



Debugging the Bugged

By: Jackie Crevier
Anchor Editor

This past week it was not an uncommon sight to see residential students trekking through dormitory hallways with their computers cradled in their arms. Students living in all five dorms have had no Internet access for some time.

Vice President for Information Services, Richard Prull, explained that the network has been shut down due to an outbreak of the "Welchia" virus.

"We first became aware of the situation on Tuesday," he stated. The main router, located in Weber Hall is the accessing hub for students to get onto the network. It completely shut down, because "there was too much Internet traffic on the network as a result of the virus." This traffic overwhelmed the router leaving dorm students with no Internet access. Students primarily with modern operating systems including Windows XP and Windows 2000 were hit with the actual virus; also affected but not modern is the Windows NT OS. Linux, Macintosh OS's, and older Windows OS's including Windows ME, Windows 98 and Windows 95 were not affected.

The Welchia virus is a common virus, sometimes known as the "anti-virus virus." It was a "virus created to destroy the

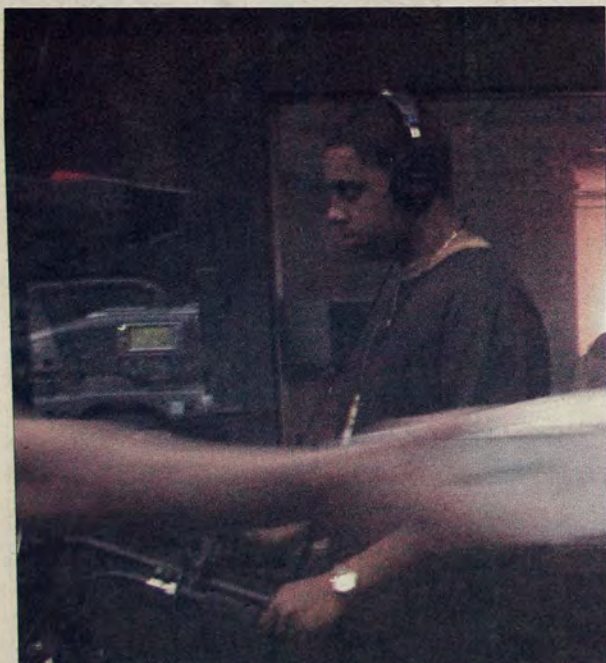
virus "Lovesan." It spreads by running Microsoft OS Services and attempts to protect the computer by identifying those computers without the DCOM PRS patch, which protects the computer against viruses. This virus can lead to an Internet-wide shutdown, because although the Windows patch is applied, the computer is not rebooted leaving it vulnerable to viruses. The Welchia virus can be responsible for downloading dangerous items. *

Prull assured that this virus, so far, has not deleted items from the students' hard drives. He did, however, address the fact that this virus is highly contagious to other computers, including those in the Residence Halls and the rest of the campus network. "This virus broadcasts messages and tries to find other computers to infect," stated Prull.

In order to prevent an entire campus-wide Internet shutdown, User Support Services (USS), Information Services, Network and Telecommunications, volunteering students and Residential Housing and Life are currently in the process of attempting to bring Internet access back to the dorm students and assure that each computer will be protected from any present or potential

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Spotlight on RIC's New TV Studio



By: Trista Escobar
Anchor Staff

No more 30-year old decayed video cameras for the Communications Department. A brand new and highly technical

Television Studio, funded by President John Nazarian, now resides behind Adams Library. Worked on and designed by Technician Stephen Cooke and Communications Professor Bonnie Macdonald, the master-

piece was in the making all last year and perfected over the summer.

"The cameras were over 20-years old and didn't work," Macdonald adds. "It was definitely time for some new equipment."

Needless to say, the studio is now loaded with brand new professional equipment including an audio board, microphones, fluorescent lighting, and an all-digital teleprompter. Macdonald believes that the prompter is one of the major advancements added into the studio.

"The prompter is something we've never had before, so it should be a big help. It's a way students can read their lines while remained focused on the camera," she said.

With the new lighting students no longer have to worry about pit stains under the spotlight, thanks to the new Lowell lights. Cooke assures that "the new style of lights are much more comforting because they don't develop a lot of heat." Also the new, higher quality mixing board is always a plus.

"The new audio board has a lot more veracity and is much better for mixing the sound," reports Macdonald.

Other contributors of the studio work include several Communication students, Graduate student, John Dawns, and the physical plant.

"The Physical Plant was really good to us by allowing us to store the equipment in their building while the studio was being built," adds Cooke.

You can find the studio inside of a side door outside of Adams library on the opposite side of the quad. Unfortunately, the studio is currently being used by the Communications

department and RIC T.V. members only and is locked most of the time. An upside, however, is that there will be an open house in October when students and others will be given an opportunity to sample some of the equipment.

What are the future plans for the studio? Macdonald responds, "We're going to get better and better... be more professional. We want to collaborate with the other departments that will also benefit, such as the theatre and dance department."



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Vampires Invade RIC Campus!

By: Max Dwares
Anchor Contributor

This past Thursday, September 11th the Resident Student Association, in cooperation with the Office of Health Promotions and the Rhode Island Blood Center, held this year's first blood drive. Its success promises to follow last year's efforts and continue into future events. We are all aware of the significance of this day, but we should also know the importance of donating blood.

Nicole Bilotti, a RIC senior, started donating "because of today's date" and realized how much the blood is actually needed.

"It makes me feel good to help humanity, plus they call me all the time!" she said.

Your donation really is the gift of a lifetime. Every drop of blood received really does save a life. Plus, free juice and cookies are readily available for those who give.

If you missed this one don't worry, another Blood Drive is happening soon on Wednesday, November 19 in the Student Union Ballroom. This second of five drives will be from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and is co-sponsored by Iota Phi Theta. To those of you who did donate—The Anchor and recipients thank you.

The Rhode RI Blood Center would also like to remind you that even if you donated this time, you are still eligible to give again in eight weeks. So rack up your frequent donor points. Give freely and give often.

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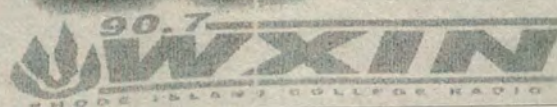
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viruses. They aimed at isolating the dorm network by scanning each computer individually for the virus. Clinics have been held all week within the dorms where USS employees including lab workers, troubleshooters and volunteering students have set up in a lobby. Dorm students were then asked to bring their computers to the clinic so they could be scanned for the virus and then repatched.

Pat Hayes, Director of USS, is in charge of the clinics.

"We are strategizing to get the machines clean," she said. "All the traffic from the virus is clogging the network."

Hayes also informs students that they "value students' privacy." "We are not collecting information, but we are patching and fixing."

Sweet Hall, the largest dorm on campus, was the first to hold such a clinic. On Tuesday night, 120 PCs were scanned. The system was up for four hours and then shut down again.

"Our aim is to get the majority of Internet traffic down so it doesn't overwhelm the router," added Prull. He also spoke about the idea of students registering their computers. He indicated that in the near future there might be a policy that would require students to register their computers, so the college knows what types of computers and operating systems are being run at the college.

"The college is not interested in what is on a student's work station. We just want to make sure the machine is safe to be on the network," Prull said. Students will also be given the opportunity to download some type anti-virus program, such as Norton's Anti-Virus for free to prevent a reoccurrence of this network shutdown.

"The clinics have proved to be successful," indicated the Director of Residential Life and Housing, John Denio. "Our goal is to get the network up for the weekend," he said.

As of Friday afternoon, only Sweet Hall had Internet access. A clinic was held Thursday night for Weber and Brown where USS troubleshooters worked well into the night to scan the computers. A third clinic was held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday for Williard and Thorp. The final

clinic was held on Saturday in Horace Mann Technology Center.

"Infected machines will not be allowed on the network, until they are cleaned," Denio added.

Denio pointed out that this virus outbreak and network shutdown is "not a RIC-only thing." Rhode Island schools across the state, including the University of Rhode Island and Brown University have had problems with viruses since the new school semester began.

"We are working with USS and Network and Telecommunications, and going on their professional expertise to fix this problem," Denio concluded.

Ted August, employee of USS, explained why Sweet Hall is the only dorm as of Friday afternoon to have Internet access. Those working at the clinic have been able to trace what computers have a virus and which don't. Most of the computers currently running in Sweet Hall have been scanned and no longer contain the virus. The few remaining computers, which have not been scanned and are still infected, have not been given access to be back on the network. The individual students will be identified and the computers will be scanned so the students can eventually get back on the network.

August continued to explain, that "combined, the dorms only take up a small percentage of Internet access." August points out that due to the heavy traffic from the virus, Sweet Hall is taking up 40% of this access. He deems this number to be "sky high" and points out that "another dorm's network will not be turned on until one dorm is at normal capacity."

Soundbytes from resident directors, dorm students and troubleshooters indicate that there is a mix of opinions in regards to the current Internet problem.

"This is a difficult situation for every one," said Resident Director of Sweet Hall, Mike Gorman. "We have to trust the people in charge of the network." Gorman also pointed out how this experience "proves just how much the Internet is an integral part of students' lives."

"The clinic was cluttered,"

indicated Jennifer Eric, Brown Hall resident. She waited three hours Thursday night, for her computer to be scanned. "I don't understand what they are doing," stated Eric. "I thought they were putting an anti-virus on my computer, but they were just seeing if the computer had a virus."

Caitlin Magmer, also a Brown resident, describes this process to be "very annoying." Magmer did not have to bring her computer to the clinic since it is new, but she, like the rest of her suite mates, did not have access to the Internet. Magmer felt "annoyed" because, "Internet access is a part of the privilege as a student and part of what we pay in tuition."

Executive Editor of the Anchor, Tony Rodrigues, also a troubleshooter for USS, has directly been involved with the clinics.

"It is very important that these clinics are being held, because this virus is very pervasive," he said. "One copy will infect everything if given the chance." Rodrigues also added that this process of getting the dorms back on the network would be "expedited" with more student cooperation, in regards to bringing the machine to the clinics. "The ball is in the student's court," he said.

"I wish they had done this in a more organized way," said Sherri Fitzgerald, who lives in Weber Hall. "They could have come to us, so we would not have to bring our computers down."

USS and all those involved are hoping that the network will be working successfully for Monday or Tuesday. In the meantime, User Support Service employees along with others are working overtime to fix the problem. Melissa Z. Benitez, a lab worker for USS, points out that they have a limited amount of people to help.

"This is a busy time for lab workers, since we are working extra hours." She points out that although students are getting "aggravated", they are doing the best they can to get the network back.

* From Viruslist.com "Good Viruses Don't Exist" and "The 'Cure' Causes More Trouble Than the Illness."

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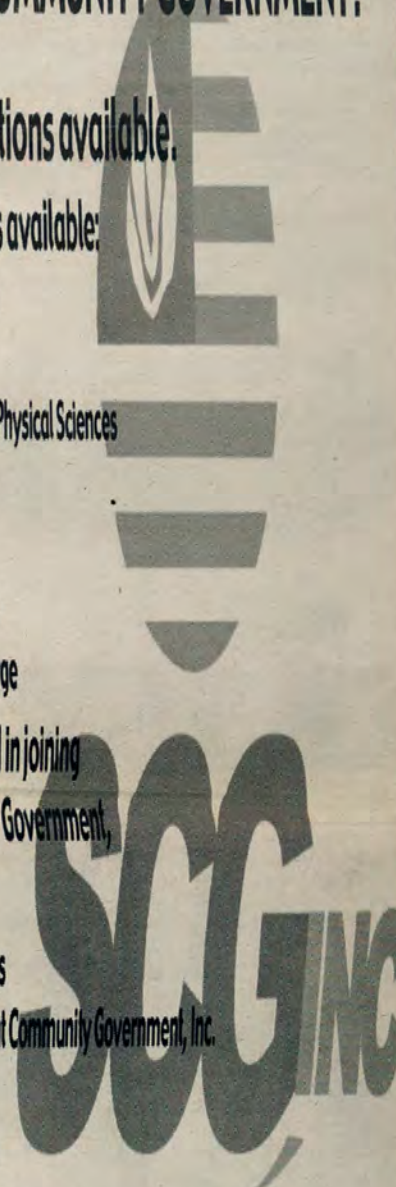
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Horton: A Modest Leader

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

When you interview a star athlete about how their season is going, you tend to find that most will look on the positive side, completely neglecting to be fair about what they say. This happens all the time. Athletes will brag about their accomplishments, and completely forget that their team just blew a nine run lead in the ninth inning of a must-win playoff game.

In college, sports teams have a personality all their own. They are a group of individuals, brought together to compete as a team and they do not tend to look at the big picture. Rebecca Horton is no exception. As the captain of the Women's Cross Country Team, you might believe that Rebecca would be the first to brag about the team's success. But, obviously, you haven't read the headline.

Rebecca Horton is a very rare case of the typical college athlete. While her accomplishments speak for themselves (she has already placed third in the teams only meet of the year), it is almost like you are trying to pull teeth when asking her to describe how her year is personally going.

"I don't really like to talk about myself. I'm going to go out there and run the same way that the rest of the team is. We're trying to be a good team this year, but it's still early. I think we're going to do well because we've got a lot of new people here and they are very talented and skilled. It's not like other sports, where week-to-week you've got to learn new plays and do different things to prepare. All we can do is practice each day and try to make ourselves improve to be the



best we can be."

Horton is right. This year's team features athletes from across the region that have all come together with one goal: Gaining experience and learning to work together as a team.

"Last year we really pulled through towards the end. We stuck together and finished strong. I think we all learned something from that. We had our first meeting this week, and we placed first, so that's a good start. All I really can say is that I hope we can keep things going and we do as good as we think we can."

Rebecca is entering her senior year here at RIC, one that will certainly be filled with many memories and one she may never forget. But, before she can don the cap and gown and walk down that aisle into the real world, she is going to have to look back at her career here and think about what she has done since she first arrived.

"Running is my outlet, and it's something I love to do. I'm going to miss everything about this team. We've got a camaraderie that just feels good to be a part of. We're very supported by everyone on campus. People are always telling us that we're doing great and they are always wishing us well before we compete. I'm even going to miss the everyday practice. Coach (Kevin) Jackson has done a lot for us since he came here. He's been great to the team. He's gone out and recruited so many players and done so much to make us want to work hard for him. There's no doubt that I'll miss it."

Not once during the entire conversation did Rebecca mention her individual accomplishments. She didn't want to talk about any one person in particular. All she wanted to discuss was the fact that she is part of a team, part of a group of people who go out there everyday and run hard to represent the student body of Rhode Island College.

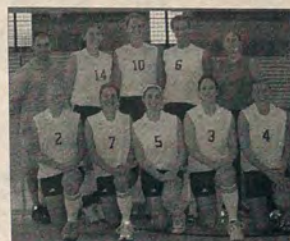
"I'm really nervous about how this article is going to look. I don't usually do well in these types of situations because I don't really like to talk about how I think I am doing. The only thing I could really say is that I just want the team to stay positive and to always work hard."

Well, Rebecca— you're not alone. A true leader is someone who puts the team in front of themselves. A true leader is the person that only worries about the solid stats, not about how they individually played. Rebecca Horton is a true leader, and she is the captain of the Women's Cross-Country team. She is a technology education major with a communications minor. She graduated in 2000 from Seekonk High School, and hopes to become a teacher after she graduates.

All Signs Point North for Women's Volleyball

By: James Bessette
Anchor Staff

Normally when a college team finishes only a few games below .500, you expect a lot the following year. With lots of potential, you just hope the team stays intact. When only two play-



ers return, however, usually the head coach of that team is the first one to worry.

But that's not the case with second year RIC Volleyball Head Coach, Craig Letourneau. Senior, Erica Poirier, and sophomore, Sara Chamberlain, are the only two returning players to a team that finished 13-16. Nevertheless, he is very optimistic about this year.

"This team has lots of potential," says Letourneau. "Maybe even becoming a very good team, however, this is a very young team and right off the bat they are thrown in the fire."

Even in the opening night three sets to one loss to Johnson and Wales, Letourneau was pleased with what he saw. The team was led by their freshman middle hitter, Erin Miga, who had a team high three blocks, and had a match high eleven kills—including four in the game two

victory.

"This team put up a very good fight within the second match against J&W. They looked extremely strong against them," said Letourneau. "All night our squad had a very good serve." The one responsible for that serve was freshman, Kari Geisler. She had a team high seven service aces.

But, along with the good, has to come the not so good. Coach Letourneau said that there was a serious lack of communication on the floor.

"That area we need to step up in big time," said Letourneau. "We also need to step up in the defensive aspect of the game. We're still working on it but we're making big strides towards it." The coach also pointed out that the team needs to improve on passing drills as well.

In September, the team named Senior Erica Poirier as the team captain for this coming year.

"Erica is the most vocal of the entire group," said Letourneau. "All of the girls seemed to look up to her for leadership and guidance." Last year, Poirier had 150 kills, 37 service aces, 44 digs, and 141 blocks for the RIC squad.

The team's next matches are on Friday and Saturday with the Little East Round Robin. Their next home tilt is Tuesday, September 23 against Wesleyan University at 7:00 p.m. Could we see a possible dynasty in the future for the Volleyball squad? Maybe not this year, but if Craig Letourneau likes what he sees from such a young squad, anything's possible.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Cross Country

Sep 20 UMASS-Dartmouth Invitational 12:00 PM
Sep 27 Ray Dwyer Invitational 11:00 AM

Women's Cross Country

Sep 20 UMASS-Dartmouth Invitational 11:15 AM
Sep 27 Ray Dwyer Invitational 12:00 PM

Golf

Sep 24 at Roger Williams University 12:00 PM
Sep 30 Wentworth Institute of Technology 12:00 PM

Volleyball

Sep 19 & 20 Little East Round Robin 6:00 PM
Sep 23 Wesleyan University (CT) 7:00 PM

Men's Soccer

Sep 16 at Johnson & Wales University 7:00 PM
Sep 18 Connecticut College 4:30 PM
Sep 20 at Eastern Connecticut St. Univ. 1:00 PM

Women's Soccer

Sep 16 Johnson & Wales University 3:30 PM
Sep 18 at Worcester State College 7:00 PM
Sep 20 Eastern Connecticut St. Univ. 1:00 PM

Women's Tennis

Sep 16 Johnson & Wales University 3:30 PM
Sep 20 Plymouth State University 1:00 PM
Sep 22 at Wentworth Inst. of Tech 4:00 PM

News & Notes: RIC's Women Soccer Team defeated Rivier College 9-0 Last Thursday. The Team outshot their opponents 38-3. Erika Haaland, Amanda Rinn, and Jessica Moran each scored two goals. Meanwhile, Caitlin Gavin, Lauren Tomasso, and Alexis Bouchard also added to the total by kicking in one each.

A Season to Remember

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

You know, it seems as if things are getting much more expensive. What used to cost a dollar now costs five, and the quality rarely matches the price. This is especially true in baseball where you can go to Fenway Park and pay \$3 for an ice cream sandwich that would cost you twenty-five cents at the store. And that's on top of the already ridiculous prices to actually see the



Red Sox. For two tickets that will probably get you a view of some guy's neck hair, you're liable to end up coughing up over \$100. But, rest assured, there is a form of baseball that won't cost you more than it's worth....That's right, The Pawsox.

The Pawtucket Red Sox are the minor league affiliate of the Boston crew, with one notable exception....they're actually good. I'm sorry if it stings a little, but the fact remains that the Pawsox are the only hope that is left for baseball in New England. If you're willing to spend the outrageous price of eight dollars per ticket, you can sit anywhere in the ballpark. Even five dollars will get you general admission. That is why McCoy stadium is such a popular destination for many around the Rhode Island area. Packaged as a family ballpark, you get everything you could ask for from Fenway, without the loud obnoxious drunks throwing beer behind you. McCoy Stadium is truly something unique, and after you've gone once, you'll be able to tell why.

Fans of the Pawsox got more than they bargained for this year. Finishing a franchise record 83-61, the Pawsox got the right to compete for their first championship since 1984. This year, the most surprising aspect of the Pawsox success was the fact that they did it with relatively newcomers. Lead by such unknown everyday players like Adrian Brown and Lou Collier, you wouldn't think of them as a threat to the league standings.

Much to the surprise of everyone, Pawtucket went crazy this year. In earning their first post-season appearance since 1997 (where they lost to Rochester in four games), The Sox managed to steamroll almost any team that stood in their path. Team Manager, Buddy Bailey, was named the IL "Manager of the Year" as he managed to take his team from the pits of the league to championship gold, almost overnight. Pawtucket took home the division title for the first time in seven years, and was the first team to clinch a playoff spot in the International League.

On August 10, 2003, Pawtucket pitcher, Bronson Arroyo, (who you've probably never even heard of), did something that only three other pitchers have done in the 120 year history of the International League. Facing a Buffalo Bison team who showed a heart to fight back all throughout the series, Arroyo silenced their bats and pitched a perfect game for only the second time in Pawsox history.

"It was one of those days,"

said Arroyo, "After you get through three or four innings of easy work and you haven't thrown many pitches, you kind of keep rolling and rolling."

Arroyo's game was typical of the season his team had. Though they sometimes had to struggle to get the job done, more often than not, they sucked it up, went out there and got the wins they needed. In their playoff series against the Ottawa Lynx, the team blew a two game series lead and looked more like their major league

counterparts by coming dangerously close to being eliminated with nothing to show for from their brilliant year.

But, as seemed to happen almost nightly, unlikely players stepped up in key situations to keep hope alive. Jorge de la Roda and Dicky Gonzalez each pitched brilliantly to shut down their Canadian opponents in a decisive do-or-die game five. Collier and Kelly Dransfeldt also played great and smacked in some key runs to give the Pawsox a 3-1 victory and a shot at the title.

Although Pawtucket was swept by a very determined Buffalo team in the finals this past week, that shouldn't be the last image you have of this team. From spring training to the end of the season, every player and manager worked hard to put forward the best possibly team they could- and for what? It certainly wasn't massive television coverage or even the mega million dollar salaries that some of their professional buddies are getting. No, they simply did it for their fans and to prove that they belong with the best of them.

The experience of a minor league ball game is not something you can simply write about. No, it would be too boring to do that. Instead, you have to be there yourself to see what it's really like. As luck would have it, I got to see the team this year several times. After spending close to six innings goofing around and chatting with players from both sides, you can tell that there's just something appealing about following this league. It's just as good as the big leagues, without the inflated egos and jacked up prices. As one former Anchor sports editor put it:

"I'll only go to watch the Pawsox if the players from the other team are hot. Sure, ogling minor league ball players might not be your cup of tea, but it's nice to know that the option is there for you to take advantage of."

What makes Pawtucket a fun place to go watch a ball game is the feeling you get as you enter the gates. You can be in a fairly pissy mood all day long, but when the lights go out at McCoy, all seems well. Young or old, it doesn't really matter. Everyone feels welcomed by the time the first pitch is thrown. It doesn't matter if you're there as a serious baseball fan, or as someone there just to see "all the hot baseball players and their cute butts", the splendor of a trip to the ballpark will make you feel great. It's where you go to have fun. It's where you go to forget how bad Boston sucks. It's where you go to watch the Pawsox.

By: Michael A. Romano
Anchor Contributor

The first week of the NFL Season can only be described as unique. Rivalries were renewed, upsets and shockers stymied the prognosticators (who again, claim to know everything), and unstoppable teams from last year were embarrassed. Coaches, players, and fans undoubtedly enjoyed themselves, which can only mean one thing: Football season is back and better than ever.

Now, I did receive some heat regarding last week's article. I realize that it was much too long and contained a couple of errors. So, instead of typing up five and a half single-spaced pages about who I think has the best shot at a championship, I decided to cut Part 2 down quite a bit. Rather than listing EVERY SINGLE TEAM in the AFC this week, I am only going to cover the ones worth mentioning—the six best. The two mistakes I made last week concerned both the Atlanta Falcons and the Arizona Cardinals. Running Back T.J. Duckett is not the man for the starting job, as Warrick Dunn has secured that position. However, Duckett will probably be utilized as a short yardage back. Also, Jake Plummer is no longer with the Cardinals, as Jeff Blake has taken over at Quarterback. Jake "The Snake" now calls Denver his home. But, you know what, everyone makes mistakes. Just look at the Patriots. Enough of the babbling, here's the rundown:

THE AFC'S BEST

Buffalo Bills (13-3) – Week one showed us why the Bills are a force to be reckoned with. Any team with that much intensity at home (and during the first game) is bound for glory. With a 31-0 victory over the preseason-dominating New England Patriots, Buffalo has proven that an upgraded team makes a big difference. QB Drew Bledsoe has a monstrous offensive line that allows him plenty of time in the pocket, and that is when he is most deadly. Bledsoe can hit any receiver anywhere on the field, including the deceptively fast Eric Moulds at WR. Travis Henry is an offensive weapon at RB and is another one that can benefit from the Bills' offensive line. As far as defense is concerned, LB Takeo Spikes will be happy to "TKO" someone and assist DT Sam Adams in brewing up some trouble for any running back or receiver. However, the fifth time will not be the charm for the Bills, as they will be stunned before a trip to the Super Bowl in Houston, Texas.

Kansas City Chiefs (12-4) – Hail to Dick Vermeil's Chiefs. They will have a tough time suppressing a division rival in Oakland, yet it will only make them a stronger team. RB Priest Holmes will probably be touching the ball a little less this year

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(maybe about 80-90% of last year's total attempts) due to his hip injury. He won't let that get in his way of a phenomenal year in running the football. Look for at least 1,000 out of this guy. TE Tony Gonzalez will make his presence felt on the field, as Kansas City's high-powered offense will make a statement this season. Dick Vermeil wants

week.

Oakland Raiders (10-6) – Don't even bother looking at the record I'm predicting for this team. Even though it may not be the best, it's enough to get them to the playoffs. QB Rich Gannon directs a highly effective West Coast offense with WR's Tim Brown and Jerry Rice, who both seem to

get better with age. RB Charlie Garner will definitely do his share out of the backfield, whether it be sprinting for a few yards or running a 5-yard flats pattern. The offensive line is huge for this team but quite slow, and quick defenses like Atlanta and Tampa Bay will probably benefit from this. LB Bill Romanowski adds quite an edge to an underrated defense. Expect him to be fined at least \$5,000 this year and watch him spit on someone. Oakland needs that "Bad Boy" attitude, and it will undoubtedly help down the line. This team is pretty much ageless and knows how to win the

important ones. With that said, I am predicting the Oakland Raiders to upset a few teams in the playoffs and pull off a shootout in January at the Super Bowl.

Tennessee Titans (9-7) – Why would I mention a team amongst the elite if I think they'll only win 9 games this year? Let's just say that the Titans will be kissing the feet of the person who came up with the idea of the wildcard berth. That's what they'll fight for this season. QB Steve McNair possesses a great deal of awareness and isn't afraid to have some fun out of the pocket. Unfortunately, he's a little banged up and will probably rely more on star RB Eddie George. Now, we all know that Eddie can weave, dart, and dodge, but can he gain yardage? Over the past two seasons, George has averaged 3.2 yards per carry. That's nothing compared to the days of his prime. Both of these guys looked fine in the opening win against Oakland, but don't expect anyone to be invincible. Speaking of which, the Titans lost their kicker and will now have to rely on Craig Hentrich to get the job done in that department. This won't cost Tennessee too much, as they can look forward to Jevon Kearse making some big plays on defense. This team will have its disappointing moments, but hard work will pay off and the Titans should get to the playoffs this year.

I just can't let everything go like that, now can I? I mean, sure, Oakland and Atlanta will be in the Super Bowl, Cincinnati will embarrass themselves for the umpteenth time, and the Patriots, well, they're the Patriots. I'm not going to risk a beheading about this local team, so I won't say anything too bad. I'll let my predictions speak for themselves, and I'll let you decide if I am right or wrong.



to get to the playoffs this year, but he needs one thing: a defense. That's where CB Dexter McLeon, DE Vonnie Holiday, and LB Shawn Barber come in. Those three alone can account for some heavy damage. Sadly, a lot of these guys are young and lack the experience needed to go all the way.

Indianapolis Colts (11-5) – The Colts should not be ignored this year. With a proven Pro Bowl Quarterback in Peyton Manning, an untouchable Edgerrin James at Running Back, and a speedy Marvin Harrison at Wide Receiver, Indy has plenty of offensive weapons. Tony Dungy is also content with his defensive unit, as many of those players have made some slight improvements. Even though he wants a Dungy Bowl this year against his former team in Tampa Bay, he'll be disappointed to find out that the AFC has much more competition and a couple of tough playoff contenders. Will they win the division? Yes. Will they win a playoff game? Don't count on it. Expect to see numerous upsets in the AFC this year, and watch Indianapolis fall victim to a heartbreaking playoff loss.

Pittsburgh Steelers (10-6) – This may be a strong statement, but here goes: I HATE THE STEELERS AND THEIR HEAD COACH. I just do. Don't ask me why- it's in my blood. But, the Steelers are a great team. Bill Cowher will utilize the running game to get to the top of the AFC North, despite the RB controversy. QB Tommy Maddox can look for WR's Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress to be reliable throughout the year, even if some defenses use double coverage on both. Speaking of defense, did I mention that Pittsburgh is too cocky on that side of the football? That's probably why I hate them so much, as they overrate themselves week after

After 12 long years of doing these pointless blurbs, one of you shiftless lay-a-bouts finally joined the Anchor as a direct result of reading one. Maybe there is someone with a brain on this campus after all.

The Top Shockers

By: James Bessette
Anchor Staff

As a sports fan, I have never witnessed so many outrageous events happening within a short period of time. Usually within a three-month time span, there may be one or two major sports stories that carry on for an extended

period of time. This summer alone has been very different. Before I reveal the top five sports moments, here's a quick review of the first half of the list, which I talked about in detail last week: 10.) The Detroit Tigers: On Pace to become the worst team in Baseball History. 9.) Trot Nixon tosses a ball into the stands after recording the second out of an inning. Red Sox give up two runs because of it. 8.) Pedro and Manny both come down with laryngitis, missing several games almost at the same time. 7.) U.S. Track Runner Jon Drummond holds up a track meet for forty five minutes after two mental errors cause him to be disqualified. 6.) Former Mets IF Rey Sanchez, sitting on the bench anyways, decides to leave and get a haircut in the middle of a game. There you have it, that's the bottom of the list. And now, the top five most shocking sports moments and stories of Summer 2003: 5.) Claret Causes Controversy. Normally, if a college football player has set school football records and wins his team a National Championship against an undefeated powerhouse such as Miami (all in his

freshman year), he would be living the high life on campus. But for Ohio State RB Maurice Claret, that's not the case. During the off-season, Claret has come under investigation from both the school and the NCAA for possibly being rewarded academic leniency in one of his classes for the right to play football. Later, Claret filed a report to the police, claiming that he had over \$10,000 worth of stereo equipment stolen from his car. Now, as a result from all these events, Claret has been suspended from playing football for the coming year and charged for one count misdemeanor for exaggerating on a police report. A Couple of things, Big Mo. Number one: There are very few college students that have \$10,000 in their BANK ACCOUNT (especially in their freshman year), let alone having that much in stereo equipment for their cars. Secondly, you've just won a national championship. You've set school football records and you're on scholarship. Why would you risk your future by doing something so stupid? Falsifying a police report? And now, since college ball is out of the question, you want early entry in the NFL?? HA!! Good Luck!! 4.) Sammy Sosa's Corked Bat. I think the band "Weezer" said it best: "Say it ain't so." In a game against the

Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Chicago Cubs slugger and beloved baseball All-Star, Sammy Sosa, hits a broken bat grounder back to the pitcher and was called out. However, this was no ordinary broken bat. The Tampa pitcher pointed out that there was something in the bat and the umpires came in to



inspect the bat. Upon this inspection, it appeared that Sosa, famous for the 1998 single season home run race with Mark McGwire, used a bat with cork inserted in the barrel—a major violation of baseball rules. Sosa was suspended 10 games as a result. He was very apologetic and acknowledged that he had made a mistake. I believe that his apology was genuine because when people break bats with cork in them, they don't run to first. They run and gather up what's left of the bat so that they won't get caught. Sosa, on the other hand, ran to first and went back to the dugout like nothing was the matter. Here's the problem: Whether the bat was for exhibition only, which Sosa claimed it was, or not, corked bats shouldn't be allowed in the stadium-period. 3.) Randall Simon vs. The Italian Sausage. Now this was a complete original. First, if you don't know about it, in Milwaukee at Miller Park, in between the 5th and 6th innings, the Brewers hold a "Sausage Race." The stadium picks four fans from the crowd, dress them up in sausage costumes and have a race from left field to home plate. This has been a tradition in Milwaukee for years. But earlier this year, former Pittsburgh Pirate 1B Randall Simon, while watching the race from his team's dugout, bopped one of the runners on the back of the costume with a bat, causing her to fall over and taking another sausage runner down, as well. Simon, his teammates and the fans of Milwaukee thought this was the most hilarious thing they have ever seen. Milwaukee Police thought otherwise. After the game, Simon was arrested and fined \$432 for the "vicious assault" on the sausage. Look, if I was in the stands and I saw this happen, I would have been hyperventilating from laughing so hard. Seeing people running around in sausage outfits is just funny. The lady that was hit didn't think it was a big deal, and no one got hurt—so lighten up and have some fun. 2.) Kobe Bryant, Star Defender. This goes to show you that no sports athlete is as clean cut as one might think. Los Angeles

Lakers star, Kobe Bryant, was arrested and charged with sexual assault on a 19-year old female hotel worker in Eagle County Colorado. The trial is still pending because of possible evidence that the accuser suffered from mental trauma prior to the night in question. Since then, Kobe has been all over the

media. In an attempt of reconciliation, Kobe bought his wife a ring that has a price tag of four million dollars. That's two Newport Mansions on this woman's finger!!! Also, two companies that Kobe was the spokesman for did not renew the NBA All Star's contracts. When everything is all said and done, even if Kobe gets acquitted, he is

still serving life in his wife's doghouse for adultery, and his image may never be the same again. As shocking as those moments were, they have nothing on the number one head scratcher of the summer: The Baylor University Basketball Controversy. This is the most sickening story. On June 15th, Baylor Men's Basketball player, Patrick Dennehy, was reported missing and was last seen in the area of Waco, Texas. As the days went on, rumors began to swirl that Dennehy had been murdered by one of his former teammates, Carlton Dotson. When Dennehy's body was found outside of Waco, with a shotgun wound in his head, all signs pointed to Dotson. He was then indicted on a murder charge. Prior to Dennehy's murder, Dotson claimed that he suffered from mental illnesses, including "hearing voices in his head." His trial is still pending. And if that wasn't bad enough, the coach was involved as well. As part of this whole controversy, former head coach, Dave Bliss, was being asked about the possibility of helping his players out with their tuitions out of his own pocket. One of those students was Patrick Dennehy. Bliss knew about him being missing and originally showed concern for his player's well being. But that notion went south when one of the assistant coaches secretly tape recorded a conversation with Bliss and what was found was that Bliss wanted to make Dennehy look like a drug dealer, so that Bliss won't get caught with an NCAA violation. Since then, Bliss has resigned as head coach of Baylor.

People always say that the cover up is worse than the crime. Bliss KNEW what was going on and didn't help out. How can this guy worry more about himself getting slapped with a two or three year probation from the NCAA, than worry about the death of one of his players WHO WAS MURDERED by another one of his players. In sports it's all about having the heart and desire to win. Dave Bliss is in the wrong profession, because how can you have the heart and desire to win if you don't have a heart?

Women's Soccer Piling on the Points



By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

In a sport where scoring three goals in one game is unheard of, what are you suppose to say when a team scores nine? It's something so rarely accomplished at all skill levels, that when it happens it's very difficult to comment on. But, then again if you were a member of the Rivier College Women's Soccer team last Thursday, odds are that you wouldn't really care how it sounded when it was written about in the newspaper.

Rhode Island College's very own Women's Soccer team posted a 9-0 victory over Rivier on Thursday afternoon in a game that went pretty bad right from the start of things. Two minutes into the game, the Anchorwomen scored their first goal on a kick from Erica Haaland, with an assist from Kim Wood. Haaland had two goals in the first 15 on a day that seemed as if everything was going right for the girls in red.

"The game was really good for us. We got a good chance to play hard and show that we're coming together. Since we were doing really good right from the start, it gave us a chance to put in our bench and see how they'd perform in game situations. I think they came out really good and worked hard. It's what we were missing most from last year and where we really improved over the off-season. This team has a lot more depth than we've had in the past."

Co-Captain Elena Sanborn isn't the only one who has noticed a change in the team from last season. Haaland, who recently won LEC "Rookie of the Week" honors, came on for her first season and made an immediate impact. In her first three games, she had four goals, some-

thing very promising from the newcomer.

"Yeah, we've had some early success, but we're focusing on the team. I was a little surprised by the award," she says. The soccer team has had some success over the past few years, but this one looks different than others.

"We've got a much stronger offense this year. Last year we had a new coach, so we spent the year getting adjusted to how he wants us to play. We still did pretty well though. We went all the way to the playoffs and even won our first game, which was really a surprise. This year, we hope to go even further," says Senior Co-Captain, Kim Wood. Wood is entering her last year here at RIC and she hopes to leave with memories of the team's many accomplishments. As is typically the response from a departing team leader, she discussed how much she was going to miss the team chemistry and having fun playing with her friends.

Overall, the Women's Soccer Team looks to be in mid-season groove. With key matches coming up, including two important home games to cap off the regular season, the team is gearing off for a potential playoff run. Not that they are taking any game lightly, but it must stand out to them that they are going to be playing the team that sent them home last year. On October 25, Keene State will host the Anchorwomen in a rematch of last year's impressive battle. Hollie Benevides echoes the sentiment that the team has put forward.

"Of course we're looking forward to that game, we've never beat them. But, we're focusing one day at a time. When it comes time to play Keene, we'll be concentrating on them, but for now, we're taking one day at a time."

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by **Laura Colannino**

Roving Reporter

How has the lack of network access in the residence halls affected you?



John Meschisen
Sophomore
History

It's made everyone in the residence halls a lot more social. Suites and room-mates are going to know each other a lot better than in years past because they're spending time together and talking to each other.

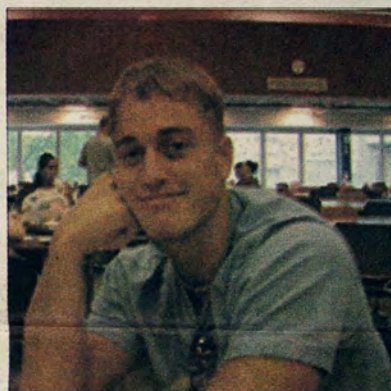
Kristina Lemanis
Freshman
Psychology

I have been absolutely lost without it, but I have come up with other things to do to keep me busy.



Justin Ciccotelli
Sophomore
Film

I miss Mets.com and [adult site]



Joshua Factor
Junior
Philosophy

Well considering that most of my work is not done on the internet and I haven't had any the first week of school, it hasn't affected me at all.



Liz Green
Junior
Elementary education

It's affecting Manny's pimp game.

Mike Truppi
Freshman
Theater

It's been real upsetting not having internet because I can't download any music or movies or stuff that I want to watch.



Ashley Nelson
Freshman
Undecided

I haven't talked to any of my friends at school and I can't go online to get my assignments that I need that my teachers send me through email.



Ahem! Ahem!

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By Luke Buckley



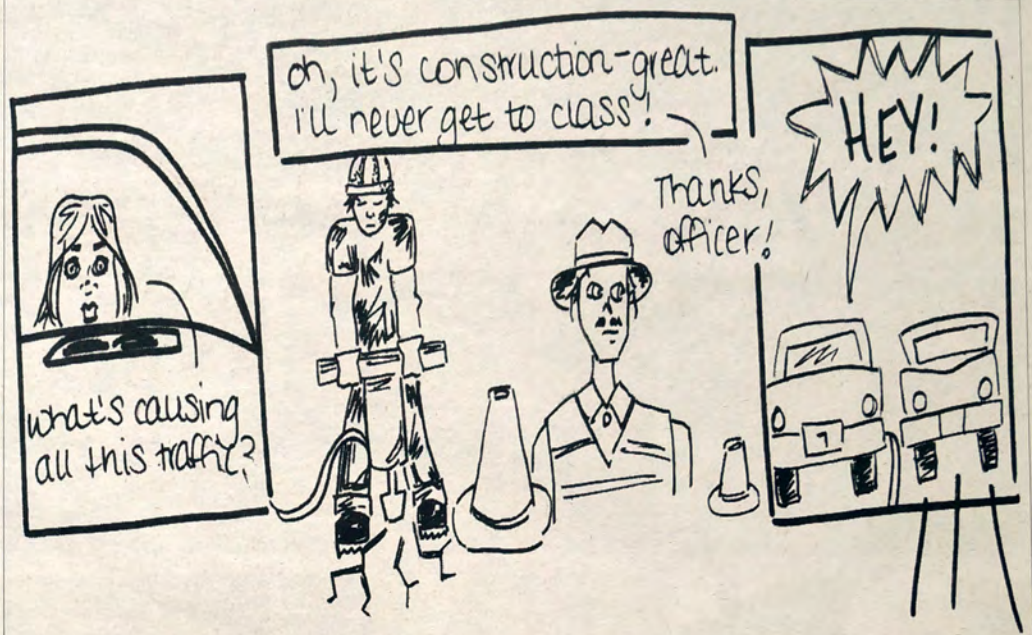
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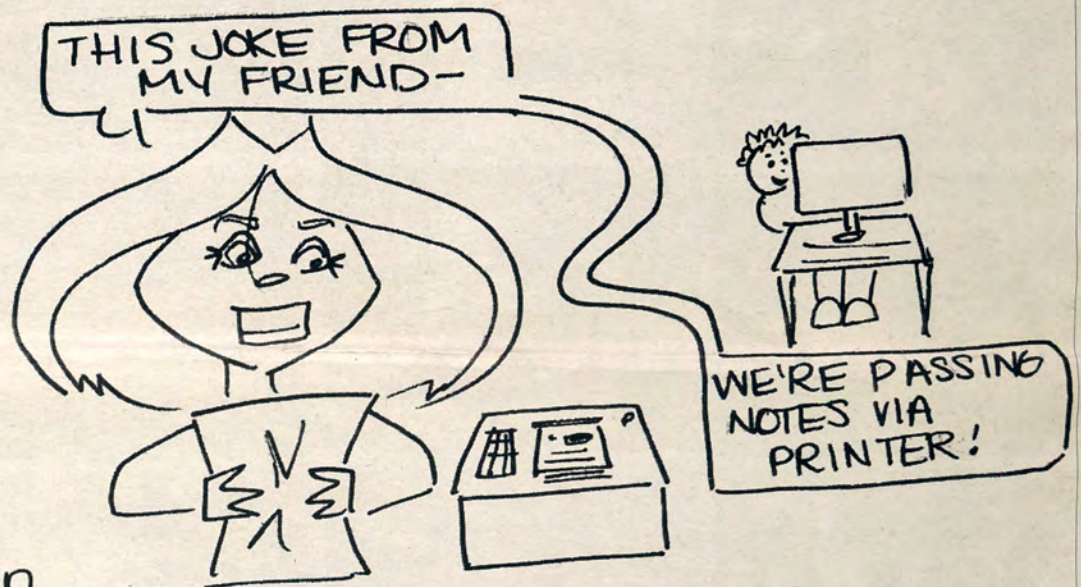


Mildly Intelligent Silly Comics

Surviving
what
Seven
Sees.



By Sara Corrigan



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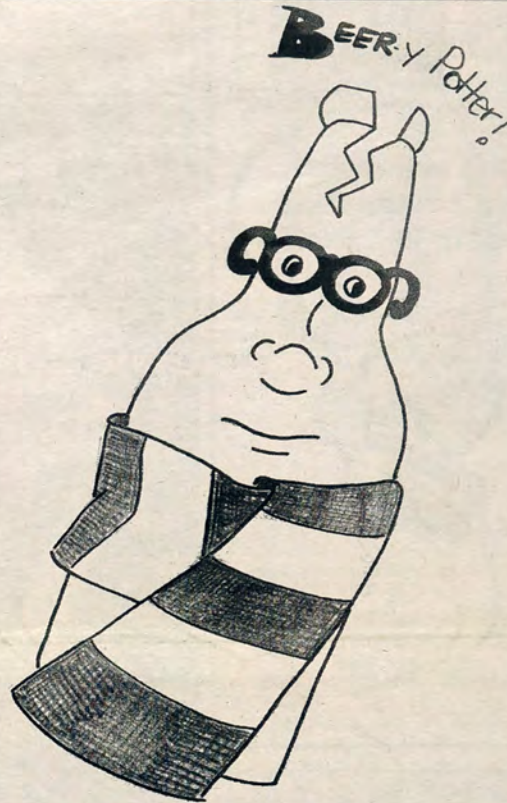
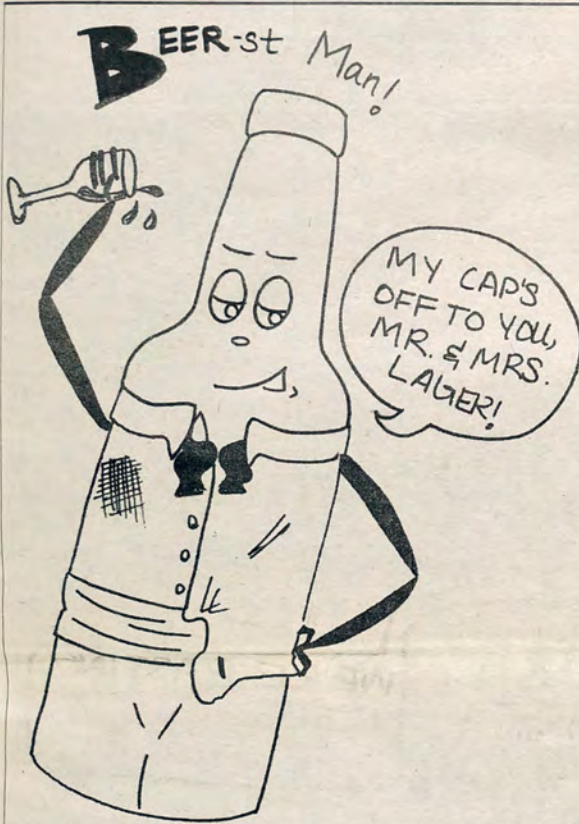
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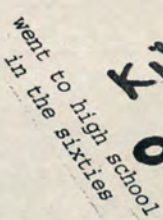
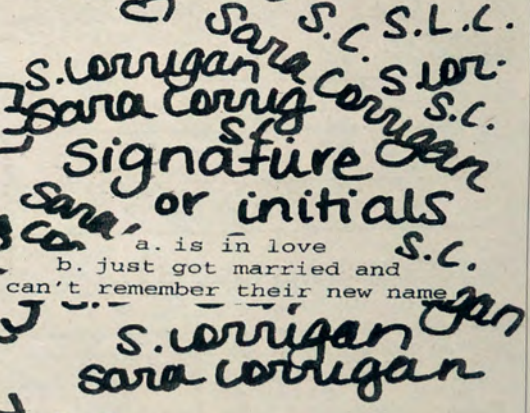
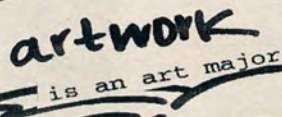
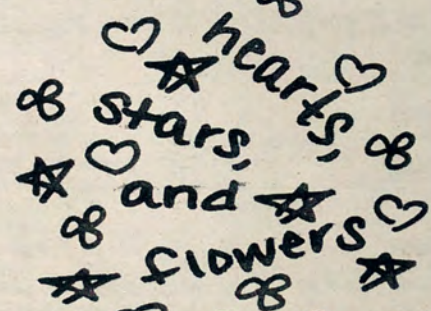
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for the females. Anybody
caught breaking this rule
will be fined \$20 the first
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He continued, "Anybody
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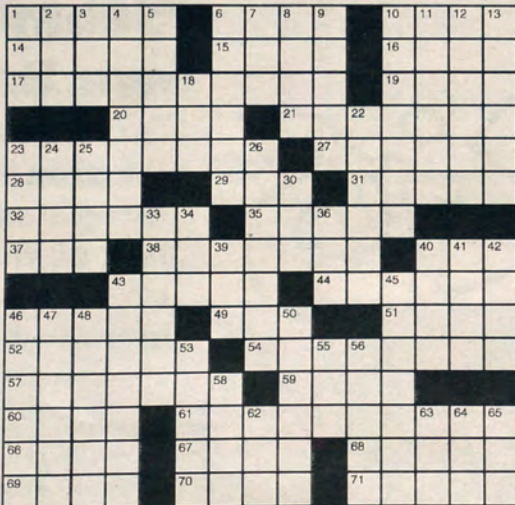
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dent in the crowd inquired,
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Crossword

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- 1 Bleating bunch
 - 6 Poet Alexander
 - 10 Levin and Gershwins
 - 14 Perfect
 - 15 Burden
 - 16 Dreadful
 - 17 Synthetic fabrics
 - 19 Composer Porter
 - 20 Year type
 - 21 Allied by kinship
 - 23 Ovine party sauce?
 - 27 Tranquil
 - 28 Verdi opera
 - 29 Significant time
 - 31 Made further remarks
 - 32 Module classroom
 - 35 Unwraps
 - 37 D.C. bigwig
 - 38 Winter destination, often
 - 40 Amtrak stop
 - 43 Last
 - 44 Russian capital
 - 46 Abdul or Vogel
 - 49 Road base
 - 51 Cradle call
 - 52 Purposeful short trip
 - 54 Cash for self-indulgence
 - 57 One charged with a crime
 - 59 Thunderclap
 - 60 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
 - 61 Holding in abeyance
 - 66 Revise for print
 - 67 Capped joint
 - 68 On your feet!
 - 69 Lairs
 - 70 Burn a bit
 - 71 Maine town



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- 7 Smallest bill
- 8 Sound of contentment
- 9 Double curves
- 10 Proofs of age
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- 12 Dahl of film
- 13 Ranked in a tournament
- 18 Blue
- 22 Inclined shed
- 23 Dupes
- 24 Employ
- 25 First garden
- 26 Challenging situation
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Javanese and Japanese
- 34 Hot-dog holder
- 36 Shade tree
- 39 Capture
- 40 Use a CAT
- 41 Scholarly book
- 42 Not home
- 43 Displays ostentatiously
- 45 Burn without

This creamed corn tastes like creamed crap.



- 46 Crested
- 47 Pinball parlor
- 48 Spiny sea creature
- 50 Neat
- 53 Writing tables
- 55 Sandra or Ruby
- 56 Tropical fruit
- 58 Sand hill
- 62 of Galilee
- 63 Simpson judge
- 64 Sister
- 65 D.C. pub. agcy.

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- 1 Back talk
 - 2 Fuss
 - 3 Ott or Tillis
 - 4 Stew-flavoring herb
 - 5 Slumber
 - 6 Pastry-topped dish

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By Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Pay close attention to financial decisions and new business information this week. Late Tuesday changed records



or an adjustment of figures may cause controversy. Respond

quickly and expect officials to thoroughly examine paperwork. After mid-week a family relationship may be briefly strained by public criticism or cancelled social events. Loved ones will offer unrealistic explanations of their behavior. Remain quietly detached and wait for improvement. All is well.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Monday through Thursday cancelled business projects may trigger resentments between colleagues. Many Taurians will also encounter a sudden promotion



or revised deadline. If so, expect key officials to be unusually focused on the success of advertising, publishing, information systems or research. After Thursday a long-term friend needs to vent their social or romantic frustration. Advocate an improved lifestyle. Dramatic changes will prove necessary.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Over the next few days romantic invitations will be difficult to resist. New intimacy and rekindled love are now



on the rise: expect quick flirtations and passionate overtures from potential lovers. Many Geminis will also experience a sharp increase in insight and wisdom. Watch dreams and intu-

itions closely for indications of changing family relationships. Friends and relatives will be supportive of bold decisions: don't hesitate to propose or examine complex home solutions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Close friends or lovers may this week test your recent statements or promises. Areas strongly affected are family obli-



gations, traditional values or loyalties between loved ones. Don't be unnerved: romantic trust, open discussions in the home and shared goals will soon return. After Thursday watch also for an official or older colleague to admit to a major miscalculation. Avoid public debate, if possible: co-workers and mentors may react poorly to constructive criticism.

Leo (July 23-August 22). Team loyalty and confidence are important to co-workers this week. Before



Wednesday expect revised job roles and new assignments to trigger minor resentments. Provide concrete suggestions and gentle leadership: at present, others may need to privately re-affirm their daily goals or expectations. Later this week spend extra time with romantic partners or loved ones. Someone close may not fully understand your recent interest in new or exotic social activities.

Virgo (August 23-September 22). A difficult relationship may this week require unusual diplomacy. Over the next few days boldly expressed opinions will strain long-term friendships. Avoid the role of mediator, if possible, and remind loved ones to remain silent. After

Friday new romantic involvement and sudden social invitations are unavoidable. Expect lovers and friends to offer encouragement, support and wisdom. Pace yourself, however, and wait for reliable promises. Private tensions may be high.

Libra (September 23-October 23). Business and financial demands now increase. Beginning early Tuesday, and lasting over the next 7



weeks, expect work partners to demand fast results and clarified records. For many Librans this will involve a quick reshuffling of paperwork or a revised definition of duties. Research projects and information systems may require special attention: ask for detailed instructions. Late Saturday social plans may be unexpectedly cancelled. Stay alert.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21). Light romance and sensuality may soon create a powerful new direction in your life. Early this week loved ones may reveal a complicated



love affair or physical attraction. Unattached Scorpions may find that a close friend challenges their romantic interests or offers unreliable information. Don't be derailed: over the next 8 days the emotional reactions of loved ones will eventually reveal private doubts or lingering regrets. Remain silent and wait for clarity.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21). Sentimentality is a strong influence this week. Before Thursday expect friends and lovers

to be highly focused on past accomplishments or outdated relationships. Some Sagittarians may also encounter the return of an old friend or lover. If so, avoid the emotional seduction of kind words or repeated patterns: this is not a good time to ignore present romantic or social responsibilities. After Saturday financial restrictions will fade: expect fast proposals and quick rewards.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20). Early Tuesday a close friend may be unusually distracted by a new love interest or workplace flirtation. Romantic promises are positive but also premature: expect quick social reversals over the next 7



days. Wait for reliable public statements. After Thursday new business information arrives without warning: financial availability, sources of funding or long-term profits may all be affected. Allow bosses or managers to define strategies: legal regulations may be complex.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19). Introduce positive attitudes and fresh activities into the workplace this week, if possible. Over the next 7 days colleagues and friends may feel unappreciated or challenged by new business roles. Social networks will soon prove invaluable; this is the right time to arrange

group events or end the isolation of a shy co-worker. After Saturday rest, discuss home renovations with loved ones and plan short-term financial

strategies. A realistic time schedule for large purchases is needed.

Pisces (February 20-March 20). Monday through Thursday a friend or lover may wish to discuss past family events. Although group disputes are easily resolved, loved ones may still feel privately discouraged. Offer emotional support but avoid acting as mediator: social negotiations will not prove reliable. After Friday employment contracts or new business projects may be postponed. Authority figures will soon expect increased loyalty and renewed commitments. Remain attentive to small details.



If your birthday is this week.

Minor health irritations affecting the circulation, skin or upper chest will soon fade. After almost 8 weeks of fluctuating physical vitality and complex social demands, a new era of optimism, group acceptance and confidence is now due to arrive. Over the next few weeks watch for a steady increase in romantic, social and creative interests. Mid-November through January 11th also accented unexpected and passionate love affairs. Enjoy unique encounters but wait for predictable promises: new relationships may be temporarily unreliable. Controversial business practices, new employment proposals and revised career strategies are highlighted for much of 2004. Remain dedicated to established goals and all will be well.

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Sexual Violence: Be Aware

By: Ariana Testa
Anchor Editor

This article ran last semester and it is very important that I run it again. Sex is not always consensual. Sexual assault can run rampant on college campuses, considering your new found freedom and lack of inhibitions when at college parties where drinking or drugs are involved. And for anyone who does not believe that this goes on, please read this article and become aware that it most certainly does.



This piece is meant to serve as a public service announcement to help you become aware that it could happen to you. It is meant to help anyone who may have gone through an ordeal like this, did not know where to turn, or is unsure as to how to stay safe.

Sexual assault or rape is defined as "oral, anal, or vaginal penetration or union with the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object". The crime of date rape and sexual violence is becoming more and more of a problem for college students these days. Sexual violence is one of the most frequently reported crimes among college women. The United States Department of Justice statistics state that:

1 out of 3 women will be raped in their lifetime.

77% of rapes are committed by people the victim knows.

16% of rapes are not reported to the police.

The National Center of Victims of Crimes reports that one in every five female college students report being forced to have sexual intercourse. These are serious and scary statistics. There are steps that can be taken to help keep you safe and not become a statistic.

While walking through campus, or anywhere for that matter, plan and know your route. Walk confidently like you know exactly where you are going. Avoid alleys, isolated and badly lit spots. Anywhere where people are not present or would not be able to hear you if you needed help should be avoided whenever possible. If you feel or are scared that you may be being followed go into the nearest building or populated area. If you have a cell phone on you, call someone.

If you are getting into your car always have your keys already in hand. Always try to park in well lit

areas and check your cars backseat before getting into it. Always keep the doors locked, even if you are in the car.

When on dates or in a social situation never leave your drink unattended and if someone wants to buy you a drink go up to the bar with them. Never take your eyes off of the drink, even if you think you know the person you are with. There are various drugs that can be "slipped" into your drink and you will not know it until it is too late. For example: Rohypnol- also known as Roofies or the Forget Me Pill, is odorless, tasteless and does not affect the look of the drink. They are approximately 10 times the strength of a Valium. Side effects include: drowsiness, impaired motor skills, impaired judgment, dizziness, confusion, amnesia, nausea, loss of inhibition and blackouts. Rohypnol remains in the blood stream for 2 to 4 hours and can be detected in urine for up to 72 hours. Another drug is GHB (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate)-also known as Liquid Ecstasy or Liquid E. It comes in a clear liquid form that is also odorless, tasteless and does not affect the look of the drink. This is a central nervous system depressant that is abused for its intoxicating effects. Side effects include: nausea, dizziness, slow heart beat, decreased respiratory effort and blood pressure, lowered inhibitions, unconsciousness, amnesia, seizure-like activity and coma. GHB remains in the blood for 4 hours and the urine for 12 hours.

If you suspect that you have been a victim of a drug related sexual assault call the police, even if it was someone that you know who did it. As stated before 77% of victims know their attacker. Seek immediate medical attention since most of these drugs do stay in the system for up to 3 days. While it may be difficult for you to talk about the assault, it is usually better to get your emotions out in open, instead of keeping them all bottled up. Call for support from agencies such as RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network) @ www.rainn.org or 1-800-656-HOPE. They will help you get through the situation and help you cope with the feelings that you are having. It is a myth that if you do not fight back that it is not rape. If you have been inhibited by any of the aforementioned drugs you may have been unable to fight back, and therefore your rights have been violated and you have been raped.

This article is meant to increase awareness and help to keep you safe in different situations. An unsuspecting person is the best candidate for a sexual assault or rape to happen to. ALWAYS BE AWARE!



Parking, A New Kind Of Hell

By: Forrester Safford
Anchor Staff

In one of last year's Anchor issues, I wrote a column entitled, "And You Thought We had it Bad." In this piece, I wrote about how much worse parking is at Roger Williams University compared to RIC. At the end of the piece, I vowed never to complain about the parking situation at our college again. Well, my friends, I wish to take that vow back, because finding parking here at RIC during certain times of the day is nearly impossible.

Over this past summer, work was done to "improve" the parking situation in Lot "J", which is located next to the Murray Center.

Rumor has it that with the completion of Lot J, there are up to thirty new parking spots. But where are they? On the grass? On the quad? In Donovan? On the first day of school this year, a student called up the Anchor office saying that she had been driving around for over an hour looking for a parking spot. Something tells me that she is not the only one who has gone through this.

Even if you are lucky enough

to locate an empty parking space in Lot J, your worries are not over. This is because during the work to improve the lot, a thick barrier outlining the parking lot was built. This would all be well and good, except for the simple fact that there is only one place for cars to travel in and out of the lot. This causes cars to bottleneck during their exodus from the lot. It took a friend of mine about 20 minutes just to get out of the newly renovated and improved lot. It never took that long in the

parking space. Personally, I do not care if a lot is paved or has lines designating each spot. What I do care about is having a ton of parking spaces. What I can't stand is having things placed in a lot to 'beautify' something that needs not be beautiful. Case in point- trees. We have trees placed in little islands inside Lot "A." Now I ask, to what purpose do these trees serve? You can't park in them, so why put them in a parking lot? I doubt the little oxygen that they produce for us

really makes a difference. I could understand putting in lights in the parking lots; at least they could help prevent car jackings. Trees don't cut it. All they do is provide homes for birds, which, in their free time fly around soiling our newly washed cars, and perhaps even us.

So what have we learned today? Parking sucks, and I don't see it getting better until either some changes are made to the already changed lots or until the new freshmen who can hack it, quit school. And if any of you don't believe me that finding parking on campus is truly a hellish experience, I double-dog dare you to try to find parking, in lots designated for students during the hours of 8-2. GOOD LUCK!



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the event.

"I've had a lot of success as a poet. I've won some awards from the International Poets Society and have started to get my work published in several different places. For one of the poems I wrote entitled, 'Dear Mr. Commissioner', I even received a special note of congratulations from Bud Selig. He told me that the matter was going to under review, and I just hope that it eventually leads to Shoeless being given what he really deserves."

D'Alessi goes on to say, "Shoeless Joe Jackson is one of the greatest baseball players the game has ever seen. You can't deny what he's accomplished. He is still the only rookie to enter the league and bat over .400 in his first season. He has the third all time career batting average, but he's not in the Hall of Fame? How is that possible? There are several players in the Hall right now that have done a lot worse than Jackson did, but there isn't a debate whether they should be taken out. It's just not fair to baseball fans and people who are going to support the game. They deserve to remember Shoeless Joe Jackson. He changed the way

the game was played and if that's not what the point of the Hall of Fame is, then I don't know what is."

The unique aspect of the case against Shoeless Joe Jackson in respect to the other seven men whom received a lifetime ban from baseball is the fact that he was never convicted of anything. In several trials throughout the years, Jackson has never been solidly convicted of taking a dive for the Sox. In fact, the common tale is that Jackson had no idea that the series was going to be thrown.

"A lot of people might not know it, but Jackson was wrongly accused. If you look at the facts themselves, you can see why there is so much support to get him into the Hall of Fame. After the series was over, and the team has received their cut for throwing the series, Jackson received an envelope. Rather than taking the money, and thinking nothing of it, he approached his manager about what he received. He never spent that money, and just wanted to get rid of it, but they never let him. He was wrongly accused of what they did, and he had to pay for it. All you ever have to know is simply,

if Jackson wanted to lose the series, why did he still have very good numbers throughout it all? Look at the other players and look at his numbers. He wanted to win those games, and all he got for it was a lifetime ban."

In his book, D'Alessi has written close to forty poems, each with a special meaning or significance, expressed in an eloquent way that leaves you feeling like you experienced something extraordinary. Besides his five poems detailing different aspects of Shoeless Joe, each ranging from the man that he was to the career he had, D'Alessi also talks about his own life through words, and every verse is sure to have some sort of impact on you.

Whether or not Shoeless Joe is inducted into the Hall of Fame does not dampen the fact that there are individuals out there who are not going to give up. Baseball is a sport which is brought to life by its fans. Dan D'Alessi is a fan of baseball, and his book is something for everything to enjoy. Until justice is served with Jackson taking his place among the legends, fans like Dan D'Alessi will keep his name in the minds of today's youth.

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Have Fun With Hemp (The Legal Way)

By Zdenko Juskuv
Anchor Contributor

What can be found in MercedesBenz cars, on Giorgio Armani models, and in Adidas sneakers? What powered a car across 13,000 miles over 92 days and could power

America through the 21st century and helped the United States win World War II in the 1900's? The answer may surprise you- it's hemp. But what most people do know is that

hemp makes great necklaces and bracelets. Ever wondered how to make it? Well, here's your chance to learn for yourself.

*Cost: \$3 \$12 for the hemp. Anywhere from 30 cents to \$20 for beads. Time: 1015 minutes.

1. Get some hemp (obvious). Any arts and crafts store will carry this product, though I'd advise you to shop around because the quality will vary. Of

course, if you go to a specialty place like Beadworks on Thayer Street, then you can't miss.

2. Measure out a piece that fits around whatever you want the work of art you are bound to create, then give yourself a finger and a half s length extra to work with. Now, cut a second piece of hemp- this one twice the length of your first piece.

3. Put the two pieces side by side and at the top wrap them around your finger making this amazing thing called a loop. Put the two ends through the loop and make a knot.

4. Now, the longer piece is going to be worked onto the shorter piece called the "drone strand." Note: At this point put any beads you want to use on the drone strand and make a knot at the bottom so they don't fall off.

5. Finally, position it all so that the longer strand is on your left, take it and put it over the drone making a small backward P shape or loop. Now take the longer strand, and while pressing

it against the drone pull a part of it behind the drone and through the loop. Pull it all the way and tighten. While your doing this pull on the drone so that it doesn't remain slack.

6. Repeat step 5 until you cover make enough to go around your neck or wrist. When you come to a bead don't do anything different, the knots will accommodate the beads nicely.

7. Now take the left over thread that you have and create a loop that fits tightly around the knot you made at the top (also you can put a bead at the top, but make sure you give yourself extra room up there at step 3). Tie off the loop with a knot so the loop doesn't come undone and when you wear your necklace or bracelet just put the knot in the loop and it will be snug and safe. Cut away any extra cord you have.

8. Provided that you have the motor skills at least of a baboon, you should create a spiral design and a new piece of jewelry.

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question is to how the edge will be used. Can Freddy's powers affect the unstoppable Jason? Can Jason stop Freddy's rampage? Fans were constantly asking these questions and no one ever thought they'd ever be answered...until 1993.

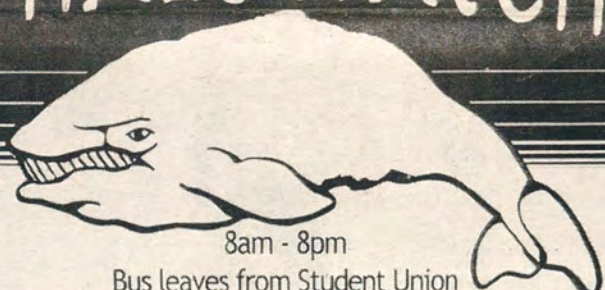
In 1993, Paramount sold the rights to Jason to New Line Cinema. The first thing many people realized was that their dream would finally come true as New Line owned the rights to Freddy. It was only a matter of time until the two met up. Unfortunately, it took 10 years

time for the movie to be released, but to many fans, it was worth it. The chance to see their childhood horrors fight for the right to kill was more than enough to draw in over \$75 million, which is impressive for a horror film. The film is still holding strong at the box office, holding 9th after almost a month and a half of being out.

Before you miss your chance, see Freddy vs. Jason in the theater. It's the perfect pre-Halloween scare. As a matter of fact, it will scare the hell into you.

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In Memory of John Ritter



By Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

There are some actors that you never forget. There are some actors that you never know. In between, there was John Ritter. John Ritter was one of the best performers on stage. I say performers because, though his acting may not have been up to par with such individuals as De Niro or Pacino, his on-screen personality was one that few actors could compete with. Looking back on the life of John Ritter, who passed away on Thursday, you may often focus on one particular television show or movie. But, no matter how bad the movie (i.e., *Bride of Chucky*), Ritter always glowed on the screen and made it seem almost worth watching.

John Ritter began his television career with several guest roles on shows varying from "M*A*S*H" and "Hawaii Five-O" to "Kojack" and "The Waltons". But, for anyone who remembers anything about 70's television (or as tuned in to VH1 in the past five years), they will always remember the television career of John Ritter in one simple television series.

"Three's Company" was the launch pad of John Ritter's career. Cast brilliantly as a bachelor living with two beautiful ladies, Ritter was given the opportunity to let his humor shine as he was often portrayed in awkward moments and in sticky situations. The show was considered groundbreaking for its use of sexual humor and satire as a way to develop and move along plotlines.

Personally, I will always remember John Ritter for his role in the movie *Problem Child* and the quickly thrown together sequel. Sure, the movie might be considered horrible to anyone ignorant enough not to sit down and watch it, but there's just something cool about a pushover father and an evil son. The movies showed exactly who and what John Ritter was all about. He was a man who had an on-screen charisma that was just hard to match.

In a time where notable celebrities seem to pass away daily, John Ritter's death was very unexpected and a surprise to anyone who had a vague idea who he was. In the middle of his second season, with the hit show "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," Ritter seemed primed for a comeback. Unfortunately, the good always pass away at a young age. For character actors as a whole, they just didn't get any better than John Ritter.

All in the Family



By J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

Last spring, the first set of "Family Guy" was released on DVD and was an instant sell out. To try and capitalize on this, Fox has released the second set, which features the third and final season of this cult show. Fans of politically incorrect humor, rejoice!

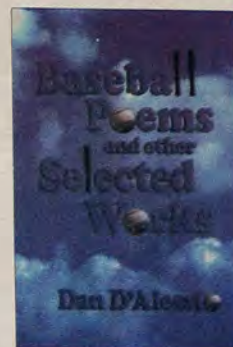
The premise of the show is the misadventures of the Griffin family. There's Peter, the father, who makes Homer Simpson look like Socrates. Lois is the mother, who is always against Peter's ideas, regardless of what they are. The oldest child, Meg, is a teenage drama queen. Chris takes after his father, being incredibly...unintelligent. Stewie, the baby, is obsessed with world domination. And finally, there's Brian, a lush puppy. All in all, it sounds like the typical American family.

With the advent of season three, the story ideas became a little more out there. Episodes include such topics as Meg dating a nudist, Chris having to be placed in Witness Protection after seeing a robbery, and Brian becoming a porn director. Just by looking at the topics, one should be able to surmise that this show is a little more risqué than "The Simpsons," but that was part of the show's appeal. Family Guy did not hold anything back, and many accredit this as the show's downfall. Often times, the show walked this thin line between hilarious and offensive. Many people found the plots racial and hateful, while others saw them as funny and intelligent. It was feelings such as this that kept one episode, "When You Wish Upon a Weinstein," off the air. Fortunately for fans of the show, it is included in this set. Be forewarned though, it may be offensive to some...

The features on this set are an improvement over the last. While the first set included 28 episodes, 8 commentaries, and a featurette, this one has more...so very, very...not too much more! Included are 21 episodes and 6 commentaries, but what is a real interesting addition is the 28 deleted scenes. These scenes are done in animatics, which is rough pencils and voice-overs. It's interesting to see what didn't make the cut, but this allows the viewers to see why certain things didn't make it to the air. Another fun extra on this set is the aforementioned commentaries. Each includes different cast members including Seth Green, whose insight is hilarious. This is a commentary that should be listened to, as it not only goes into what makes the show, but shows how funny the creators can be.

Family Guy provides laughs for those who are willing to find comedy in what may be offensive. For anyone who likes The Simpsons, but has thought that the show has lost steam in the recent years, give Family Guy a try. It's definitely willing to go the distance.

A Book about Baseball, A Book about Life



By Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

"Jackson took disbarment with dignity and sorrow.

Please step up to the plate and declare his eligibility tomorrow.

Think of this act as overturning a wrong decision.

It will show all fans your fairness and vision.

Why bring a child to the Cooperstown Hall

When there is no plaque for the best hitter of all?

Why not take Shoeless off the ineligible list today

And allow the Veterans Committee to have their say."

Shoeless Joe Jackson remains, even to this day, one of the most controversial and oft-discussed players in Major League Baseball History. As one of the greatest pure hitters the game has ever seen, his stats speak for themselves. A career .356 hitter, Jackson constantly ranked at the top of the league in hits, runs, and homers as pitchers struggled to figure out how to get him out. As one the all time greats, you'd expect to be able to go to Cooperstown and find his name enshrined in the baseball hall of fame, but unfortunately, that is not the case.

Before the 1919 World Series, Jackson had been living the high life. He was very successful and having a solid year for the Chicago White Sox. Along with Buck Weaver, Eddie Cicotte, and "Lefty" Williams, the Sox were dominating every other team in the league and looked prime to take over the championship against the heavy underdog Cincinnati Reds. After the Sox went down in game eight and lost the series, rumors began to swirl around the league that the series was fixed and that the Sox took a pay off to bow out. After a heavy investigation, Major League Baseball came to the conclusion that eight members of that pennant winning club were to be kicked out forever for their improper actions. In addition to that, their career statistics would be overlooked and they would never be eligible for Hall of Fame consideration, despite what they accomplished.

Now, you may be asking yourself, "Well, yeah, that's great and all, but it happened so long ago...what difference does it make?" Well, with what appears to be a lenient Commissioner in Bud Selig, there is a possibility that Jackson's case may be looked over again. All of this has come to the delight of one part time RIC student especially. Dan D'Alessi, a full time employee of the Narragansett Bay Commission, has attended RIC since 1999 and is currently seeking a bachelor's degree in general education. On September 19, 2003, D'Alessi will add another title to his resume. His first Book, entitled *Baseball Poems and other Selected Works* hits shelves around the state on that day, and he can hardly wait.

"As far as I had known, there was never a complete books of poems about baseball. My book is an attempt at trying to educate people through verse about sports icons throughout the years. But, it's not just about baseball. I also have a lot of different things for different people. The book is a compilation of my love for sports and the competition of the game."

As one of the most outspoken supporters for Shoeless Joe, D'Alessi has been referred to several times by sources throughout the country. He was invited to the dedication of the Jackson statue dedication a couple years ago, and even had some of his poetry included in a booklet passed out throughout

Two Titans Tussle Towers at Theater

By J.D. Salisbury
Anchor Editor

For the past decade, horror fans have asked for the two biggest slashers to meet on the field of combat to decide who rules the netherworld. Only one can truly stand the test of time as the definitive killer. Only one can truly say that he is THE monster among men. Only one will win in the fight between Freddy vs. Jason...

Now that I've gotten the fight promoter out of my system, let's talk about the meeting of these titans. The plot in a nutshell is Freddy recruits Jason to kill people. Jason goes out of control. Freddy and Jason fight and many teenagers die in the process. It's not rocket science, it's a slasher flick. The plot is simple, but effective and this film fits perfectly into the mold.

This movie is a text book example of the slasher genre. There are two separate scenes of nudity in the first 15 minutes, many gallons of blood, and some of the most innovative ways to kill the average sex-starved teenager. This is what can be viewed as the defining



quality of the slasher genre: sex and violence, and this film as plenty.

What I really want to take about with this film though is what it presents and it's ramifications. Freddy vs. Jason gives fans what they have been asking for years: Freddy vs. Jason. For too long, fans wanted these two killers to fight, for no other reason than to see who is the king of the kill. Both Freddy Krueger

and Jason Voorhies redefined the slasher genre in the 1980s. Freddy was a dream demon that killed teens in their sleep. Jason was a mental challenged boy who rose up from the dead to avenge the death of his mother...who was avenging his death. Both used interesting methods of death from Jason's creative use of a sleeping bag, to Freddy using his dream powers to do whatever he wanted to. This allowed for an interesting match-up as it basically becomes brains (Freddy) vs. brawn (Jason). Each has an edge over the other; the only

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