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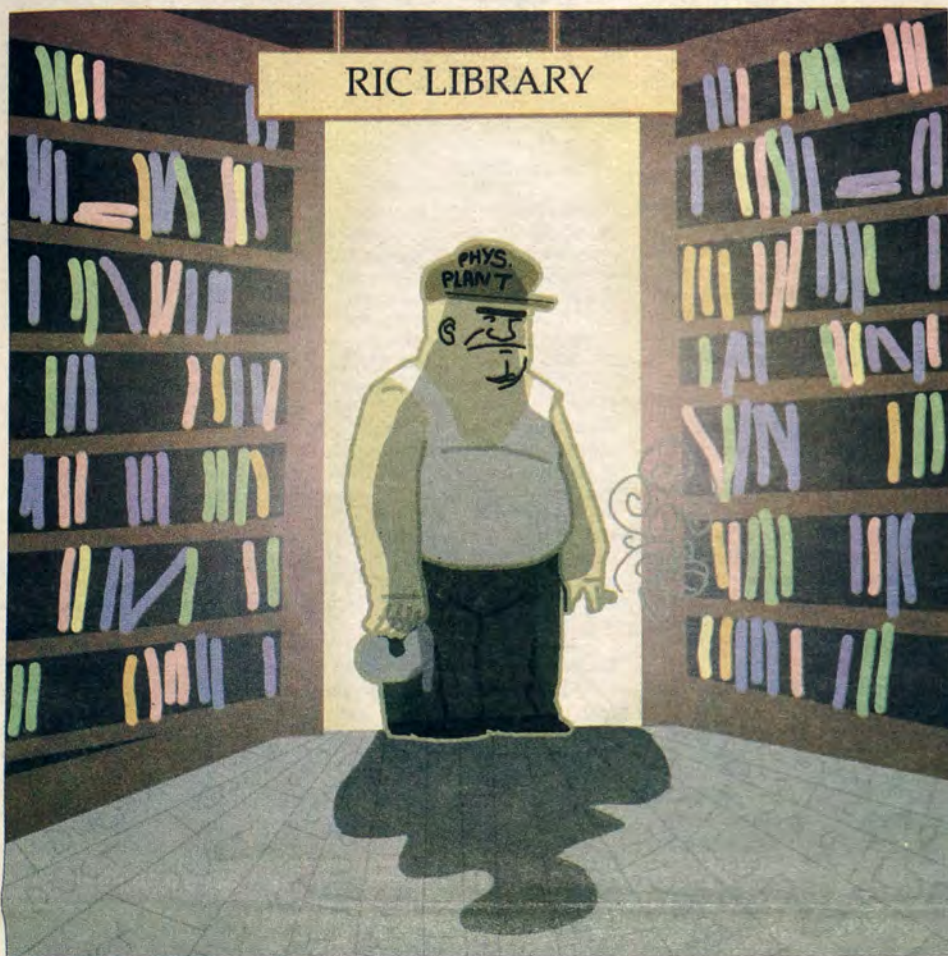
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## Library Renovations "No More Duct Tape"

By: Ann-Marie Piantadosi  
Anchor Staff

Students who went to Adams Library during the first few days of the spring semester probably noticed a major change in the main floor's appearance.

That change is the result of renovations, which have so far been made only to the main floor, which began during the winter break. As of now, the walls have been painted, new bubblers have been installed, and all the doors were revamped. Plans to renovate all the bathrooms on each of the library's four floors, as well as to put down multi-blue/golden-brown carpet tiles on the main floor, are also in the works.

Some library employees felt that the building needed substantial renovating and that plans for such work couldn't begin soon enough.

"I think that the library is long overdue for a renovation," said library director Tjalda Nauta.

"I'm excited," said Rachel Carpenter, a reference librarian. "We'll have change because it's needed."

Other employees felt that although the renovations were needed, they weren't too thrilled about the main floor's new look.

"I don't particularly care about the wall color, but it may look better with the blue floor," said Crystal Berube, a microforms assistant. "At least they're fixing up the library."

Dr. Orestes Monterey, Director of Capital Projects at Rhode Island College (RIC), said the winter recess seemed to be the best time to start renovating the library, and that all the construction plans "fell into place."

"The opportunity presented itself, and we happened to pull it all together nicely as a package," he said. "Christmas time was an ideal time to at least experiment with the painting."

Monterey said the walls, which had water damage, needed to be painted right away.

He said that the primary focus for now was to finish renovating the main floor. Monterey said this floor was the first chosen because it had no asbestos. As a result, working on this would make the reno-

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## Dancing the night away

By: Claudia Herrmann

Saturday night at "Knights of the Columbus Dillon Council" in North Providence: an 11-year-old girl was dancing with a 65-year old man, a 40-year old woman was swinging in the arms of an 18-year old man. Overall, a mixed crowd of approximately 70 people, of all ages, cultural backgrounds, colors and sizes was having a real "ball" of a time.

What do these people have in common?

They enjoy ballroom dancing.

Saturday, February 8, was the official winter-ballroom-dance from the Rhode Island College Ballroom Dance Club. Danny Kaplan, instructor from the Dancin' 'Feelin' in Warwick, RI, provided a free Tango lesson from 7 until 8 p.m.

Everything from smooth dances like Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, over Quickstep, Swing and more Latin dances like Samba, Cha-Cha, Merengue, Rumba and Salsa was offered between 8 and 11:30 p.m.

"It's great to see a large amount of youth show up dressed in some of their best formal wear, dancing in a great classy way, and having so much fun," said Cory Waterman referring to the Saturday night dance.

"I'm always looking forward to those ballroom dances on the weekends," said Kristina Juskaite, one of those who attend almost every weekly dance. "It's a positive outlook that helps me through stressful weeks. Something to look forward to."

Nah Bon, who was first introduced to

ballroom dancing through Crystal Rimenal, treasurer of the RIC Ballroom dance Club, three years ago, said: "For me dancing is a way to relax and relief stress."

Bon got his first motivation to start ballroom dancing from watching movies like *Dirty Dancing* (Mambo), *Dance with me* (Latin Dances like Salsa, Rumba and Merengue) and *Strictly Ballroom* (Tango and Paso Doble), he said.

Since then Bon has competed three times, is now on silver level and says that the semi-finals was the closest he every came to a win. But according to him, it's not about winning in competition and getting trophies. It's about trying something new, discovering talents you never thought you had and improving your self-confidence when you realize that you get better and better each time you dance with someone, he said.

"In Ballroom dancing you don't necessarily have to be a great dancer," said Felicia Higgins, president of the RIC Ballroom Dance Club. "Everyone has their strengths in certain dances, whether it is the Latin or smooth dances." And in the end, all that matters is that people enjoy what they are doing, she said.

Cory Waterman first started ballroom dancing in October last year. Since then he has hardly missed a chance to attend a ballroom dance, the Sunday practice, or any other group or private lesson. "I've been putting a lot of time and effort into dancing," he said. "And I have found a lot

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## The Murray Center

*An Honorable Name For the New RIC  
Athletic Complex*

By: Caroline Francis  
Anchor Contributor

On January 23, two sisters were honored. As the Rhode Island General Assembly passed the act and with the signature of Governor Carcieri officializing the decision, the late Catherine T. Murray and Mary F. Murray now have their names lovingly memorialized. What has been known around Rhode Island College for eight years as "the new athletic complex" has now, honorably for Rhode Island College, been named the *Murray Center*.

In 1933 and 1934 Mary and Catherine, respectively, graduated from Rhode Island College, then known as the Rhode Island College of Education. Catherine went on to earn a M.Ed. in 1951. Women's basketball program athletes while at school, and dedicated public school teachers once graduated, these two women are living on in the love they earned from family and friends. One of the most influential catalysts for the honorable naming of this new building was the nephew of the two women, Terence Murray, who said in a news release, "Their lives exemplified in the most significant ways the ideals of their profession. Because of their love and dedication, the lives of many were touched and changed. I am very fortunate to be one of

those people who was affected by their love." The Murray Center for athletics at Rhode Island College consists of the Morocco Family Student-Athlete Support Center, a weight room, locker rooms, administrative offices, conference rooms, classrooms that can accommodate 200 students, and contains a 30,000 square foot competitive arena with enough seats for 2,500 people, says the news release for this new naming decision. The building also houses hundreds of events for the community every year. This wonderful building's new name is just as much an honor for the beloved Murray sisters, as it is for Rhode Island College. "The college is honored to recognize the lifelong commitment to public education of two distinguished alumnae. It is fitting and appropriate that the College's Health, Physical Education, and Athletic Complex should reflect their dedication to the teaching profession and to the youth of our state," said Rhode Island College President, John Nazarian in the news release.

Mary and Catherine live on in the lives of those they personally knew, and now in those they never even met, because of the Murray Family Charitable Foundation that will help active, motivated and caring college students have the

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## Take A Professor To Lunch Program

The Take A Professor To Lunch Program will continue this spring. It will be held during the week of March 3rd, 2003. The object of this program is to facilitate closer student-faculty interaction in order to get students to become more engaged learners. Students will be able to invite a faculty/staff member of their choosing to a free lunch during that week. In order to participate, students must go to the Dining Center office located on the mezzanine level of the Donovan Dining Center to fill out a form and pick up a slip to be used with the cashier. The lunch is not limited to one student and one professor/staff member; a small group of students may invite a professor or staff member as well.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Southside Community Land Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote community gardening, facilitate environmental education, and act as a catalyst for related community needs. The Land Trust encompasses 12 community gardens, an extensive school-based environmental education program, City Farm, a certified organic farm, and the Shared Harvest Farm, located in Western Cranston. Volunteers play an instrumental role in all programs doing such things as working at City Farm, leading environmental field trips, and assisting at community garden workdays. They also host large groups of volunteers for workdays at City Farm, the community gardens, and at the Shared Harvest Farm. For more information about volunteering at Southside Community Land Trust, contact the volunteer coordinator at (401)273-9419 or email at [scltvolunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:scltvolunteers@hotmail.com).

**Recruiting & Teaching Opportunities for Seniors**  
On-campus recruitment for graduating seniors has begun

for the spring 2003 semester in the Career Development Center. Cranston Public Schools, St. Joseph Health Services, MetLife Financial Services, Peace Corps, and Key Program. Contact CDC, Craig Lee 054, ext. 8031, for details. The first recruiter will be here mid-February. Also, DeKalb County school system in Georgia is anticipating 1,000 vacancies in their school system. For more information visit [www.dekalb.k12.ga.us](http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us).

## 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](http://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 and Special Events

The cold, gray days of winter make a lot of people feel kind of down, lacking energy. Get revved up with exercise. A little bit of exercise can make you feel a lot more energetic. The Recreation Center Pool is a refreshing 82 degrees and is open 7 days a week for your exercising convenience. Aquatic Exercise classes are scheduled 6 days a week. Pick up a schedule at the Front Desk.

If you have any ideas for new aquatic programs or questions about any current ones, call Alan at X8227 or Janice at X8238.

**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. Whatever you do there is always room for improvement. If you are a regular lap swimmer, or would like to be one, improving your technique can add to your swimming enjoyment and reduce your risk of repetitive motion injury. This clinic can be your ticket to improvement!

**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. Just the thing to catapult you right out of those winter Blahs!

**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

Tuesdays 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 Student Organization

Wednesday evenings from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office, Donovan Lower Level/Unity Center. Kirsten Therber (one of our Peer Ministers) leads this weekly meeting. Please email her ([kirdy7@yahoo.com](mailto:kirdy7@yahoo.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](mailto: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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## Library from cover

vation process less time consuming. Asbestos removal alone takes between two to three months. Monterey said that completing the project on the main floor, which has the most foot traffic, would also generate public response that would help the college decide how to renovate the library's remaining three floors.

"We wanted to get the maximum effect," he said. "So we're focusing all activity done on the main floor to see if people will like it."

Nauta said the RIC administration is planning to eventually remodel the other floors, but said she wasn't sure when this work would take place.

"We're hoping to get funding to do one floor per year," she said.

Monterey said the money from the college's asset protection fund covered the cost of renovating the main floor. In addition, he said the Governor's Commission on Disabilities gave RIC a \$300,000 grant to go towards remodeling the bathrooms, which failed to meet American Disabilities Act requirements.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) noticed this deficiency when it conducted an accreditation report that highlighted the need to improve the library's facilities. Nauta said

that this report, which was sent to President John Nazarian in the fall of 2001, prompted RIC to start renovating the library.

NEASC evaluates every school and college throughout New England every 10 years, and designates a separate section to assess school libraries in terms of staffing, conditions of the library buildings themselves, book collections, the libraries' budgets, and services the libraries provide. A school cannot grant degrees without an NEASC accreditation.

Monterey said the college hired Blount Bennett Architects to design the bathrooms (architect company Robinson, Green, and Beretta Corp. was appointed to review the design of the new carpet tiles), which Nauta said would have the same blue/beige look as those bathrooms located in Roberts Hall. Monterey said construction on the bathrooms would begin sometime next month. Nauta said that the RIC administration is aiming to finish all renovations, including those done on the main floor and the bathrooms on all the floors by early summer of this year. She also said that Nazarian hopes to have the carpeting done (ceramic tiles will be placed in areas generating the most foot traffic, such as the floor in front of the photocopy machines located in the microforms section) on the main floor by commencement in May.

## Murray from cover

means to make the most they can of their potential. Two endowments were established by the Murray Family for Rhode Island College students. One of these endowments was \$500,000 to support athletics and scholar athletes at our school—this is an especially unique and exciting gift, because it is for a school that is in the third division for athletics, where no athletic scholarships are awarded, said in a statement found in the news release by Peg Brown, vice-president for college relations. This donation is a most helpful move towards helping Rhode Island College student athletes. The other generous endowment was \$25,000 for a scholarship given to students in our Feinstein School of Education and Human Development. These incredible

donations for the assistance of many other aspiring young people at Rhode Island College, much like Mary and Catherine use to be, reminds us that the inspiration to do well and do good is all around us, and lives in our college's history and presence.

Mary and Catherine Murray, products of the former Rhode Island College of Education gave back to many what they received from their schooling. And even now, the work of these beloved women lives on in the dreams and goals of youth today, and in all they accomplished with their lives.

A ceremony and reception to dedicate the athletic complex under its new name will take place on Wednesday, April 16 at the Murray Center.

of joy in it."

He is now looking forward to compete for his first time at the MIT ballroom dance competition in Massachusetts on the first weekend of April.

"I believe that being able to dance in such a graceful and elegant way is an attribute that will be helpful my entire life," said Waterman referring to social get-togethers, business parties and special events like weddings where ballroom dance is a must. "I've been able to turn heads at weddings and other formal functions I've been invited to because of this great hobby I found. Not to mention that it's a great way to meet and impress people ... especially girls," he said with a smile.

"It's a great way to socialize," said Nah Bon, one of the longest members of the RIC Ballroom Dance Club and senior member of the Finance Committee at RIC. "And it's great that so many young people have joined ballroom dancing over the past few years."

Higgins said: "The family that one encounters in the dancing world is great." Many non-RIC club members are actively supporting the group by showing up to these dances, said Higgins, and in exchange, many RIC Ballroom Dance Club members go to ballroom dances at URI,

## Night from cover

Kingston or the German Hall, Pawtucket.

"So far I've had the time of my life dancing," said Waterman. "Many times I felt like

I've been in a whole new world. Sometimes when I go to a German Hall or Dillon Council I feel like I'm part of a Disney movie, watching people waltz around the floor so elegantly like in *The Beauty and the Beast*," he said.

Whether they dance in a club, practice for competition or just dance for fun, most of these people come to the weekly ballroom dances on a fairly regular basis.

"Ballroom Dance is one of the rare activities that allows everyone from any age, color, or religion to come together to have a good time," said Higgins. "The most beautiful thing in the world is to see two people - no matter how different from one another - move in unison with each other. It is a sight worth seeing."

Higgins has been the president of the RIC Ballroom Dance Club since its renaissance three years ago.

Currently the club has about 20 members. Six of those couples are planning to compete at the MIT ballroom dance competition.

I'm anxious to learn more, I'm anxious for competitions and

I'm anxious to show off more to family and friends," said Waterman.

"But until the competition, a lot of practicing will be necessary," said Juskaite.

"And we still need more people ... especially guys," said Bon. "It doesn't matter what age you are as long as you are willing to try."

Lessons are provided by instructors from the *Dancin' Feelin'* every Sunday from 5.30 until 7.30 p.m. at the recreation center on the RIC campus.

The *Dancin' Feelin'* also provides the RIC Ballroom Dance Club with the knowledge they need to successfully social-dance and compete, said Higgins. The studio is well known for its excellence in dance training and multiple students have won various awards.

Anyone who is interested to join the RIC Ballroom Dance Club can just come to the next practice on Sunday at 5.30 p.m. and check it out. It is free for RIC students, and \$40.00 per semester for non-RIC students.

The next official ballroom dance is expected to be held by RIC Ballroom Dance Club at the end of April.

For more info please call Felicia Higgins at 401-467-0523 or e-mail f\_matthews66@hotmail.com

## Mix It Up At Lunch on February 25th

By: Dr. Tom Lavin  
Director, RIC Counseling Center

At many schools around the country, the cafeteria at lunchtime is a social map of the whole school—a map crisscrossed with invisible, but very real boundaries. These boundaries exist for many reasons: habit, friendship, status, fear, prejudice. The simple space of a cafeteria table is, for many, a comfort zone where we can relax, touch base, regroup, and be ourselves with those who know us best. It's a space where we may be able to let down the guard that classroom pressures sometimes compel us to erect. However, the cafeteria may also be a place where we feel alone or where we are hemmed in, constrained from crossing boundaries to connect with others who may appear "different," whether because of race, style of dress, or just familiarity. The Southern Poverty Law Center has initiated

a program called Mix It Up At Lunch—see [www.mixitup.org](http://www.mixitup.org) [from which some of this article has been excerpted]. Students from all over the country have been taking a hard look at the "rules" that tell us where we belong, who we can befriend, where we should sit. In conjunction with African American History month and following the "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria" program on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Faculty Center, we want to create an opportunity for people to take some action steps related to issues of separation and difference. On Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon in Donovan Dining Center, you will be **invited, not required**, to challenge the boundaries and take a new seat. We are not saying it is a bad thing for the black kids, or the white kids, or the Asian or Hispanic kids to want to sit together. Heaven knows, there

are many times when we need to feel the comfort of being around those with whom we have a common perspective and heritage. Furthermore, we have no illusions that this program is a panacea which will end racism or any of the other boundaries which divide us. Our goal is simply to invite you to take one small step, to help you to stretch your comfort zone. Who knows? You might even make some new friends.

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

## Please Give Them a Break

By: William Dorry  
Anchor Editor

These are the top eleven phone calls received at the Rhode Island College switchboard (456-8000) this past Monday. To refresh your memory that was the day that Mother Nature dumped the white stuff all over our fine state. Some of these calls were received prior to college being officially closed by the administration.

Can you go tell all my sons teachers that he will not be in school today?

What does all classes in the P.M. are canceled mean? What is a P.M. class?

What do you mean classes are not cancelled yet...are you f\*\*\*ing nuts?

My son has a test today at 10am...if classes are not can-

celed does that mean his class will be canceled?

Could you call me back at home and let me know when classes are canceled?

Classes are not cancelled yet? Just because your stupid enough to be there doesn't mean my kid is.

Are there back up generators in the dorms? My son is worried that he will lose power to his television and Playstation.

School is not canceled yet? Give me your name so I can sue you if anything happens to my kid.

Even though school is canceled do I still have to come in for my senior pictures?

If classes are cancelled at 12 noon, does that mean my kids classes are canceled tonight?

I just heard that classes after 12 noon are canceled. Does that

mean that just classes at 12 noon are canceled or all classes from 12 noon on?

The Anchor would just like to remind everyone that the proper number to call for advisories as to class cancellations is (456-9500). This information was handed out to all students with their admissions packet, and can be found in the campus phonebook. By flooding the switchboard with class cancellation questions it prevents the operators from routing import phone calls to their needed destinations.

Secondly The Anchor would like to know why so many parents of college age students seem to be calling on their young adult's behalf. Do these parents also wipe the posterior of their young adults at home? Just a question.



\* NEW!!! \*

Political Science/Geography Club

Meetings: Every Wednesday During the Free Period 12:30-2:00

Political Science Lounge Craig Lee Rm.217

All Majors and Interests Welcome!!



## New Studies Show Americans Have Scores of Toxins in Their Bodies

By: Seth Borenstein  
KRT Contributor

Michael Lerner and Sharyle Patton avoid red meat, buy organic produce and keep pesticides out of their Northern California home. Yet chemical analyses of their blood and urine found lots of toxins — 105 different ones for her, 101 for him.

He's got worrisome amounts of mercury, arsenic and lead. She's troubled by measurable levels of dozens of different forms of two industrial chemicals linked to cancer, dioxins and PCBs.

Two studies, one released Thursday by a New York hospital and a Washington environmental group, the other coming Friday from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, look at the prevalence of low levels of industrial and agricultural chemicals in Americans'

bodies. The chemicals' presence is not necessarily harmful, but it raises questions about how they got there and what effects they have.

"We really made choices to avoid chemical exposures, yet as my wife said, what these tests demonstrate is that we all live in the same chemical neighborhood," Lerner said Thursday from his Bolinas, Calif., home.

Lerner and Patton were part of a \$200,000 two-year "Body Burden" study by the Environmental Working Group and New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital. It tested for 210 chemicals in the bodies of eight environmental and health activists, plus journalist Bill Moyers — an unusually small sample.

In those nine people — including a two-time cancer survivor who'd received chemotherapy — 167 different industrial and agricultural chem-

icals were found. The chemicals — including heavy metals, phosphate and chlorine compounds from insecticides, dioxins and PCBs — have been linked to cancers, nervous system malfunctions and birth defects.

Friday's CDC study will examine the issue differently. The CDC looked at a larger and more representative sample of 5,000 random Americans, but searched for only 116 chemicals. Last year, looking at only 27 chemicals, the CDC found nothing alarming.

Philip Landrigan, community and preventative medicine chief at Mt. Sinai, said his study illustrates the need for answers to serious questions about what these chemicals are doing in bodies when they interact with each other, and what doses are low enough to be safe.

While the Landrigan study is of a tiny sample, its findings

fit previous CDC and Environmental Protection Agency analyses, said University of Oregon biology professor Joe Thornton. He reviewed Landrigan's work for the journal Public Health Reports.

"It shows the universality of chemical contamination of people's bodies," Thornton said.

All the studies "confirm the general message that everybody in our society has these chemicals building up. Some people have it worse than others, but everyone has it. No one is clean anymore."

So what, say other scientists.

"Hey, our body is full of chemicals. That to me isn't a concern," said Bernard Goldstein dean of the University of Pittsburgh's Public Health School and a former research chief for the EPA in the 1980s.

"It's a chemical era that we live in and there are trade-offs."

Some of these chemicals are harmful in low doses, but many are not, Goldstein said. More than anything else, these studies show that scientists have improved tests to detect chemicals, he said. Still, he added, it makes sense to do what the CDC is doing: watching how chemical loads in the body change over many years.

Not everyone agrees.

Elizabeth Whelan, president of the American Council on Science and Health, a business-oriented group that tries, it says, to "quell health fears," contends that the government shouldn't waste time or money on chemical contamination. Public health efforts should concentrate on fighting smoking and obesity and avoiding auto injuries, which claim more lives than chemicals, she said.

### Do you like to eat snack foods?

We are looking for healthy, non-smoking, college-aged males to participate in a study.

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# So, You Say You Want Diversity?

By: Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Staff

As pitchers and catchers get ready for spring training, and the NBA starts focusing on the playoffs, it would make sense to write an article on pretty much anything except football. Football takes over the minds of all Americans for months and leaves all of the other sports in the dust. Now that the "Super" Bowl is over, proving to be nothing less than a disappointment for most die hard football fans, it should be time for us to focus on something else.

Unfortunately, that is just impossible. Football is the one sport where your team can go from the basement to the top of the mountain in the short span of a year. Because of this, die hard fans spend half the year watching games, and the other half following their teams as they make personnel changes and recondition themselves for the next year.

Being that it is Black History Month, it would be nice to talk about one of the central themes of this month: Diversity. Since 1987, the NFL has had a program designed to prepare minority coaches for life as a full time NFL Coach. Since that time,

however, there have been an enormous amount of candidates, but a lack of actual coaches.

Last year the league took action to right this problem. They mandated that, in the event of a coaching vacancy, teams were required to interview at least one minority candidate before they could officially hire a new man for the job. This proposal was signed by all thirty two owners, and brought praise to all involved for their tireless efforts at making the NFL an equal opportunity place to work. But even though these teams were supposedly in favor of making changes in the way they do business, it has become apparent over the past couple of weeks that some of these teams may have missed the message.

Of the five coaching vacancies this year, only one went to a minority candidate. This was the case in Cincinnati where Dick Lebeau, about to enter his third year with the team, was given the ax after a very unimpressive run of 12-33 during his tenure. This move surprised no one, as the Bengals were the unanimous choice for the worst team of the year. The Bengals, however, did make one correct move. They hired the best man for the job,

Marvin Lewis, a defensive coordinator with over 20 years of coaching experience.

The hiring of Lewis was overdue. Not only being a minority candidate, but one of the smartest coaches around, Lewis should have been given a head coaching job a long time ago. It is even worse when you consider that many of the coaches he was passed over for went on to have a horrible run.

Lewis was the only significant breakthrough for the leagues minority-recruiting policy. Of the other four coaching vacancies, there seemed to be little change in the way things were before this plan went into action.

In Dallas, it was a foregone conclusion as to who would get the job. There was really no doubt about which coach Jerry Jones had in mind. Not to knock his selection method, because Bill Parcells is going to the Hall of Fame as soon as he stays retired, but there was a consensus that Dallas did not even give anyone else a chance.

As bad as that situation was, it pales in comparison to the joke known as the Detroit Lions. After showing some signs of life this year, GM Matt Millen said that he had no need of hiring a new

coach and that he would stick with his man, and long time friend, Marty Mornhinweg. They must not have been too close as Marty got booted shortly after Steve Mariucci became available.

Mariucci was the choice long before he officially took over the reigns. Begin a Michigan born man himself; it was pretty well decided before any others were interviewed. In fact, it was so ridiculous that almost every minority coaching candidate who may have been considered for the job passed on the offer to be interviewed. Because of this, the NFL is considering serious action against Detroit for obviously ignoring their initiative agreed upon last year. Whether or not anything actually happens remains to be seen.

Maybe the Lions should have paid attention to Mariucci's former team. After an embarrassing playoff loss, the San Francisco 49ers began a slow and agonizing process of selecting a new head coach. The way they went about handling their situation drew praise around the league as they analyzed every potential candidate and selected who they best thought would lead their team to glory. That man was Dennis Erickson, one of the

all-time winningest coaches in college football history. While not being a minority coach, Erickson certainly has the credentials to back up his hiring.

This has been what the NFL wanted all along. It does not want to force the idea of minority candidates onto its teams. What it wants is a fair process that considers all applicants equally. There are certain minority candidates such as Dennis Green (97-62 lifetime with over ten years of experience) and Tim Lewis (current defensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers) that have shown they deserve to be head coaches in the NFL, and will one day get their chance again.

While anyone who knows anything about football probably applauds the leagues minority hiring policy, it is useless if teams do not take it into action. This year there have been many coaching changes. Some teams have taken this need for diversity into consideration and should be applauded. Others, however, seem to have ignored it in favor of a quick fix. One way or another, the NFL is going to have to deal with these problems in order to see to it that becoming a head coach in the NFL is a fair and equal process.

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## Around The World and Back Coach Mike Kelly, Men's Basketball

By: James Bessette  
Anchor Staff

Coach Mike Kelly in the last ten years has been around the world and back, both literally and figuratively speaking. In his second tour of duty with RIC, Coach Kelly has turned around a basketball program where it won a total of eighteen games the last four years, with a solid 12-10 overall record. "This year, we've increased the talent dramatically. The team is older, age wise, whereas last year it was a very young team. Basically, we have a better team this year," says Kelly.

The native of Yarmouth, Massachusetts first got into the sport of basketball at a young age by his father who himself was a high school basketball coach. After graduating from Dennis - Yarmouth High School in 1989, Kelly played point guard for St. Joseph's College in Maine. In both 1992 and 1993, Kelly helped lead the team to the district championship as well as a berth in the NAIA National Tournament. "I played the game the best that I



could," said Kelly, "I would've done anything to earn a chance to play professional ball. Unfortunately, it wasn't in the cards for me."

From 1993 to 2001, Kelly was an assistant coach at three different schools: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (1993-1996), Virginia Tech (1996-1999), and Davidson College (1999-2001),

before taking the head ranks at RIC. Also, within that time, Kelly has held different basketball clinics in Europe. "It was interesting. We had a team together playing in Ireland. I also taught in Belgium, Italy, and France. It was such a good experience," says Kelly, "The funny thing was that when I explained the techniques and the interpreter spoke after me, I didn't know if the interpreter was saying what I said or talking bad about me." Coach also mentioned that he has about four to five contacts in Europe he talks to about possible recruits. "I've had a few ideas," says Kelly, "There was one kid in Belgium who was good enough to play for us, but elected to sign onto a team in Belgium instead."

As for his current situation, Kelly is still taking it one day at a time. "My goal is to win against Southern Maine, and also beat UMass - Dartmouth," Kelly explains, "I don't look ahead. I look at what's right in front of me. I want RIC to be a legit contender in the Little East and be one of the top teams playing."

## RIC Captures Pilgrim Wrestling League Title

By: Scott Gibbons  
Sports Information Director

The Rhode Island College wrestling team captured its first-ever Pilgrim Wrestling League title by sweeping a tri-meet at Johnson and Wales University on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Head Coach Jay Jones' team won their opening match vs. Coast Guard, 28-12, and defeated the Wildcats, 26-18.

The wins lift RIC to a perfect 5-0 mark in the league. The Anchormen have one league match remaining vs. Bridgewater State on Saturday, Feb. 15. Since every team in the league has at least two losses, the Anchormen clinched the title with the tri-meet victories.

RIC is gearing up for the 2003 New England College Conference Wrestling Association Championships (NECCWA), which will be hosted by Roger Williams University on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23.

The Anchormen are 13-9 overall, 8-5 in the NECCWA and 5-0 in the Pilgrim League. RIC is currently riding a six-match winning streak heading into this weekend's tri-meet with Bridgewater State and Trinity.

Senior Mike Riley (Lowell, MA) swept both of his matches against Coast Guard and JWU. Riley is 24-3 at 133 lbs. with 98 points, 100 takedowns, five reversals, 27 escapes, 14 near-falls and one pin. Riley is ranked number one in New England at 133 lbs. (Div. III). He placed first at 133 lbs. at the Roger Williams Invitational (11/16) and second at the Doug Parker Invitational (11/23).

Sophomore Justin Deveau (North Attleboro, MA) swept both of his matches against Coast Guard and JWU. Deveau is 28-4 at 197 lbs. with 126 points, 44 takedowns, seven reversals, 23 escapes, 17 near-falls and eight pins. Deveau is ranked number two in New England at 197 lbs. (Div. III). Deveau is currently riding a 17-match win streak. He placed first at 197 lbs. at the Doug Parker Invitational (11/23) and third at the Roger Williams Invitational (11/16).

Freshman Carlos Lopez (Lowell, MA) swept both of his matches against Coast Guard and JWU. Lopez is 26-11 at 157 lbs. with 105 points, 75 takedowns, one reversal, 33 escapes, eight near-falls and four pins.

Sophomore Keith Nelson (Rhinebeck, NY) swept both of his matches against Coast Guard and JWU. Nelson is 24-15 at 174 lbs. with 92 points, 48 takedowns, nine reversals, 54 escapes, 15 near-falls and five pins. He placed third at 165 lbs. at the Doug Parker Invitational (11/23) and fifth at the Roger Williams Invitational (11/16).

Sophomore Matt Kelly (Carver, MA) swept both of his matches against Coast Guard and JWU. Kelly is 22-12 at 141 lbs. with 100 points, 27 takedowns, four reversals, 25 escapes, 14 near-falls and ten pins. He placed fourth at 141 lbs. at the Doug Parker Invitational (11/23).

Senior Mike Penza (Cranston, RI) is 6-14 at 149 lbs. with 27 points, eight takedowns, 23 escapes and two pins. Penza

won a huge match in double overtime to help RIC defeat Roger Williams on Feb. 7 and remain undefeated in the Pilgrim League.

Sophomore Eddy German (Providence, RI) split two matches vs. Coast Guard and JWU. German is 15-18 at 125 lbs. with 74 points, 48 takedowns, three reversals, 27 escapes, five near-falls and two pins. Freshman Dennis Stone (Danbury, CT) pinned his opponent from JWU. Stone is 4-8 at 165 lbs. with 18 points, 15 takedowns, three reversals, nine escapes, four near-falls and two pins.

Freshman Arty Privedenyuk (Springfield, MA) split two matches vs. Coast Guard and JWU. Privedenyuk is 6-10 at 157 lbs. with 25 points, eight takedowns, 11 reversals, 18 escapes, 12 near-falls and two pins.

Sophomore Gerard LaBonte (Harrisville, RI) dropped his match against Coast Guard. LaBonte is 7-12 at 174 lbs. with 29 points, 12 takedowns, three reversals, 21 escapes, eight near-falls and two pins.

Sophomore Ryan Klupt (North Providence, RI), wrestling two weight classes above his normal competitive weight, lost against Coast Guard and JWU at heavyweight. Klupt is 4-17 at 184 lbs. with 12 points, ten takedowns, four reversals, 17 escapes and one near-fall.

Rounding out the rest of the 2002-03 Pilgrim Wrestling League Championship Team is freshman B.J. Atkinson (Danbury, CT). He is 4-9 at 285 lbs. with 21 points, seven takedowns, one reversal, eight escapes, three near-falls and three pins.

Freshman Richard Chute (Wrentham, MA) is 6-7 at 133 lbs. with 25 points, 16 takedowns, seven reversals, 14 escapes and three near-falls. Freshman Andrew Algarin (Leominster, MA) is 5-5 at 285 lbs. with 24 points, five takedowns, three escapes and three pins. Sophomore Tim Robblee (Wakefield, MA) is 8-10 at 157 lbs. with 39 points, 14 takedowns, four reversals, 20 escapes, three near-falls and five pins. Sophomore Andre LaBonte (Harrisville, RI) is 3-7 at 197 lbs. with nine points, six takedowns, three reversals, 17 escapes and three near-falls.

Junior Steve Signore (North Providence, RI) is 2-10 at 184 lbs. with seven points, 20 takedowns, 19 escapes and two near-falls. Freshman Todd Bloom (Wantagh, NY) is 6-10 at 141 lbs. with 21 points, 15

takedowns, one reversal, 10 escapes, four near-falls and one pin. Junior Giovanni Calise (Hope, RI) is 1-1 at 285 lbs. with six points. Freshman Vito Tedesco (Johnston, RI) is 2-5 at 149 lbs. with six points,

four takedowns, three reversals, five escapes and two near-falls. Sophomore Amos Traystman (Oakdale, CT) is 1-2 at 141 lbs. with three points, one takedown, and two escapes. Freshman James Bradford (Johnston, RI) is 0-4 at 125 lbs. with one takedown, and seven escapes. Sophomore Rob Petit (Foxboro, MA) is 0-3 at 165 lbs. with three escapes and one near-fall.

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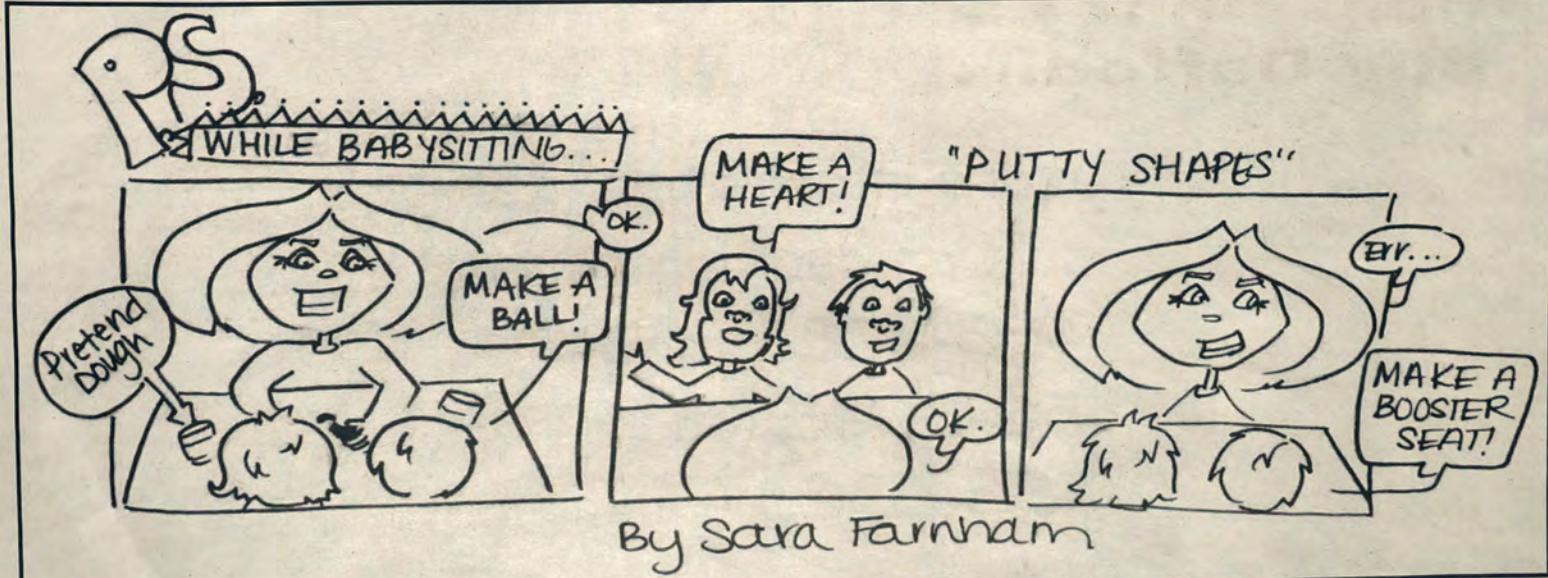
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By Sara Farnham



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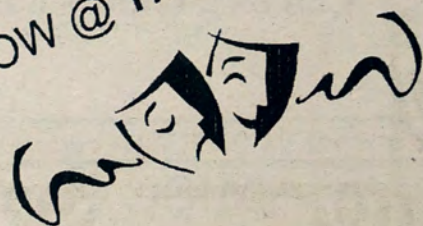
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# around campus

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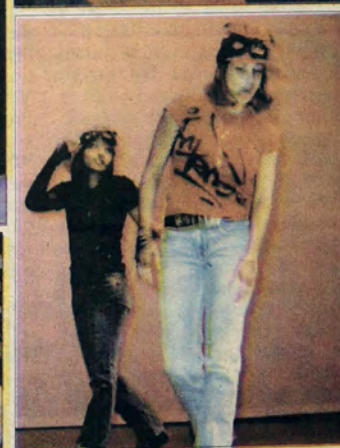
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## Justice for all in Russia

By: Michael Philbin, member  
-RIC Amnesty international

To the Editor:

Perhaps on of the most important events of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century were 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 development 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 the ethnic groups are but few of the routine occurrences in Russia. These violations of the 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 abuse 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 in to custody by police faces the risk of torture or mistreatment. It is most likely that suspects will experience torture during interrogation immediately after arrest but before they've been charged with a crime. Beating, electric shock, rape, and near-suffocation are the most common methods to 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 is 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 fre-

quently pressures the police to quickly get confessions from suspects-indirectly encouraging the use of torture methods. It is absolutely essential that the Russian government refine their justice system in a manner that actually abides by the YN 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 a 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 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 experiences in Russia.

The economy that Russia has been experiencing for some time now has led to a considerable increases in family's experiencing poverty. A negative social aspect of this has been these dramatic increases 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 act on abuse cases, along with reports of the mistreatment of women by the authorities, it is a clear violation of human rights for women. Yet another agreement, the Protocol of the UN women's convention, was ratified by the Russian government 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 aid-

ing, 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 extrajudicial 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 bombing that targets 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 the 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 exist 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 the virtues of their new democratic system can be further validated by respecting international law. 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 people of Russia can be achieved.

## A Conservative Response

Letter to the Editor  
By: Forrester Safford

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I am writing this letter in response to Mr. Stephen Hendrick's letter entitled "In Support of Gay Marriages on Nation Freedom to Marry Day". In his letter Hendrick states that there is an increase in the support of gays being allowed to be legally married. Mr. Hendrick also talks about a proposed bill in his home state of Montana that would allow gay marriages. He feels the bill will fail; however merely having the bill proposed in groundbreaking.

After reading the letter I wrote an email to Mr. Dinesh D'Souza, the author of "Letters to a young conservative," and I thanked him for giving me the advice on how to respond to the legalizing gay marriages issue. The question is "Why Shouldn't gays be able to marry?" The answer: Gays can marry. Anyone can marry as long as they marry someone of the opposite sex. The right to get married is like the

right to vote. The right is out there for everyone to use at their pleasure, do not twist it around and say that you are not given these rights in the first place.

I am not of the mindset that two men or two women cannot be in love. I have gay friends as well as family members who are gay, and I know that they love their partners.

As we continue to evolve as a society and more special interest groups in popularity for their causes we must stand firm by not legalizing all of their demands in order to preserve our country's integrity and basic morals. We also must consider the consequences of allowing extreme groups prevail. Look at our past. We have had the Black panthers, the clash Ruby Ridge and continue to have a scattered Ku Klux Klan in Waco and at Ruby Ridge and continue to stand firm against the Klan, even though they say that we are denying them "their rights". Each one of us has the God given right to have and embrace certain beliefs, however, we must not expect all of our beliefs to become laws.

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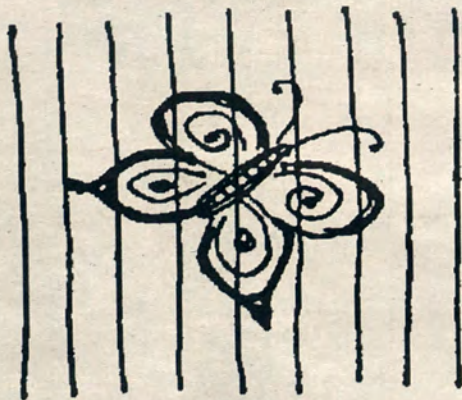
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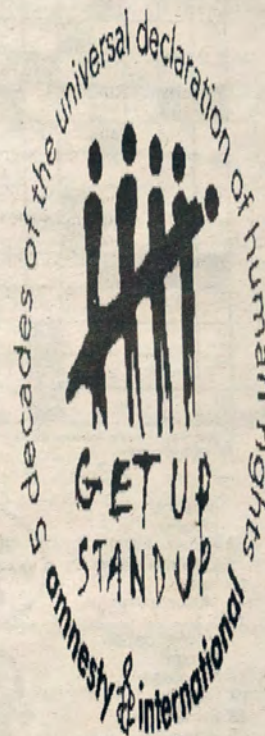
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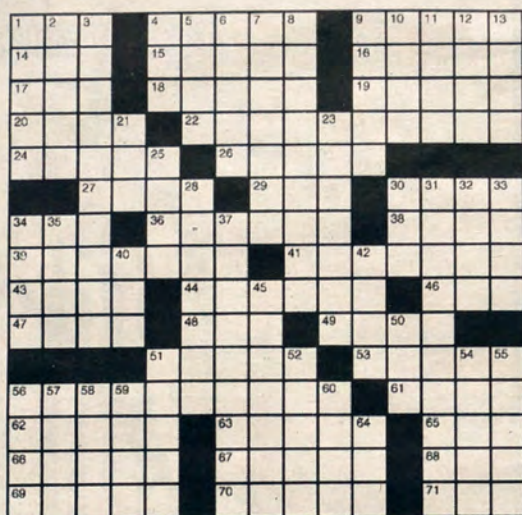
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## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Dodge fuel
  - Make unclear
  - Scent
  - Yale student
  - NASA booster
  - 1981 John Lennon hit
  - Bookish org.
  - Dated more recently
  - Separated
  - Easy win
  - Ability to recover quickly
  - Lovable
  - Disprove
  - Pierce
  - Fond du \_\_, WI
  - Corrosive stuff
  - Feminine pronoun
  - Filled strip
  - Press by persuasion
  - Flute relative
  - Coerce forcefully
  - UAE word
  - Enticing
  - Sardonic
  - Jersey hoopsters
  - Anger
  - Conger and moray
  - Sheriff's band
  - Contributor
  - Gulag
  - Existed
  - Written defamation
  - Medleys
  - Drink a little at a time
  - Burning
  - Rocket type
  - Pekoe or oolong
  - Affirmatives
  - Double curves
  - Cunning

- DOWN**
- Transmission components
  - Permit
  - Feline breed
  - Forbid
  - Elbe tributary
  - Less
  - Reflexive
  - personal pronoun
  - Father of Italy
  - Bide one's time
  - Lasso
  - Muscat sultanate
  - "I and My Village" painter
  - Chagall
  - Pot starter
  - Favorite
  - Swiss lake
  - Poi source
  - Gold in bars
  - Mo. for Leos
  - Lookouts' perches
  - Stravinsky or Sikorsky
  - Repudiate
  - Extend across
  - Employ
  - Lincoln's eighty
  - TV network
  - Advanced in years
  - Used goods transactions



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I was here last week, that is to say I wasn't gone?!



- Dejected
- Warsaw populace
- Sends forth
- Bay window
- Return in kind
- Dramatic
- performance
- Abundant
- Winged wader
- Withered
- Skin opening
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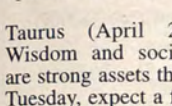


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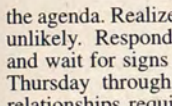
**Aries (March 21-April 20).** Business negotiations are annoying this week. Even though new information may be needed from authority figures, vital communications or messages will be delayed. Some Aries natives may also find that short-term financial decisions are unusually complex. Workable choices will arrive later in the week. Remain patient and avoid public discussions. After Friday, a close friend may request detailed family or romantic advice. Be supportive. Strong opinions are needed.



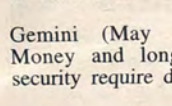
**Taurus (April 21-May 20).** Wisdom and social diplomacy are strong assets this week. After Tuesday, expect a friend or lover to present an unusual problem for consideration. Family history, conflicting values or complex social disagreements may be on the agenda. Realize that change is unlikely. Respond with caution and wait for signs of acceptance. Thursday through Sunday, love relationships require serious discussion and new emotional rules. Listen to your instincts and ask for more time.



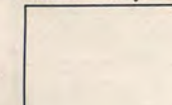
**Gemini (May 21-June 21).** Money and long-term family security require detailed discussion this week. Monday through Thursday, a sudden financial choice or new route to success may arrive. Many



**Cancer (June 22-July 22).** Business partnerships may seem abrupt or strained this week. Pay close attention to established power struggles between authority figures. After midweek, many Cancerians will increase



**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).** Work discussions are misleading this week. Even though officials and colleagues are cheerful or optimistic, recent policy changes or workplace improvements may be bothersome. Watch for unexpected emotions or subtle criticisms. Take none of it personally. Tensions will soon be forgotten. After Thursday, attitudes and group opportunities improve. New workplace challenges and social introductions will be worthwhile. Stay open to fast emotional changes.



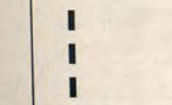
**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Over the next few days, romantic seduction will captivate your time and attention. For many Virgos, a new attraction or surprising proposal may soon arrive. Emotional energy is positive and



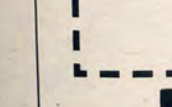
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Family and romantic pressures are intense before midweek. No lasting effects can be expected, so not to worry. Do, however, watch for lovers and close relatives to strongly disagree concerning schedules, traditional roles or family functions. After Thursday, opinions and attitudes will



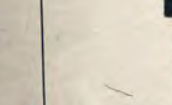
**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Social messages will be confusing this week. Before Wednesday, expect friends or loved ones to be misinformed or unclear about their priorities. Quick disagreements or group tensions may be amusing. Watch for giddy moments of conflict or fast reversals. For many Scorpios, this unusual social energy will initiate an intense period of romantic increase or new introductions. Private passions will be high. Accept all invitations and watch



**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Late Tuesday, a colleague may ask for personal advice or special favors. Remain cautious. Although no long-term affects can be expected, workplace politics may be privately complicated. Expect business conflicts or subtle power struggles to be revealed within the next few days. If possible, avoid public statements or unusual requests. After Thursday, hidden romantic attractions will be made obvious. Don't overreact. Social acceptance may be a key concern.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).** Romantic flirtations are extremely distracting this week. Although all is well, do avoid mildly unethical romantic overtures or workplace complications. Over the next few days, private relationships may interfere with important public or business events. Pace yourself and react with polite, calculated gestures. After Friday, watch for a quick flurry of financial information. Past agreements may contain mistakes. Verify all documents before submitting final applications.



**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).** Early this week, revised work assignments may demand extra concentration. Apply new mental energy to ongoing team problems and all will be well. Some Aquarians will also encounter a series of newly assigned projects. If so, stay alert and expect detailed reports and written proposals to be complicated by faulty numbers for the next three weeks. After Friday, a quick moment of passion may trigger romantic decisions. Carefully consider the feelings of all involved.



**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).** Love and long-term relationships will soon be back on track. Late Tuesday, expect close friends to no longer influence the feelings or actions of loved ones. Private romantic promises and new intimacy are strongly accented over the next few days. Enjoy the genuine attention of romantic partners and wait for meaningful change. After Friday, unexpected reversals in a recent financial agreement are highlighted. Someone close may have overextended his or her finances. Stay calm. If you have a birthday this week...Private romantic attractions will soon become publicly challenging. Over the next 10 weeks, expect new relationships to demand fast social changes or increased access to your home life. Trust your instincts and react with caution. Before May, emotional promises and fresh romantic proposals may be easily reversed. By mid-June, however, stability and lasting decisions will arrive. Early this summer, watch also for unexpected workplace advancements or job promotions. Ask for new responsibilities. Almost three years of sluggish career ambition is fading.



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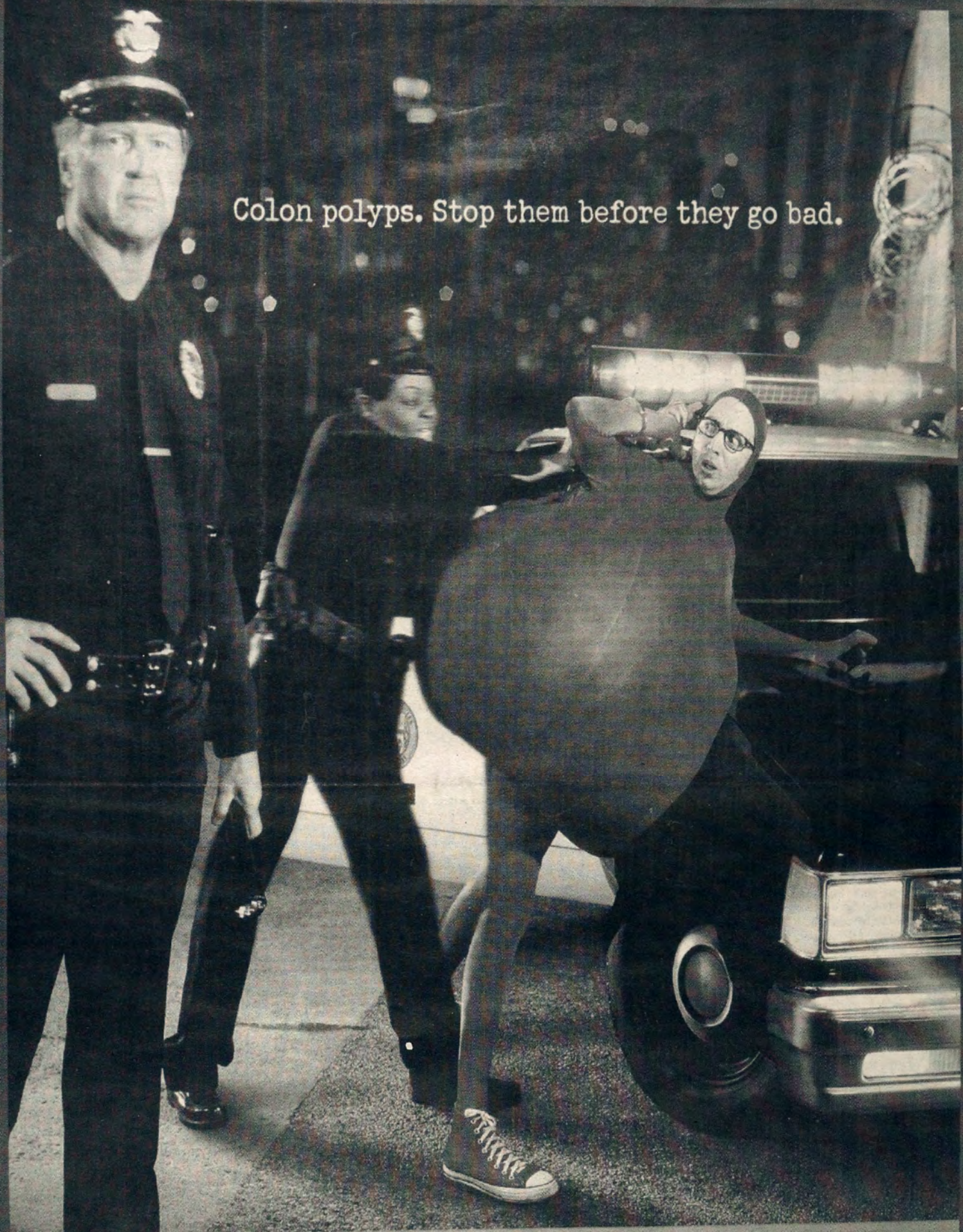
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# arts and entertainment

## Dean from back

The story starts with Bullseye in prison, serving a term for his multiple murders, but he is not bothered by this. No, what really bothers him is that he needs to find a way out to become the Kingpin's chief assassin again and kill Daredevil. He hates Daredevil not only because he has bested him in combat, but also because he saved Bullseye's life, which Bullseye views as making him weak. So after a daring prison escape that used only a six-shooter, a pill, and the help of Bullseye's live television interview, Bullseye escapes into the world at large to wreck some havoc.

His target is Elektra, who has taken his place at the Kingpin's right hand. He tracks her down and they begin to fight. Elektra has the advantage with her ninja training, but she makes a critical mistake by putting distance between herself and the master marksmen. Bullseye then pulls out an Ace of Spades and throws it directly at Elektra, picks up her weapons, and what followed was one of the most poetic and gripping single panels ever in a comic that must be read to be understood.

Without giving too much away, the fight ends and Daredevil finds out, but he isn't the only detective here. Bullseye is looking at pictures of a blind lawyer named Matt Murdock and Daredevil and puts it all together: Daredevil IS Matt Murdock. This isn't the end though.

What followed was what could be the defining fight of Daredevil's career as for six pages, Bullseye and Daredevil fight with not a single word bal-

loon. No, the attention is on the fight, as Daredevil fights more savagely and more intense than he ever has before. The fight ends on a cloths line, as Daredevil is holding on to Bullseye, who is about to fall. And for one of the first times in a comic ever, the hero lets go and let's the villain face his fate.

The importance of this is it was written in 1982. This was back when comics were supposed to be clean, as heroes saved everyone, including villains, and no one ever died (with the exceptions of Uncle Ben, Gwen Stacy, and Bucky). This single comic changed that though as one character met the end, and Daredevil stopped being a hero and start being a man. He realizes that sometimes you can't do the right thing but must do something to end a problem. It's a growing moment, as this could be viewed as giving rise to the "grim and gritty" era of comics that would follow four years later. Still, this is not one to be missed.

This story was voted #20 on Wizard magazine's "Top 40 Comics," and followed behind the main stories that are associated with comic greatness. It is up there because it defined a character and made a not just a villain, but a true nemesis out of Bullseye as he did one of the most vile actions in comic history. For those who want to check this story out, it is available in the Daredevil Visionaries: Frank Miller Vol 2 collection, which is available at most Borders locations. If you read this in conjunction with the movie, you will understand why Bullseye is in his own words "magic."

## Vagina from back

obviously made uncomfortable by the word "vagina," told Wartenberg. "We just have to be tenacious though. Some men and women think that we are man-hating femin-Nazis, but this is a movement for men and women." Some people such as the faculty, are showing support though, so the reaction in the end is mixed.

The readings are not just for women, as the readings have something for men, too. The monologue was meant to give insight to what it's like being a woman. It gives perspective and allows men to "peer behind the curtain to see Oz."

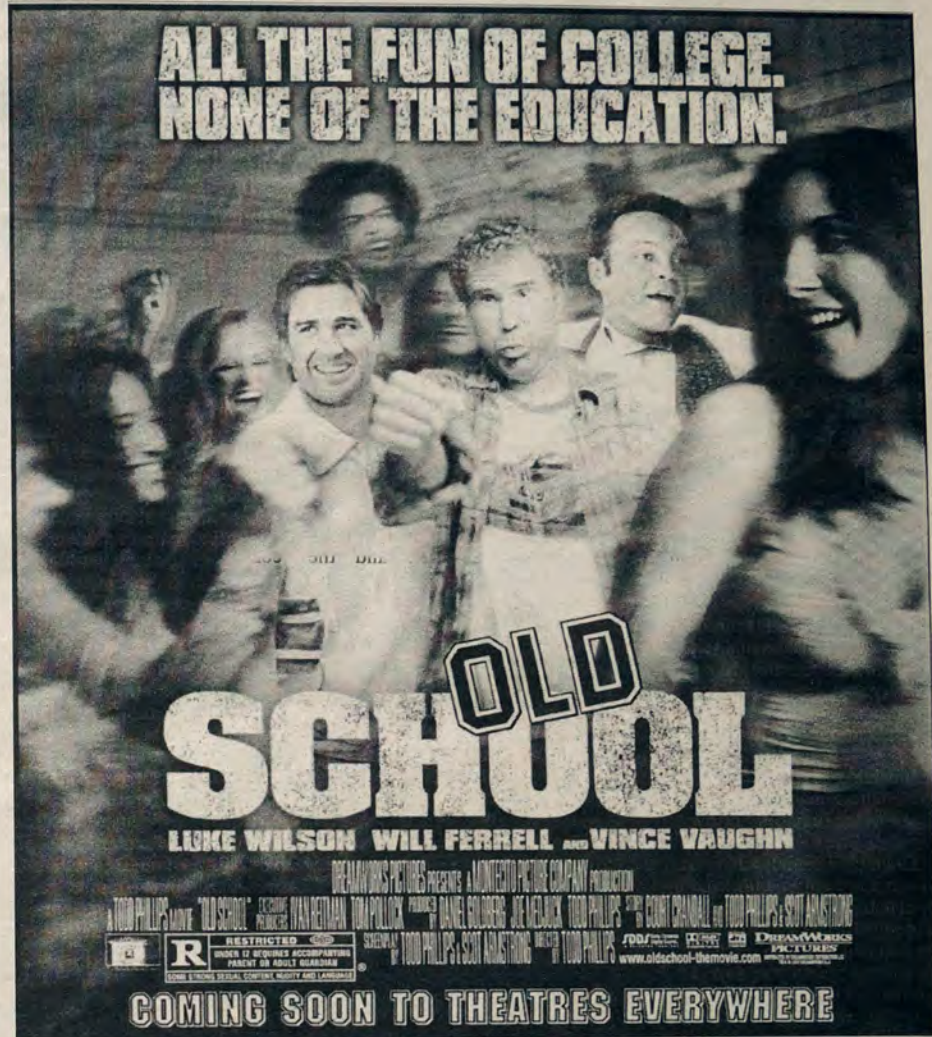
As a preview, Wartenberg told of the piece she is performing, called "My Vagina is my Village." This is the story about a woman is in a rape camp, who compares the rape of her village to the rape of herself, as a conse-

quence of war. "It made me cry the first time I read it...everytime I see it performed or read it, I'm incredibly moved."

The performance of the Vagina Monologues is being held on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22 at Roberts Hall at 8pm. Admission is \$7 for students and \$10 non-student. There will be themed refreshments and a raffle for such prizes as a gift-certificates to Café Luna, bike tune-ups as Estás on Thayer Street, and others. The proceeds will go to the Elizabeth Buffum Chase House and the Blackstone Shelter, two local women's shelters which helps women who are abused and in need of help.

So, for those who want a unique experience and to help the less fortunate, check out the Vagina Monologues. It will be an event you won't soon forget.

**I really hope that someone reads this, if for no other reason than the fact that we did this paper in a blizzard which forced me to sleep in the dirty Anchor office instead of my slightly cleaner bed. My wonderful, clean bed.**



## Survivor from back

na.

In this years contest, players will be separated into teams of eight, "Tabmaqui" for the men, and "Jaburu" for the women. Each week, the teams will do battle for rewards and for the coveted immunity idol. The team that wins the idol will have a leg up on their competitors, and avoid being forced to vote off one of their members at the next tribal council.

Within minutes of the tribes being split, the war of words began. Even before they got to their camp, the men were over-confident and cocky about their chances. "I think as a whole we have gotten along very well, but I think that the women have got to be having a very difficult time. I don't think they ever thought they would be doing this on estrogen alone over there in the camp of the 'vagina monologue,'" notes Rob Cesternino, a 24-year-old New York native.

The women were rather confident themselves as well. Although they may be at a disadvantage in terms of physical

strength, many made the point that women usually have more stamina. Jeanne Hebert, New England's lone representative on the show (She lives in North Attleboro), felt that things were in favor of team Jaburu. "It's okay, we're Amazon women, and we'll make it. We will toughen up and make it through to the end and kick the guys' butts."

The cocky men got what they deserved in the first immunity challenge. After having a substantial lead, they couldn't pull it off and were defeated rather easily. The win seemed to ignite the women and give them much need confidence. "(Winning) just mentally gives you more energy. We really can do this. We can pull this off just as well as the guys. Actually, better," exclaimed Jaburu's Heidi Strobel.

The loss didn't dampen the men's spirits, however. "The bottom line is that a lot of the girls would be great eye candy, but when it comes down to it, we want people who are going to be useful. If we lose to the girls, it's

going to be rough, really rough," remarked Ryan Aiken. Aiken would find out later how true his words were. After being primarily responsible for the Tabmaqui loss, Ryan was the first to get the ax as the men were forced to choose among themselves as to who would find their trip on the Amazon rather short.

All in all, the first show of the "Amazon" did not disappoint. Survivor: The Amazon easily crushed everything it ran against, with the exception of NBC's "Friends". Pulling in a 12.5 rating, the show looks to be going strong during a time where there are no guarantees as far as television is concerned. It is common place to be a success one minute and on the unemployment line the next. No matter what's changed over the years, Survivor has always been one of the top rated shows on television. The show's trademark phrase of "Outwit, Outplay, Outlast" has become a staple on American television, and by the looks of it, doesn't look to be going away anytime soon.

## Unity from back

after party.

Comedian Jonathan Gates kept the crowd on their toes all night, treating everyone equally as he made jokes about several racial stereotypes, but it was all in fun. "I hope you all know that this is just for fun, and I don't mean anything by it," said Gates with a smirk on his face. "If you like it that's good, but if I offend you then, hey, relax."

It was Gates' comic relief and political incorrectness that kept the crowd rolling with laughter. No matter who you were, he found a way to make fun of you, and it's very hard not to laugh at something so good. Stealing the show wasn't an easy thing to do, especially with the

competition so good, but Gates did it like a pro. "You better sit yo' ass down, this ain't no ghetto price is right". It was things like this that helped create a great environment whether you've been to similar events or this was your first time.

"I came here to watch some of my friends perform, but it is really surprising how hard they have to work. Doing these different things require a lot of skill and energy and it's not for someone who isn't ready to devote their time," states Joesph Mora, an out of state student. Mora had never been to an event like this, but no doubt he left satisfied with what he got for his money.

"Events such as the Step

Renaissance and 'Harlem Renaissance Music' (Feb. 12) are good ways for people to get exposed to things they might have never seen before." Explains Stephanie Ugbanaja, a student working at the Unity Center. "Afterwards they might leave with a better understanding of how different cultures interact, and that's really our goal."

It may take a while for everyone to completely embrace the message that the Unity Center is trying to spread, but it's clear that things are changing. Says Stephanie "I'm proud of the events we've planned this month. RIC's come a long way towards campus unity and things can only improve from here."



## Fear from back

someone close to him is taken away unjustly. It's the same with many heroes, but it still is manages to draw you in. Also, with Matt's blindness, it adds a unique situation. He can't see, but he has the radar sense. The special effects in the movie use shadows and soundwaves to give the audience a glimpse into Matt's world. These scene are often incredible as we can see the world stretch out and disappear in front of us, as the sound travels away. It's a new way of looking at the world I personally have never seen before in comics.

The plot then shifts focus as Matt meets Elektra (Jennifer Garner), a beautiful woman who's talent in the martial arts give her the right to the moniker of "femme fatale." Matt and Elektra become smitten as they lose each other in the moment. They have the perfect romance until her father gets between them...at one point, literally.

You see, Elektra's father, Nikolaos Natchios (Erick Avari) is a wealthy and powerful man, but has mistakenly made ties with Wilson Fisk (Michael Clark Duncan), the Kingpin of Crime. Nikolaos tries to escape the seedy underworld of the Kingpin, which displeases Fisk. Displeases him to the point where he is forced to unleash the master assassin Bullseye (Colin Farrell) to "take care of the problem." Matt, looking out for both the innocent and Elektra, gets mixed up and all hell breaks loose.

To get into the main critic, I'd first like to make one point clear. It's easy to see that right now we are in a reemergence of comic movies right now. There's *Spiderman*, *X-Men*, and the upcoming *Hulk*. What sets *Daredevil* apart from these is it's tie-ins. Of all of these, *Daredevil* is one of the few not to have a cartoon or toy-line before the

movie was released. All of the others have been exposed over the years, as there has been *X-Men* and *Spiderman* cartoons, as well as the *Hulk* TV show. Not so with *Daredevil*. The movie is just based on the 35+ years of history from the comic, and as such, some people will not be able to understand some of the deeper character relations. This is the reason it seems that the *Daredevil*/Elektra relationship seems rushed, while in the comic, it's actually deeper (not much though, as it was more of a physical thing there...at first anyways). Also, the Bullseye/*Daredevil* rivalry is not as intense. The movie is about their initial encounters. True, Bullseye has a score to settle, but in the comic, it much more personally (it has to do with the movie's climax). So, the movie seems rushed, but it does touch upon these major issues.

While most of the perform-

ances were well what I expected, the two characters that I believe stole the film were Colin Farrell as Bullseye and Jon Favreau as Franklin "Foggy" Nelson, Matt's law partner. As Bullseye, Colin expresses the characters sociopathy logy to a t, from his disdain for everyone else to his pride in his own abilities. He's a hotshot who never misses and has the unique ability to make any object a weapon, whether it be a throwing stars, a paper clip, or even an Ace of Spades. His tattoo on his forehead just further his character, acting as a challenge as if to say "Hit me if you can...but you won't." Favreau's Foggy on the other hand, adds many instances of levity to the movie. As the ever in-the-dark best friend, he has no idea that Matt is *Daredevil* and often is more aware of his surroundings than Foggy is. It is this that adds some fun moments, as he fakes making a basket in basketball,

because he doesn't think that Matt will notice. This is just one of the many scenes in which Favreau shows that he can cut the mustard.

All in all, I was pleased with the movie. While it's not *Spider-Man*, the film brought many of the key moments of the *Daredevil* mythos to screen. From the rooftop fights to the scenes at church, the movie does a good job showing what Matt represents as *Daredevil*. The only real problem I had was the absence of some of the many supporting case in the film. While Karen Page has one scene in the movie, Stick, the blind sensei who trains Matt, the Hand, a secret ninja clan, and Turk, a lowlife informant, fail to make any appearance in the movie. While it will not affect some people, these are the tapestry that decorates Matt's world. Still, the movie entertained and showed me that justice truly is blind.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Reel Review



### Playing 'Devil's Advocate

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As the reviews have been coming out, the new film *Daredevil* has been getting some negative reviews. I understand where they are coming from, but as a longtime fan of the comic, I disagree. The movie was actually what I expected it to be: good.

*Daredevil* follows the adventures of Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), a lawyer by day, vigilante by night. Blinded at an early age by a chemical spill, Matt learned that his remaining senses were heightened and gives him a radar sense that allows him to "see" the world around him.

The movie, sure enough goes through this part of his background. It shows him going blind and learning that his senses were going "crazy." More importantly though, it shows the reason he went into crime fighting: his father, boxer Jack "The Devil" Murdock (David Keith). Jack was a simple man, a prize-fighter who had since past his prime. He still wanted to make it though, so through hard work and determination, he climbs his way to the top. All doesn't go well though, as he is asked to throw a fight. Letting his pride get the better of him, Jack refuses and wins. His valiance is repaid by having the life beaten out of him...literally. This gives Matt the desire for vengeance, much in the tradition of Spider-Man and Batman.

It's this origin that gives Matt a sense of familiarity. He had an accident, but he overcame it to better himself. In the process of doing this though,

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## The One Constant



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In a time where a possible war has to struggle to get the same amount of attention as "American Idol", it's easy to see that something is very wrong. Perhaps this can explain the sudden crop of new "reality game shows that have sprung up, seemingly out of nowhere.

Within the past few months, there have been an unexplainable amount of television shows aimed at trying to duplicate the success of its predecessors. There have been the old fashion game shows ("I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here"), and the ever popular "Celebrities are real people too" shows (The Osbournes, The Anna Nicole Show). Of course, there have also been the traditionally favorite shows geared toward finding undiscovered "talent" (American Idol, Star Search), and even the dreaded blind date shows such as "The Bachelor", the Bachelorette, and Joe Millionaire.

Now, you would think that would be the end of it, but you'd be dead wrong. Realizing that the best thing to do is to exploit any success "reality television" has had in the past, there are even more shows scheduled to be put up in the coming months. But, no matter how hard they try, these shows pale in comparison to the king of reality TV shows. You know which one I am talking about. This show has been through it all and is still standing tall.

On February 13, 2003, CBS brought back the grand-daddy of them all in launching *Survivor 6: The Amazon*. Sixteen new castaways began preparations on what will probably be the most exhausting time of their lives. In the end, one will survive and walk away with the million dollar payoff, while the others will be left in the dust wondering what could have been.

For a show that has reigned supreme over all of its competitors, you would think that it would run out of new ideas and would have already become stale. Producer Mark Burnett has given "The Amazon" an extra twist to avoid this. In this run, *Survivor* will become a "battle of the sexes" as the two teams do battle in obstacles designed to test both strength and stami-

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## Dean of the Old School



### My Name is BULLSEYE!

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**Warning:** the following contains spoilers as to the *Daredevil* movie, as this is where the climax was taken from. If you wish to see the film, I'd suggest waiting until after you watch it to read this article. You have been warned.

With that out of the way, let me start by saying, "Best comic ever..." Or at least stand-alone in my opinion.

Previous to Frank Miller, *Daredevil*, a comic about a blind superhero, was looking at cancellation. It's sales were down, his villains, such as Stilt-Man and the Owl, were lame and no one cared. It seemed no-one cared, until Miller gave his spin.

Now a days, Miller is one of the most renowned writers in the world of comics, but a lot of his start came from *Daredevil*. He changed the comic, focusing less on supervillains and more of crime. He made the Kingpin from a cheesy crime boss to the ruler of the New York underworld. He gave life to Stick, a blind martial arts master who trained Daredevil in the ways of the ninja. He created Elektra, a ninja assassin who was Daredevil's love in college, but was now his foe. Most importantly (to me at least), he turned Bullseye from a joke into possibly one of comics' most dangerous characters. And no comic illustrates this better than *Daredevil* #181 in a story entitled "The Last Hand."

The story focuses and is told by Bullseye, an assassin who can use anything as a weapon thanks to his gifted aim. Paper clips, paper airplanes, even his own teeth are deadly in his grasp. This alone makes him dangerous, but add in his sociopath tendencies and insanity and you get one bad-ass man. But I digress...

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## Vagina Monologues

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On February 21 and 22, the Vagina Monologues is being performed for the first time ever on the Rhode Island College campus. The V-Day Committee,



an organization on campus, is sponsoring the event. The "V" in V-Day stands for three things: victory, Valentine, and vagina, hence the reason it's in February. The primary aim of this group is to create awareness to stop the abuse of women.

For those of you who don't know, the Vagina Monologues, written by New York playwright and feminist Eve Esler, is a collection of "vagina interviews" Esler conducted with over 200 women from different backgrounds. Some are funny, while some are disturbing, but they are all good.

"They are other women's stories," told Ruth Wartenberg, one of the organiz-

ers and a member of the V-Day committee. "We read [the stories] from index cards, so it's conveyed to the audience that these are other women's stories and not ours."

The Monologues deal with a variety of subject matter, which might not be what everyone wants to hear. From abuse survival to masturbation to menstruation to empowerment, the speeches touch on all of these. And it's not just based on our culture. One of the readings, entitled "Under the Burka," is about Afghan women.

Wartenberg states that the theme for this years event is the Native American women. "...they are the victim of violence and sexual assault at a much higher rate than any other ethnic group in the country. So, there's an addition monologue entitled 'the Crooked Braid' that's all about Native American women." The hope is to create awareness about the crimes being committed against them and hopefully make a difference.

Unfortunately, as noble and effort this is, the Vagina Monologues have already met with some negative backlash. The way that it seems most people is respond is by ripping down the flyers after they are put up, in the hopes of "hiding" the event. "Some people are

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## Stepping Towards A Night of Unity

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There is a reason that February is designated Black History Month. The entire month is dedicated towards remembering the past, and understanding the cultural differences that make us a unique society. The point of the celebration is to gain enough knowledge that those differences won't matter any No where was that clearer than at last Saturday's "Step Explosion", the latest in a string of successful events promoted by The Unity Center.

The event was presented by Harambee (the college's organization promoting unity among all cultures), RIC Programming, and the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity in an attempt to showcase an art form many people may not be aware of: Step Dancing.

Step Dancing can be traced back to the 14th century in many countries such as Ireland, Italy, and Germany. Today, it is fast becoming very popular at several levels ranging from high school and beyond. This competition showed exactly why. Even beyond the dance numbers and routines, there was an overwhelming sense of respect for all involved.

Right from the opening acts, it was

clear that it was going to be an interesting night. The first two teams "Intense" and "Flava Unit", from Classical High School and the University of Rhode Island respectively, each put on great performances. The New Wave Self Defense team out of Warwick Rhode Island was also very unique. Blending high impact karate moves and a mellow drum beat, the team proved to be unconventional yet entertaining at the same time.

Next up were the competitors themselves. Each team had a limited time span to show audience members what they were worth, and they did not disappoint. Teams "Zeta Phi Beta" from Johnson and Wales and "Off-A-Me-Hataz" from Brockton high school competed alongside "Black Ice", a team hailing from Toronto, for the coveted title of Best Female Step Team.

On the flip side, the men did just as well. If unity was the objective of the night, then that was reached easily. Throughout the night, members from each fraternity took turns shouting out their pride and trying to out-dual each other. In the end, they were still loud and proud even as DJ Rukiz was breaking down his equipment and preparing for the

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