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## Remembering RIC's Matriarch

By: Jackie Crevier  
Anchor Editor

"Maybe some people just aren't meant to be in our lives forever. Maybe some people are just passing through. It's like some people just come through our lives to bring us something: a gift, a blessing, a lesson we need to learn, and that's why they're here. You'll have that gift forever."—The Gift

One cannot sum up the innumerable ways of how one life can affect the lives of so many others. Each person is like a different chapter in a book. The story representing a person's life is not completely readable without a given chapter. It makes for a less fulfilling story.

Rhode Island College remembers Ms. Beverly McGinnis. Beverly was responsible for playing a multitude of roles. She was an endearing friend to those who sought advice, a valued co-worker who always adorned herself with a smile, and most importantly a mother to her own two children, the students of Student Community Government (SCG), and to Rhode Island College as a whole.

What exactly is a mother? Anon said, "When it comes to love, Mom's the word." A mother is a person who has nurturing, caring, loving, and sometimes scolding natures all rolled in one. Quite often a special person's presence in one's life becomes so instrumental that she becomes a "second-mom" or a mother figure to an individual, making it difficult for anyone to come close to taking her place. Such is the case with Beverly for many students at Rhode Island College.

Beverly McGinnis dedicated 22 years of her life, working as the Office Secretary to Student Community Government (SCG) here at RIC. She came to the college in 1981. This job, along with raising her own two children at home became her life. Since Beverly had been here so many years, she came to know a lot of students. Sally Hindson, co-worker and friend, remembers the first day she met Beverly. They had been preparing for a party. "Her laugh could be heard on the other end of the hall. She was just that kind of person," Hindson said.

Hindson also remembers Beverly's feelings about her very first day on the job. "Beverly said that this was the greatest job she ever had. She wanted to stay for a long time."

"Bev was the Student Government historian,"



left to right, Beverly McGinnis, Rep. Jim Langevin, Genevieve Bellucci



left to right, Sally Hindson, Genevieve Bellucci, Beverly McGinnis

Hindson added. "We all went to her to find out what happened some given years ago."

Hindson also said that Beverly added "keeping track of former students" to her list of responsibilities. Two RIC alumni and former SCG members include: Beatrice Lanzi, Rhode Island Senator and United way employee, and James Langevin, United States Representative.

"She felt it was important to see what they were doing," said Hindson.

Beverly was all for and about the students. Rhode Island College really became her second home. President of SCG, Dave Medeiros fondly remembers Beverly.

"She used to say we as employees of SCG, are here because of

the students. It is the students who pay the tuition and make this college what it is." Medeiros also recalls Beverly referring to her job at RIC, as being a "god-sent". "She was a mother figure and a friend to the students," Medeiros continued.

He also remarked that anything Beverly was asked to do, she did exceptionally well. "Beverly exceeded her job duties and never complained about her job, no matter what happened." Medeiros concluded his recollections of his friend, by saying, "she will be deeply missed by the organization."

Erica Hole, who is the speaker at SCG meetings, met Beverly in 1999 when she first started becoming involved in SCG. Hole acknowledged that she had become very close to Beverly.

"She thought it was funny that I was Irish," Hole began. "Beverly was a mother to all of us. I can honestly say that without Bev's support and love, RIC would not have been a place I stayed."

Hole recalled her favorite memory of her dear friend.

"I was planning an SCG holiday party and she called me like 100 times to talk to me all day long when I was already more stressed out than

ever." What she remembered Beverly saying the most was, "how much you will miss me when I don't yell at your kids anymore? Who will yell at you when I retire?" Hole now wonders about this. "Now it really is a question. I miss her everyday and this school has lost wonderful friend," she concluded.

"Beverly was the heart and soul of SCG," stated Parliament member, Heather Black. "She would yell at me for skipping class, not wearing a jacket and going outside with my hair wet." Ms. Black continued pointing out that, "someone would pop into SCG and end up talking for hours." Black also pointed out that Beverly always took the stu-

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Sally Hindson (Left), Beverly McGinnis (Right)

## In Memory of Beverly McGinnis

*I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one,  
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of smiles when life is done.  
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whispering softly down the ways,  
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grieve, to dry before the sun  
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Bannister Gallery: Annual Faculty Show - 3D & Design

Wednesday September 17 Performing Arts Series: Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations@ Rhapsody: Music of Brahms, Liszt, and

Gershwin in Sapinsley Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday September 17 Student Welcome

Monday September 22 Alumni Golf Tournament - Cranston Country Club

Wednesday September 24 Wednesday One O'clock Music Series: George Sand's Salon in Sapinsley Hall

Sunday September 28 U.S. Navy Band Recreation Center, 4 p.m.

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Wednesday October 1 Performing Arts Series: David Sedaris in Auditorium, Roberts Hall, 8 p.m.

October 2-24 October Series: Constantly Contesting

October 2-24 Bannister Gallery: October Series - Conrad Atkinson/Constantly Contesting: Art about the "Big Picture"

October 1-5 RIC Theatre: "I Hate Hamlet" in Forman Theatre

Friday October 3 Department of Nursing 30th Anniversary

Friday October 3 Rathskellar/Student Union/Campus Center

Reunion - PPAC

Saturday October 4 Athletics Hall of Fame Awards

Saturday October 4 Performing Arts Series: Barbara Cook "Mostly Sondheim" in Auditorium, Roberts Hall, 8 p.m. Sponsored by John Bacon Salon

Saturday October 4 Homecoming activity in Sapinsley Hall

Sunday October 5 RIC Chamber Orchestra in Sapinsley Hall

Wednesday October 8 Wednesday One o'clock Music Series: American Brass Quintet in Sapinsley Hall

Friday October 17 Major Donor Reception

Friday October 17 RIC Dance Company With Dances by Daniel McCusker in Auditorium, Roberts Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday October 17 RIC Wind Ensemble in Sapinsley Hall

Saturday October 18 Upward Bound Reunion

Monday October 20 RIC Symphony Orchestra in

Sapinsley Hall

Wednesday October 22 Performing Arts Series: Paul Taylor Dance Company in Auditorium, Roberts Hall, 8 p.m. This performance is made possible with support from the RIC Foundation Fannie Helen Meker Fund.

Wednesday October 22 Wednesday One o'clock Music Series: Boston Trio in Sapinsley Hall

October 30-31 Bannister Gallery: Evocative Objects: Studio Metalsmithing and Jewelry

Thursday October 30 RIC Dance Company / Island Moving Company in Sapinsley Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday October 31 Collage Concert in Auditorium, Roberts Hall

Friday October 31 RIC Dance Company / Children's Concert in Sapinsley Hall, 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2003

November 1-26 Bannister GM": Evocative Objects: Studio Metalsmithing and Jewelry

Monday November 3 RIC New Orleans Alumni Get Away

Monday November 3 Dance on Camera Festival - American Moderns in Clarke Science Building 125, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday November 5 Performing Arts Series: Drummers of West Africa Auditorium, Roberts Hall, 8 p.m.

November 6-7 RIC Chorus Choral Festival in Sapinsley Hall

Wednesday November 12 Wednesday One o'clock Music Series: Audrey Kaiser & Susan Rodgers in Sapinsley Hall

Saturday November 15 Dialogue on Diversity: Promising Practices

Sunday November 16 RIC Chamber Orchestra in Sapinsley Hall

November 19-23 RIC Theatre: "The Misanthrope" in Forman Theatre

Monday November 24 Dance on Camera Festival - American Moderns in The Forman Center, Noon

Monday November 24 President's Music Series: Muir String Quartet - Beethoven Cycle IV in Sapinsley Hall, 8 P.M.



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## Artistic Dorms Draw Attention

By: Stephanie Dunnewind  
The Seattle Times

(KRT) SEATTLE - When University of Washington roommates Aura Wade and Stephanie Conn first saw their Lander Hall dorm room, all the furniture was lined up along either side, "with no space in the middle at all," said Conn, 19, of Spokane, Wash.

That changed quickly. Wade raised her bed and Conn fitted hers underneath in an L shape. A mini-refrigerator and storage take up the rest of the area under the bed. The roommates added corner shelves, a small round table with a crocheted lace cover, throw pillows, Christmas lights around the window and an area rug.

In the fall, the summer-school students will head to the older-style Haggett Hall, with its built-in furniture. But their decorations including Moulin Rouge posters for French major Wade and Marilyn Monroe pictures for fan Conn will still blare their individual styles and interests.

"I hate when I go in a room and you can't really tell anything about their personality," said Wade, 18, of Kirkland, Wash.

As students settle into college, they'll be looking for inexpensive, space-saving ways to glam up rooms that are intentionally bland. Every year, Jean Lee is amazed by how the UW's neutral, standard rooms become "lively and interesting" with bright colors and bold patterns. "It's such a night-and-day transformation," said the facilities design manager. "No two rooms look alike."

Rather than just move everything from their home bedroom to school, experts advise students to carefully select items to fit into accommodations that are likely much smaller and probably shared.

"Most people bring way too much stuff," said UW resident adviser Katie Handy. "You don't need to bring every pair of shoes you own."

Indeed, it's not that students bring too much in terms of a variety of stuff, but too many of the same items such as more books, pictures and clothes than they really need, said Bryan Gould, assistant director of residence life and housing at Seattle University.

At the University of Washington, residence-hall rooms range from 115 to 186 square feet for a shared room. Some universities even bunk three students to a room. Even so, "it's amazing the things that get packed into a room," Lee said. "Every year, students try to get in more and more."

Universities try to accommodate students' desire for personalized use of space. "Traditionally, most furniture was bolted to the floor what you see is what you get," Gould said. Now schools are moving to mobile, modular furniture "so students are able to be as creative with the small space as they can."

Many universities offer some rooms with beds that can be bunked. At the University of Washington, for example, beds in its three renovated residence halls (Terry, Lander and McCarty), can be raised to different levels so students can lift individual beds and place stor-

age or desks underneath. Or some students bunk both beds and then bring in a loveseat or small futon to fill the resulting space.

"Students come up with the most creative ideas we wouldn't ever think of ourselves," Lee said.

Gould thinks many students view their rooms more as a "living area" than simply a bedroom. "It's not just the place where they sleep," he said.

Students laugh at some of the typical decorating advice offered by adults, such as "transforming" a room through paint (absolutely not allowed) or talking with a roommate to coordinate bedspreads. Cara Carrubba, a UW junior who shared a Haggett Hall room her freshman year and now has a single room in Hansee Hall, said she's never seen matching bedspreads and thinks a "color scheme" is probably overstating most students' design intentions.

Still, finding balance with a stranger or even a friend can be difficult. "I've seen one situation where they taped a line down the middle of the room," Carrubba said. "They were best friends but they knew they were so different in style."

Wade and Conn made sure they didn't duplicate refrigerators or TVs but didn't worry about clashing bedspreads.

As for appliances, students should definitely check school rules, as they vary.

Though some companies market candles and incense to college students, many universities prohibit open flames (which also includes fondue pots). Other no-no items include fire hazards such as space heaters, halogen lamps, oil lamps and open-coil appliances such as toasters and toaster ovens.

One old campus standby the hot pot is rare now, said Chris Jaehne, assistant administrator for residential life at the UW. The UW, which houses about 5,000 students in residence halls, forbids deck decorations or Christmas lights outside windows, but allows strings of lights inside rooms. (Because of the fire hazard, shades can't cover ceiling lights.)

Students find other outside means of personalization: namely, their doors. Some residence floors have door-decorating contests as a get-to-know-your-neighbors activity in the beginning of the school year. Conn and Wade pasted magazine slogans ("If a stranger looking at it would say, 'What?'" then we cut it out," Conn explained) all over their door and regularly change a quote of the day on their message board. "That way if someone comes to visit us but we're not here, they don't feel like they've wasted their time," Conn said.

Knowing one's decorating limits also helps. Conn and Wade had a fish the only "pet" allowed but "it didn't work out," Wade said. They don't have plants "because they'd die," she added.

In the end, Conn says, freshmen shouldn't worry if they forget something on moving-in day. "Even if I remembered to bring a screwdriver, I might still go ask around for one," she confided. "It's how you meet people."

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dents' side. "She had this way about her, this aura of warmth and love that just sucked you in. I will never forget Beverly or the way she changed my life and touched my heart."

Former SCG member and RIC alumni, Bill Dorry used to joke with Beverly, asking her to marry him.

Beverly's smiles and warmth impacted students who were not apart of SCG as well. Antonio Rodrigues, Executive Editor of the Anchor, calls Beverly the "Matriarch of RIC." He added, "We already have a RIC Mama. Beverly was more like RIC's mother." (For those of you who do not know, RIC's Mama aka. Alice Reeder is a woman who used to work in the Donovan Dining Center.) Rodrigues, who has been friends with certain members of SCG for years, came to know Beverly well. He remembers that two days after he had met Beverly, she saw him and screamed for him to come over.

"I couldn't believe she had remembered my name," Rodrigues remarked. "She was always there for a smile and a hug."

Dr. Gary Penfield, Vice President of Student Affairs, remembers Beverly as well.

"Beverly was the history of the organization. She kept everything in two boxes," he said. Penfield notes "most of us didn't realize the difficult stuff that she was going through. She was always very upbeat and positive." He also remembers that she always loved to dance at the year-end events. "She was ready to dance with anyone."

Beverly was involved with other organizations besides SCG. She continually interacted with the 50+ organizations on campus. Joan Barden, former secretary for Campus Ministry, who is currently working at SCG, remembers Beverly as one of the first people to welcome her to the college.

"I would go to SCG and talk to Bev whenever I needed a break," she said.

Beverly McGinnis brought her charismatic presence to RIC 22 years ago and Rhode Island College will remember her. It is never easy to say goodbye. But thinking of how one was and what she meant to people, is how her memory lives on.

## Viral Meningitis Cases on Rise as Students Head to College

By: Marilyn Marchione  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

(KRT) MILWAUKEE - Viral meningitis cases, which peak in late summer and hospitalize tens of thousands of people each year, are on the rise, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned Thursday.

The peak comes just as students head to college, a time when they should consider getting vaccinated against a more deadly form of the disease bacterial meningitis.

It also coincides with the height of the season for mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus, which can cause meningitis, too.

"There is some opportunity to potentially confuse what the cause of illness is," said Stephen Ostroff, deputy director of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord that can be caused by viruses or several kinds of bacteria. The viral forms are usually milder, "but they're still quite important," causing 26,000

to 42,000 hospitalizations each year in the United States, Ostroff said.

Several states Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho and South Carolina have reported recent large outbreaks of viral meningitis.

In Milwaukee, the Health Department's chief virologist, Jerry Sedmak, said cases actually are a little behind last year's pace, but that all of the major viruses known to cause viral meningitis have turned up this summer.

"They start showing up in late July. Usually the peak activity is the middle of August to the middle of September," he said.

The germs are spread hand-to-mouth or through contact with contaminated stool.

Bacterial meningitis is often more serious, and can lead to deafness, neurological problems, seizures and death. About 2,600 cases occur each year in the U.S. The worst is meningococcal meningitis, caused by the bacteria *Neisseria meningitidis*. Such cases have a 5 to 15 percent mortality rate.

Symptoms include high fever, an intense headache, stiff neck or

neck pain, confusion, nausea, vomiting, exhaustion and sometimes a pink rash.

Cases are usually sporadic rather than part of an outbreak, and often occur in places where there are crowded living conditions, such as Army barracks and college dormitories.

For that reason, the CDC and other groups of health professionals recommend that all college freshmen consider getting the meningitis vaccine.

More than a dozen states and hundreds of colleges and universities require new students to be immunized against meningitis or at least to be told of the benefits and relative value of the vaccine.

It protects against bacteria that cause about 70 percent of cases.

In addition to new college students, the vaccine also is suggested for people with no spleen, certain lab workers, people traveling to countries where meningitis is common and military recruits.

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Exhibition in Name Only

By: Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Editor

Anyone who knows anything about sports knows that the preseason and any games played during the stretch, don't really count or matter. Sure, the will to compete and the determination to succeed may be present as the players take the field, but don't kid yourself. Deep down, they all know that things are going to be different when the gloves come off and the games count.

Moments like Last Wednesday's Alumni Scrimmage for the RIC Men's Soccer Team are hard to find. Highlighted by a heavy chance of rain, and a wonderfully calm breeze, you could almost feel summer slipping away when the teams opened things up. One of the rarest things about this scrimmage, where the outcome wouldn't benefit the anchormen either way, was the fact that it felt like a game with an added importance. It felt as if this game was more about pride than it was wins and losses.

"Preseason scrimmages are just another way of being more fully prepared for when the season starts. It's a place where you work on your timing, your speed, and your overall team chemistry," says Cory Lopes, a sophomore forward. Last year, Lopes had a breakout year. After graduating Somerset High School, Lopes debuted in grand fashion, being named the Little East Conference Men's Soccer Rookie of the Year.

Along with Lopes comes a talented group of individuals in a team whose depth and talent is only matched by their intensity to win. Team captains Brian Schimmel and Josh Nelson are each in their senior year and know that they have to come out and prove something to, not only themselves, but to everyone who watches them throughout the year.

"We're really eager to start this year. We want to just come out here and show everyone what we're capable of. Hopefully, we'll be able to do what we think we can, which is to play well and



come out on top." After a slow first half where things seemed to go on forever, you might have begun to think that the players weren't interested in the way things were going. But, you would be sadly mistaken. Every player who took the field throughout the course of the day went out there hoping to find out if they were in the best shape they could be in.

"It might not mean a lot to our record, but this is very big for us. On top of that, we were playing a bunch of the old timers, so it was kind of like we were trying to show them that we can play too. While they may have beaten us a lot over the past couple of years, it didn't happen this time. Now, we've got the bragging rights," Says Schimmel.

Schimmel is coming off of a decent year where he started in all 19 of the games he played. He had three assists for three points on the season, and slowly emerged as one of the top men on the team for his determination on and off the field. Along with the two senior captains comes German Cardona, a midfielder who had a goal and three assists last season. Cardona is seen above in the picture, holding the ball after a stoppage of play was called. He figures to be a main part of an explosive offense that will have teams in the LEC scratching their heads all year long.

"Playing today was great because you get to laugh and joke around with a bunch of guys you haven't seen in a while. Everyone was having a ball on the field, and it really was fun. As for the season, I think we have a chance to do really well against

some of the better teams in the conference. With Coach doing the job that he's doing, he's really got us believing in ourselves and that will pay off when we get on the field for the first time to show everyone that we're for real," said Cardona.

At halftime, Coach Len Mercurio gave a spirited speech in which he told his team to stay focused and to stick it out. "I told them that we really need to quicken up.

Sometimes when we're out there, we aren't going as fast as we could. I want to see them speed things up and basically make it so that they are touching the ball and moving on, not just staying there and waiting for the big play to come to them. If they really want to make something big happen, they have to let it develop and the best way to do that is purely beating your opponent to the net."

The speech, given along side former RIC alumni players really seemed to hit at the soul of the team. For the second half, they came out refreshed and energized. Every kick was made with more of an effort and everyone got into it as the final minutes played off the clock. When asked what they thought of the speech, all three captains agreed and stated that, "Coach is a master. He really knows how to motivate a player and get the best from us. Whenever we're out there, it's just about playing hard and making him happy. If we can do that, the wins will follow."

The next home game for the Anchormen is on Thursday, September 18th at 4:30 pm as they take on Connecticut College. Hopefully, the entire RIC community will jump at the chance to support their squad. If this scrimmage was any indication of what we can expect, then I look forward to the season starting. Without a scoreboard, it may have been hard to see who actually came out with a victory, but in the end it doesn't really matter. The Men's Team proved that they can hang with the superstars of the past, and that they are going to give it their best effort when the games actually count.

On The Sidelines  
Men's Soccer Coach  
Len Mercurio

By: James Bessette  
Anchor Staff

There have been many sports legends that have come through New England over the years, from Larry Bird and Bobby Orr to Ted Williams and Steve Grogan. However, there is one particular New England legend that you probably have never even heard of. He goes by the name of Len Mercurio, and he's the head coach the RIC Men's Soccer Team.

Born in Sicily, Mercurio learned the sport of soccer very early on in his life. "In Italy, Soccer is a national passion, the society there takes the sport very seriously and most people learn the game at a young age."

When he came to the United States, Mercurio quickly made a name for himself at the University of Rhode Island. Playing for the soccer team from 1977 to 1980, Mercurio had great success. He earned "All American" honors in 1979, and while doing so was third in the entire country for scoring. He was named to the "All New England Team" for three consecutive years (1978-1980), and is in the URI History books for a share of the all time lead in goals scored. That's not too shabby. After graduating from URI in 1981, he went on to play semi-professionally with the New England and Carolina franchises of the American Soccer League.

After his playing career was over, Mercurio took up coaching in the collegiate ranks. Prior to coming to RIC, he was an assistant coach with Brown and even took over as head coach at Bryant College. In 1992 while coaching at Bryant, Mercurio was named Coach of the Year in the Northeast 10 Conference. Afterwards, he had a stint as top dog for the Rhode Island Stingrays of the USISL.

"There really isn't a difference between college and professional coaching," says Mercurio. "The Stingrays had more technical baggage and they do more of the fundamentals, but in college the players have a university mentality and have

to be taught how to trust each other. They really have to count on each other." Mercurio also stated that "coaching is coaching and no team is easy to coach, but it's fun to take the teams to the next level."

In 1996, Mercurio had some of his greatest success. That year, he coached the Stingrays to a championship in the Rhode Island International Tournament. What made it special was that the tournament itself was the first of its kind to feature players from Spain and the Netherlands.

"It was fantastic," said Mercurio. "The level of talent was so high and there were more tactics and movements within the games themselves. It was such a thrill."

Another thrill for Mercurio must have been being inducted into two different Halls of Fames. The New England Soccer Hall of Fame came calling in 1994, and the University of Rhode Island Athletic Hall of Fame followed suit in 1995.

This coming year, the RIC Men's Soccer team will play with a heavy heart. Jeff Monica, one of the team's highest prospects, passed away in late May. "Jeff was one of ten freshmen that joined the team last year, and he was one of our starters," said Mercurio. "Many of the players were really close to Jeff. He is always going to be with us and is a reminder that we can never take life for granted."

According to Coach Mercurio, the team, despite the tough obstacles they have had to overcome, is focused for the coming season. "Depending on how well we bond as a team, we want to make it to the NCAA Tournament," says Mercurio.

Well, you might not have known who Len Mercurio was before, but hopefully you do now. With the background he has and his success as a coach (both college and professional), the RIC Men's Soccer squad might not just make the NCAA's, but they might even win the whole thing. If that happens, Mercurio should be placed right up there with Larry and Bobby- or simply in a league all his own.



Upcoming Games

Women's Tennis: Tuesday, September 9th at Salve Regina University (3:30 p.m.)	Women's Volleyball: Tuesday, September 9 Johnson & Wales University 7:00 PM	Women's Tennis: Wednesday, September 10 Newbury College 4:00PM	Men's Soccer: Wednesday, September 10 at Rivier College 7:00 PM	Women's Soccer: Thursday, September 11 Rivier College 3:30 PM )
Women's Cross Country: Thursday, September 11 Ocean State Invitational 5:00 PM )	Men's Cross Country: Thursday, September 11 Ocean State Invitational 5:30 PM )	Women's Volleyball: Saturday, September 13 U.S. Coast Guard Academy Invitational 9:30 AM	Women's Tennis: Saturday, September 13 at Western Connecticut St. Univ. 12:00PM	Women's Soccer: Saturday, September 13 at Endicott College 1:00 PM.)
Men's Soccer: Saturday, September 13 at Mass. Inst. of Technology 1:00 PM	Women's Tennis: Monday, September 15 Suffolk University 3:30 PM	Women's Volleyball: Monday, September 15 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute 7:00 PM	Women's Soccer: Tuesday, September 16 Johnson & Wales University 3:30 PM	*Home Matches In Bold*



# An NFL Preview for 2003: Who's Hot, and Who Sucks

By: Michael A. Romano  
Anchor Contributor

As preseason draws to a close, everyone across the country is geared up for what promises to be an exciting 17 weeks of NFL Football. Players and coaches alike are more than ready for the competition, hoping that hard work and determination will pay off after 16 grueling battles on the field. All teams in the NFL have the same goals in mind. They strive to defeat the opposition, survive the pressures of post-season, and stand triumphant after a 60-minute stand with a juggernaut from the other league. However, there would be no drive or motivation towards the glory without fans supporting their favorite teams. The NFL is a smash-mouth, hard-hitting, trash-talking, mind-boggling league, and it's not for the weak at heart.

With a new year of football beginning, everyone's got something to say. Every year, the experts think they know everything. They're so knowledgeable and sure of themselves that it becomes sickening after a while. It becomes tiring to hear the same song and dance week after week:

"The Bengals suck so they'll lose again." Give me a break. Nobody knows EXACTLY what's going to happen EVERY SINGLE WEEK. Therefore, I figured this: Why not make the predictions at the beginning of the year? So, I chose to take the role of a prognosticator. I researched each team's strengths, weaknesses, off-season trades, roster moves, and overall chances of actually making it to the big dance. In the end, I chose to make some predictions. Since FOX Sports claims that the biggest stories in the NFL are in the NFC, I decided to cover that league first. Next week, I will break down the AFC and at the end of the year. You can judge for yourself whether I was right or wrong. So, let's get things started.

## NFC EAST

New York Giants (11-5)-I don't think this will be much of a surprise. The G-Men knew that, since a botched snap last year ended their season, they needed to make improvements on special teams. So, they picked up a long snapper from Cleveland and signed Brian Mitchell. The defense was also a disappointment last season. Enter DE Keith Washington and DT William Joseph. Washington is a great acquisition from the Broncos and Joseph is probably the man that will be doing most of the dirty work. After all, he is a first-round draft pick. Say goodbye to Jason Sehorn. He hasn't been impressive due to injuries, so let the Rams have fun with him. As long as the Giants give the ball to Tiki Barber, it takes pressure off of the less-than-reliable Kerry Collins. I can picture the New York QB putting on a show at the end of the year (A GOOD one for once).

Philadelphia Eagles (9-7)-It seems to me that the Eagles always have one thing wrong with them. Despite their success in recent years...THEY'RE CHEAP. There's still a big question mark next to Duce Staley, and Andy Reid won't be able to get enough wins unless Staley returns to tip-top shape. Right now, the passing game isn't as strong as it could be. McNabb is all the team has, and he'll be the reason why Philly has a winning season. On the other side of the ball, LB Shawn Barber and DE Hugh Douglas are no longer sporting the green and white. Maybe if some "green" was spent, the city of brotherly love would have something to

brag about besides cheesesteaks. In addition, Philadelphia has four very difficult road games this year (Buffalo, New York Giants, Atlanta, Green Bay).

Washington Redskins (9-7)-I'm a little unsure here. I don't know what to expect from Spurrier this year. The Skins did make some tremendous off-season moves, powering up their faltering offense with WR Taylor Jacobs and former Jets' star Laveranues Coles.

Trung Canidate will do his part out of the backfield at RB. A beefy offensive line in Randy Thomas, Dave Fiore, and Derrick Dockery will allow second-year man Patrick Ramsey some time to show what he can do in and out of the pocket. However, all of this cost the Redskins a couple of solid defensive linemen. How can they stop the run this season? Answer: They really won't be able to. The only reason why the Skins will be above .500 and keep a high defensive ranking (#5 last year) is because of a stellar passing defense, including a couple of reliable defensive backs in Bowen (S) and Mulden (NB). Despite all of these acquisitions, NFL teams will aim for this franchise's biggest weak spot — rushing defense. But, for the Skins nine wins and a tie for second isn't bad, now is it?

Dallas Cowboys (5-11)-No QB, No QB, No QB. There, I've said it. You can't win games without a good starting quarterback, now can you? Well, you can, but only if you have a defense similar to Tampa Bay's or Baltimore's during their championship year. I know that Bill Parcells is in Dallas now. I know that he's a great coach. But to say that his excuse for a team will do well is absolutely hysterical. I don't even know the name of the RB (probably because it's not worth mentioning), WR Terry Glenn isn't as reliable now, (despite having success in New England, setting a record with 90 catches as a Rookie), WR Joey Galloway can't do all the work by himself, and the offensive line could do better blindfolded. In fact, I saw them play against the Lions last year and the final was 9-7 (I forgot who won because the game was so uneventful). Defense seems just a bit brighter for the Cowboys: They have a decent secondary, but that's about it. The front seven isn't solid at all. Back to the QB situation: Their best shot is with Quincy Carter, but he's like Kordell Stewart in that his arm doesn't work very well and his feet occasionally have the tendency to turn to stone. Flip the Tuna over...maybe it won't smell as bad next year.

## NFC NORTH

Green Bay Packers (10-6)-Lambeau Field is one of the toughest places to play football in the NFL. Ask any team that's ever visited. They'll all tell you the same thing. Green Bay hasn't forgotten about being stepped on by the Atlanta Falcons at Lambeau last year in the playoffs. This will act as motivation and the Pack will be unstoppable at home this year. Favre will put up impressive numbers wherever he plays. However, Brett's been playing for 12, maybe 13 years. If the Packers are smart, they will take some pressure off of the aging Favre and let RB Ahman Green take the ball at least 20 times per game. Look for Bubba Franks to have a stellar year with the Pack, and hope that Donald Driver can do his part at WR. Green Bay seems solid this season, but the defense needs a little work, as the linebackers aren't as good as they

could be. They can't rely on the front line to stop the run all the time; NT Gilbert Brown can only eat so many hamburgers (According to Packers.com, he weighs 340...yeah, right). The secondary is OK, but the overall defense could use a little work. Ten wins for the Pack this year.

Minnesota Vikings (8-8)-It seems as if the Purple People Eaters haven't really had a solid year since they went to the playoffs a few seasons ago and lost in their own backyard to the Falcons (What is it with Atlanta and road playoff wins, anyway?). These guys aren't going to be playing to win; they're going to play so they DON'T LOSE (similar to New England's mentality last year). Minnesota can't stop any team's passing attacks. The secondary has more holes than Swiss cheese. On offense, the Vikes have no running game (RB Michael Bennett is out). So, can Minnesota look to Onterio Smith to get the job done on the ground? Well, let's just say that their shot at a successful year is very relative to Randy Moss's chances of actually wanting to play. Expect to see Minnesota sit out during the post-season.

Chicago Bears (7-9)-Seven wins might be generous for Da Bears. Let's just try not to sound negative. Kordell Stewart can't be all THAT bad, now can he? Hey, at least the fans like him! He's got a great target in WR Marty Booker, who always seems to be impressive (even on bad days). Just hope that Kordell can throw it in his general vicinity. The man formerly known as Slash can run, but he can't really hide from the linebackers lying in wait. Even though I don't like the fact that most teams are using the 3-4 on defense, it can be really effective when a QB tries to scramble out of the pocket to get 5 or 6 yards. Dick Jauron will get tired of Stewart eventually. Expect that around Week 10 or so. Then, he'll put in Rex Grossman, expect him to have a lot of fun in the Doghouse. Overall, I think the Bears are going to improve, but in the long run, injuries will keep this team from finishing at the .500 mark this year.

Detroit Lions (4-12)-I feel bad for the Lions. They've NEVER won a Super Bowl. They always finish in the cellar. Even Barry Sanders, who was arguably the best running back in NFL History, couldn't save the franchise from drowning. This year, expect more of the same. Steve Mariucci has a lot to work on with this team, but he will be able to help some of his players make progress. Maybe we'll see QB Joey Harrington step up and take charge of an offense that definitely needs a shot in the arm. Perhaps some teams will be afraid to "Cross the Boss" in Rookie LB Boss Bailey. Like the Cowboys, Detroit will have only a few shining moments. Their two biggest enemies will be injuries and a weak overall defense. The Boss can't run things by himself, he's got no experience. But don't feel too badly for Detroit, their fans will only have to wait a little before hockey season starts up again.

## NFC SOUTH

Atlanta Falcons (11-5)-Everyone is probably curious about this one, especially the less knowledgeable football fans. "They can't win a game without Michael Vick! He's really good!" Well, those fans are right about one thing—Vick is really good. He is the future of NFL Quarterbacks, and it's quite unfortunate that he had to sustain such

a devastating injury that will place him on the shelf for about four games. But, they're also very wrong—the Falcons can win anytime, anywhere, with or without Vick. Remember that there are 53 players on a football team, not one. The Atlanta Falcons accomplished something last year that no team (at least not to my recollection) has ever done in defeating the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field in the playoffs. Plus, the offense last year was quite weak; Bart Simpson would have enjoyed the crispity, crunchity, peanut-buttery nicknames of the Atlanta split ends and flankers. The Falcons were amongst the league leaders in dropped passes last year, and they needed some type of boost to the offense. That's where veteran WR Peerless Price comes in. His stellar seasons with Buffalo caught the eye of Head Coach Dan Reeves and Falcons upper management. The running game will also be unstoppable with T.J. Duckett at Running Back and a solid offensive line to follow. Speaking of Offense, this team will be very flashy and might become the newest and "Greatest Show on Turf." Defensively speaking, Atlanta has acquired some new faces and hopes for a turnaround from last year. Expect Michael Vick to return in top form, watch him run, and watch the Atlanta Falcons breeze through the playoffs to make an appearance in this year's Super Bowl.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (10-6)-Don't get me wrong, the Bucs are an excellent football team. They have the best defense in football. They're the defending Super Bowl Champions. How much more can they ask for? They want ANOTHER championship? Unfortunately, in a division with two very tough playoff contenders, a title is hard to come by. Tampa Bay is obviously a marked franchise, with many claiming that Jon Gruden's bunch won because they were a fluke. Quite the contrary. It's just very difficult to repeat with a predictable running game (We all know what Mike Alstott can do, and we all know how to stop him.) and a bunch of injuries from a lack of conditioning. Invulnerability only applies to the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Chucky won't be killing teams as much this year, and Tampa Bay can only hope for a wildcard berth.

Carolina Panthers (8-8)-Simply put, the Panthers are in a difficult spot. In a division with the defending Super Bowl Champions and a dangerous contender in Atlanta, this franchise will be upset to discover a roadblock. However, this team will be a surprise at some points during the season. With a solid defense and a conservative offense that chooses to get yardage on the ground, Carolina will not be an easy team to hold back. If this team was in the NFC North, they would probably be on top and win a playoff game. Unfortunately, Carolina has to go through Tampa Bay twice and Atlanta twice. They'll be disappointed this year at the .500 mark.

New Orleans Saints (5-11)-It appears to me that the Saints are a flip-flop team. They appear extremely motivated in important games and do well as a result, but lack the emotion and energy to win other games. Take a look at last year, New Orleans beat Tampa Bay not once, but TWICE. Yet, they still had a terrible season. This year, the Saints have a difficult schedule and should do better (according to last year's logic). Unfortunately, they won't

have much luck this year either. Expect them to do the exact opposite this year, with two losses against Tampa Bay and a dismal road record.

## NFC WEST

St. Louis Rams (10-6)-These guys will be exciting to watch. Some say that QB Kurt Warner isn't back to his old self. I disagree. My hat is off to Marc Bulger, but I think that the former Arena Football star is the man for the job. Marshall Faulk will also have a comeback year at RB, and the offense will party like it's 1999, coincidentally...the Rams won the Super Bowl that year. Even though the defense still needs a little work (Like it always has; what possesses a team to grab Jason Sehorn at THIS point in his career?), St. Louis will take this division. Credit that to the lack of competition in the NFC West and an easy schedule.

Seattle Seahawks (9-7)-The SEAHAWKS!? In second!? Believe it or not, Seattle has a great deal to be thankful for. The passing attack continues to improve, and the running game cannot be denied. It sounds like a great team, except Mike Holmgren will be disappointed this year, as the defense won't live up to his (or anyone else's) expectations. After getting squashed on that side of the ball last year, Holmgren can only hope that his defense is somewhere in the middle of the league this season.

San Francisco 49ers (6-10)-There are too many question marks next to this team. Defense is the name of the game, and San Francisco appears to have amnesia in that department. The running game (If I could call it that) is ineffective, and we all know that WR Terrell Owens cannot do all of the dirty work. T.O. may be a bit flashy, but he needs someone to light him up. Right now, QB Jeff Garcia is having some trouble with his back. With the stress of the season, nobody on the team really wants to hear about that. Overall, this team is the complete opposite of solid.

Arizona Cardinals (4-12)-There may be quite a few "Catch-22" signs at some Cardinals home games this year, as longtime Cowboys RB Emmitt Smith has decided to take his career elsewhere. There's still one thing I don't understand: The Cardinals!? Why go to Arizona? This team let WR David Boston slip through its fingers, which was a tremendous blow to the passing attack. Now, Emmitt can still run, but for how much longer? Is the word "defense" in Arizona's dictionary? I really have no idea, and I'm sure QB Jake Plummer is scratching his head trying to figure out the answer to that same question. This team will be seeing red (and some little birdies) at the end of the season.

So, that does it for my preview of the NFC this year. Now, by the time this hits the press, some games will be underway. That's alright. At the end of the season, you will be able to judge for yourself if I was right or if I was wrong, but only time will tell. Either way, it is surely going to be a long ride, and it is defiantly going to be fun watching all the happenings of the NFL from week to week.

Editor's note: The preceding article was written before the start of NFL action this weekend. While the Anchor would like to think that our writer's are able to tell into the future, that is just not the case. In the event Mr. Romano's predictions do not hold up, don't feel bad. You're team will surely do better next year.



## Returning Aces Serving Up A Stellar Season

By: Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Editor

Last week, I discussed the resignation of Women's Basketball Coach, Mike Kelley, in regards to how it may or may not affect his future career. As I said, returning back to a team after several seasons off may often prove difficult. But, that is a challenge that Carminda Rocha is preparing to also take this upcoming year.

Carminda Rocha is one of the most competitive athletes that the RIC Women's Tennis Team has ever seen. In her time at RIC, she set the bar for the way Women's Tennis was played. Rocha has been close to nearly every Tennis Record held at this school, and looks to continue her journey towards the RIC Athletic Hall of Fame. Entering this year, Carminda stands merely seven singles victories away from the all time RIC mark, and needs only 15 doubles to put herself on the top of that category as well.

"This year is going to be great. I've been preparing for this since I last left. All I've done was play, play, play. Now, I'm here to win the title with this team, and we're pumped up and ready to get things started," said Rocha. Last year, she red shirted and took some time off. While the move may have seemed destined to blow up in the RIC Tennis Team's face, it instead may pave the way for gold in the 2003 campaign.

First year Head Coach, Kelly Lange, brought the team to a respectable 9-5 record, and in the process finished third in the LEC with a team that many didn't expect much from. This time



around, however, people in and outside of the sports world are watching the anchorwomen closely. Now that Rocha is back, and recently named co-captain, things are looking very good for the team. Coach Lange had this to say:

"Carminda gives us a lot that we missed out on last year. She is very enthusiastic, never gives up and always seems to brighten up the way we feel about how we're playing and how things are going. If nothing else, you can be sure that we're going to have a lot more energy this year and that there is going to be a strong bond between everyone on this team."

Carminda isn't going to do it herself, however. While she was gone, a new name emerged on the tennis scene. Liz Barrette, a freshman at the time, exploded out of practically nowhere to become one of the future stars of the RIC athletic program. She is a serious contender to break any records the history book currently holds, and she still has three years to do it.

"I had a good year last year, but I'm starting to put it behind

me. I want to focus on this year and have as good a season. We've got a great team right now and it is a lot of fun. One of the things I learned over the summer break was to work on my game at the lowest level. While I was at a summer tennis camp teaching children the basics of the game, I learned a lot myself. I got to understand the game better than I have before and it's defiantly going to help in the long run."

Last year, Liz surprised many by winning the LEC doubles titles with Team MVP Donna Vongratsavay. Capping off a 10-5 season in singles, the title was mainly a result of a hard fought competition between two great competitors.

"Donna was a great friend and a very good partner. We did so well because you can always count on her when things would start to get tough. At first, we thought we might not be as good because she was graduating, but with new freshmen and Carminda back, I really think we're going to do very well."

With Liz and Carminda aside, the team is full of stars. With many new freshmen learning the ropes, this team is going to be dominate in the LEC for several years. Possibly the best part about it is that they are having fun while staying competitive at the same time. Just ask Carminda. "What would people be surprised to find out about me? Well, I guess it would be that I also belly dance."

Maybe the relaxed atmosphere and constant laughs shared between the teammates is rubbing off on her, but don't be surprised to see Carminda and the rest of the tennis team dancing all the way to championship gold.

## The Summer's Most Shocking Moments

By: James Bessette  
Anchor Sports

Alas, another summer has come and gone. Now it is time to go back into the routine of classes, school work, and going into debt after visiting the book store. But this summer has been extremely active in the world of sports, and some of the biggest sports stories of the year have happened within that three-month state of bliss. Some of them were humorous and some were just downright disgraceful. The original list was much longer, but unlike VH1, where they run a different "Top 100" list every five minutes, I've decided to stick to a simple list of 10. This week, I will mention the events that rounded out the list, and you can tune in next week for a detailed look at the top five.

10.) The Detroit Tigers' Season. There was a reason why I stated in last week's piece that, thankfully, I'm not a Tigers fan. The Tigers, this year, have become only the second team in the history of baseball to LOSE 100 games before September 1st, the other being the 1962 New York Mets. They are on pace to lose 121 games, surpassing those same Mets for the "honor" of being the worst team ever. The team has not one, but two pitchers on pace to lose 20 games, a feat that hasn't been "accomplished" in over 20 years.

9.) Trot Nixon's "flip" into the stands. Now, before I start, I will acknowledge that Trot Nixon has been a workhorse for the Red Sox this year. He has given 110% night in and night out for this team. This is just a mental error, well, I guess that's what you can call it. On May 17th against the Anaheim Angels, Nixon makes a catch out in right, and afterwards, as most players do, flips the ball into the stands to a fan. Only one small problem: Nixon's catch was the SECOND OUT. The two runners that were on base, were awarded home plate and Anaheim gets two runs to their credit. But fret not, the Sox are still in a playoff race and the Angels are nowhere on the radar screen.

8.) Pedro and Manny go down. Is it me or when does it seem that when either Pedro Martinez or Manny Ramirez gets some form of injury or sickness, more Pedro than Manny, you would have to look up in the Oxford Dictionary to find out what their injuries are and what they mean. Other players get pulled groins or strained hamstring muscles, Pedro and Manny get Pharyngitis. WHAT THE HELL IS PHARYNGITIS? Well, Pedro came down with this sickness and missed his start against Oakland, and everyone questioned his toughness. Then Pedro did his "I'm taking my \$17.5 Million and leaving" act. As for Manny, he got sick and missed the entire Yankee series at Fenway. He also skipped out on a doctor's appointment in order to treat his illness, resulting



him being benched last week. My guess is that Pharyngitis is a sore throat sickness with the side effect of thinking that you're better than everyone else and having the maturity of a toddler.

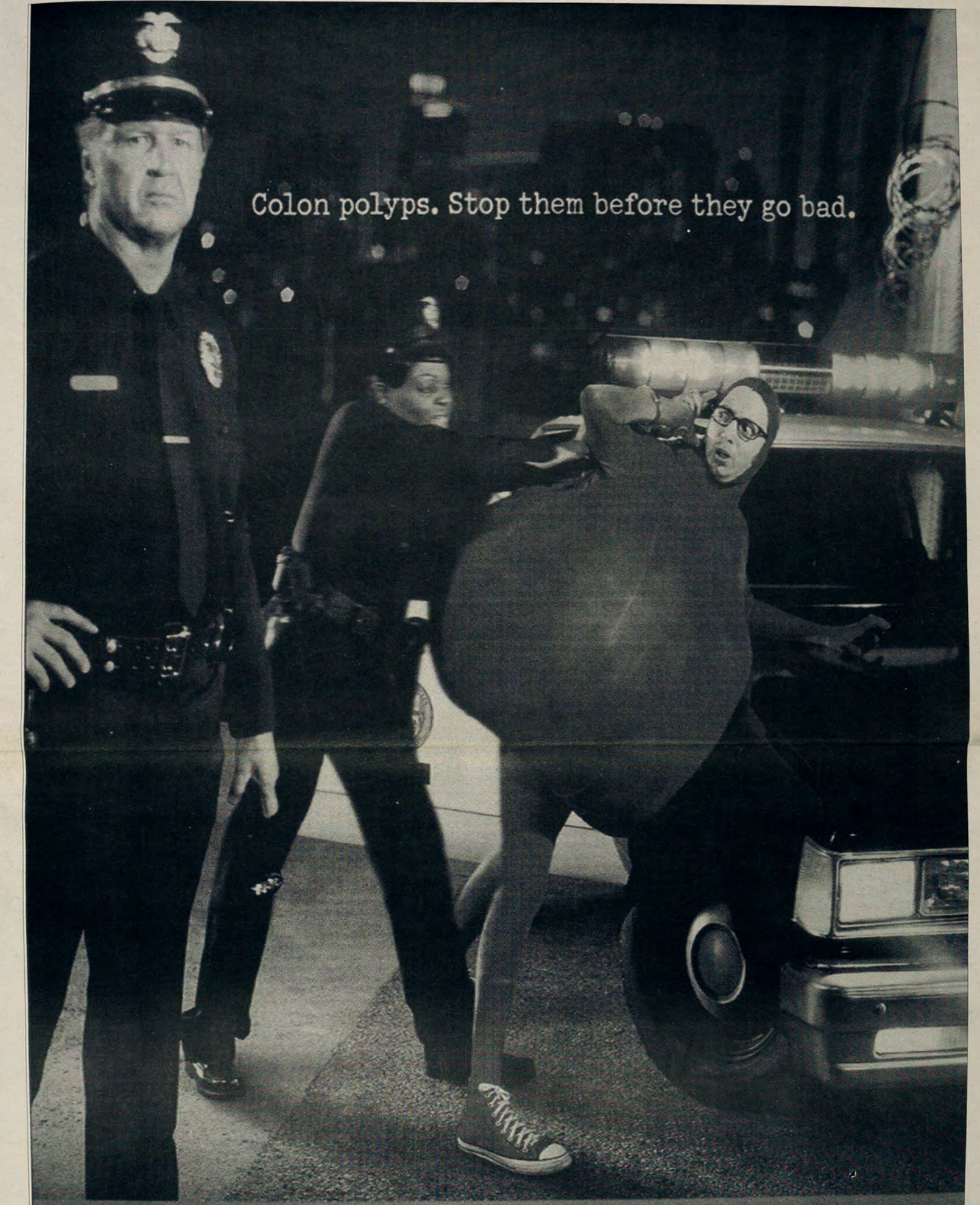
7.) U.S. Track Runner "laying down" on the job. If you don't know Jon Drummond, well, he is a track runner who represented the United States in the World Track and Field Championships in Paris last month. He got well known for what he did on the track out in Paris, but it's not as good as you would think. Drummond, at the starting line, false started twice, resulting him in being disqualified. Yes, he was upset, but did he calmly walk off the track with dignity and pride? Um... No. After his DQ, Drummond proceeded to lay down in the middle of the track, holding up the meet... for FORTY FIVE MINUTES. Then the next day, Drummond was seen crying like a baby on his coach's shoulder. Make like a Kit Kat bar and give me a break. First off, I understand that this guy was upset about his disqualification, but there is no reason for him to snap the way that he did, especially in front of Olympic officials. Secondly, as this guy's coach, I would have chewed Drummond up and spit him out for making a complete ass of himself. No way would I let this schmuck cry on my shoulder.

6.) Mets' Rey Sanchez's hair cut. Now, the New York Mets have been a major disappointment this season, with big name players and a big payroll not resulting in a playoff appearance. But this is where the Tigers get some sympathy. At least their players would stay in the dugout for the whole game and not leave, unless of an emergency. The Mets, on the other hand, can't say the same. Former Mets Infielder Rey Sanchez was on the bench watching the Mets lose and wasn't too happy about it. Sanchez, rather than stay and support his team, left to get his hair cut in the clubhouse. What a way to be a team player, Rey. If you'd pulled that crap while you were with the Red Sox, you would've been ripped apart and used as confetti. If I were to leave my job in the middle of my shift so that I can get my haircut, I'd get fired. I wouldn't be stuck on a bench and given millions of dollars to do nothing.

That's it for this week. If you thought those were bizarre, remember, that's only the first half of the list. There's still five more moments of Summer 2003 that will make your head spin. Check back next week for the moments that stood out more than anything else and made the summer memorable, for better or worse.

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by **Luke Buckley**

# Roving Reporter

**Do you think the current parking lots are able to accommodate both RIC's commuter and resident students?**



**Brianna Jordan**  
Senior  
Elementary education

**NO** as a commuter I do not believe that there is enough parking. I must say, that it is hard to both get to class on time and find a parking spot. In fact, I came an extra hour early to be on time. I suggest they build a parking garage, so long as I do not have to pay.

**Aimee Gregoire**  
Junior  
Graphic Communications

**NO.** It does not accommodate commuters and many residents are complaining. You can't even leave campus to get a coffee with out having to search for a half hour for another spot. Build a parking garage!



**Joe Scotland**  
Sophomore  
Tech ED

I feel that there is not enough parking spaces, they should make another lot or garage.



**Renee Chartier**  
Sophomore  
Art Studio

I parked in front of a no parking Tow Zone sign today and was 15 minutes late for class even though I got to campus early!!!!



**Ariana Dilibero**  
Sophomore  
Art studio

I do not think the parking lot is conducive to all students. The new parking lot fails because there is only one way in and one way out. I think students should be able to park in front of the art building!(Along with faculty) The back parking lot is too crowded and congested.

**Alan Edouard**  
Junior  
Accounting

You have to be lucky to find parking, today it took me 20 minutes to find a spot. Parking at RIC had always been difficult before, but now it is new impossible. Over all the parking lot looks nicer but in reality the curbs and medians only hinder an already poor parking situation.



**Ahem! Ahem!**

**Ok, now that I have your attention:**

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**Michelle Car**  
Sophomore  
Elementary Education

I did not realize how many commuters there are. It really sucks that you have to get here so early to find a spot.

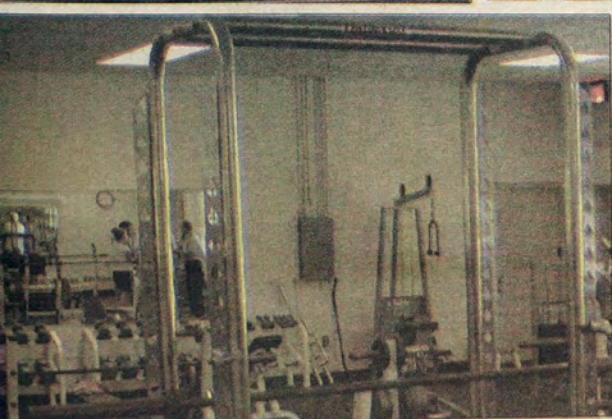
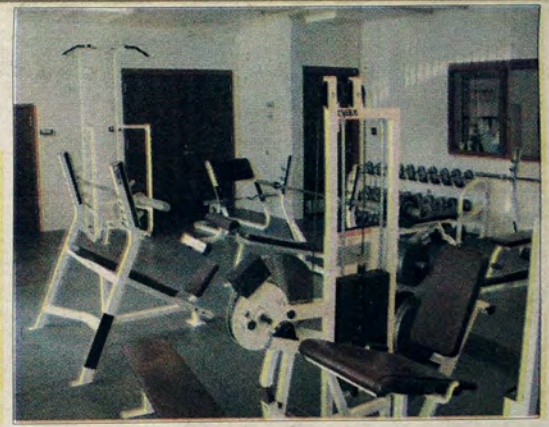




# around campus

What the majority of us will never use.

Yesterday I had a chance to check out the Murray Center for the first time since I have been here. That is not to say that in the past year I had never tried to get in before. I entered through the front of the building and asked two young ladies where the gym was located. They looked toward each other, turned together and said "are you an athlete?" Now I like to consider myself as somewhat athletic and I always have liked to stay active, so I turned to the girls, looked into their eyes, and said "No." They then proceeded to inform me that this facility was for athletes only and that the gym was downstairs. So down I went. A long corridor lead me to the Training Room and Weight Room. I walked up to the glass walls and said, "This is what I'm missing out on?" I had expected the gym to be a little larger, though it was still much nicer than what everyone else gets to use. That is to say, the equipment in it looks pretty damn good. After checking out the weight room I visited the training room, Gymnasium, bathroom, and Classrooms to which I had previously not been in or allowed to see. I took pictures of each and headed out through the magnificent archway that is the exit. From there I started my hike to the complete opposite side of campus, to where our Recreation Center is conveniently located. When I arrived, the two young women stretching were replaced by two large construction workers resurfacing an already resurfaced handicap ramp. I walked past the two men and headed through the door. Once in I was greeted at the Rec. Center with... well... I wasn't really greeted at all, I just walked in smiled and said "hi". This time the Gym is the first place I went and there I saw an elderly man walking the track. You see at the REC Center all are welcome, from the very young to the very old. I then went to the pool where I saw yet another older man swimming laps. After that I headed to the Weight Room. It's matte almost puke yellow walls and stench will invigorate one's spirit, mind and body. Though this weight room is larger than the Murray center's, it's still too small and out dated. I then left the weight room and took some more pictures and began the trek back to the dorms. These pictures compare and contrast the Murray Center and REC Center. Please let it be known that they are both great facilities in their own rights, though they are both made of more or less the same materials and house similar equipment. So then what is the difference between these two gems? One sparkles while the other just fades out.





# mildly intelligent silly comics

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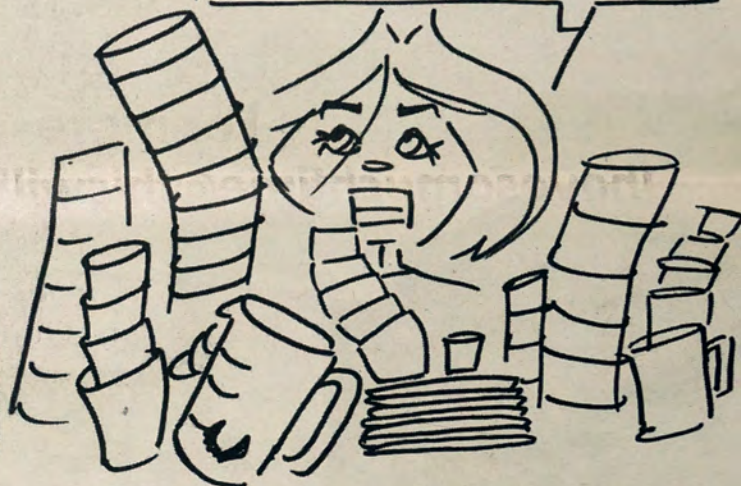
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HEY SPAM- YOU HAD A GREAT PARTY LAST SATURDAY... WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS THIS WEEKEND?

By Sara Corrigan

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**LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** : If you look at the long term and not just your day-to-day life, college really makes a lot of sense. Be willing to put up with RIC a while longer and you will get a better job. This weekend, working at a pizza joint ain't your career.

**SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** : Raise your hand to share your unique opinions.

Maybe the speaker will get side-tracked. You might want to repeat yourself to be sure everyone heard you right. Don't let them read between the lines. This weekend, talk detail.

**SAGITARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** : Build a better relationship through physical contact. Your sweetheart may find it overwhelming because it comes so suddenly. They might be in the mindset where one-on-one talking remains key. This weekend, be an octopus.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** : History lectures continue to be startling at best, and sometimes even shocking. Your best bet is to focus on the future

and how you can cheat on that final. Be open to new ways to gather answers. This weekend, make studying a thing of the past.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)** : Face yourself; know what you've done and what you need to do to get out of it. You've discovered that rules do apply to you, and it hurts. This weekend, make up excuses.

**PISCES (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** : Your roommate continues to be full of gas. Another dorm could delight you with their supply of air freshener. Spray more direct. This weekend, So what if they like tacos?

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr**

**19)** : Clear out personal responsibility early this week. You may not want to deal with it when the cops come around. Their sixth sense tells them there is more going on than meets the eye. This weekend, hide, sucka!

**TAURUS (Apr 20 - May 20)** : You might be unruly when it comes to parties. Of course, this attitude is what separates you from losers. Whatever they tell you, it's not worth listening to, but a columnist from Rolling Stone is. This weekend, crash a party.

**GEMINI (May 21 - Jun 20)** : You may feel that a teacher is hammering you with his or her ideas. What an inconsiderate pig. You may

not care what they think. Remember: you can forget it all after the final. This weekend, copy a friend's notes.

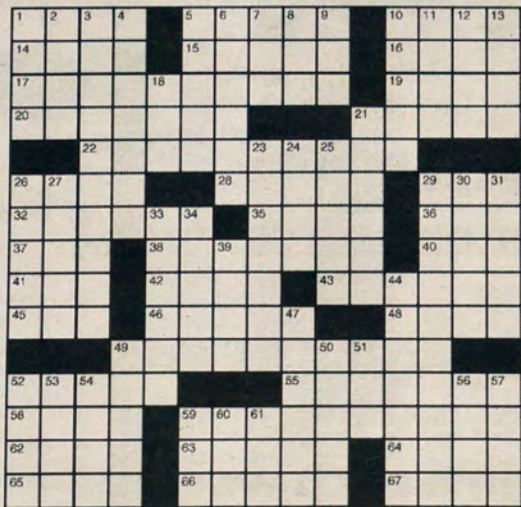
**CANCER (Jun 21 - Jul 22)** : News from another group could force you to re-evaluate your project. You might wonder what they're doing. Know you can always ask an alumni how the professor grades. This weekend, go ahead - put it off.

**LEO (Jul 23 - Aug 22)** : Don't sit up just yet; investigate what else is on the tube. New episodes start up when you least expect them. Reach out for the remote and turn it up. Evaluate the programming. This weekend, sitcom re-runs.



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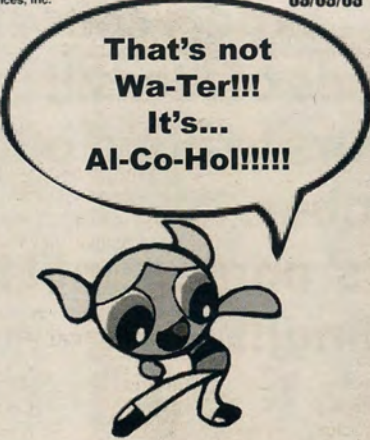
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By Lasha Seniuk

**Aries (March 21-April 20).**



Long-term romantic motives or family dynamics

require delicate emotional negotiations. After Tuesday, a recent phase of miscommunications between lovers, close friends or family members will end. Watch carefully for subtle signs of lasting change. Wednesday through Sunday, many Aries natives will also experience a wave of business ambition and financial awareness. Stay alert. Loved ones will closely scrutinize your workplace decisions and career ideals.

**Taurus (April 21-May 20).**



Love affairs and trusted friendships enter a nostalgic stage.

Over the next few days, loved ones may be unusually sensitive to changing information or distrustful of planned events. Ironically, moodiness and social doubt are precursors to meaningful romantic commitment. Respond honestly to all invitations and proposals. After Thursday, single Taureans will encounter a new attraction or sultry flirtation. Remain cautious, however, and wait for bold public promises.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21).**



Over the next few days, intimate relationships are socially complex and deeply felt. Early Tuesday,

expect lovers or close friends to express a renewed interest in shared activities. Many Geminis will experi-

ence changing priorities in key relationships and an increase in romantic sentiments. Loved ones will demand concrete statements of affection and reliable group plans. After midweek, rest and listen to the wisdom of the body. Physical vitality may be low.



**Cancer (June 22-July 22).**

This week, honest communications are essential. Listen closely to the subtle signals or private observations of loved ones. Over the next eight days, friends and lovers will either accept or dismiss serious commitments. Some Cancerians may find it necessary to allow a potential lover to quietly leave their lives. Be patient and expect key social or romantic information to arrive without warning. Remain calmly detached and trust your initial instincts. Your judgment is accurate.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).**



Family discussions may reveal important information. Stay focused on small details and gain as much insight into past events as possible. Some Leos may encounter a profound flash of intuition concerning the conduct of a loved one. Remain assertive. This is not the right time to avoid delicate issues or ignore differing social values. After Friday, submit applications or request special permissions. Business income and job opportunities will increase.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Unethical workplace practices will be exposed. A recent period of hidden politics and business conflict is ending. Over the next three days,

study the private reactions of close



friends or colleagues. Shared attitudes and public opinion

will shift to accommodate team involvement and creative suggestions. After Thursday, a friendship may quickly turn flirtatious. Remain cautious. New attractions are unreliable and easily challenged by group disapproval.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**



Monday through Wednesday is an excellent time to address a previously ignored dispute with a close friend or relative. Sensitivity and candid communications are ongoing themes. Loved ones will easily understand and appreciate your perspective. Pay special attention, however, to financial disappointments, lost career ambition and misinterpreted romantic or social invitations. Yesterday's emotional mistakes need to be revealed and permanently resolved. Stay open.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**



Early this week, a close friend or business associate may revert back to unproductive habits. Listlessness and social nostalgia will affect important relationships for the next three days. For many Scorpios this will actually initiate a key phase of self-reflection and inner growth. After midweek, watch for a sharp rise in creativity, intuition or dream activity. Remain open to meaningful insights. Your social wisdom and ability to address private doubts between loved ones is

strong.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**



Workplace setbacks may be unavoidable this week. Over the next few

days, close colleagues may unknowingly reveal the future of workplace relations. Key issues may involve a reaction to difficult news, delayed job promotions, conflicted schedules or falsified records. Promptly handle all minor errors. After Thursday, small or ignored problems will quickly escalate. Late Friday, accept all new social invitations and join group activities. Optimism and vitality will return.

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



Career recognition may arrive without warning.

Early this week, colleagues and officials will acknowledge their role in recent mistakes and compliment your efforts. Remain quietly dedicated, however, and expect continuing delays for the next eight days. After Wednesday, an unexpected social invitation from a co-worker or business associate may be unnerving. Carefully consider the feelings of older friends or relatives. Social or group expectations may be high.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).**



Complex friendships will offer fresh insights

and new group opportunities. Monday through Thursday, watch for friends and lovers to issue rare invitations or initiate important discus-

sions. Areas affected are isolated family members, shared activities or planned celebrations. Added sensitivity to the needs of others will bring improved relations. After mid-week, accept new emotional intimacy from loved ones and expect deeper commitments to be proposed.



**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).**

Employment discussions will provide valuable insights. Over the next two days, expect colleagues or work officials to hint at new directions or hidden corporate politics. Remain open to fresh assignments and volunteer positions. At present, your ability to be flexible with language will lead to new financial opportunities. Later Friday, a close friend or relative may be moody or introspective. Not to worry; a new attitude toward family obligations will emerge.

## If your birthday is this week.

Career decisions may feel rushed in the coming weeks. Older relatives and authority figures may demand clear choices and solidly defined schedules by mid-October. Don't delay difficult tasks. Indecision will cause missed business or educational opportunities. After Oct. 23, watch also for a passionate and potentially unethical romantic flirtation to arrive. Some Virgos may begin a 14-month phase of emotional entanglement or complex emotional obligations. Early in 2004, loved ones will provide a clear indication of their future intentions. Financial restrictions will be bothersome before April. Remain patient and watch for private income opportunities.

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## The Art Of The Erotic Massage

By: Ariana M. Testa  
Anchor Editor

A massage is a nice experience to share with someone. It gets you relaxed and makes you feel close to your partner without



having an actual sexual encounter. There are several reasons that an erotic massage is better than sex in some ways.

Erotic massage is one of the best ways to help someone achieve extended, multiple, or "whole body" orgasmic states. Massage provides a space to learn to give and receive pleasure, and gives the receiving partner a chance to feel completely cared for by the massaging partner. And obviously, you can't get pregnant from an erotic massage. Hands down, it is a GREAT alternative to sex.

To prepare for your massage there are several things to do. First, lock your door and unplug the phone. There should be absolutely *no* interruptions! Next, make sure you and your partner have the time to spend with one another- this is not the kind of thing that you want to rush. Now, turn down the lights. *Candles* would be great, preferably scented. This sets the ambiance. Now you need to set the mood. How about a little

Barry White, Guinane, or Jagged Edge - whatever makes you feel sensual. Since there is cable in the residence halls now, turn on a little *Midnight Love* on BET; that always does the trick.

When you start the massage, you and partner should have on the least amount of clothing possible (preferably you both should be naked). Have the massage receiver lay down on a flat surface, like the floor (with some pillows of course), or the bed. Start with the feet (if you are not a feet person then skip them), work your way up the back of the legs, the back, neck and arms. The massage technique that you should use depends on what the receiver likes. Now have your partner turn over and massage the chest, abdomen, and then front of the legs. Ending the massage with the abdomen and the front of the legs allows you to direct blood flow to the genital areas and this is what causes the "whole body" orgasmic state. So you end up with the same feeling as after an orgasm from sex without actual intercourse. Great isn't it?

Touch is a very powerful thing and it lets your partner know how much you feel for them. The sensual strokes and the hands all over each other's body is a great way to be "intimate" without actually being intimate. As you can see or feel, the sensation that comes after sex can be achieved from this great massage technique. P.S- I have my own office in WXIN so come by and we try it out together...wink, wink.

## How To Succeed In College

By: Heather Black  
Anchor Editor

Succeeding in college is not brain surgery (well unless that is your major), but does require some effort on your part. That's right Kiddies, WORK! For all of you youngins out there here are some steps to assist you.



Step 1: GO TO CLASS. Above all go to class. Hung over, tired, vexed, go to class. However, those of you, who are contagious, feel free to stay home. But once that amoxicillin kicks in, go to class. It is the easiest way to pass because lectures are a good clue to what the test is going to be on. If your professor doesn't know your name you are not going often enough. You paid, why not attend?

Step 2: Talk to older students. They can be an amazing resource. They can tell you which professors to take and which to avoid.

Step 3: Take a look at the classes your major requires before senior year. I know too many students who in their senior year realize they have an extra year ahead of them because of the course require-

ments they need.

Step 4: And while we are on the subject... get an advisor. Unlike most good institutions you are not assigned an advisor when you walk in the door. In most cases you have to go to the department and fill out paperwork before you receive an advisor. Do this and meet with your advisor. You should at least meet with your advisor before you register for your classes. If 15 minutes per semester is too much time out of you busy life right now think how much an extra year will aspirate.

Step 5: Meet with the Financial Aid office if you have any questions about how to apply for aid. Filling out those forms can be like reading hieroglyphics. Seek out your translator.

Step 6: Be aware of all deadlines, class, financial aid, housing etc. Most colleges work on a first come first serve basis. Don't lose your place in line.

Step 7: Do your homework as it is assigned. Reading 40 pages a night is better than 400 in one day.

Step 8: Get a buddy. Study buddies can lend you the notes if you have to miss a day. Plus studying together is better than studying alone.

Step 9: Don't drink when you have class the next day. That's just stupid.

Step 10: Join a club. You'd be surprised how much more enjoyable life can be when you have something to distract you. Plus it's a great way to meet friends.

## Circle The Wagons!

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By: Forrester Safford  
Anchor Staff

That's right ladies and gentlemen, it's time to circle the wagons, or better yet, square them. That way the attackers will get confused when they move in for the kill. Why do we need to do this you ask? Simply put: The Narragansett Indians, oh excuse me, NATIVE AMERICANS (see I can be politically correct from time to time) have gone on the warpath, after painting themselves to look pretty first, of course.

What has caused the Indians to prance around their bonfires you ask? That's an easy one. The Narragansetts illegally opened up a tax-free smoke shop on "their" land in Charlestown, and Governor Carcieri sent in Rhode Island State Police officers to close it down. But isn't Indian land sovereign land? As such, can't the Narragansetts do anything that they please to and on their land? Well, not quite- at least not when it comes to the Narragansetts. You see my friend(s) in the year 1978, the Narragansett Indian Tribe was given 1,800 acres of land, providing that they abide by all state and federal laws when doing anything on or to their land. Therefore, the Tribe must follow the state's tax laws on cigarettes, which requires all vendors of the product to purchase \$1.50 tax stamps, charge a seven percent sales tax, and acquire necessary licenses to conduct such a business.

The Indians ignored these laws, and therefore measures had to be taken in order to stop the premeditated illegal doings of the Narragansetts. Some feel that the state police officers went overboard while shutting down the tax-free shop. Well, if that doesn't reek of fecal matter, I don't know what does. The only mistake I saw the police make was walking into the trap that the Indians had planned for them. You know- the news cameras. However, the officers were sent to the tax-free shop to do a job and they did it amidst being attacked and strangled while attempting to get inside of the shop. But did the police take out their batons, flashlights, or pistols to squash the Indian rebellion? NO, they did not. Instead they used their brains, muscle and a police dog to do what they had to do in order to restore order. It took a while, but they got the job done. If the Indians actually think that they are right in having the tax-free smoke shop then they should have left their tomahawks at home, let the police come to the shop, issue the warrant, take the smokes, and close the shop. Then, the Chief with the tribal lawyer should have gone to court, won, and laughed all the way to the bank.

They fought back because they know that they were wrong in opening the shop! It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that one out. They wanted the scuffle with the state police in order to make themselves look like "victims." I think I saw a few tribal members that could make it big in Hollywood one day.

What's so bad about allowing the Narragansetts to open a tax-free smoke shop? Well, that's another simple question with a simple answer. For starters, how many of you work in or know someone that works in a legal smoke shop, convenient store, gas station, or any other place that sells cigarettes? Personally, it would take more than two hands for me to count how many I know. But getting back to the point, if Indians were to have a shop that sells tax-free cigarettes, not one job will be safe for the people who work in the aforementioned workplaces. Cigarettes, love 'em or hate 'em, produce a ton of revenue for employers, the state and the country as a whole. If the store-owners are not making enough money to pay for help, their employees will be laid off. And let's not forget about the state and country losing money. If that were to happen, state and federal-ly paid programs would also suffer. (Affirmative Action, welfare, etc.) We wouldn't want to see that happen now would we? Well, maybe a couple.

And what if the Narragansetts were to actually win in court? Then my friend(s), not one job will be safe because technically the Tribe would be able to open up any tax-free store that they wanted, such as tax-free gas stations. Gas stations in the near and far surrounding towns will go bankrupt. I bet that would please some of you pinko, anti-capitalist people though. If they were to win in court, a casino would be the next thing on the building block. To see how great one of those would be, take a look at Connecticut and its deficit. The state is over \$500 million in debt, and it houses two huge casinos (one of which is the biggest single casino in the world!). Some big revenue maker they turned out to be.

Now, I know there are still some of you that are still thinking of all the "poor" Indians living on their tiny reservation that is located in the middle of my one horse town and saying to yourself, "We have got to do something to help these unfortunate human beings."

Well bucko, for starters not one Indian lives on the reservation. That's right, you heard me, NOT ONE INDIAN. So, please do us all a favor and get this picture of a bunch of Indians around a small campfire in the middle of a snowstorm and the only shelter from the storm that they have is a small tepee, out of your heads. They do have a bunch of abandoned, unfinished houses on the reservation, though, that were supposed to be for their tribal elders. However, they were abandoned years ago, and it doesn't look as if they will be finished any time soon.

There is one huge reason for not trusting the Tribe with letting them run anything like a casino or a tax-free smoke shop. The Tribe receives \$6 million annually from the federal government, and yet they still cry out that they are an "oppressed people" and they need more money. It's their affirmative action, also known as, "money for not being white." If tribal leaders can't manage to spread \$6 million amongst the tribal members without leaving one person out in the cold and poor, how the hell can any of us actually think that they would be able to run a tax-free smoke shop or casino without screwing something up big time? Let's face it, if you were going to stereotype Indians, we wouldn't call them "smart businessmen." It was evident in 1626 when some "bright" fellow Indians traded Manhattan for \$24 worth of cloth and buttons and it is even more evident now with what seems to be mismanagement of \$6 million annually.

There are two paths that the Indians can take, being that they will not win in court. One possible is short and sweet; the other is a little more time consuming (however I personally prefer it). So here goes: (1) The Indians can just "suck it up" and admit to defeat, again. (2) They can actually become a sovereign nation, and here's how:

(A) Have them take all their kids out of our public schools and make them save up enough money so they can build a school system on their own land.

(B) Build houses on the reservation so EVERY tribal member can actually move onto the land.

(C) Once everyone is situated in their houses, build a big fence around their tribal land with a gate at the front entrance. At this gate have a border patrol agent there to greet everyone going in and out of the sovereign nation. Of course, anyone wishing to travel to and from the new country (because that's what it would be) will have to produce a passport. What I am basically saying is that we would make a border like the one we have with Canada. If the tribe wants be a nation all to themselves, LET THEM. All we have to do is treat them as such.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is the way that the Narragansett Indians can have whatever tax-free shop that they want. Sure, it would cost them billions and probably take them trillions of years to finish such a task. However, in the end I think it would be worth it.

At this very moment, I see the Narragansett Indians as having the best of both worlds. They reap the benefits of being a so-called "sovereign nation" where they get federal money, and they are allowed to use OUR land to post events that they are having on their reservation (a.k.a. the "separate nation"). Do French officials come here to advertise events that are taking place in France? I don't think so, mes amis.

(You see, unlike liberals who just go and bash other people's opinions and actions, I actually provide a few SOLUTIONS to this whole problem. I suggest that all you liberals look up the word "solution" in a dictionary, because I have never heard one of you actually give one for any of the problems that our country faces).



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# arts and entertainment

## Cash . . . from 20

not to see why. It reflects how the addiction of not just drugs, but fame can break a man down. Similarly, "Desperado" is a fitting song for Cash, as it describes him to a T. After living a life as a superstar, he has come to realize the limits of his life. While he has had his ups and downs, this song illustrates how one has to let their guard down in order to truly find happiness. Instead of just performing an other's work, Cash makes it his own, making for a new spin on old favorites.

The album does have some incredible originals. "Give My Love to Rose" is about a man's last wish to tell the woman he loves that he will always love her. This is not just a song though, as if you listen carefully to the lyrics, it tells a wonderful story about true love. This demonstrates how a song is a story, not just a random assortment of words. "Tear Stained Letter" is also a story, as he relates how he wants a special someone to remember the emotions they once shared. The uplifting tempo belies the depressing lyrics, creating a musical oxymoron that touches the heart. Cash showcases his talent for writing by crafting some unique, personal songs that need to be heard to truly be known.

Added bonuses are given to the album including guest performs such as Fiona Apple, Nick Cave, and Don Henley of the Eagles, but this pales in comparison to what was include with the first pressing of the disc. To com-

bat file sharing of the album, the first release of *The Man Comes Around* includes a bonus DVD containing the video for "Hurt," which was nominated for six MTV Music Awards, including "Video of the Year." Possibly the most emotional music video experience ever, the video intercuts footage of an elderly Johnny Cash performing the song in his home and classic film of as younger Cash during his early years. This is used to show how far one can travel in life, which in and of itself powerful, but the true punch is June, Johnny's late wife. The video was shot last year, while she was still alive as she watches her husband through song. The video was said to be a living obituary, and this is not true, but it does have a definite feel of the autumn of life. This video captures feelings and thoughts that are not typical of most music videos and will join the annals of "Thriller" and "November Rain" as to how much a musician can accomplish in their video.

The CD is one of the truest examples of how music can evoke emotions. Listening to this album will make many face their own lifetime, and it gives the impression that life is finite and can end at any moment. The album does have one positive song though, and it's saved for last. I believe Johnny himself said it best.

"We'll meet again/ Don't know where/ Don't know when/ But I know we'll meet again/ Some sunny day."

## WXIN . . . from 20

ing will be Wednesday, September 17 at 1 pm in Horace Mann 186. You can also come and check us out on the quad for Student Activities Day and get to know us. You can sign up to be a DJ or to just help out at the station. There are plenty of spots open.

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FM WELH. We broadcast on both 90.7 and 88.1 from Studio 1 and Studio 2 respectively. Remember, keep your station locked to 90.7 FM and 88.1 on Sundays, and if you can't get us, we have live stream on the web at [www.ricradio.org](http://www.ricradio.org). You can tune in virtually anywhere! We hope to see you and can't wait to have you as a new addition to the WXIN family.

## EXTREME!!!! . . . from 20

The other difference between this show and others is the commentators. MXC is an actual Japanese game show. Takeshi's Castle is broadcast in Japanese. Due to the fact that the show is being broadcast in Japanese, it would be hard for most American audiences to follow the action. To remedy this problem, all the voices are redubbed...badly. Think classic Godzilla films and you can get the full idea. Your mind will over

look this fact as the lines are altered from the original to make the contestants look ridiculous and rather unintelligent. This leads to some of the most entertaining, and yet nonsensical interviews I have ever heard.

So, next Thursday at 9 pm, when you have nothing to watch, turn on SpikeTV (formerly TNN), and give MXC a try. It will give you an insight as to how low some people will go for money.

Imagine Tom Waits singing Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody? For more interesting questions like this one, join the Anchor and you can hear them all day long. And in your sleep.



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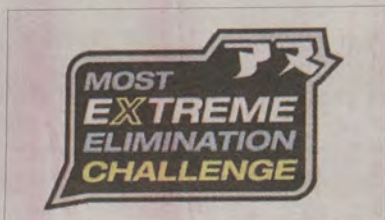
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Taking Extreme to a New Level



By J.D. Salisbury  
Anchor Editor

In this crazy, work-a-day world we live in, we have a variety of options on what we can watch on T.V. We can watch sitcoms, soap operas, dramas, or the ever popular game show. Ah, yes, the game show...one of the few constants on T.V. When choosing what to watch, one could always go with a classic (Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, and so on), one of the new sensations (Survivor, Weakest Link, and Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?), or something different and exciting. Something like Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, or MXC, for short.

Let me start off by saying I've never been a big fan of game shows, or at least, not since Nickelodeon cancelled Double Dare (Mark Summers was the man!). I've only watched a handful in the past few years for the actual games (Weakest Link, for instance, I only watched for the celebrities), but MXC is different. The only way to describe the show is as an Asian adult Double Dare. Filled with various competitions, the game is to win as many challenges that come your way. They vary from "Sinkers and Floaters," where you have to make it across a pond where some of the stones you step on are not that stable, to "Yanking it!," where you have a tug-o-war with a mystery opponent, be it a little girl, team of five men, a cow, or a bulldozer. Yes, the challenges get that weird...

Hosted by Kenny Blanketship and Vic Romano, the show is comprised of two teams each week that compete against each other. The teams all have a theme, whether they be ex-cons, former porn stars, or meat-packing plant workers. As previously mentioned the games are outrageous and over done, with four different competitions per show. This makes for the typical gaming experience.

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## Harry Potter Episode V: Voldemort Strikes Back



By: Patrick Tierney  
Anchor staff

The fifth Harry Potter book, entitled, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, was released on the first day of summer this year. Anticipation was building as the release date neared and bookstores prepared for the release with parties and other Harry Potter events. Finally the book was released. It was definitely worth the wait.

The plot of this book revolves around Harry's fifth year at Hogwarts. Dumbledore has started the resistance to Voldemort, the main villain in the books. The Order is a kind of Rebel Alliance like in Star Wars. But because of enemy spies, Harry has not received any news from his friends. As a result of being left again with his horrible Aunt and Uncle, who are Muggles (non-magic persons).

This book is very good and I think it is the best book so far. That's not only my opinion, but Stephen King has said the same thing. His comments were, "Rowling's books are not just children's literature but have become literature in general." "They are full of dark humor, scary moments and magic which are what makes it popular. It is pure escapism, to leave the world of homework and enter a new world full of magic."

Rowling has said she did not want to write the ending of the book, because someone very close to Harry, dies. It is reported that she wanted to break her hand so she would not have write the scene, because it would be very important in the Harry Potter saga as a whole.

## Buffy and Spike Back?!?



By: Carly Romano  
Anchor Contributor

For all you fans and would be fans of the hit cult television series, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, which ended its final season last June, fear not! The Buffster's best plaything, Spike, will be joining her former undead flame, Angel, on his WB series.

Despite his "flamey" demise in the Buffy series finale Spike returns incredibly undead. But wait, he's always been undead-vampire's are like that. You can't keep a good vamp down. The Peroxide Prince is joining the cast to bring the faltering series "back to life". After nearly being cancelled, Angel's creator Joss Wedon, looked to his first creation, Buffy, to help save his WB series.

Some former Buffy cast members will be joining Angel & Company with special note of the vapid vamp, Harmony. The Buffster herself, Sarah Michelle Gellar, is slated to make some appearances which should be very interesting considering the two main vampires are her former pulse less squeezes. According to Wedon, "in order for all them to get along, one of them would have to die— Again. And I don't want that."

Missing from the Angel cast will be Angel's son, Connor and Cordelia. Spike's arrival on the WB's Angel isn't exactly "Fang-tastic" for the angst ridden, Angel. Even though Angel sired Spike, he leaves a bad taste in his mouth. Angel star, David Boreanaz, reminds us, "Remember, it's called Angel, Spike is one of my henchmen. He underneath me." The season premiere will be Wednesday, October 1, 9 pm on the WB.

## As Good As Cash



By: J.D. Salisbury  
Anchor Editor

"I focus on the pain, the only thing that's real..." - "Hurt", written by Trent Reznor, performed by Johnny Cash.

Truer words cannot be said about the new Johnny Cash album, *The Man Comes Around*. Filled with a mixture of cover songs and original compositions, this album conveys feelings of pain, from the pain of loss, to the pain of realizing one's mortality. The power of this album cannot be denied.

Before I go into a critique of this fine piece of work, I feel the need to confess something- prior to this, I've never really listened to Johnny Cash. Sure, I knew who he was from being mentioned in films such as *High Fidelity*, and his appearance of *The Simpsons* as a pepper-induced coyote hallucination that informed Homer that he needed to find his soulmate. It's something else to actually listen to him I've learned... Wait, I take that back. You don't listen to him. You experience him. You get ensnared in his voice, trapped his somber tone and it will not release you. It took me 21 years to have a musical experience like this, and it is beyond words.

*The Man Comes Around* has songs that are covers from everyone to the Beatles to Nine Inch Nails, the Eagles to Paul Simon. Most of the time, I frown upon covers, as it seems to diminish a musician by showing that they have to rely on someone else's work- but this was different. The first song that comes to mind was the first single released, "Hurt." Here, Cash covers the Nine Inch Nails song about addiction and the pain it causes. While I am a fan of NIN, this song was written to be performed by Cash. His weathered voice conveys a lifetime of trials and struggles and drags you in. Rumor has it that when Trent Reznor first heard the cover, he wept, and it's hard

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## Spotlight On 90.7 WXIN



By Ariana Testa  
Anchor Editor

Hey everyone out there in RIC radio-land, 90.7 WXIN is on the air and fully operational. It has been a year, but we are back full force. The radio station is under new management and we are looking forward to having a great year. The staff for the 2003-04 school year is as follows: Ariana Testa-General Manager, Kenny Anderson- Program Director, Cliff Rebelo- Sales Manager, Jessa Goldstein- Production Director, Richard DelBonis- Business Director, Nate Grist- Urban Director, Paul Pereira- RPM/Top 40 Director, Tom Remington- Alternative Director, Patty Pelle- Metal Director, Madeline Cruz & Meaghan Cordeiro- Promotion Directors, Dave Doyle- Traffic, Kevin McKenna- News, Tim Staskiewicz- Webmaster and Ted August- Technology Director.

We have been working hard all summer to bring you the hottest events on this campus. There are already three shows lined up. Our first one is the *Back To School Bash*, featuring our house DJ's playing the newest and hottest in urban music on September 19. The second was put together by Kevin, our News Director. He is showcasing local bands such as Jon Tierny and the Truth, Mr. Lincoln and others and that will happen on September 27. The third is a metal show, put together by Patty, our Metal Director. It will feature bands such as Imprint, Crumble, Spynakit and Dedset, which is set to kickoff on October 10. All of these shows will be in the newly renovated Student Union Ballroom.

All of us here at WXIN hope to make this year as great for you guys as it will be for us. So come and join our team! We are located in the brand new Media Center, which is attached to Donovan in the Student Union Plaza. Our first meet-

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