at RIC, explained which departments are actually involved in the drop process. "First a list is sent to Financial Aid so they can review the names in case any information is pending. We do take into consideration anyone who has made a payment that we received late or who has made a check out wrong," she said. "We analyze each payment so that the wrong people are not dropped."

Szczepanek also noted that both Financial Aid and Bursars can put a hold on a student's classes, so that he/she will not be dropped. "We can save people," she said. To prove this point, she added that only 1000 students were dropped from the original 1500 that were supposed to be.

"We try to help the students, but we need to adhere to college policy," she stated. She pointed out that other schools drop for non-payment. "However, the difference is unlike RIC, some of those other schools do not have a community waiting to get into those classes," she said. This community consists of incoming freshmen and transfer students.

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Fewer Beds for Returning Students

Update On The New Housing Policy

By: Antonio P Rodrigues
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On December 11, 2002 all current residents of campus housing received a letter detailing the institution of a lottery-type system to determine which student would participate in the housing selection process. There are however, questions with this 'fair' system and the students wanted answers. To answer their questions, Student Community Government, Inc. requested that John Denio, head of Residential Life and Housing be present at their January 29 meeting of Student Parliament to explain the lottery system in detail and answer any questions the student representatives might have.

When Denio began to explain the system there seemed to be slight differences, and the Parliament members took note. Denio explained that of the 828 beds on campus, only 420 would be available to the current residents, with the remainder going to freshman and transfer students. Once the list of 420 was generated, "randomly, by computer" Denio stated that those students chosen would have a window of time to pay their \$214 housing deposits. This window, February 24 to March 17, would allow the students to generate the funds

and pay. If a student that was chosen did not remit by March 17 they would effectively be taken off the list and the person who was 421 would then be given the opportunity to pay the deposit. This would continue until all of the 420 beds were filled. From that point on, anyone still on the list past 420 would be contacted during the semester, if house became available, just as the old waiting list system worked. In mid-April, the room selection process would begin as it has for the past five or so years.

Heather Black, representative of Weber Hall, questioned this almost immediately. She asked Denio how many RA's, Special Needs Students, Housing Scholarship Students and PEP students had housing. She added to that a question of where those beds would be taken from. Denio replied that there are 20 RA's, a handful of Special Needs students, 23 students eligible for their Housing Scholarships and that PEP classes from each year differ, but around 20. He then stated that the beds for RA's, Special Needs students and those with residence hall scholarships would be taken from the 420 beds for returning students, bringing that number down to 370. This led to an admissions related

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This Small Space

By: Andrea J. Stewart
Anchor Editor

It's less than three inches long and a millimeter wide. It weighs under an ounce, and holds tons of valuable information. Best of all, it will be arriving in your home sometime in the not too distant future. What is it? The College Catalog... on CD-ROM.

Currently, the College Catalog is a yearly publication which contains the requirements for all degree programs at RIC, and other information about the college. Each student is given a Catalog upon arriving at RIC, and is responsible for completing the requirements that the college has in place according to that specific Catalog.

"The Catalog is like a contract," explains Peg Brown, Vice President for Development and College Relations.

Brown is a strong advocate for the Catalog's conversion to CD-ROM.

She claims that, "it will provide useable, friendly technology with a lot of information in one place that will be easy to get to."

Distributing a CD-ROM rather than a 500-page book will be much more cost effective. Production itself will be less than half the price of printing, and mailing costs will be even cheaper.

And most of the time, students only look at the pages that deal with their particular degree programs. English majors, for example, aren't generally concerned with the requirements of the Nursing program. It seems that printing costs, and the

paper itself, is wasted on a bulky volume.

A decade ago, the Catalog was published every two years. The college is now trying to go back to that system, with the CD-ROM taking the place of the printed Catalog in between. Therefore, any requirement changes made during that middle year would be reflected in the CD-ROM.

Brown explains that the goal is to get students more focused on using electronics. Not many students use the on-line services; very few choose to register on-line. Since this is the last semester for telephone registration, Brown feels that students should be getting familiar with accessing RIC over the computer.

Although the Catalog CD-ROM will not be interactive, it will provide a link to the RIC website. It will also include other publications, including the Admissions Viewbook and other read-only documents.

Currently, a test run of the CD-ROM Catalog has been distributed to various offices on campus. This CD-ROM is the current Catalog, 2002-3. Brown states that this is a way to get comments and feedback before the actual release of the new CD-ROM Catalog.

So far, she has heard that some people have had difficulty opening it. Although the CD-ROM did come with some technical notes attached, Brown explains that it would be impossible to list how to adjust the settings on each individual computer.

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New Service Available at Health Services

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 456-8055 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. Click on counseling center. Click on alcohol screening. It's free, and fast!

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 456-8061.

Mindfulness Meditation

Meditation has been shown to have substantial benefits for the mind and body. This group will offer some beginners some basic instruction for beginners and will give more experienced attendees a regular sitting practice. No appointment is required and it is

open to the whole college community on Thursdays from noon-1 pm in CL 130 with Tom Lavin.

RIC Women's Center ...

is now selling Durex condoms: 10 for one dollar! We also sell pads & tampons for 30 cents 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

Writing Center Tutors Available

The writing center will have writing tutors available Monday-Wednesday from 9am-7pm, Thursday from 9am-4pm, and Friday from 9am-3pm. There is also information concerning writing issues given out in free pamphlets. For more information call 456-8141.

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 456-8094.

Aquatic Programs

Remember those New Year's Resolutions you made to get more exercise and/or lose weight? Why haven't you started? Get yourself over to the

Recreation Center Pool and get moving! Yes, it's cold outside but the pool water is 82 degrees, just like it always is. After an invigorating swim or Aquatic Exercise class you can hop in the steam room or sauna and leave feeling relaxed and refreshed.

Lifeguard Training & SCUBA

Lifeguard Training and SCUBA classes start this week. There are special low, low fees for students.

SCUBA Tuesday 6:00-9:00 PM \$175

Lifeguard Training Thursday 6:00-9:30 PM \$45

Pool Hours - For recreation and lap swimming

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 Classes

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat

9:00 AM

Mon - Fri

12:00 PM

Mon - Thurs.

5:00 PM

No need to sign up. Check the Front Desk for a current schedule that includes aerobics, strength training, boxing, Pilates, deep water and yoga.

Recreation Programs

Video Taped Swim Stroke Analysis, Wednesday, February 19th, 12:00-1:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to get some expert coaching advice and see yourself swim on video tape.

Awesome Aqua Games-

Wednesday, February 12th, 1:00-

2:00 PM (no sign-up, no fee).

Inner tubes, squirt guns and

water balloons will be used for a

variety of pool and deck games.

Water Way to Relax - Friday,

1:00-1:30 PM 3/7 (no fee)

The second half of the semester

will offer more of the same, plus

Water Volleyball, a Canoe Trip,

Water Carnival, boating instruction

and a triathlon training clinic.

If you need more information or

have suggestions for new programs,

please call Alan at X8227

or Janice at X8238.

Catholic Mass

Sunday evenings at 10 p.m. in

the President's House. Fr.

Pescatello is the celebrant.

President Nazarian has been providing

refreshments after the Mass. For more info, 456-8168.

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.

Christian Organization

Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Campus Ministry 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 during 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 rabbibenl@yahoo.com to schedule and appointment with him or call Campus Ministry at 456-8168.

Attention Smokers!

Ready to quit? Tired of spending all that money? Health Services can help. Free nicotine patches, lots of information and quit tips. Call 456-8055 for further information.

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Hi Honey,

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Love,
Mom

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Seeing Others From the Inside-out

By: Jan Park
Psychologist

Safety, freedom from fear, self-actualization, finding connection with a peer group. These are hopes that most of us walk around with on a daily basis, if

insight out



we are not too caught up with the everyday demands of survival. I wanted to point this out because sometimes it seems that when people think about the struggles of LGBT people (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender), their experience becomes objectified. Sometimes LGBT people are thought of as a uniquely troubled set of individuals, or a bunch of whiners or "special" class of people trying to draw attention to this fact. Maybe some are, but mainly I think LGBT are just another diverse group in our multifaceted social world, living slightly at the margin in some contexts and way out there on the edge in others. I think that's true for a lot of other groups of people too by the way.

Lately I have become even more obsessed with the notion that we live in a very disconnected, alienated world. This feeling has intensified for me in the past year and a half of increasing violence and seeming potential for violence being expressed in the world. I also feel it about the psychic numbing that has settled into the public consciousness as we "wait for war". With this view of reality comes an increase in my everyday experience of feeling afraid and in touch with my own sense of vulnerability. To deal with this and to transform this experience, it helps to do a lot of deep breathing, to continuously work to slow down my thoughts, and to allow myself to be in touch with my fears rather than judge or shirk them off.

I am also obsessed with the idea that as a world of people we need to try and deeply connect with others. I have decided to start small. Everyday connec-

tions for me are about looking people in the eye. Acknowledging they are there and they exist. It's about turning down the volume on being driven to get where I am going on the highway, where I am walking, or grasping for that box of cereal on the grocery store shelf before the other guy gets it. In essence, I have tried to stop moving through the world as if I could power over all I encounter and be the victor in ongoing imaginary battle after battle where there is no opportunity for connection or shared humanity. If we are to be able to move peacefully in relation to each other, we must be willing to give way, to receive, to share power, and to be moved emotionally. We must unilaterally disarm in order to be in this way because it's so hard to find mutual agreement on the need for this kind of engagement- as individuals or as nations.

Isolation is a terrifying and destructive feeling. It's feeling like there are no possibilities to participate in human connections, which feels hopeless, powerless, and is often embedded in the sense it's one's own fault. Yet there are so many reasons to feel this, so many sources for this in our very disconnected culture. People who live on the margins, know this feeling of isolation and know something too of what to do about it.

In a college environment, creating safety for LGBT people involves confronting and acknowledging the power of a "heterosexist" reality, and assumptions. Do we use LGBT-inclusive texts and have in our libraries gay-focused journals and books? Do we use non-heterosexist, inclusive language in all of our communications? Do we openly acknowledge LGBT identity as we might gender or ethnicity? Do we utilize our local LGBT resources for students to perform community service or receive training? Do we advertise ourselves to prospective students and staff as LGBT-friendly? Have we scrutinized our theories for heterosexist bias? Can we help our LGBT students think through decisions about career development, graduate training, or self-identifying on a resume? The list could go on. I hope you will add to the list and take up the challenge.

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The feedback that she is awaiting will hopefully help them to re-work anything that seems to need adjustment. It can also help determine what, if any, components and/or publications should be added to the CD-ROM.

Brown encourages students to give the CD-ROM Catalog a try. There are copies available at the Campus Card office in

Roberts Hall. Feedback is highly appreciated, and will be helpful in molding what the first CD-ROM Catalog will consist of.

According to Brown, the CD-ROM Catalog will make its debut this year. It will be included with the 2003-5 College Catalog, and contain a lot of printed material in one small space.

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Szczepanek also pointed out that they do not look at names when dropping the classes. "We don't play favorites," she reassured. She added that at least two college employees had been dropped from their classes, in addition to the students. "We would rather be processing payments than dropping students."

About 50% of the students that were dropped had not paid the bill for the fall semester. Some students were dropped due to post-marked billing. This occurred because classes were dropped by the school over the weekend and the payments were received afterwards.

"We were able to reinstate those students in their classes," assured Szczepanek.

Some students had not filed financial aid papers and were dropped as a result. A fourth reason revolved around the small percentage of students that were automatically added to classes by some individual departments after the bills had been sent out. "We have to look for all these problems," she said.

She went on to explain a proposal that may go into effect that would enable students an extra day before classes are open to the public, to re-register for the classes they had been dropped from. If this proposal goes through, there will be a "window of time" between Orientation

Day and that day for students to re-register, since it is on Orientation Day that incoming students register for classes.

Students expressed their views concerning the drop system. Adriane Lee, a senior, had registered for four classes and was dropped. "Since my mail goes to my address in Massachusetts I did not receive my bill until three days before it was due," she said. "I was extremely upset when I heard the news, because it was not until the day before classes were to begin that I found out I had been dropped," explained Lee. She was able to get back into three of the four classes by re-registering online.

"To fix this problem, they should either send the bills out prior to the end of the current semester or send it at the beginning of the semester they are billing for," Lee continued. "After all, people go away for Christmas time."

"There needs to be more communication among the different departments, including Records, Bursars and Financial Aid," stated senior Becky Pansa. She had received a letter in the mail two weeks into Christmas break, indicating that her three classes were dropped because of financial aid. Pansa acknowledged that she "couldn't get financial aid until the classes

were processed." She was able to straighten things out so her classes were not dropped.

"I personally have never been dropped," said junior Jonathan Vincent. In regards to students getting dropped for late tuition bills, he said, "If you don't pay, you don't play."

Junior Tina Schreiber was dropped from her six classes due to a late tuition bill. She had received her letter in the mail a week and a half before classes started. "I was absolutely furious because I had all the classes and sections I wanted and taking all those classes, was my only way of not going to school all five days," said Schreiber. She was able to get back into two of her original classes.

Another student, who had not been dropped, expressed her opinion on the subject matter. Senior Kathleen Lavoie, felt "the students have realized that there is a disconnect among the offices." She also felt that prior to dropping a student's classes, a notification call should be placed. "What if the bill got lost in the mail or did not arrive on time?" she asked.

Conrad added, "To have no students dropped is unrealistic, but we do however want to get the numbers down. This drop system should be a learning curve for students to realize they have to take care of this."

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question: What changes if any have been made, due to this policy regarding out of state recruitment? Denio could offer no information to any changes that may have been made, so the Admissions office was contacted. Dr. Holly Shadoian, Director of Admissions stated that, "This policy will make it more difficult to recruit out of state students." She added that with diminished out of state recruitment the college might well lose money, because of the higher tuition that these students pay. These are also the concerns that many parents of first-year out of state students have made. Parents raise the point that a returning sophomore student that was not chosen in the lottery for house might not be ready, fiscally or otherwise, to move out completely on their own.

In an effort to help resolve the out of state issues, Denio asked the Student Parliament how they felt about a radius system, where students that live farther than a decided distance get preference over the closer students. This raised many concerns from the Representatives,

such as Rhode Island College should not negate students that are from Rhode Island simply because they pay less tuition, or live close by. It also raised the question of needed based housing and students that may be Wards of the State of Rhode Island, people in this situation may have no place to live and why should they be overlooked merely because they live within walking distance of the school.

Another question posed by Parliament member Sarah Nichols was the college's stance on a new residence hall. Denio stated that there was a bid offering for an architectural firm to do a feasibility study for a new hall. The bids, according to Denio, would open on February 7. This study would allow the college to assess the possible monetary concerns with a new hall, help determine possible locations and show that the college is attempting to rectify the housing shortage.

There was also the idea that RIC subsidize apartments in the neighboring Fruit Hill Ave apartment complex for students. Denio has been contacting real estate and rental agencies every

summer for the past few years attempting to determine the viability of securing one whole apartment building for RIC students. He has, of his own admission, met with little success - and at the most they have a few random apartment open at a time.

So, where do current students stand? How can they find out what is important to them? The Residential Life and Housing office will be hold informational sessions for each hall, on the following dates:

Feb. 3, Sweet Hall Lounge, 7:30 pm

Feb. 3, Thorp Hall Lounge, 8:30 pm

Feb. 4, Weber Hall Lounge, 6:00 pm

Feb. 5, Browne Hall Lounge, 7:30 pm

Feb. 5, Willard Hall Rec Room, 8:30 pm

The Anchor will continue to cover the developments with this story until a firm policy is made and approved. If you have any information feel free to contact The Anchor at 401.456.8280, fax us 401.456.8792 or E-Mail us anchoremail@yahoo.com.



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What the Puck is Going On?

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Staff

So, how many of you happened to catch that NHL All Star game last Sunday? What, you don't watch hockey? Well, don't feel bad. Apparently, you're not alone. As the NHL struggles to find ways of reeling fans in, more and more people are opting to watch Joe Millionaire instead of tuning in to see what the score is between the Bruins and the Maple Leafs.

Now, while Joe millionaire may have girl on girl hot tub action, it is really hard to understand the lack of interest surrounding this sport. I mean how can you not like a sport where a bench clearing brawl is as common place as slap shot?

Recently, this problem has come full surface. The Ottawa Senators and the Buffalo Sabres may not have a lot in common as far as success goes this year (First and Last in the North-East division, respectively), but they do have one thing they share: Both teams have recently filed for bankruptcy.

When asked how they feel about this, most people will respond with a resounding "Who cares." Now, I will admit, I'm not a die hard hockey fan. I do, however, occasionally enjoy laying back and watching a good game. If the NHL is going to pull itself out of financial ruin, though, it is going to have to convince fans like me to sit back and stay a while.

There are many reasons why hockey isn't as popular as some of the other major sports. For instance, hockey games often go through entire periods without a single goal scored. Some people say that the lack of a high scoring offense dulls the game down. Apparently, there aren't many people, outside of Detroit, that really enjoy sitting down and watching a game end in a 1-0 overtime win.

What people have to understand is that close games like this only add to the overall excitement. As two evenly matched teams compete, each goal becomes a potential back-breaker, and provides a sense of anxiety to anyone that is truly interested. I feel as if I am speaking into deaf ears, as this is not likely to change anything. All I can suggest is that, if you are one of these people, you shell out the \$10 and go watch the Providence Bruins. It may not compare to the big team, but once you see a game in person, it's hard to say that hockey is too boring to watch.

Another reason that hockey is struggling is that there is a lack of competition. You are either a good team, or you're a bad team. There's no two ways about it. It's like there is a hockey quota. Each year, most of the playoff spots go to the usual

teams (Dallas, Detroit, New Jersey) and many of the other teams find themselves on the outside looking in.

Some people will say this is bound to happen in every sport, and that is true for the most part. It's not always the case, however, as any NFL fan can tell you after witnessing this past season. The fact that some teams just do not compete is something I like to call "The Yankee Effect." Each year, the teams that do compete attract the best free agents, and find themselves on top of the rest even before the first puck is dropped. The rest of the teams, however, lose their star players and any chance they might have had at chasing The Stanley Cup.

There is really not much that the NHL can do about this. It is going to happen, and teams have to get used to it. The only way to possibly remedy this situation is to put the emphasis on the individual clubs themselves. They are going to have to save themselves and provide an exciting competition level if the NHL is going to go anywhere. It's the nature of the game that some teams are going to be better than others, but that doesn't mean that bad teams have to remain bad.

Finally, the biggest problem with the NHL is a lack of recognizable superstars. In the past, the NHL has been able to stay afloat on the buzz generated by the Gretzky's, Jagr's, and Bourque's. Now those players are either retired or damn near close. It is time for someone new to step up and act as the NHL's new mouthpiece.

In the NFL, you've got your Randy Moss and Keyshawn Johnson type players. In the NBA, it's Kobe Bryant and Allen Iverson. In Major League Baseball, it's players like Barry Bonds and Derek Jeter. What all these players have in common is that they are superstars that every fan can relate to. Just the mention of their names brings an automatic response. If the NHL is going to restore itself to what it used to be, it is going to have to have a marquee superstar. They are going to need someone to attract attention and put the fans into the seats.

All of these suggestions are just some of the ways that the NHL can revive itself. In a league so full of tradition, it is really sad to see that no one cares anymore. In the end, it might not matter what the NHL does. Fans are either going to tune in or stay out. What the NHL is going to have to do to prevent themselves from traveling down the road of other leagues like the XFL and USFL is to appeal to the fans. Then, and only then, will teams like the Buffalo Sabres and the Ottawa Senators be able to focus more on winning than on stringing together enough money to pay their players.

Sports Gal's Sports Update In Defense of Professional Wrestling

By: Tiffany Ventura
Anchor Editor

Talk about putting your credibility on the line.

It isn't often that sports writers will address professional wrestling as a "sport" or even mention it in their columns. After all, the common image of professional wrestling is not a "real" sport. It's acting. It's play fighting. It's grown men hitting each other with chairs. It's women having lingerie contests and pulling hair. It's "wrestlers" not really "wrestling" and not really "hitting" each other. It's not someone going to catch a touchdown or something that requires "skill."

Why am I taking the risk of writing about professional wrestling in a "sports" column? Because I want my credibility questioned? Because I want to be made fun of? Because I promised one of my closest friends that I'd write this for him?

No, I actually have a bigger purpose. I am going to defend professional wrestling, as not only an activity that requires athletic ability, but as an activity that can also be characterized as a sport.

There are three key reasons why professional wrestling deserves more respect. Key Reason #1 is that it takes athletic ability to "fake" this sport. (Yes, technically, a lot of the action is "staged," sorry to ruin anyone's delusions.) If you've ever watched Tough Enough, an MTV production where trainers select two future WWE superstars, you know that the ropes, mat, and the turnbuckles hurt. Upon impact there is immediate pain and agony, even if it isn't showing on the wrestlers' faces. Second, there is a need for athletic ability. Anybody can fall on his or her

back. It takes a WWE wrestler to make it look perfect. It takes athletic ability to trust your body and to train it so that you can do jumps off of the turnbuckle, and land as best you can without injuring something too severely. Wrestlers today work out at least three hours a day in the gym, to keep their body in the best physical condition, so that when they fall on the hard floor outside the mat, or do staggering leaps off of the mat into tables, their body can absorb the pain. Therefore, they can continue to perform day in and day out.

That covers the athleticism necessary for wrestling. Key Reason #2 involves something else: Pain. If you've ever seen a retired professional wrestler, their bodies are usually mangled and damaged beyond repair. The lengths that professional wrestlers will go to entertain a huge crowd of 50,000 people are enormous. Shawn Michaels, the "Heartbreak Kid," is recently back wrestling but had a severe back injury that forced him to retire at the height of his career. Many wrestlers suffer cracked ribs, broken bones, and sometimes, more serious injuries. WWE Diva Lita may never wrestle again due to a vertebra injury she had while wrestling. So, to say professional wrestling is "fake" isn't necessarily true. Their injuries are real. Therefore, their heart and desire to push their bodies to the limit of injury is real as well. That sounds an awful lot like football players in the NFL, doesn't it? Then again, this discounts whiners like Terry Glenn.

Key Reason #3 is simply this: Professional wrestling does its job. It entertains. I've heard many people complain about the soap operas, about the nudity of the women, about the men talking way too much and not wrestling enough...but what's

worse than the soap operas in professional sports? There's the story line of the Player Chokes Coach, Gets Traded, and Becomes a Superstar. There's the one that happens when the Coach Leaves Team, Goes to Another during the Old Team's Super Bowl, and then Comes Back Years Later to Coach a Downtrodden Team. Then there's my favorite; Superstar Player Tries to Run Over Cop, Claims Legal Conspiracy. The soap operas in professional wrestling deserve more respect simply because they're planned and we expect them to be so contrived. For its audience, males usually teen-aged and up, wrestling suits its purpose. Even for women, we enjoy the soap opera aspect of our favorite female divas, or, scoping out the hot male wrestlers.

In close, I doubt if I have persuaded all of you professional wrestling bashers. Perhaps your opinion of me as a sports writer has been lowered. But sports being defined by Webster's as "an activity demanding skill or physical prowess of a usually competitive nature," then it follows logically that professional wrestling is a sport. Professional wrestling not only demands competitiveness, to wrestle your best and to compete for various championships by proving yourself, but it also demands skill and physical prowess. If you're convinced but still refuse to watch, just remember people who watch professional wrestling are not "losers." They know exactly what they're going to get when they watch wrestling: To be entertained by physically superior athletes. Sometimes, it's a surprise when you get that from the NBA or NHL.

With that, all that's left to say is...

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Saturday	8-Feb	10:00PM	Brandeis	HOME
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Friday, January 3 vs. St. Joseph's (NY) • Men at 6 p.m.

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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RIC Gymnastics off to fast 2 – 0 start in ECAC

By: James Bessette
Anchor Staff

It's early into the season, but what a difference a year can make. Last year, RIC Gymnastics was a

"Other than that, everyone is hitting their routines and are more on point." Coach Pannone also believes that Bridgeport and Southern Connecticut State, both Division II teams, will be the



Hughey



O'Brien

hurting 0 – 13 team, literally. But with very convincing victories over MIT and Wilson College to start the year 2 – 0, the mood of the team certainly has changed for the better. What's even better for the team is that new school records have been set in the first two meets of the year. Senior Shannon Hughey broke Amy Bright's 1998 – 1999 record for uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.375 against MIT. Sophomore Ashley O'Brien broke the record for floor competition with a score of 9.7, surpassing the old mark set by Sadjah Ahmed in 2000 – 2001.

However, the team knows that the season is early and there is a long way to go. "There are a few things here and there that we need to work on, for instance, not falling down off of the beam," says Coach Nicole Pannone,

team's toughest opponents this season.

The team also notices major improvement from last year. "The numbers are better. The team has more depth from last year, and knock on wood, we've been able to stay healthy," says O'Brien and Hughey, "Coach (Pannone) is very motivating and she keeps us going. She's one of us."

The team's next two meets are at MIT on February 5th at 7pm, and at home against the University of Bridgeport, one of the big ones, on February 9th at 1pm. But the team is still pretty confident about this year. "This team is going to the National Championships this season," says Shannon Hughey. You can't get any more confident than that.

RIC Broadcasts Men's Basketball Games

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College will broadcast its remaining four home-men's basketball games. Fans can listen via the internet, or by regular telephone.

Tomorrow's tilt vs. Eastern Connecticut is the inaugural broadcast, with pre-game beginning at approximately 2:50 p.m. The Anchormen's games vs. UMass-Dartmouth on Jan. 28, Roger Williams on Feb. 6., Keene State on

Feb. 8 and Southern Maine on Feb. 15 will also be broadcasted.

To listen via the internet, fans can follow this link:

www.teamline.cc/free027422.htm or can log on directly from the link at www.ric.edu/athletics. If fans do not have access to the internet, they can call 1-800-846-4700 and enter the team code of: 7422, to listen via phone.

Please call the RIC Sports Information Office if you need additional information, or if you have any questions at: 401-456-8516.

RIC Indoor Track Update #5

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Head Coach Kevin Jackson's team competed at the Boston University Terrier Classic, on Saturday, Jan. 25. There were no team scores.

Freshman Emmanuel Karngar (Providence, RI) placed 13th in the mile with a time of 4:24.80. He finished first among Div. III competitors.

Sophomore Joe Parenteau (Smithfield, RI) placed 25th in the mile with a time of 4:29.91. Sophomore Marc Piette

(Woonsocket, RI) placed ninth in the weight throw with a distance of 45'11.75."

Sophomore Kate McCalligett (Warwick, RI) placed 36th in the 400 meters with a time of 1:00.11. 8. Sophomore Jessica Leonard (Warwick, RI) placed 25th in the weight throw with a distance of 38'02.00."

Junior Michele Dunphy (Cranston, RI) placed 73rd in the 800 meters with a time of 2:44.69. Junior Joanne Pora (Attleboro, MA) placed 31st in the weight throw with a distance of 35'09.25."



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The PE club is holding their 1st annual whiffle ball tournament on Sun Feb. 9, 2003 at the Rhode Island College Recreation Center from 9:00am - 4:00pm. There will be cash awards to the 1st place finishers and gift certificates for the 2nd place finishers.

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MISC Joke of the Week



Heard a good joke or a bad joke? If you do send it to

misc8@hotmail.com Subject Heading: Joke.

A bar owner is shutting up for the night when there is a knock at the door. When he answers, a bum asks him for a toothpick. He gives him a toothpick and the bum goes off. A few minutes later there is

a second knock. When he answers, there is a second Bum who also asks for a toothpick. He gets his toothpick and off he goes.

There is a third knock at the door, and a third Bum. The bar owner says, "Don't tell me, you want a toothpick too."

"No, a straw," says the Bum.

The bar owner gives him a straw but is curious as to why he wants it, so he asks the Bum why he wants a straw and not a toothpick.

To which the Bum replies, "Some guy just threw up outside but all the good stuff's gone already".

MISC Personal of the Week



Heading: Personal.

Blubber Stuffed into my Pantyhose

Feeding Myself FAT

I was thin as a teen and tried to stay that way but I totally gave up on myself. At first I thought no one would like me. I went from a beautiful 127 pound 25 year old to a 280 pound FAT 28 year old blubber belly.

Then I found a guy who

loved my fat slop. The more I ate the hotter he got. I thought how fantastic, I can eat myself huge and he loves every stretch marked hanging roll of my slack flab. Now I am 35 years old and 330 pounds of jiggling fat. What a sexual blubber festival I have become.

I really like the feel of my rolls of blubber. The way I can shape them by picking up my belly apron flab and molding my fat into sexual obscenities. I like fat sexual obscenities.

My Nylon Pantyhose

I love the feel of my nylons. Pantyhose feel and look very sexy to me. I love to wear my pantyhose over my nylon stockings and garter belts. I love to pull on my nylons and feel my fat legs through my nylons.



Playing with my blubbery fat inside my pantyhose is one of my favorite things to do.

MISC Advice Columnist



Let our MISC advice expert answer your tribulations in life. She is a connoisseur in everyday life's problems. She has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Ball St. in Indiana.

Dear MISC,

My girlfriend is a very jealous sort, and recently she has refused to allow me in public without her. We mostly go to family gatherings. The only problem is that her sister is extremely attractive and has been giving me mixed signals. For example, last week we were at the shooting range (my girlfriend is a marksman who was recently released from prison) and my pistol jammed. As my girlfriend tried to discover what

was wrong, her sister came flying across the room, slapped her to the ground, and put the barrel of the gun in her mouth. She stared directly at me as she sucked the dented cartridge from the chamber, smiled demurely, and put the wasted shell in my pocket. Next week is my girlfriend's birthday. What should I get her for a present?

Signed,

Wearing a Bullseye

Dear Bullseye,

You leave my in a tough predicament. I don't know much about your girlfriend. You kept babbling about some trip at the shooting range. Does she like soft sunsets in the Arizona deserts? Is she prone to succumb to body creams that have the sweet odor of cucumbers? Does she like black Motley Crue T-Shirts? Throw me a bone here!

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Misc Cliff Notes

The Hardy Boys Series

Joe

I'm the fair-haired reckless one.

Frank

I'm the dark-haired bookish one and a year older than Joe.

(A MYSTERY happens. The Hardy Boys discover a CLUE. They go to an exotic LOCALE with nothing but POCKET CHANGE and INVESTIGATE it. Chet Morton gets KIDNAPPED.)

Official

Stop! You're not allowed in here! Oh wait, you're Fenton's boys. Let me give you a tour of our top secret restricted area.

(The Hardy Boys witness a FISHY DEAL taking place.)

Joe

Our case seems to be related to the case our father is working on, just like last time.

(The Hardy Boys suspect a SUSPICIOUS guy, but he turns out to be INNOCENT. They solve the CASE, and they capture the BADGUYS.)

THE END

MISC Fun Facts



Have you ever wanted to sound real cool at cocktail parties? Let MISC help you sound like a

fountain of knowledge at your next get together. Throw out some of these fun facts and stun your friends and colleagues with your newly founded plethora of informative facts.

1. The use of a colon in punctuation indicates reverence for the Holy Spirit; Thomas Aquinas' known writings have 260,188 colons, the most of any eminent writer.

2. The word "world" was originally spelled "whirled", and meant literally "a habitable body spinning on an axis". Because the very etymology of the word as it stood contradicted Roman

Catholic dogma of the time that the habitable world is the still point at the center of the turning universe, the Church imposed the false spelling and took other measures to suppress knowledge of that etymology. The effort of suppression succeeded in England until Henry VIII broke with Rome, and for a long time after the truth was rediscovered, nobody cared.

3. Origami was originally a martial art in the Vimto province of China where practitioners would wield elaborately designed paper weapons. Unfortunately, the invention of the water pistol brought an end to the military use of Origami in the 19th century.

4. The refusal by the US Government to adopt the metric system as used by the rest of the world is a policy which dates back to the Reagan-era "War

against drugs". Unable to conceal the existence of mind-altering substances, the anti-drug task force, has attempted to conceal the existence of the units in which they are measured, namely grams and kilos, in the hope people will be unable to make purchases.

5. Antelopes in the Sudan have learned to read road signs. They have been observed diverting their paths in order to cross the highway at marked Antelope Crossing zones, and are suspected of stampeding marsupials away from areas that are outside designated Marsupial Crossing zones.

6. The American Medical Association has released a new study that proves non-smokers irritability is the direct result of lack of stress relief after the arduous task of intercourse.

MISC Junior Poetry

Welcome to MISC Junior Poetry section. We scour all the elementary schools throughout the Greater Providence area in search of winning poetry entries. All Junior Poets must be between the ages of 7 and 12.



Drinkin Pee

By: Zackary P. Travis III

Sittin under a tree
Drinkin pee.
Swattin off a bee
Drinkin pee.
Sittin with mom who loves me,
Drinkin pee.
Watchin the TV,
Drinkin pee.
Slappin my knee,
Drinkin pee.

I like drinkin pee,
Cause it's free.

"PROMETHEAN SYLLABUS"

By Sara Farnham

RIC STUDENT BODY

SORRY, EVERYONE--

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR COMIC STRIP, SPAM!? IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY!

MY CLASS IS ANALYZING MY COMIC SO I HAVE TO WATCH WHAT I WRITE!



by Heather Black

roving

How do you feel about the Office of Residential Life and Housing instituting a Lottery System Room Selection Process?



Melissa Wasser
Freshman
Elementary
Education

I don't think it's fair at all, because people who want to live together can't live together.

Kiki Lawlor
Freshman
Technology
Education

I don't think its fair because is students from out of state do not get rooms, they can't go to school here.



Jamie Maiemclaren
Freshman
Psychology

I think its ridiculous because people cant live together and I am out of state so if I cant get a room I cant live here.



Abbey Baker
Junior
English

I believe it is the only fair way for housing to assign people housing and I feel there really is no other option at this point.



Jerry Lavonte
Sophomore
Technology
Education

It's tough for housing because they aren't going to be able to please everyone. They are caught between a rock and a hard place.

Elizabeth Green
Sophomore
Elementary Education

I think it is stupid because people who live out of state and need housing are probably not going to get housing and people who live 20 minutes away and live in Rhode Island will get it.



Ty Weeks
Freshman
Physical Therapy

I don't think it is fair, I think they need a better way. They need additional housing.



Jessie Wells
Sophomore
Elementary Education

Being that I live out of state, I feel that it is ludicrous. I feel cheated because in the last two years I have given this school \$30,000, and I may not be here next year and the alternatives that housing has supplied me with so far are (exploitive deleted).

reporter

Since this question is focused on Dorm students, they were the only ones asked.



Josh McCray
Sophomore
Secondary Education
History

I think that it is bull (exploitive deleted). The fact that out of state students don't receive first priority and the people who go home on the week-ends have equal opportunity with those that live there all week long is bull (exploitive deleted)

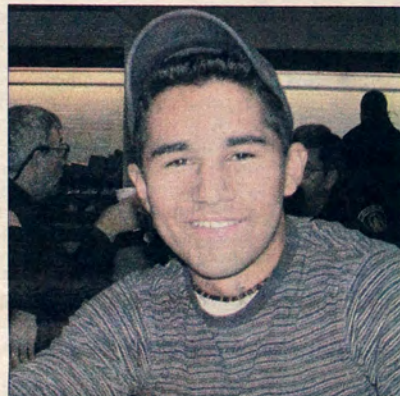
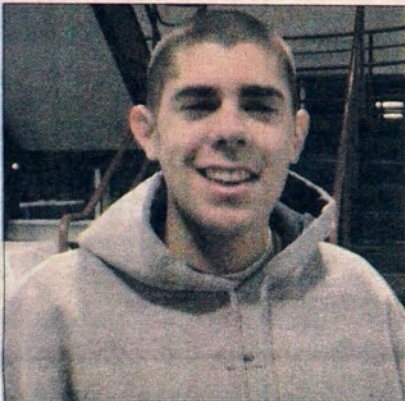


Skip Gruneberg
Sophomore
Math

This is what I think of it!

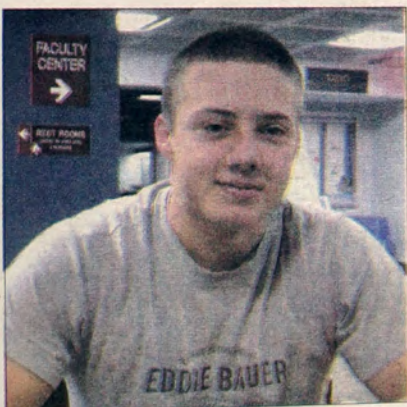
Frank Winthrop
Freshman
Undeclared

I believe it is very unfair and that it should be a first come first serve basis.



Chris Schuler
Freshman
Secondary Education

I feel it is not putting an emphasis on the freshman students.



Brendan Friend
Freshman
Elementary
Education

I think it sucks. We need more housing.

Michael Papa
Freshman
Undecided

It doesn't affect me because I am moving out.



Melissa Pinga
Freshman
Art Education

I think it is pretty stupid.



Anthony Bachinski
Freshman
Undecided

I really don't care.

Justice for All in Russia

By: Michael Philbin
RIC Amnesty International

Perhaps one of the most important events of the late 20th century was the collapse of the Soviet Union (along with other totalitarian communist states) and the emergence of the Russian Federation. Although the relatively young nation has long experienced economic trouble, there have been many positive developments regarding individual political rights. Freedom of speech and religion has been adopted in Russia, and there have also been some positive social changes as well with the moratorium of the death penalty and ratification of international treaties. Unfortunately, despite these positive changes regarding political freedom, widespread human rights abuses continue in Russia. Torture of suspects, the horrible condition of detention centers, "disappearances" in Chechnya, and the mistreatment of women, children, and ethnic groups are but a few of the routine occurrences in Russia. These violations of human rights standards are allowed to continue because of a lack of accountability for the Russian authorities responsible. As a major global power, Russia has a unique duty to abide by international human rights standards. It is also our responsibility to learn about these abuses and to urge the Russian government (directly or through the US State Department) to take progressive actions that will help end these atrocities.

Although the Russian government ratified the UN Convention on Torture agreement, any person in the Russian Federation who is taken into custody by police faces the risk of torture or mistreatment. It is most likely that a suspect will experience torture during interrogation immediately after arrest but before they've been charged with a crime. Beatings, electric shock, rape, and near-suffocation are the most common methods of torture used by the authorities. Olga Staroverova is one victim of torture in Russia. The pregnant woman suffered beatings, cigarette burns, and electrical shocks from the police in 1999—all of which are recorded in her official medical statement. Staroverova's experience, as with many others in Russia, was never investigated. The poorly paid police who use torture not only don't face punishment, the government frequently pressures the police to quickly get confessions from suspects—indirectly encouraging the

use torture methods. It is absolutely essential that the Russian government refine their justice system in a manner that actually abides by the UN agreement they signed. Suspects must be protected from mistreatment and there must be negative consequences for those who use torture.

According to widely recognized global standards, children are entitled to special protection within the legal system. Despite ratifying the agreement of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, Russia has denied children some of the most basic protections against mistreatment and torture. Vast numbers of children in Russia are arrested every year and many are denied the presence of an lawyer or adult family member during interrogations. For months, children are held in pre-trial detention centers where they're forced to live in horrifying conditions. In 2001, almost 18,000 children were serving prison sentences in 64 specifically designed for them, many serving absurdly long sentences for relatively minor crimes. Children are the most vulnerable members of any society, and they deserve to be protected from the horrible conditions many experience in Russia.

The economic downturn that Russia has been experiencing for some time now has led to a considerable increase in family's experiencing poverty. A negative social aspect of this has been the dramatic increase in alcohol consumption by Russian men and the subsequent domestic violence occurrences that accompanies this. The terrible abuse of Russian women at the hands of their husbands is responsible for 14,000 deaths in 2001 alone, and yet the Russian authorities refuse to act. Rarely do the police intervene, even when abuse is reported to them. The failure to act on abuse cases, along with reports of the mistreatment of women by the authorities, is a clear violation of human rights for women. Yet the Russian government ratified another agreement, the Protocol to the UN Women's Convention, and again they fail to abide by it. Russia must show a true commitment to women's rights by acting on reports of domestic abuse and mistreatment of women.

Ever since the current stage in the war in Chechnya began in 1999, it has been consistently characterized by credible sources as a hotbed of human rights abuses committed by both the Russian military and Chechen rebels.

Civilians suspected of either aiding, or being related to, Chechen rebels are routinely taken away during raids by the Russian military and detained in facilities where they are denied access to lawyers and face rape, other forms of torture, and even extra judicial executions. Occasionally, Chechen civilians who have "disappeared" are found in unmarked pits and many of them appear to have been shot. Chechen rebels, too, have consistently committed human rights abuses. There are several credible reports that Russian soldiers who have been captured by rebels are executed and that the Chechen rebels have engaged in terrorist bombings that target civilians. While the war in Chechnya can be categorized as an internal conflict, and civilians almost always die in war, it is essential that both sides of the conflict respect and abide by international humanitarian law. This includes consequences from the government for Russian forces that have taken part in human rights violations.

There are many other human rights abuses that occur in this nation of 145 million people, including blatant discrimination by authorities towards minority ethnic groups and the terrible conditions of detention centers. Three human rights treaties have been mentioned that the Russian government officially ratified, and yet there exists undeniable evidence of consistent human rights abuses that are allowed to exist in a climate of impunity. It is important that people from around the world take actions to convince the Russian government that respecting international law can further validate the virtues of their new democratic system. While such a task might seem insurmountable, there is reason to hope. One of the most famous political prisoners in Russia was Gregory Pasko, an activist who was arrested for uncovering a huge environmental disaster. Partly due to the efforts of human rights activist, Pasko was recently freed from prison. Such positive successes can be multiplied if people are willing to take actions that spread awareness of the human rights situation in Russia. Even here at Rhode Island College, people can take part in these efforts by attending the RIC Amnesty's Human Rights Dinner on March 17, which will focus on women's rights in Russia. With your help, the goal of achieving justice for all the people of Russia can be achieved.

Letter to the Editor

By: Alex Epstein

President Bush's State of the Union call for Congress to expand the "faith-based initiatives" he passed by Executive Order in December is a fundamental assault on secular government.

Of course, the President denies any church-state impropriety in doling billions of tax dollars to religious charities, but he is simply being dishonest. By Bush's own statement, the justification for bankrolling religious organizations is that they, unlike conventional welfare programs, help "solve the deepest problems of the spirit" and put "a sense of purpose in people's lives"—by exposing them to religion. Hence, Bush sup-

ports funding organizations such as the drug-treatment group Teen Challenge, which, according to the Associated Press, "uses Christian teachings to tackle drug addiction and encourages participants to convert to Christianity."

Forcing citizens to fund the propagation of religion is a complete repudiation of our Constitution, and a major step in the direction of theocracy. The same is true of Bush's crusade to ban life-saving "therapeutic cloning" research in the name of his Christian beliefs in the moral sanctity of embryos and the moral evil of man playing God—which amounts to the declaration that in the Land of the Free, science may function only by permission of religion.

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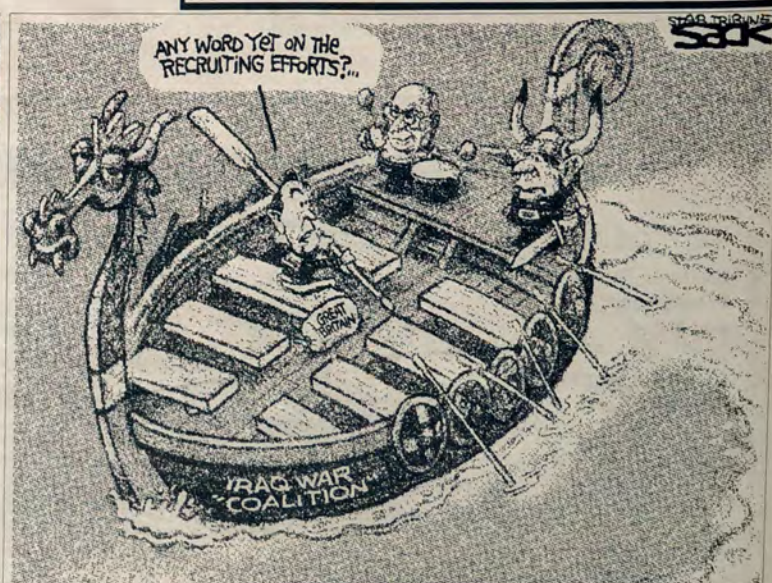
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Can We Get Them Some Help Please?

By: Heather Black
Anchor Staff

One thing I cannot understand about Rhode Island College is that when something works they choose not to stay with it. I learned this the hard way last semester when I was taking Geography 400, but more about that later. As many of you out there know, geography classes are required for a variety of majors, minors and concentrations, including many of the education programs. Do any of you out there know exactly how many programs require geography classes? I do, I looked it up. No less than 11 not counting geography itself.

Did you realize that there are only 2 geography professors? Dr. Motte and Dr. Demars. In addition to the amount of majors that require geography classes, the general education program also offers 3 geography classes, leaving Motte and Demars scrambling to fill the overpowering need. Every semester geography 400 is filled within the first few days. This is because it is required for at least 6 secondary Ed concentrations, in addition to El Ed and middle school endorsements. Not to mention everyone else who has to take the class. It took me 2 semesters to get in. And I am not alone; each semester Dr. Demars receives pleas from students begging for a spot in the section. He has on many occasions fought to up the number of students allowed to register for his class up to 35 students.

Has this always been the case you ask? No, in fact, in the last ten years, the Geography department has gone from 4 full time professors to 2, because those that retired were not replaced. I find myself perplexed as to why? Did the workload suddenly drop off? Was there no longer a need? When I asked the

questions I found it has been the exact opposite. The amount of students who need geography classes to take for the major has actually increased.

Most students in the education programs requiring geography 400 at some point complain that the college should add a second section to fill the demand for Geography 400. That however, is not really an option because the Geography department is also responsible for three general education classes, and it also needs to provide the geography majors with the classes they need to obtain degrees.

The department is so overwhelmed that last semester the college narrowly avoided catastrophe. Dr. Demars had two near fatal heart attacks in the middle of the semester leaving an already overwhelmed Dr. Motte to cover all of his classes enlisting the aid of a previously retired Dr. Sullivan. Next Dr. Motte had to have knee surgery to repair his knee. Do the math will you, 2 geography professors, both in the hospital. Thanks to the dedication of the professors to the students, disaster was avoided. I can't imagine what would happen if the whole class had to retake the course setting everyone else on campus back.

I don't know the full reasons why the college has yet to hire an additional full time professor for the Geography department. I hope it was an oversight. If you need a good reason to hire one let me give you one... the tremendous need. If you need a positive reinforcement... the happy faces and gratitude of students the administration claims to care about. And if nothing else do it for the physical and mental health of two professors who make even the most cynical students (like myself) believe that some faculty on this campus do care about us.

To Make Our World Anew

By: Paul Saucier

Both the drums of war and the calls for peace are increasing. Daily, individuals are deciding to support an American war against the current Iraqi regime or join the antiwar movement. Many are caught in between, students, activists, and scholars alike. If one supports American unilateralism, does that mean they support a war for disarmament or for "regime change?" If one joins the anti war movement, does this mean that they support the fascist-like character of the Hussein dictatorship?

If we were to check President Bush's wish-list, wish number one would read: Depose Saddam Hussein, occupy Iraq, tap Iraqi oil lines, and install some sort of "democratic regime." Many would say that such a wish, if you will, is wishful thinking, for Bush does not have the power/ability to declare war whenever and wherever he desires as outlined in the "The National Security Strategy of the United States of America," a document passed by the White House last year.

But what would be the result of such a preemptive attack? One thing is for sure is that terrorist attacks, especially on Americans is likely to increase and that innocent Iraqi people will have to endure months, if not years, of carnage. In other words, U.S. militarism would bring about absolute chaos and exacerbate

global conflict. And despite the Iraqi threat, there are alternatives to U.S. colonial aggression. Sanctions, containment policies, and UN-imposed inspections are a few of the real and substantial alternatives at the hands of Bush administration. More importantly, if Bush really intends to stop the violence of terrorism, be it from Hussein himself or the already forgotten Al-Qaeda, his actions and policies should not be cavalier-like.

However, those in support of the antiwar movement must be weary and self-critical. For example, antiwar moralizing plays into the hands of the tyrannical Hussein regime, seldom interrogating the brutality that exists within Iraqi borders. Antiwar supporters must realize that peace is only possible when all forms of oppression are destroyed. As activist/scholar Manning Marable recently stated, "To stop the violence of terrorism, we must stop the violence of xenophobia, racialization, and class inequality. To struggle for peace, to find new path toward reconciliation across international boundaries of religion, culture, and color is the only way to protect our cities, our country, and ourselves from the violence of terrorism."

And rather than reject basic American values as hypocritical, compromised by the ultranationalism of Bush and Company, fight for the basic rights that have been deleted from the political,

social, and cultural fabric of the United States. General moral outrage against American power is self-serving and does nothing to stop global human suffering. In other words, antiwar supporters must be weary of anti-Americanism, for it can hurt more than it can help. Remember Vietnam! For the left, as a source for radical social change, barely existed following its endorsement of the antiwar movement of the 60s and 70s.

In closing, we as Americans need to see ourselves as citizens of the world, loyal to humanity. We need to challenge the short-sighted policies, driven by money and geopolitical interest, of the Bush administration and the totalitarian rule of Saddam Hussein. We need to be anti-imperialist and at the same time anti-fascist. We need to seek alternatives to the two current trends, thus creating an alternative movement geared towards genuine peace and global demilitarization. We need to support the emergence of a new radicalism, where the old world order is not simply reordered, but where a new world is constructed. Discourse on power and inequality need to be rethought. Poverty, famine, religious persecution, ecological destruction, economic inequality, theocracy, conquest, colonialism, and other sources of human misery must all be, in a world, destroyed. For only then can genuine peace endure.



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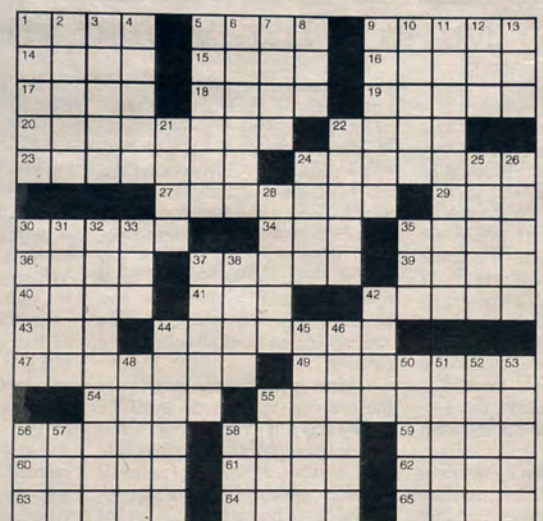
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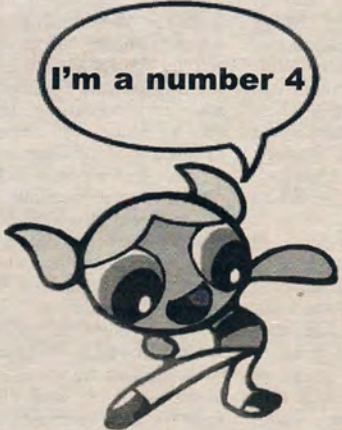
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By Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Relations with co-workers and minor business tensions are accented this week. Pay attention to small disagreements or mis-



placed facts. Before mid-week, colleagues will be sensitive to criticism. Avoid new suggestions. After Thursday, romantic intrigue is on the rise. Expect potential lovers to ask for detailed descriptions of private hopes or long-term loyalties. Go slow. Although passions are high, new friends and loved ones may need reassurance.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Withheld opinions or social doubts will be openly discussed. Over the next few days, expect old friends to admit to deep feelings of isolation or social jealousy. Little of this can be avoided. Watch for past events, conversations or promises to be strong public concerns. After midweek, ask loved ones for detailed time schedules. Group activities and home celebrations may require extra planning. Sensitivities may be high. Listen to the needs of friends and relatives.



Gemini (May 21-June 21). Previously denied attractions are key themes over the next few days. Watch for past events, canceled invitations or newly rekindled flirtations to be compelling. Some Geminis may also



experience unusual announcements from close friends or relatives. If so, expect social and romantic history to be major concerns. After Friday, evaluate recent financial strategies. New expenses or fast debts will be complex and annoying over the next 11 days.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Home and social schedules may be ongoing concerns before mid-week. Expect loved ones to ask for solid daily commitments or quickly revised plans. A recent period of emotional isolation



will fade. Expect close friends or lovers to no longer hide their romantic needs or social excitement. After Thursday, avoid overspending. For the next two to three days, forgotten bills or late payments may be bothersome. Stay focused on long-term strategies and all will be well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Business plans may temporarily need to change. Over the next few days, watch for unusual financial announcements or new workplace schedules. Some Leos may be



asked to adopt extra tasks or money responsibilities. If so, expect complex negotiations and unclear instructions. Work officials may make heavy demands but provide only limited guidance. Don't lose faith. Workplace leadership and job relations will return to normal early next week.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over the next few days, lovers and close friends may reveal deeply

private information. Family disputes or past social history may be key concerns. Watch for subtle moments of tension to



lead to detailed and emotional discussions. Some Virgos, especially those born after Sept. 15, may also encounter a rare home proposal or romantic invitation. If so, expect added social information and fast family decisions before the end of next week.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Close friends or work mates will offer accurate romantic advice over the next few days. Recent group events may be the prime focus of social discussions. Expect others to provide subtle insights or added information. After



Wednesday revised messages and late invitations are compelling. Expect romantic complications to deepen before next week. Fast revisions to group plans may be necessary. Respond quickly to new emotional facts and social details.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Long-distance messages or announcements from old friends are on the agenda this week. Early Tuesday, watch for unexpected invitations or social facts. Friends and lovers may wish to clearly



state their emotional goals or short-term plans. Some Scorpios, especially those born late in October, may also encounter a rare flirtation or new workplace attraction. If so, remain cautious.

Before the end of February, social and romantic triangles will not be easily resolved.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).



Public comments and social criticism are mildly annoying this week. Over the next four days, expect friends or work mates to boldly offer uninformed opinions. Try your best to avoid controversy. Unrealistic business and social suggestions require special diplomacy. After midweek, creative problem-solving will be extremely helpful in ongoing family disputes. Gently ask loved ones to fully participate in home or financial decisions. All is well.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Social invitations may lead to surprising business opportunities. Late



Tuesday, respond quickly to changed schedules and fresh workplace introductions. Over the next three days, many Capricorns will resolve past disappointments or adopt new ambitions. Use this time to foster better work relations or research valuable job openings. After Friday, intimate discussions with loved ones are productive. Expect friends and lovers to no longer avoid serious questions.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Yesterday's relationships may be on your mind over the next few



days. Before midweek, watch for a delightful wave

of nostalgia or intuitive reflection to arrive. For some Aquarians this may actually mark the beginning of a revised social and romantic outlook. Use this time to let unproductive feelings or outdated expectations fade. Emotional intimacy and subtle invitations will be ongoing themes. Start preparing; there's much to consider.



Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Old memories have a strong appeal. After Tuesday, expect the comments, requests or romantic gestures of loved ones to trigger deep feelings. Intense emotions are an indication of meaningful inner progress. Expect self-reflection to be followed by a powerful wave of romantic confidence. Many Pisceans will dramatically change their social or home obligations. Listen to all sudden insights or intuitive flashes. Your private instincts are accurate.

If your birthday is this week

Loved ones will find new ways to participate in your daily routine. Over the next nine weeks, expect new social announcements concerning family planning, group events or business schedules. Someone close may need to feel more involved in shared activities. After mid-June, watch also for sudden business or employment advancement. Planetary movements suggest that previously delayed career plans can be put into action. Expect key officials from the past to reappear and provide unique information. Late in July, romantic proposals may also arrive. Remain cautious, however, and wait for reliable promises.

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Young Comedy -or- Laugh at RIC

By: Sara Farnham
Anchor Staff

On Wednesday night, January 29th, Tim Young, a famed stand-up comedian made an appearance at Rhode Island College's Comedy and Ice Cream night sponsored by Student Activities. The show took place in Gaige Auditorium and was a real hit. So was the ice cream - but they didn't even offer the most basic flavor (and my favorite) vanilla!

Rhode Island College student and comedian, Cory Guglietti, opened the show. His language was colorful and his jokes were growing, but he did a good job warming up the audience for Young. You can usually catch Cory at local clubs such as the new Stitches in Providence Place Mall or the Steam Alley Pub.

My one complaint about the show came at the very beginning when there was some confusion about who was supposed to introduce Tim Young. After Cory had gotten us all laughing and ready for more, a very unfunny audience member hopped up on stage just to repeat exactly what Cory had just announced about the feature comedian. This stall to the microphone left Tim fighting for a chuckling audience again. Luckily he was able to do it, but I felt it would have been much better to go with the flow and keep the laughs rolling. But before I go into his routine, I'll give you the

low down on this class clown.

Tim Young is a stand up comic who lives in Los Angeles, though originally from Virginia. Young decided to go into comedy with the support of his crazy family, especially his amateur comic father and grandfather, who is very funny. Young insists "The dysfunctionality of [his] family has inspired [him] to be funny," and that "all good comedy comes from [that] pain [his family has caused him]." He is also motivated by comedian and actor, Steve Martin.

Tim began his stand-up at a small club called the Thoroughgood Inn in Virginia Beach after college, but did not fully commit to his new career for the first few years. Eight years later, Tim is still at it and loving it. Young has appeared on Premium Blend, a show on Comedy Central, as well as several shows on MTV. He has even been featured on the animated series, "Daria", twice, but only the first cartoon version of him really looked all that realistic.

Young incorporates his real-life experiences in his act, always exaggerating events until they are funny. He also enjoys watching other comedians do their stand-up acts for inspiration when he has joke-writers block. When he comes up with a new joke, he'll try it out at a small club before either scrapping it or taking it to bigger audiences. Sometimes the

funniest joke (in his head) will be the biggest flop. As for a message to the college community: "No message - just funny," he says.

That message came across loud and clear throughout his act. I laughed the hardest during the first few minutes of the set when Tim discussed a precious part of any college student's life: sleep. He had great delivery on all of his jokes, and the best part was the audience could relate to almost everything he talked about.

Topics in his act, geared toward college students, spanned from sleep to highlighters and from cars to spring break. He even touched on college furniture and I almost rolled out of my seat laughing when he said, "I think futon is Japanese for scoliosis." I'm still giggling about lines he delivered about guys and girls that study with highlighters!

Tim Young is a wonderful performer and added a much-needed spout of laughter to my hectic day. I think it was great to have such a comedian come to our college to bring students together to laugh about why we have plastic utensils at the dining center.

Comedians are great entertainment for college students, and I highly recommend Student Activities sponsoring more events like this one. For those of you who did not get to see this comedian, you really missed out on a great time!

Only for Originators, Not Imitators...

By: J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

Have you ever dreamed of performing live in front of an audience? Ever want to be in an event like Star Search where you could let your talent shine? Have you ever had the urge to lay down what you know so that others know too? Then WXIN has an event for you...

The Rhode Island College radio station, WXIN, is sponsoring a Freestyle Battle at Breakpoint in Providence this Wednesday, February 5. The contest is open to anyone who wants to enter, and the rules are simple: do freestyle. This is not just regulated to the world of hip-

hop, but is extended to include slam poetry and the such.

And what motivation does one need to get involved? Well, there are two reasons. The first is to go and show what you can do on stage. There is nothing more exhilarating than performing in front of a crowd. And hey, it will get some people notice you... The second is probably the main reason most people want to enter: the fabulous prizes! Yes, that's right, there are prizes for the best entries. "What Would I Get?" you might be asking... Well, WXIN's programming director, Anthony Pierri, informed me that the prizes are "just too top secret and good to announce before hand."

The contest is limited to as many as time will allow, so it's better to sign up early. The deadline is 8pm on Wednesday, so you have time to decide. The time limit for your act is to be under 5 minutes. You are encouraged to bring your own music, but if you need it to be provided, go to the WXIN station in the Media Center, and they will help you out. The contest itself starts around 9:30, so if you just want to stop by and watch, this is when to stop by. The cover charge is \$3.

So, in short, do you want to be a rock superstar? Live large, big house, five cars? Well, everyone starts somewhere, and this might be your chance.

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job. Among some of the more memorable tips include "Always make the customer feel uncomfortable by rambling on about personal problems", and "If at any time you feel bad about the way you're acting, just remember, they're only customers.... so f**k them".

Another highlight of that sketch included Chappelle's commentary on employee hygiene. The crew gave tips on how to make your public restroom look as bad as possible. Noting a job well done in painting the walls and toilet a rich brown color to scare any potential users away, Dave clearly remarks "Now that's poop."

Knowing some people may be offended, Dave rationalizes it by stating that it is just a show and there are more important things to worry about. "I feel like if people get really mad at the show, and throw a Barbershop...if this is our agenda, then we are finished."

The line in Barbershop looks like child's play compared to one of the sketches in the first episode of Chappelle's Show. Even before the skit started, it was clear that this would be one to remember. As a sort of public service announcement, Chappelle warned "If you are easily offended by massive use of the word n****er, then this sketch is not something you should watch".

Controversial or not, it was downright hilarious. In the skit, Dave plays Cleyton Bigsby, an elderly blind black man. The catch is, however, that he was raised by white parents and grew up to be a white supremacist. He

went on to write many books about what he felt was wrong with black people and became a cultural icon. After about 5 minutes or so, Cleyton finds out that he in fact is black, and has been a hypocrite his entire life.

Where most shows would have ended this sketch with a heartfelt message about what it means to be true to yourself, this just wasn't one of them. Instead, Bigsby is interviewed some time later and asked why he divorced his wife after he found out he was black. In an effort to offend the rest of the people he couldn't get the first time around, he simply responds "I broke up with her because she was a n****er lover".

While some people may be very offended by such edgy material, Chappelle is quick to justify what he puts out. For those of you that don't like him or his show, the message is: Just don't watch it.

"If you really look at what I'm saying, I can justify each and every thing. And before I do it, I think it out: is this a disservice? And I don't think I'm doing a disservice to anybody." If initial buzz is a way of determining it, Chappelle is providing a great service for anyone seeking non-stop laughter without worrying about being politically correct.

"Chappelle's show" airs Wednesday nights at 10:30pm on Comedy Central. For those of you that like Dave Chappelle, he will be performing in Boston, MA on April 13th as part of the "Dave Chappelle is BlackZilla" comedy tour. Visit ComedyCentral.com for more information.

Dean from back

Clark and offer him a deal: to become the Tick's sidekick. After that, it takes an interesting turn.

Next, we get into the bulk of the story, which has Tick meeting a young renegade ninja girl named Oedipus, who is running from a group of ninjas. Oedipus has stolen the Thorn of Oblivion, a sacred ninja relic, because she believes that the current group of silent assassins has become too commercialized and inept, due to union practices. Tick becomes smitten with Oedipus and agrees to help her, making himself a target from her pursuers. This story is filled with many colorful characters that illustrate the world Tick lives in, from the District Manager of Ninja World: The World's First Ninja Theme Park to Paul the Samurai, who wields the world's most lethal loaf of French Bread to Arthur, a flying moth-man who won his suit at an auction. This story adds depth though, as when the situation becomes grave, the Tick loses his grip and starts hallucinating horrible dreams (I think the Refrigerator from *Requiem for a Dream*). You can't help but feel sorry, as all he has hoped for turns against him and the world literally comes crashing down around him. This story arc could be viewed as the defining story for our Big Blue Bug (the comic

was published in New England, so this joke is far game).

The last story sees Tick fighting his first supervillain. This one must simply be read in order for the reader to understand, but it is possibly the funniest, most ridiculous fight in the history of the world.

Ben Edlund, the writer, artist, and the creator of the Tick, made this hero to illustrate the ideals of a superhero: always willing to help, noble, and always giving his best try. It is these points that make Tick appealing, as he always gets up to try again, despite being knocked down. He embodies what most people would like to do: never-give-up minus the crazy. He has characters that constantly try to hold him down, but he always stand for what he believes in. Why? Because some has to stand for something.

The Tick's original adventures can be picked up in the collection *The Tick Omnibus: Sunday Through Wednesday*, which has the first seven issues. This book is available at most comic shops, eBay, or from the source itself NewEnglandComics.com. If you want to laugh and realize what it really means to be a hero, read *The Tick*. Never before has a viewfinder meant so much

Arts & Entertainment

Dean of the Old School



Editors, Ninjas, and Villains, Oh My!

By: J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

I've recently uncovered a true treasure of the 80s, as it has been the subject of many spin-offs of the past ten years, as it has inspired both a cartoon and a live-action show, both of which have a huge cult following. What I speak of is the late 80s comic series, *The Tick*.

As the fans of the shows know, *The Tick* follows a self-proclaimed superhero named The Tick, who has a perchance for blue jumpsuits and zany situations. This follows from the comic to the shows, but except for a few more transfers of situations, that's where the similarities end.

In the comic, Tick is a recently escaped mental patient who lives in the land of make believe. He doesn't realize the way the world works, the concept of life and death, or even his real name for that matter. All he knows is that he wants to do some good and can with the aid of his strength, his nigh-invulnerability, and his secret crime viewfinder. With these wonderful attributes, Tick enters the City, hoping to help, but ends up in a few odd situations.

The first person he encounters is Clark Oppenheimer, aka the Caped Wonder, a recently established superhero. Disguised as a mild-mannered reporter, Clark happens upon Tick when his lying on a train track, which he believes is the belly of a whale. After a brief tussle with the train, Clark leaves, but Tick, realizing the opportunity, follows Clark to his newspaper. Tick, now in a disguise that must be seen to be believed, is then mistaken for the new crossword editor, Mr. Nedd. He uses this to get close to

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Pushing the Envelope to, and Over, the Edge.



By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Staff

Not since the early days of *In Living Color* has there been a good sketch comedy show that did not care who got offended. Black, White, Spanish, Asian, and everyone in between was a target. No one was safe from the likes of Tommy Davidson, Jim Carrey, and the Wayans Brothers. Unfortunately, in the time since that show went off the air, many shows have tried and failed at mixing the right amounts of humor politically incorrectness.

Now batting... Dave Chappelle. Chappelle is one of the hottest comics in standup. He has gone from a nobody into a promising young talent, all in the blink of an eye. While starring in movies such as *Half Baked*, *Screwed*, and *Blue Streak*, he's quickly become known as one of the funniest people in show business. So, it's no doubt that when you give someone like Dave Chappelle his own show, he is gonna take the boundaries of taste to new levels.

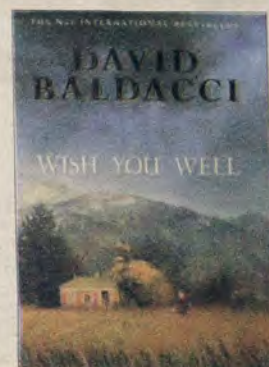
"...I decided that I wanted to do a show that reflected me" remarks Chappelle during a recent interview on www.africana.com. "The show's got this really crazy spirit to it...I hope people just keep an open mind when they watch it."

If the first show is any indication, then America has some pretty open-minded people. The first episode, which premiered on Jan 22nd, drew the highest ratings for any premiere in Comedy Central History, and that was just the starting point. That first episode provided a glimpse into what this show could really be like.

In one of the first sketches, Dave and his crew played employees of a popular copy place. They're filming an employee manual on how to act while on the

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I Wish You Will Read Wish You Well



By: Patrick Tierney
Anchor Staff

There is a new program that has just started in Rhode Island called "One State, One Book." The purpose is to get everyone in Rhode Island to read the same book. The book that was chosen after many a debate was *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci. I read about this program and wanted to check out this book.

The plot is pretty simple: two kids Lou-Ann whom everyone calls Lou is 12 and Oscar who everyone calls Oz is 7. They are in a car accident in the opening scene and thus sent to live with their great-grandmother Lou-Ann Cardinal. The story is about how the two kids deal with the fact that they lost their father and seem to lose everything in their lives but they keep hoping and they keep their faith. There is also a plot by a large company to steal Lou-Ann's land that all of the characters must foil. There are many interesting side characters that fill up this novel such as Cotton Longfellow, who is the descendent of Henry Woodsworth Longfellow, and a boy called Diamond Skinner who reminded me greatly of Huck Finn.

I listened to the abridged audio book version of this novel but it was very interesting to have someone put the right accents on the characters. Most of the novel takes place in Virginia with very different accents then around here.

Though this is not my usual type of book I enjoyed it. The characters were strongly built and believable. The settings seem to come right out of the speakers as I drove back and forth to work and here to Rhode Island College. It was almost as if I was driving through the Virginia mountains.

I would definitely recommend this book to everyone on campus and everyone in Rhode Island. You won't know who else has read it and how you can use that to strike up a conversation with new people.

I give this book 4 and a half stars.

Under the Radar

She has a... CHICKEN With Her!

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One of the first movies I remember seeing was *The Wizard of Oz*. It was bright, whimsical, funny, happy, shiny, cartoony, pleasant... and safe. Not a bad movie for a three-year old to become obsessed with, right? That's what my parents thought. They didn't bank on me reading the book.

The book was much different than the movie. Gone were the singing and dancing munchkins and the sugary-sweetness of the Good witch. What we got instead was a plethora of characters that were Wonderland refugees and murderous beasts. I don't remember any giant tiger-bears ready to eat Judy Garland whole in the famous movie, do you?

So there I was - a child of four years who had read the book more times than I could count, and I was ready to take the next step. One day while walking through a video store, I



noticed this other OZ movie - *Return to Oz*. I begged and begged until my reluctant parents succumbed to renting it for me. And I loved every minute of it. This movie, much darker in tone, was a lot closer to what the books are like. Almost post-apocalyptic, *Return to Oz* features Dorothy... returning to Oz. And she doesn't like what she sees.

First of all, most everyone

has been turned to stone. The Yellow Brick Road is destroyed, and the king of Oz, the Scarecrow, has been kidnapped. And this is all in this first quarter of the movie. Numerous characters from the books appear in the movie. Jack Pumpkinhead, who becomes the movie's equivalent to the Scarecrow, is the

movie's comic relief. Childlike in behavior, he clings to Dorothy for parental support. Tik-Tok is the mechanical Army of Oz. He serves as Dorothy's protector. Toto is substituted by Dorothy's pet chicken Billina, who is able to talk in Oz, just as all other animals can. And finally, the Gump - a flying concoction made primarily of couches, palm leaves, and a stuffed moose

head. This motley crew's task is to find out who is behind the destruction of Oz.

As I mentioned earlier, this movie is much darker in tone than the original movie, and is so because it adheres more closely to the texts. In fact, *Return to Oz* is a mish-mash of L. Frank Baum's second and third Oz books, *The Land of Oz*, and *Ozma of Oz*, respectively.

Although this movie was well-directed, well-written, and had top-notch special effects,

(for the time), it was dragged through the mud by critics. This always surprised me, because even though I'm a bit biased in its favor I always thought it was the best of the live-action Disney movies. Despite its critical backlash, it remains held high in the opinion of fans. It definitely has a cult following

that could possibly grow in this age of "Lord of the Rings".

All in all, this movie is certainly worth the effort involved in tracking it down to rent. It will shake your perceptions of the first movie, and possibly other "fairy tales" that you remember from your childhood. (To see what I mean, compare the original *Pinocchio* to the Disney version, sometime.) I guarantee that after seeing this movie, you'll want to return to Oz again and again.

