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The Process Behind the Process

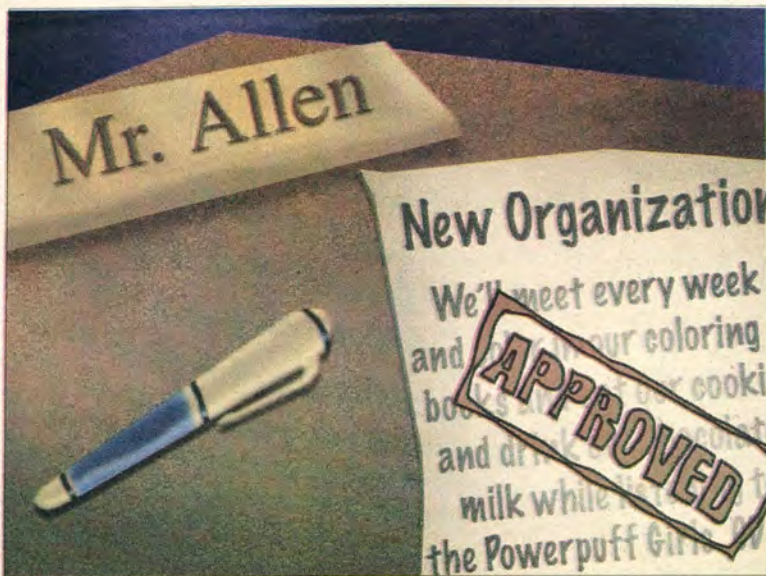
By: Jackie Crevier
Anchor Editor

Does your organization wish to plan a St. Patrick's Day bash? Who would you get permission from? How would you go about planning a party that runs after midnight?

Rhode Island College's policies regarding these particular issues and any issues pertaining to the college's student clubs and organizations, are handled by a triage of administrative forces, including Student Community Government (SCG), Office of Student Activities and the Campus Center.

Director of the Student Union, Brian Allen explained the process behind the process of a group becoming an institutionally recognized club. To be institutionally recognized means to be recognized by the college. Only a group that is recognized by the college can partake in campus sponsored events and is eligible to use campus facilities and resources (Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook Attachment A1 updated 9-15-03)

"The Rhode Island College Institutional Recognition Process was developed to provide consistent guidelines and expectations for all student groups utilizing the Rhode Island College name and align said organizations and laws of Rhode Island College and the State of Rhode Island." (Handbook, Attachment A1).



Allen explained that the group approaches Student Community Government (SCG) with a model constitution. SCG funds all the student organizations, and the "group needs to become a legitimate organization to be funded." Allen also pointed out "SCG won't fund a group that doesn't include everyone." Examples of such groups would be fraternities or sororities. A student organization does not have full funding in the first year, so that the group can show its "legitimacy."

After a new group creates a model constitution they need to get an approved SCG copy. The organization's president and advisors must sign both an Institutional Recognition application and advisor agreement form. A complete information sheet, including names, addresses, and numbers

of the executive board, consisting of four RIC students and a faculty/staff advisor.

Some clubs, whether it is due to either lack of interest or maybe lack of funding, diminish over time. Allen pointed out that both the chess club and the debate club, which were internationally known in the 70's, 80's, and 90's, are no longer in existence." There are over forty organizations on campus that are institutionally recognized. Groups in the Student Union, that are under Student Union management include the

following: Student Community Government (SCG), Harambee, RIC Programming, Rainbow Alliance, Latin American Student Association, Exodus Yearbook, Asian Student Association, Amnesty International, American Marketing Association, Cape Verdean Student Association, Communications Club and Class Officers, Slightly Older Students, Organization of African Students and Professionals in the America's and Resident Student Association. WXIN, The Anchor and RIC-TV, are all in the Media Center, which is also under the same man-

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Jealousy: Is it necessary?

By: Jamie J. Pachomski
Anchor Editor

As one of the most enigmatic of all human emotions, jealousy can be difficult and at times, an almost seemingly impossible emotion to manage. That is why Counseling Psychologist and RIC Counseling Center Director Dr. Tom Lavin hosted the "Coping With Jealousy" workshop last Wednesday in the Craig Lee building to help students deal with the all-too-familiar reaction.

Since its inception in 1983, the "Coping With Jealousy" workshop was developed by Lavin primarily to help students better understand what jealousy is, recognize its varying types, comprehend its value and learn strategies to manage it.

"I've noticed, especially in my clinical work that jealousy is a very common problem among young people in relationships. These workshops can be very helpful and beneficial to everyone," Lavin said.

And why not? According to a recent study, the jealousy epidemic was found to be prevalent in 33 percent of college students. Thirty-eight percent of college students even admitted to cheating in their relationships. Another study proved that 70 percent of people had partners that cheated on them. With these staggering statistics, who wouldn't want to know more?

So, what is jealousy? Certainly, jealousy depends on your interpretation of love. It involves attitudes, beliefs, experiences, trust, freedom, fidelity, attraction, possession and the like. The experts say it is a complex defensive reaction to the perceived threat of loss of a valued relationship. Lavin elaborated on a more structural definition of the reaction. "Structurally, jealousy involves an actor (the person that feels jealous), a partner (the person involved with a third party who isn't feeling jealous) and a rival (the third party). I think students who are so embroiled in jealousy can benefit from a more academic definition to help them in understanding jealousy," said Lavin.

What elements are at risk? Whatever the situation may be, when jealous feelings arise a whole myriad of elements rush to the

forefront of the mind and rendering us vulnerable to feelings of losing face, status, ego-enhancement, need gratification (sex), control of partner, predictability, privacy, territory, exclusivity and simply time with our partner.

Jealousy and Envy...Is there a difference? The answer is yes. In fact, there is a very distinct difference as the two can be very confusing according to Lavin. "Envy occurs when you desire something that someone else has. Jealousy occurs when you are afraid of losing something you already have. The language can get confusing. Ironically, we substitute jealousy when we mean envy, but we do not do the same the other way around. People would rather be a have than a have not," said Lavin.

What does jealousy do? Interestingly enough we need jealousy in our lives. It is said to protect the boundaries of the pair in a relationship and thus keeping it together. One study found that the more jealousy in a relationship, the higher likelihood that the couple would still be married after seven years. Jealousy may increase the commitment of the less invested partner who becomes jealous which in turn can contribute to balance in a relationship. It may increase sexual passion, improve communication, reinforce habitual self-concepts, and may provoke the beginning of constructive dialogue and clarification of boundaries or the relationship itself.

What can contribute to my feelings of jealousy? Lavin says certain "moderator variables" can affect feelings of jealousy. He said self-esteem can be a huge factor. "If you have low-self esteem, your insecurities are greater thus leaving you more vulnerable. It's just the opposite for those with higher self-esteem. If you don't feel as though you are at risk for loss, you in turn become less vulnerable," he said.

Other factors can certainly influence your propensity to feeling jealous. The stage of your relationship may be such that it is new and young where you may not know the person you are with as well yet. So, you may not be able to accurately predict your partner's

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OPINION

What's Really Happening at RIC?

A new weekly column designed to let students know what to look out for

By: Mike Vignale
Anchor Contributor

This past week has been an eventful one to say the least. To start this weeks list of things to look out for on campus is drug busts. As few students may know, a fellow RIC student whose name will remain anonymous was arrested on Monday for charges of possession in his dorm room. According to fellow suite-mates in Weber hall, the student was seen with two detectives whom escorted him to his room. While in the room, detectives thoroughly conducted a search for drugs and paraphernalia. The detectives tore his room apart from top to bottom, even going as far as taking the ceiling tiles out. The student was found to have illegal drugs hidden throughout his room and was then escorted out. Later, the housing office came by and put a "boot" over the students door to prevent anyone from entering the room with the original key. The student's current whereabouts are currently unknown, however, this incident sparks rumors of something that students should look out for.

According to suite-mates, rumor has it that because of this drug bust suspicions have grown that they may in some way be connected. By a legitimate anonymous source, the suite-mates were forewarned that searches will be conducted on their rooms without their permission and without them knowing. This created an uproar amongst the suite. Coincidentally, approximately three days later, a sign was posted in the suite that stated, "Health and Safety Inspections will be conducted February 23rd -27th". Coincidence? You be the judge....

What to look out for- Invasions of Privacy

Although this was a rather large event, other involving illegal activities also occurred this week. On Thursday, February 12, student Greg Burke of Sweet Hall was on his way out for the night and to his shocking surprise, he realized that his car had been broken into. However, like most car break-ins this one did not involve a broken window. This theft took time and precision. Greg went to put his key in the door to unlock it and realized that his door lock had been drilled straight through. His door opened gracefully and was unlocked. Inside his car he noticed that his new CD deck, his amplifier, and his subwoofers were all missing. He then panic stricken ran to campus security. Unfortunately campus police had more bad news for Greg. Because of where Greg was parked in the back lot behind the halls, there were no cameras patrolling this area. Greg

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about this activity if you will be going south for Spring Break. Learning snorkeling in the pool is fun, but it can't compare to a coral reef.

If you have any questions, call Alan at 456-8227 or Janice at 456-8238.

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Mondays and Wednesdays
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8 a.m. to noon
Sundays
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Aquatic Exercise Classes

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
and Saturday 9 a.m.
Monday-Friday
noon
Monday-Thursday
5 p.m.

Aqua News Flash

Water Volleyball was so much fun on Feb. 11, that it may become a regular Free Period event. It will be held again this week, Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 1-2 p.m. Don't miss it, it's a blast!

Black History Month Exhibit

The photography of Gordon Parks, Robert H. McNeill, James VanDerZee, Richard Samuel Roberts, Chuck Stewart, P.H. Polk, and Louise Jefferson, in books from the James P. Library collections, will be on display in the library lobby through the end of February. Debra Thomson

Save the Date

The Thorp Lecture by Pamela Irving Jackson will be on Wednesday, Feb. 18, beginning at noon in Sapinsley Hall. The title of Jackson's presentation is "The Integration of Muslims in Germany, France, and the United States: Law, Politics, and Public Policy." Reception to follow in the lobby. This year, an additional reception will be held in Alumni Lounge in Roberts Hall at 4 p.m.

Jim Langevin to Speak at RIC

Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the Student Union Room 307
Sponsored by the Campus Center.
Refreshments will be served.
For more info, contact Suzy Alba x8871

Black History Month Extravaganza

FEB. 18 Step Performance, Poetry Speakers, Free Food, Music and Dance Performance. Student Union Ballroom 6 p.m. (Harambee); free. Youth HIV Prevention Through Theater-a performance by Project Ujima Student Union Ballroom; 12:30 p.m., free

Comedy: Student Union Café at 8 p.m. FREE

Caught Between the

Demands of Being a Parent and a Student

This workshop will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon to 1 p.m. in Craig Lee 130.

Ash Wednesday Mass and Services

A Catholic Mass be held on Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. Prayer services and ashes will be held at 1 and 4:45 p.m. All services will be held in the President's House.-

Aquatic Programs and Special Events

What is keeping you from coming to the Recreation Center Pool? There is plenty of parking. Bathing suits are part of the new Spring Fashions that are already out in the stores. The Recreation Center is right on campus and it's open 7 days a week. There's a steam room and sauna there. The pool is

super clean. There is always a good-looking lifeguard on duty.

Swimming is a great aerobic and strengthening workout. Aquatic exercise does the same and you don't have to know how to swim. It can relieve stress, help you lose weight and feel good about yourself. People who exercise regularly, get fewer colds. They are also able to concentrate better, at things like studying.

Here is another good reason to do it. If you swim 10 miles or do aquatic exercise for 30 hours before the end of the semester you will get a free T-shirt. If you still have an excuse call Alan or Janice. We'll talk you out of it. On Thursday, March 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. there will be a free snorkeling class. All equipment will be provided. This is a great opportunity to learn

Hi Honey,

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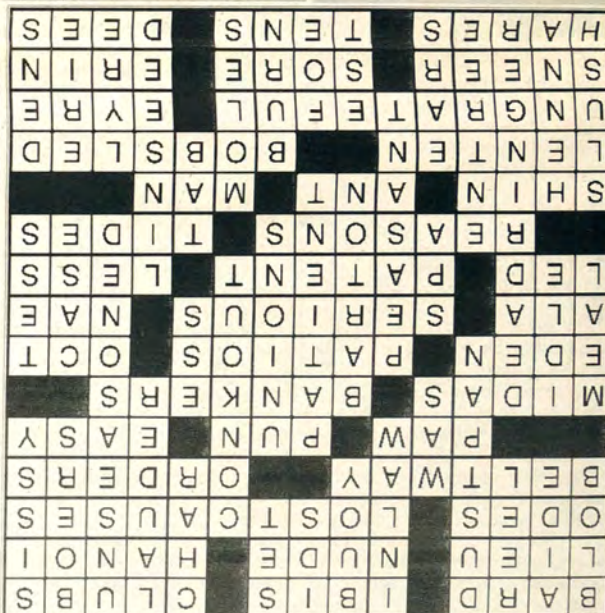
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Students Take Action

Join Amnesty International Effort

By Tauquir Puthawala
Anchor Staff

This week, some of you may have noticed students around campus wearing black armbands painted with the number 19/34. These students are involved with Amnesty International's International Week of Student Action to abolish the juvenile death penalty. Students involved with Rhode Island College's chapter of Amnesty International have made these armbands and wear them to demonstrate their opposition to the execution of child offenders – people under 18 at the time of the crime.

The red numbers painted on the armbands were not randomly chosen. The 34 represents the number of child offenders worldwide who have been executed since 1990, which is the year when Amnesty International began documenting juvenile executions. The 19 stands for the number of child offenders executed in the United States. Hence, the fraction 19/34, showing that nineteen out of the thirty-four juvenile executions have occurred in the United States, a staggering 55% and more than all other countries combined.

Other countries which have also executed children include the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, China, and Yemen. Several countries, such as Pakistan, China, and Yemen have raised the minimum age for executions; the age at which the crime was committed, to 18. In addition, all countries except the United States have ratified at least one of the three international human rights treaties, which



Napoleon Beazley, convicted at 17, recently recieved the death penealty in Texas

include the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, the American Convention on Human Rights, and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. Of the thirty-eight states in the United States which use the death penalty as punishment, twenty-two allow its use upon child offenders.

Amnesty International believes that children are one of the most vulnerable groups in society, and more effort should be focused on protecting them and preventing them from becoming involved in the cycle of violence. Juvenile offenders have a tremendous potential for rehabilitation and successful reintegration into society. Executing them denies any possibility of that potential being fulfilled. Robert Hoelscher, a member of the organization Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, whose own father was murdered by a 17-year old, explains, "having an attitude of vengeance doesn't challenge us to think about how we want to administer justice or how we want to go about salvaging the lives of young people. The death penalty not only

abandons hope for that individual but also, symbolically, casts a shadow over so much of our other thinking – it's the idea that we can treat every problem, including people in our society who do terrible things, as a cancer that we can surgically remove, as opposed to something that we can actually heal from within."

In 1995, Napoleon Beazley was sentenced to death for the murder of John Lutting, which he committed when he was 17 years old. In his final written statement in 2002,

Napoleon Beazley wrote: "The act I committed to put me here was not just heinous, it was senseless. But the person that committed that act is no longer here - I am. I'm sorry that John Luttig died. And I'm sorry that it was something in me that caused all of this to happen to begin with. Tonight we tell the world that there are no second chances in the eyes of justice. Tonight, we tell our children that in some instances, in some cases, killing is right... No one wins tonight. No one gets closure. No one walks away victorious."

The execution of child offenders is prohibited under International Law. Amnesty International also actively pursues the abolishment of the death penalty with respect to adults. If you would like more information about Amnesty International and its programs, log onto HYPERLINK "http://amnestyusa.org" http://amnestyusa.org. To join RIC Amnesty, contact Heather at HYPERLINK "mailto:fischhi@yahoo.com" fischhi@yahoo.com, or just show up at weekly meetings on Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00 in the Unity Center conference room on the bottom floor of Donovan.

NEWS

Who Do You Love?

By: Sabrina Proulx
Anchor Contributor

Pink, purple and white all unite to set the stage for Valentine's Day- the one day put aside for love. With all the available gift ideas, cards and chocolates, one has to wonder, "Who do I love?" What about those of us going it alone? Is this really worth all the store shelf clutter, kissing bears and singing monkeys? This agony!

Do a Google search under "Valentine's Day" and instantly you are given a key to "Romantic Gift Ideas for Men and Women-Shop Now." Anything and everything for that one special person can be found-after all, this is the day you get, the one day a year-and it better be good.

More and more, our holidays are becoming consumer nightmares. Every "special" moment of our lives seems to be mapped out by the days we have long dubbed and ceremoniously honored with various labels-St. Valentine's Day being no exception. It's almost as if we don't buy presents or show a material sign of our affections, our relationships are not real and lack the validation we all seek.

Love itself is an emotion, an idea-not a thing! We feel love and try to represent it with all these material things. Is it possible we could turn Valentine's Day into the true idea or emotion of love, rather than a thing of love? Forgive the corny phrase, but "actions do speak louder than words." And why limit the day to romantic love? Love your friends, love your trees and love the smell of spring soon to waft in at any moment now (please).

I propose we focus on the love for ourselves first and the loving of others and life "things" will surely follow. Why must we feel badly if we are not "with" another, because society says it so. Loving yourself and sharing your life with all the people and glorious events and things in it should be what Valentine's Day is all about. So, let me ask you again, who do you love?

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lost a total of near 600 dollars or more in the theft and is currently looking for any tips or clues so that justice can be served. But for all you now worried students who park in this lot every night, have no fear. Since the mugging campus security has been tightened and patrol has been stronger, right?

What to look out for- Car Break-ins, Poor Security

This concludes this weeks article of "What's REALLY Happening at RIC", if you have a story that you feel people deserve to know, email Mike Vignale at ReggaePlayer@hotmail.com and tell him What's REALLY Happening at RIC.

Process...from cover

agement as those groups located in the Student Union.

Allen also pointed out that each organization, including ones that are already recognized by the college; have to re-apply for institutional recognition each year.

Allen has been in charge of the Student Union for the last 19 years. He explained that along with re-opening of the newly renovated Student Union, "some organizations were grandfathered in and a couple buddied up to share office space." There is a Campus Center Advisory board which is headed by a student and is comprised of seven students and six faculty and staff members. "This committee advises me" indicated Allen.

Policies regarding student clubs and organizations often involve necessary and important paperwork such as event sign up sheets, trip registration forms, event planning lists, applications for room registration forms, etc.

"There have been student groups in the past that have said last minute that we need a stage, but the paperwork never got in," Allen indicated.

In October of last semester, an incident occurred at a

Harambee party. The party which was scheduled with permission to run until 2 a.m. was shut down because North Providence police officers failed to show up.

The late night events policy which pertains to all on-campus events continuing past midnight is that an event will end by 2 a.m. and the building must be cleared by 3 a.m. (Handbook Attachment C3)

There have been several meetings concerning the shut-down of the Harambee party and the alleged discriminatory comment made by a North Providence police officer to Harambee members. "I believe Harambee has handled it very well" Allen indicated.

Harambee President Shannon Johnson sent a letter detailing the incident to a variety of people on campus, including, but not limited to Anchor, Brian Allen, Gary Penfield, Deacon Mike.

The North Providence police officer who allegedly made the discriminatory comment was identified through a picture. "It came down to a he said/she said situation," stated Allen. The North Providence police officers who failed to

show up to provide security that night were punished with one day of work with no pay. "I believe the issue is over," he concluded.

"Since there was an issue of diversity, the college felt there was a need to act," he continued. Allen explained that as a result, every couple years the Security Department has training on issues of diversity. "In January, a person came on campus to run a diversity workshop."

There are other policies for clubs and organizations as well. One in particular involves college liabilities. "It is college policy that the baseball team can't take their own cars" Allen said. The handbooks states "absent extraordinary circumstances, and the advance written permission of the Director of Student Activities. Personal vehicles may not be used for transporting others to or from the destination of the college sponsored trip." (Attachment 3). An Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability form is filled out by everyone who goes on a college sponsored trip. Director of Student Activities, Kristen Salemi, oversees the Student Activities sponsored events and ensures that this paperwork is filled out.

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NEWS

Jealousy...from cover

behavior. Cultural and ethnic differences may come into play as different cultures practice different shows of emotion. If you were cheated on before, your previous relationship history can affect how you may react to certain situations. Additionally, your life investments may not be as diverse as they could be. In other words, if your sole function is the relationship and nothing else, you may be more likely to become jealous. You may feel as though you are losing the only thing you have. Equality of investment and opportunity may also come into play.

Aside moderator variables, the following psychological elements can also play role in feelings of jealousy. 1) Perceptions. Are they accurate? Are they real or imagined (fantasy plays a large role in jealousy). Are you exhibiting selective attention? Are you allowing yourself to be plagued by memories? Are you reacting to something that actually happened with a previous partner? 2) Beliefs. Your beliefs may result in inaccurate labeling, over generalizing, exaggerating and/or malevolent motives. 3) Underlying assumptions and schemas. You may have at one point or another assumed that, "A person can love or be attracted to only one person at a time, or "There is only one person in the world I can love or be happy with," or "If my partner loves or is attracted to someone else, this proves my inadequacy," and even, "Jealousy is a part of love." 4) Feelings. Jealous feelings can account for a complex blend of fear, hurt, betrayal and loss. These primary emotions can quickly be eclipsed by secondary, defensive reactions or behaviors including isolation, antagonism, redefinition, or clinging in addition to the more positive, resolutional behaviors such as joint problem solving and the direct attempt to resolve one's feelings. The bottom line Lavin said is, "Jealousy is painful."

What kinds of jealousy are there? According to Lavin, there are actually three types of jealousy: Competitive (when there is a real rival), Projected (since there are parts of ourselves we choose not to express, you may be inclined to blame your partner for being jealous when in all actuality you are the one feeling jealous) and Delusional (you basically conjure up fantasies/scenarios in your head which can result in feelings of jealousy for no apparent reason).

So, WHAT CAN I DO? Lavin pointed out that there are three strategies that an individual can go about in dealing with and managing their jealousy. They are Personal, Relational and Situational.

Personal. Managing your jealousy begins with the acknowledgement that you are jealous. Repression or denial may only make things worse. Stop debating whether the feel-

ing is good or bad. Accept it as your emotional reality and go from there. Secondly, determine if your boundaries or limits of acceptable behavior are reasonable. Unrealistic limit setting can make jealousy inevitable. Next, analyze your jealousy in terms of the process model (perceptions lead to interpretations that lead to feelings that lead to behavior) and modify maladaptive components, especially interpretations and behavior. Keep clear on the differences between fact and fantasies. Work on improving your resolutional behaviors: active listening, non-accusatory "I" language, good feedback and "no lose" problem solving. Also, diversify your emotional investments/relationships. Accept that you cannot meet all of your partner's needs. Lastly, do what you can to bolster your self-esteem and make yourself feel good about who you are. Focus on your unique gifts.

Relational. Work with your partner on your communication and assertiveness skills. Again, a non-blaming, problem-solving approach is critical. You can work with your partner to identify each other's boundaries/assumptions about the relationship. Sometimes it can be less threatening to focus initially on past experiences of jealousy or observations of other couples' behaviors. Negotiate differences to arrive at "no lose" boundaries and relationship rules, but not before each of you feels you have both had your say about your own preferences and have been heard by the other. Take the time to reaffirm your commitment to one another. Work on building trust and spend time together doing fun things. Focus on the strengths of your relationship, and talk about what the outside relationship may add to yours. And a final note-be sensitive! Don't provoke jealousy.

Situational. Avoid situations that are likely to provoke jealousy (e.g. role of alcohol.) Get to know the rival. Real human beings, known for all their uniqueness and vulnerabilities, are considerably less threatening than fantasized creatures. Realize you can't hold your partner responsible for either their own fantasies, or other people's behavior.

Each semester, Lavin and his colleagues host several workshops, groups and individual counseling ranging from stress management, confronting procrastination, self-esteem and assertiveness to testing, career information and other self-help resources. If you would like more information about the RIC Counseling Center, you can call 456-9084 or stop by Craig-Lee 130 to pick up a schedule of workshops.

"Jealousy can be very emotional. Sometimes people can't cope on their own. They may need professional help. That's why we're here," added Lavin.

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SPORTS

The Art of Steve



By: Stephen S. Preston
Anchor Staff

The other day, I sat down and decided to finally watch a boxing match. When I tuned in, all was going great. But, then, somehow a hockey game broke out. The NHL, which apparently has begun to stand for "Never Hit Legally", has slowly become the equivalent of professional wrestling with skates and without horribly cheesy characters. But, if you're like me, sometimes it's just great to sit down and watch some action on the ice. It sure beats watching endless repeats of Cheers and asking yourself why Ted Danson hasn't been nominated for an Academy Award.

This week, you can rejoice. There are some pretty intriguing match ups going on. One of these games won't be Wednesday's clash of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and Columbus Blue Jackets though. No, that game isn't going to be very pretty. Despite being led by NHL goal leader Rick Nash, the Blue Jackets are still a very sad team. They are a putrid 16-29-8-3 overall, and only three of their victories have come away from their home rink. The Mighty Ducks on the other hand, are a solid 12-7-6-3 when playing in front of their fans. I'll take the ducks in this one, not because of their solid goaltending but because they have the intangibles. You remember those Mighty Duck movies? Man, they never lost. What's that? Those movies were fictional and not based on the professional hockey team? Well, moving on...

The Tampa Bay Lightning are traveling to St. Louis to take on the Blues in a battle that is surely going to end up breaking out into many fist fights. The Blues have just under a thousand penalty minutes this season, and that is likely to go anywhere but down. The Lightning, on the other hand, are one of the least penalized teams in the league. Add to that RW Martin St. Louis (Yes that is his real last name) and you can see where I'm going with this. The Lightning are an impres-

If you're going to join the Anchor, and bring me somewhere to buy food, for goodness sake, clean your vehicle. Now, I know MY car isn't the patron mobile of cleanliness, but Sweet Merciful Crap, you had some wacky BS in your car... you know who you are. I should never, REPEAT, NEVER have to get in someone's car and say "Do you mind if i step on your macaroni?" That's just weird. I knew a girl once who kept a banana on her front seat, and I thought that was weird.. but she has NOTHING on a full box of Ziti WITH lines.. Not to mention the rest of the junk you have in your car. What, did you cram a whole pawn shop in your car? Seriously, man.. although, I guess I should be thankful there wasn't anything gooey or pointy in the car. That would be a lot worse.

sive 29-17-7-3 overall this year, far better than they've been in recent years and are poised to possibly represent the Eastern Conference come Stanley Cup time. Take the Lightning in this one by a very close score, potentially all coming down to sudden death overtime.

If the Lightning do get to the Finals, it's likely they'll be lining up against either the Dallas Stars or Colorado Avalanche. Both teams have been dominant forces from the West for years, and it is continuing this year. Both teams are outstanding this year, with the Avs having a slight advantage in points. Given that they are led by players such as Joe Sakic (22 goals, 38 assists), Peter Forsberg (16, 29) and Rob Blake (one of the best defenders in the game today), you can see that they are a team seriously playing to win. The Stars aren't too shabby either. Marty Turco, Mike Modano, and Jason Arnott lead the high flying Stars on pace to possibly overthrow The San Jose Sharks and take over the Pacific Division title. As a sharks fan, though, I must say that this is not going to happen, and you know what? I hate the stars. They are going down in this one, big time.

Now we're going to take things north of the border, all the way to Canada. Canada's own Calgary Flames are going to be playing a rough weekend schedule with road games in Jersey and Ottawa. Both the Devils and Senators (great setup for a bad joke) are playing good consistent hockey. Ottawa is 30-15-7-4 and in the middle of a tight Northeast Race where they are only three points away from the top but still in third place in the pack. New Jersey, on the other hand, still holds the distinction of being reigning champions. That automatically slaps some respect into the opposition, as the Devils know what it takes to be successful and have constantly shown they know how to win when it matters. If you're a Flame fan, you may want to shut your eyes this weekend. It is going to be tough for them to pull off a split, let alone win both games. They are 13-9-1-2 on the road, which isn't too bad, but it is not enough to carry them to victory.

So, that's pretty much all I've got to say this week. Tune in and support the NHL. With the way things are going, it might not be around much longer which would be a shame. There really isn't many other things quite as exciting as watching two benches full of men trying to smash their opponents in a million pieces. It's the closest you'll get to boxing on ice, and a lot cheaper to enjoy.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

Feb 17th -at Western Connecticut St. Univ. 7:30 PM
Feb 21st -at Keene State College 3:00 PM
Feb 24th-LEC Tournament Playoffs

Men's Indoor Track

Feb 20-21 NE DIII Championships 10:00 AM
Feb 27-28 Open NE Championships 5:00 PM
Mar 5-6 ECAC DIII Championships 6:00 PM

Women's Basketball

Feb 17th-at Western Connecticut St. Univ 5:30 PM
Feb 21st-at Keene State College 1:00 PM
Feb 24th-LEC Tournament Playoffs

Women's Indoor Track

Feb 21 NE DIII Championships 10:00 AM
Mar 5-6 ECAC DIII Championships 6:00 PM
Mar 12-13 NCAA Championships TBD

Gymnastics

Feb 21st-at Harriet Marranca Invitational 1:00 PM
Mar 5th-Springfield College & Brown University 7:00 PM
Mar 14th-at Brown University w/MIT & U.Bridgeport 1:00 PM

Wrestling

Feb 21st /22nd-
at NECCWA Championships 10:00 AM
Mar 5th/6th -
at NCAA DIII Championships

NEWS AND NOTES

Rhode Island College sophomore Manny Karngar (Providence, RI) was named the Little East Conference's Men's Track Athlete of the Week. This is Karngar's second such honor this season. Karngar placed first in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.92 at the Tufts Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 7. He also placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 1:59.99 at the Southern Maine Invitational on Jan. 31. He broke two school-records by finishing first in the 200 meters with a time of 23.14 and first in the 500 meters with a time of 1:05.53 at the Wesleyan Invitational on Jan. 17.

Smith Gone, Pats Move On

By: Alexandre Martin
Anchor Contributor

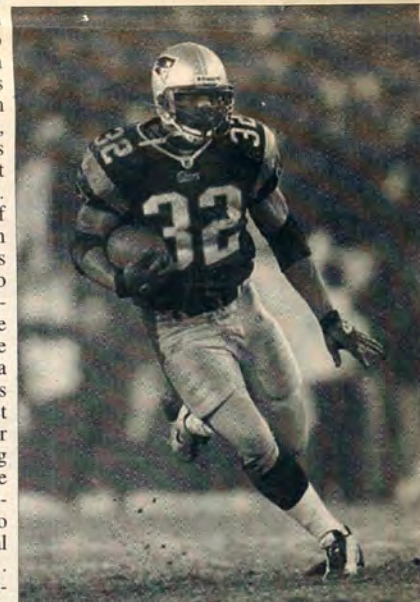
The Patriots have decided not to pick up the \$500,000 option on Running Back Antowain Smith's contract, and although I do not like the way it turned out, I do not think they had much of a choice. This decision does a number of things. First off it relieves the Patriots of what would have been a \$3,972 million charge against a 2004 salary cap, one that the Pats are already dangerously on the border of being over. As it stands now, after letting Smith go he still counts \$2.025 million against the cap, and the Pats couldn't afford to keep him around.

Antowain wasn't a horrible back in his tenure with the Pats. He started off with a 1200 yard rushing season in 2001, when the team won their first Super Bowl Title in franchise history. Because of this, he was rewarded with a pretty big contract for five years, worth about

22 million. It was thought that Smith would be able to finish his career in Foxboro, but his output declined in the 2002 season, which saw the Pats go 9-7 and miss out on the playoffs. Partly because of his decreased role in the offense that was constantly trying to reinvent itself, questions began to rise about whether he could really be a team leader. This year was the last straw. Rushing for 642 yards and being inactive for three games, Smith wasn't able to live up to the hype his arrival initially brought. That was unacceptable. For a player who is supposed to be your top back, you need to be able to have him carry the load when your team is struggling, and though sometimes brilliant, his lack of consistency is what gave him the pink slip.

The bottom line is Antowain needed to be released. He needed to be released for a number of things to work. First off, it has become quite clear this year that the Patriots are in need for an upgrade at running back. Smith is 31 years old and getting close to retirement. Kevin Faulk, the Pats second threat, is not an every down back and is only effective in certain situations. The Pats can't have Smith's contract and still be able to afford the premier back upgrade that they need. The Pats have two first round picks plus five more in the first four rounds of the draft, and with this, they should probably be able to trade up and draft a premier college back. The money they are going to save from Antowain's release is going to give them the freedom to sign all of their draft picks and also keep some of their important players such as Ted Washington and Damien Woody, who could possibly be in danger of going elsewhere.

In short, Smith isn't worth the cost in salary or the potential loss of players that the Pats would have to give up to keep him. Smith was a good, serviceable back during his three years in New England. He is a really good person and an average player. He filled the need at running back well and excelled during his time with the Patriots. But, now he is gone and the blessing that his release gives us will allow us to build for the future.



Antowain Smith, former Patriots RB

Champions, Again!

By: Tauquir Puthawala
Anchor Staff

The Rhode Island College Men's Wrestling team has done it again. On February 10th, the Anchormen captured their second consecutive Pilgrim League title by beating Johnson & Wales and the Coast Guard Academy. The win also capped off the team's second consecutive undefeated season in conference play.

Amazing as this might seem, it is hard to believe that the Men's wrestling program was on the verge of cancellation just five years ago. "We had a very small team and there was a definite lack of participation," said Head Coach Jay Jones. "Since then, however, we have taken this program to a higher level," he added.

Indeed they have, starting this season with 36 members, although they lost some teammates to injuries. "Injuries are something that every team suffers from and most teams have to overcome them," asserted Coach Jones. Adding to the problem of injuries was the level of experience that the remaining players had, or lack thereof. Many of the team members are freshmen and there are no seniors on the team this year, potentially creating a lack of leadership.

Leadership, however, was not a problem as some of the juniors stepped up and set the standard for the youth who, although inexperienced, provided heart and spirit for the team. As a result of the hard work done by the players, the coaching staff was able to focus on what really mattered, getting the team tuned up and ready to compete. "We have an excellent conditioning routine and all the guys are in good shape this year especially," added Coach Jones. "Although wrestling is an individual sport, I always stress team unity. We are one group and we have one focus. We learned a lot as we pro-



RIC Wrestling: 2003 Pilgrim league Champions!

gressed through the season and we have been able to peak out and maximize at the end"

Even with the hard work and team unity, it is impossible to leave out key players in this year's team, the most prominent being junior Justin Deveau. Deveau is ranked 4th in the nation in Division III play and has an astounding personal record of 33-2. Another All-New England Wrestler who won a lot of key matches was junior Keith Nelson. Other wrestlers who also contributed heavily to the team include freshman Mike Bonora, who beat an All-American twice, David Paquette, Arty Privedenyuk and veteran Todd Bloom who won the Most Dedicated Award.

The Anchormen will now represent the Pilgrim League in the New England Championship on February 21 and 22 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. The tournament is also an NCAA qualifier, meaning that anybody who wins in his or her weight class will gain a ticket to the national championship. New England is the second largest conference in the nation, but the team is not daunted by this at all. They have already beaten three nationally ranked teams this season: Oneonta State in New York, Trinity College in Hartford, CT, and Johnson & Wales. Come out and support the Anchormen as they prepare for the final leg of a difficult season in which they hope to bring home championship gold to Rhode Island College.

SPORTS

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Tickets are \$7 for all students, RIC staff, and faculty

Tickets are \$10 for the general public

[*The Vagina Monologues* is] a work which is inescapably universal for women, and manages to be feminist without being man-hating, entertaining without being trite, and political without being earnest.

The London Telegraph, May 11, 2001

V-Day is a worldwide movement to stop sexual violence against women and girls and to proclaim Valentine's Day as the day to celebrate women and demand the end of abuse.

V-Day Rhode Island College is sponsored locally by Amnesty International and the Unity Center.

Proceeds will benefit Sojourner House.



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A combination of mozzarella, cheddar, and provolone.	
Veggie Patch	\$2.50/ slice
Italian herbs and garlic meet red ripe tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and onions.	
Pepperoni & Cheese	\$2.50/slice
A classic pepperoni and cheese pizza.	
Philly Cheese Steak	\$2.50/slice
Philly cheese steak, onions, peppers, and mushrooms.	
Spinach, Feta, & Tomato	\$2.50/slice
A delicious blend of tomatoes, spinach, and feta cheese.	
Southwest Pizza	\$2.50/slice
Monterey Jack cheese with seasoned beef, salsa, and red onion	
Buffalo Chicken	\$2.50/slice
Spicy chicken with mozzarella and blue cheese.	
BBQ Pizza	\$2.50/slice
Bar-b-que pork, sweet onions, and red peppers.	
Meat Seekers	\$2.50/slice
Bar-b-que pork, bacon, pepperoni, and sausage.	
Chicken & Pesto	\$2.50/slice
Grilled chicken with pesto and artichokes.	

Whole Pizzas are available for \$14.00 each.

TOPPINGS AVAILABLE

VEGETABLES	MEATS	CHEESES & OTHERS
Tomatoes	Pepperoni	Mozzarella
Summer Squash	Grilled Chicken	Cheddar
Zucchini	Bar-b-que Pork	Provolone
Broccoli	Sausage	Feta
Mushrooms	Bacon	Monterey Jack
Onions	Philly Steak	Blue Cheese
Spinach	Seasoned Beef	Salsa
Peppers		Garlic
Artichoke		Italian Herbs

EXTRA TOPPING PER SLICE	\$0.25
EXTRA TOPPING PER PIZZA	\$1.00

SANDWICH WRAPS

Veggie Ranch	\$4.50
A light herbed cream cheese with green leaf lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion, roasted red peppers, and Sandella's Ranch Dressing.	
Turkey Club	\$4.50
Sliced turkey breast with bacon strips, sliced tomatoes, spring mixed greens, and Sandella's Ranch Dressing.	
Chicken Caesar	\$4.50
Grilled chicken strips with romaine lettuce, shredded parmesan cheese, croutons, and Sandella's Caesar Dressing.	
Honey Mustard Chicken	\$4.50
Grilled chicken breast cut into strips served with green leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and Sandella's Honey Mustard Mayo.	
Chicken Milanese	\$4.50
Grilled chicken breast with roasted red peppers, tomatoes, fresh mozzarella cheese, and Sandella's Pesto Mayo.	
Roast Beef	\$4.50
Sliced roast beef with mushrooms, onions, green peppers, and Sandella's Specialty Mayo.	

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Bagel w/ Cream Cheese	\$1.50
Scones	\$1.50
Croissants	\$1.00
Eclairs	\$1.25
Maple Danish	\$1.50
Black Forest Danish	\$1.50
Cheese Danish	\$1.50
Biscotti	\$1.00
Donuts	\$1.00
Cinnamon Rolls	\$1.50
Cookies	\$1.50
Gourmet Cake Slices	\$2.25

BEVERAGES

Hot Beverages

	Tall	Grande
Starbucks Breakfast Blend	\$1.40	\$1.60
Starbucks Mexico Shade Blend (Reg.)	\$1.40	\$1.60
Starbucks Decaf Shade Grown	\$1.40	\$1.60
Starbucks Tea	\$1.25	\$1.40
Starbucks Flavor Shot	\$0.25	
Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate	\$1.25	\$1.40

Gourmet Beverages

Fuze Healthy Infusions		\$1.95
Clearly Canadian Sparkling Water	14 oz.	\$1.75
Fiji Natural Artesian Water	16.9 oz.	\$1.50
V-8 Fruit Splash	16 oz.	\$1.50
V-8 Vegetable Blend	12 oz.	\$1.25
Jamaican Ginger Beer	12 oz.	\$1.50
Stewarts Keylime Classics	12 oz.	\$1.50
Stewarts Original Rootbeer	12 oz.	\$1.50
Smart Glacier Water		\$1.75

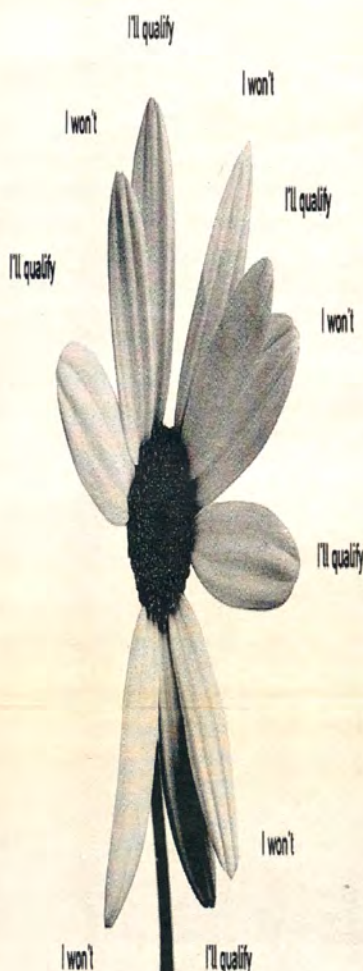
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	14 oz.	16 oz.
Coca Cola	\$1.00	\$1.25
Diet Coke	\$1.00	\$1.25
Sprite	\$1.00	\$1.25
Cherry Coke	\$1.00	\$1.25
Barqs Rootbeer	\$1.00	\$1.25
Nestea Ice Tea	\$1.00	\$1.25

Frozen Delights

	16 oz.	20 oz.
Bahama Blast Fruit Smoothies	\$2.00	\$2.50
Colombo Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00	\$2.50

SPORTS



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The World According To...



JIMMY!!!

Mo Don't Know the NFL

By: James Bessette
Anchor Staff

The National Football League, a league that is flooded with pride and integrity, has had its reputation battered and bruised within the last couple of weeks thanks to Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake's flashy halftime show, and former Ohio State Running Back Maurice Claret's enormous ego, the NFL is under fire from both the court system and the FCC. This past week, Claret, who was under a microscope for the entire year since falsifying police reports at Ohio State won a lawsuit against the NFL, making him eligible for the upcoming Draft in April. The basis of the lawsuit was that the NFL has a policy that any football player that wishes to become eligible for the Draft must be at a minimum three years removed from high school in either semi pro or college football. Maurice Claret is only two years removed from high school and has only one year of college football experience. Nevertheless, Claret wanted to be eligible for the NFL Draft, and he took the NFL to court. US District Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled in favor of Claret, saying that a man has a right to choose his future as he sees fit. After the ruling, Claret immediately declared himself eligible for the Draft.

Oh, Mo, Mo, Mo! A man with the grapefruits of a giant, but the brains of a Ford Pinto. Mr. Claret, what makes you think that you can just waltz right into the NFL and become a big shot overnight? You spent more time in court fighting for your future than establishing a future in football this past year. Because of your suspension, the last time you saw any action on the field was last year's Fiesta Bowl. Any NFL player will tell you that even a few weeks away from the game can create rustiness, never mind an entire SEASON.

Plus, you now have declared eligibility for a league that has the likes of Ray Lewis, Warren Sapp, Michael Strahan, Rodney Harrison, Ty Law, and other hard hitting NFL defensemen that now have

the inkling to roll you around in a trash can, rather than a welcome mat into the NFL.

Oh, yeah, I almost forgot. Just because you're ELIGIBLE for the NFL Draft, it doesn't mean that you are guaranteed to play. Being eligible is the technical term for "Hey, can I play?" There have been many fine college players in the past that have declared for drafts, but were never selected. And with your new track record with the NFL, in terms of courtroom drama, NFL owners won't exactly be jumping on the Maurice Claret bandwagon right away.

Yes, I understand that Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League draft their players out of high school. However, these leagues have something that the NFL doesn't: A Minor League System. If the Red Sox or Bruins think a player isn't ready for the big leagues, they are sent down to the minor leagues to get more experience in professional play.

And yes, the National Basketball Association doesn't have a minor league system, either, but the talent has gotten atrocious in that league over the years. High School and First Year College players left and right playing professional basketball and teams scoring only 60-70 points per game, and shooting below 30%, you can tell that they are not prepared to play professionally.

The NFL is baptismal by fire at its worst. There is no official minor league in the NFL. College Football has become the "unofficial" minor league system for the NFL.

This is the part where it gets sticky. If a player declares for the NFL Draft, that player waives their remaining eligibility for college play. So, if a player declares, but goes undrafted, he can't go back to playing college ball, according to NCAA rules. So, Maurice Claret is taking a huge risk in declaring for the Draft. I wish the man the best of luck in his pursuit of a successful career in the NFL. He's going to need all of the luck he can get his hands on.

Regardless of what happens, Maurice Claret has guaranteed that he will be at the NFL Pro Bowl in Hawaii next year. I hope he has tickets, because there's no way he'll be playing in the game. If he's lucky, he'll be playing Section 238, Row GG, Seat 4.



Maurice Claret, happy.

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RELATIVELY IMMATURE COMICS

For those of you who might be wondering what 'Surviving What Seven Sees' is all about, I'll let y'all in on a little secret: I'm from Kansas and can't wait to move back. Basically, this strip is me complaining about Southern New England as this girl, Seven, struggles to get to school. Enjoy. I'm not.

Surviving what Seven Sees.



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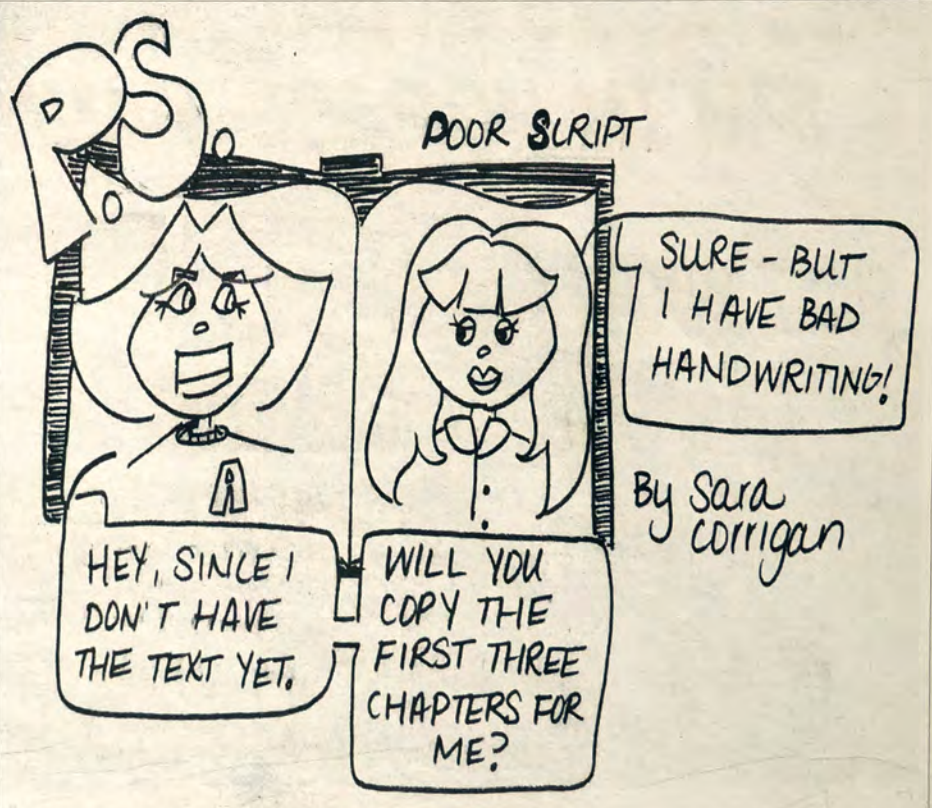


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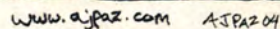
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Pieces of blue can inside.
Guess no more spam
shakes.

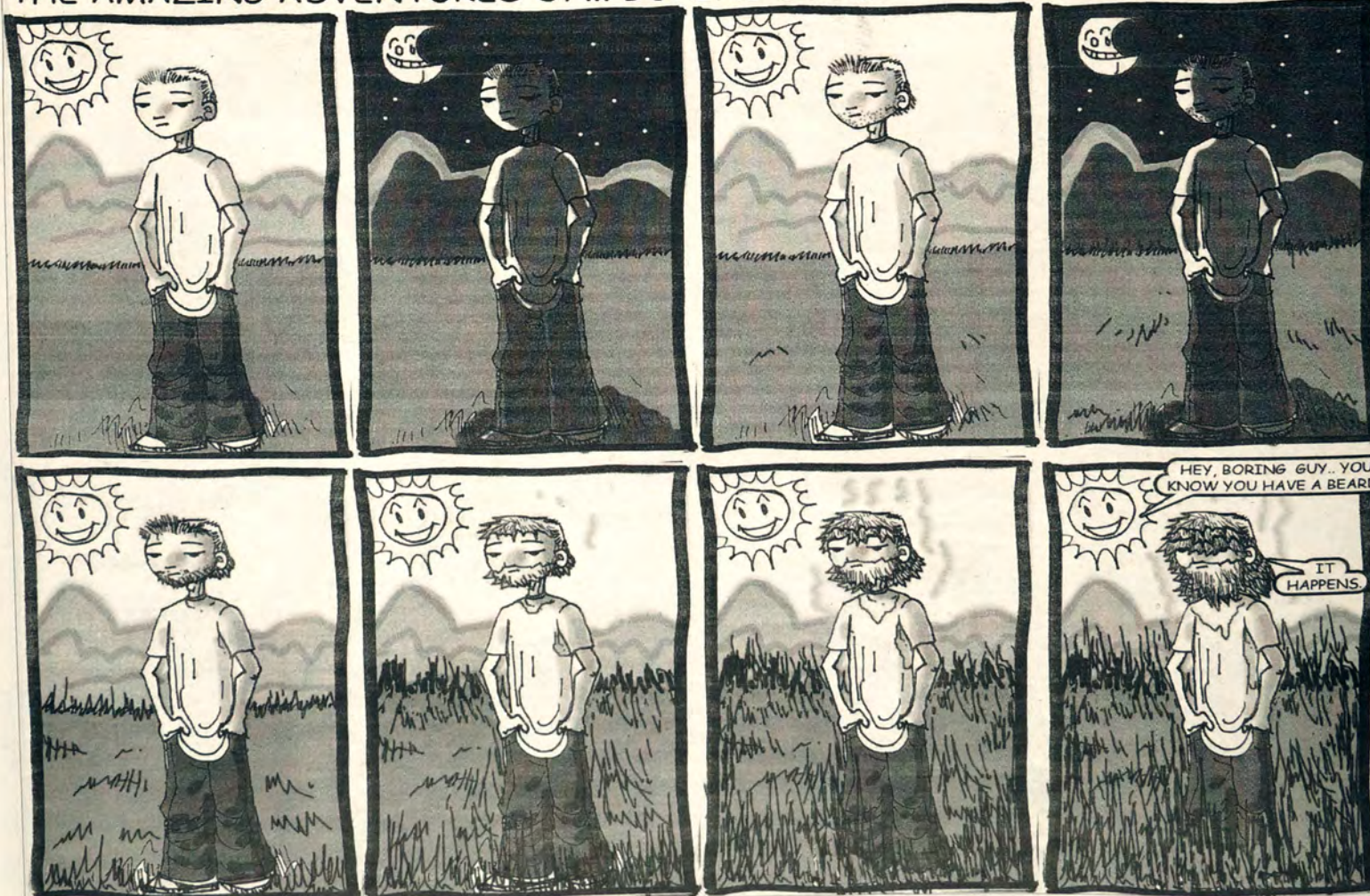
"El Spamidente."
A new margarita mix.
I'll buy that drink.



Endangered Duo



BY: G. McBACON



roving reporter

How do you feel about what the V-Day committee wrote on the quad last week
They wrote: "Come eat pussy in Gaige" and "Vaginas for sale in Gaige" on the quad advertising the bake sale in Gaige hall. There were things for sale such as cupcakes with vagina shaped frosting, vagina shaped chocolates and vagina shaped soap



Colleen White
Junior
Nursing

I don't find it amusing. I think whoever did it was immature and I think it was stupid.

Michael Philbin
Sophomore
Political Science &
Justice Studies

I think the Vagina Monologues is a fine cause that raises awareness on domestic abuse and promotes feminism. Whatever helps to spread their message is fine by me.



Jonathan D'Amico
Senior
Music Education

We preach due process nowadays, and they, by doing what they did on the quad, shows their right to due process. But if I were to do something of the same caliber, I would be shunned by my fellow classmates and my colleagues. Where's the due process?



Rose Bowden
Junior
Art Studio

It was in bad taste, but they can do whatever they want.



Gen Collins
Freshman
Art Studio

I think it went too far. It was almost to the point of being offensive.

Michael Kinnane
Sophomore
Theater

I thought it was pretty offensive. The words were one thing, but there was a drawing on there, and I thought that was taking it a bit too far.



Jenny Larrivee
Freshman
Music

My initial reaction was "who the heck did that". I thought it was pretty disrespectful and I was mildly offended by it.



Koisay Jallah
Sophomore
Sociology &
Justice Studies

I think they really blew it out of proportion and the way they went about advertising for it was really inappropriate. They forgot to note that this is a college environment and it was not proper how they went about advertising it.



around campus

Students . . . ahh - the life blood of the campus, no? Well here is a group of them congregating at last week's publicity event for student organizations. Cheers!



OPINIONS

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CONDOMania

By: Ariana Testa
Anchor Editor

The most important thing that you should do before sex is make sure there are condoms available, even if you are on the pill. There are so many questions associated with condoms though. It can be difficult to talk about using condoms, but you shouldn't let embarrassment become a health risk.

The person you are thinking about having sex with may not agree at first when you say that you want to try and use a condom when you have sex. These are some excuses that might be made for example: "Don't you trust me," "But I love you," "But I am taking the pill" or "Just this once." Never even entertain the notion of these excuses. Love and trust have nothing to do with using a condom, your health does.



Another positive side of using a condom is that when used properly, i.e. the condom doesn't split or burst, they can be very effective in preventing both pregnancy and STDs. If a condom breaks and no other form of contraception, such as

the birth control pill or spermicidal lubricant is used, then there is a risk that a woman may become pregnant.

However, there is a common misconception that if a male uses two condoms at once pregnancy and STDs will be prevented better than if just one is used <laugh from me>. This not a good idea as the friction may result in one or both of the condoms tearing. If you want to take extra precautions against pregnancy when having sex, and are concerned about the possibility of a condom breaking it is better to use another form of contraception. For example, using the birth control pill as well as a condom will ensure that you both have double protection against pregnancy as well as protection against STDs.

When used condoms can be very effective in preventing both pregnancy and STDs. Using spermicidal lubricant with a condom can provide some extra protection against pregnancy and STDs. In the laboratory, latex condoms are very effective at blocking transmission of HI, pregnancy and other STDs. However, outside of the laboratory condoms are less effective because people do not always use condoms properly. To learn more about how to apply a condom go to <http://www.safer-sex.org/condoms/>.

If you are concerned about the risks of pregnancy or STDs, using the birth control pill and/or spermicidal lubricant, as well as condoms, is a much more effective way of ensuring you both have double protection against pregnancy. If you are going to have sex, using a condom is the best way to protect both partners against becoming infected with a sexually transmitted disease or becoming pregnant.



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An Open Letter to Andres

By: Forrester Safford
Anchor Staff

Andres, your letter to the editor last week entitled "Illegal Workers, People like you," left me wondering about a few things. Therefore, what follows are some quotes from your letter and my response to them. Enjoy.

You Wrote: "Another thing that surprises me is that Forrester Safford said that President Fox wanted to see the U.S.A. full of Mexicans."

My Response: First off, in "US-Mexican Border Deal..." "Bush Shit" I wrote, "Exactly, Mr. President, so why are you making this horrendous deal with a country that would love to see our country overrun by illegals?" I never said President Fox, did I? Secondly, President Fox has been quoted, as far back as 2000 when he first came here as saying: "[W]e may be able to open the borders not just to capital or goods, but also to people."

His stance on an open border has not changed. According to a column written by Audrey Hudson and James G. Lakely of The Washington Times on January 12, 2004, President Fox still wants an open border not just between the US and Mexico, but between the US, Mexico and Canada. Imagine that, one big country. President Fox however does not want his people to become US citizens. According to him, "It's not that we're looking for these Mexicans working productively in the United States to become U.S. citizens. They like tacos..." He went on to say during his speech on January 11th of this year that his people "like their families" and that they "like Mexico." So let me get this straight...we should let his people, who only "like" Mexico in the first place, into our country, freely, with an open border and then pay them with our own money? I have to digress for a moment so I can send a personal message to President Fox: "Bite me."

The only people who should have the right to live, work and benefit from our great society are people who come here to live, legally.

You Wrote: "I am saying that illegal immigrants are not numbers, statistics. They are people like you, Forrester. People with mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, homes and hometowns. People with a life and feelings..."

My Response: Andres, mass murderers who like to molest little boys during their spare time are

not numbers nor statistics. They are people like you. People with mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, homes and hometowns. And, let's not forget that they have feelings too! Now, are you saying that we should just forget that killing people and molesting little boys are crimes, just because the people who commit them are real, living and breathing humans, who might just be going through a rough time in their lives? Yes, illegal immigrants are people, maybe with big families that they "like," however, when push comes to shove, they are illegal, and they should not be here, and we must not forget that.

You Wrote: "There are terrorists in any country of the world. There are terrorists in countries that can enter to America without any legal problem as tourists even some Americans are terrorists. Don't forget Waco, Texas."

My Response: Yes, terrorists can be found just about everywhere, there is no refuting that, however, what is "don't forget Waco, Texas" all about? According to www.dictionary.com, the word terrorist refers to someone who commits an act of terrorism. The term "terrorism," is defined at the same website as "the unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons." David Koresh, born Vernon Wayne Howell, from what I have read and remember about February 28, 1993, Koresh, although he was a cult leader, was not a terrorist in any way. He may have had the weapons that the ATF was alerted about, however, having weapons, even in a mass quantity, hardly makes a person a terrorist. Perhaps you meant Oklahoma City? What happened there was an act of terrorism?

Conclusion: Andres, I would love to have you respond to what I have written, either through the Anchor, or feel free to send me an e-mail at RIConservative@yahoo.com. Your column made some good points, (although I may not agree with them), and I would like to see you clear up a few things. I am all for people coming and living in this country, as long as they do it through legal means. Those who do not come here legally need to go back to where they came from. People need to learn to walk through our borders legally, not jump over them illegally.

Aaron's Ramblin's.

By: Aaron Martin-Colby
Anchor Contributor

Squirrel Tag

How many of you have seen those Jimmy Dean ads that show those three really weird looking men running around a park full tilt trying to tag squirrels. Regardless of the commercial being rather stupid, it gave me an idea; The First Annual Squirrel Tag Championships.

Look around campus. Those squirrels are like pigeons in a major city. If you sit down too long they'll nest in your hair. They show no fear, and I say it's about damn time we exploit that! I spent some time thinking about rules, and it hit me, who needs rules?! I figure, teams of three go at it for 15 minutes trying to tag as many squirrels as possible.

Bonus points will go to teams who are able to affix stickers to the squirrels, braid their hair, dye them a strange color, or convert them to Islam. Get tagging Rhode Island College!

Dunch!

I don't know about any of you, but I don't think we have enough meals in the day. We're an upwardly mobile society now, and we need flexible eating schedules. So yeah, I'm sad to say the old stand-bys of Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, and Dinner just aren't going to cut it anymore. We need a new official meal time! We need DUNCH!

Yes, my friends, Dunch. The wave of the meal-eating future! Have you ever been hard at work, or in the middle of a class and thought to yourself, "Wow. I just had lunch, but I'm still hungry! I wish there was another meal I could have, because I don't think I can make it till dinner." Boy, do we have a meal for you! Just imagine the possibilities.

Just like the venerable Sunday Brunch, we could have a Saturday Dunch. Instead of the buffet usually associated with Brunch, we could assign something like a Chef's Salad as the official meal of Saturday Dunch. Instead of Sunday Bingo, we could have Saturday Tiddly Winks. This is the start of a completely new national institution! Dunch Dunch Dunch!

I have an opinion: having a sty really sucks. And I would know, because I get them all the time. It's like, I'll wake up one morning and rub my eyes, and it'll feel like I have a really painful yam or some other form of spud under my eyelid, and no matter what I do for relief, I can't get at the itch under my eyelid that started the whole mess in the first place. Which means for this to not happen again, I need to do one of two things: either cut off my fingers, or gouge out my eye, which won't happen. So I guess I'll just live in pain. That's my opinion.

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Gays Should Marry and Bush Should Get Over It.

By: Josh Calvi
Anchor Staff

As you may or may not know, the battle for and against gay marriage in America is raging. After the anti-sodomy laws in Texas were struck down last year, the flood gates have opened and gay-rights activists are turning up the heat all over the country. Last week in San Francisco the mayor began ignoring California's ban on gay marriage outright. The result: same-sex couples lined up at city hall hoping to get married before someone shut the whole operation down. A little closer to home - and [hopefully] a little harder to ignore - is what's happening in Massachusetts.

A few weeks back the state's Supreme Court upheld an earlier decision that only gay marriage - as opposed to the somewhat limited civil union - would satisfy the state's constitution. Since then there has been a flurry of activity on Beacon Hill as both sides of the issue rally for their cause. Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney has made it clear that the issue should be put to the voters, which might mean that Massachusetts residents will see gay marriage on the ballots as early as May. It seems that the great civil-rights battles of our generation will not be about race, but sexuality. And just as African-Americans had the likes of Strom Thurmond against them in the 1950's, gays have George W. Bush against them in 2004.

About two weeks ago, in response to the developments in Massachusetts, our wonderful president swooped in below the radar and dropped this happy little bomb on us: he will push for amending the constitution to ban gay marriage in the U.S.A. Well that's certainly a relief! I mean, if gays could marry what would be next? Maybe ex-cokehead Air National Guard deserting religious fundamentalists could be president? It seems that intolerance and discrimination are the weapons of choice in the Bush administration's battle to keep America "free". Not free as in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", but free as in "free from the moral decay which would certainly ensue if homosexuals were given the same rights as heterosexuals". We wouldn't want all those queers running around getting married enjoying the same rights and privileges as the rest of us now would we? No sir, banning gay marriage should be priority number one above all else in this country right now. Please Mr. President, make haste! Forget about Iraq, Afghanistan and investigating yourself on those pesky WMD's! We must stem this tide of immorality once and for all!

According to President Bush not only is the prospect of gay marriage "deeply troubling", but "If activist judges insist on redefining marriage by court order, the only alternative will be the constitutional process. We must do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage." We must? Here's his reason; "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman". Well, I am loath to argue with him there, on the "sacred" part at least. Marriage is sacred in terms of religion, but the last time I checked the government has no business making laws respecting an establishment of religion

(Amendment I, U.S. Constitution). Even if you could consider religion in establishing legality there are a many faiths out there that would tolerate same-sex marriage. This leaves the legal aspect of marriage as the only vulnerability available for manipulation. Unfortunately for the homophobes and zealots out there, you don't need to be married under the auspices of a religion in this country. The fact is that marriage can be as secular or as pious an affair as its participants want it to be. How then can one argue that gay marriage should not be allowed because it does not coincide with certain religious beliefs, when it is purely a legal matter?

Really, what difference does it make if one marries another of the same sex? For same sex partners it could mean a world of difference. It could mean gaining power of attorney, having visitation or other medical rights, allowing same-sex couples to purchase things together like a home or a car, or even to adopt a child. Basically, it would allow them the things they need to enjoy a moderately normal life, something that not a lot of homosexuals have had. I simply fail to see how any of these things threaten the future of the traditional heterosexual marriage. The fact is that gay marriage no more destroys the sanctity of heterosexual marriage than a same sex couple with a mortgage destroys the sanctity of home ownership. How can one argue that same-sex marriage is against the sanctity of marriage and not be outraged by television shows like "Married by America"? I'm willing to bet that more people saw that bastion of sanctity on television than will ever even encounter a gay couple. Show me how sanctimonious marriage in America is right now and I'll show you divorce rate that's nearly 50 percent.

The real problem here is that despite the current queer trends in entertainment, homosexuality is not ready for prime-time in America. It's not the intolerance at the root of this whole issue that bothers me the most though. It's the fact that our commander-in-chief would have the audacity to claim that he would amend the constitution to keep rights away from a group of people (perhaps someone should tell him that the last time this was tried they called it "prohibition", and it didn't exactly work). This is where the whole conservative agenda really takes a nosedive in my opinion. Conservatives are more interested in curbing the rights of others in order to force their idea of morality on us all. Instead of tolerating other ways of life they would rather drive wedges further into the fissures that divide us. Instead of acknowledging that there are people in this world who don't subscribe to their version of morality, they would prefer to shut them out and to shun them. These are the same people who think homosexuality is a disease that can, and needs to be cured. The same people who would turn their backs on a friend or loved one if they found out he or she was gay. They also tend to be the only people for whom homosexuality is an issue. Gays don't care if you're gay or not, nor do tolerant heterosexuals like myself. I think if the opponents of gay marriage thought long and hard enough, they'd realize that they were the ones with something up their asses.

Letter To The Editor

By: Brian Stevens
Anchor Contributor

I am willing to bet that the Anchor may have cut the search for opinion page content short this week! Surely there is something more interesting to write about than toilet water quality on campus. Perhaps Mr. Martin-Colby should spend less time evaluating restroom cleanliness and some time fine tuning his prose to eliminate reliance on words like, "friggin'", "piss", and "shit". I use the facilities at RIC as much as anyone and have experienced very few encounters with "old pee" and certainly have never felt compelled to attempt to ascertain the age of the leftovers. How does one determine the age of urine? Perhaps that would be a more interesting way to fill a quarter page of the opinion section! On a more positive note, I found the portion of the article dealing with "pissing out" screwdrivers fascinating! Keep up the good work in that area!

Censorship

By: Aaron Martin-Colby
Anchor Contributor

The recent controversy surrounding Janet Jackson and her peep show during the Super Bowl halftime show has got me thinking. Censorship in America is beyond stupid. Directly referencing Janet; what is so wrong with a breast?? It's a breast. Over half the population has them, even more if you include all those fat men that pretty much need bras.

There are very few things on the human body as innocuous as a breast. Legs? Arms? You can hit people with those. You can even use them for advanced, nonverbal communication (A skill Italians have mastered.) The face? The face is the most impressive part of the human body. It speaks, it makes expressions, and it can convey a legion of emotions. In a recent survey, men even said they find a woman's eyes as the most attractive aspect of her anatomy. So why don't we force women to cover their faces? Oh right! Because then we'd be Saudi Arabia, and they suck.

Guys are allowed to go topless, and more often than not their breasts are far more frightening than women's breasts. So women should be afforded the same right! It's either that or we make it illegal for men to go topless as well. Judging from photos of Senators on beach-bound vacations, they wouldn't like that too much.

A breast is a breast. It's a part of the body... nothing more. So get over it! As a culture, we have to get rid of this antediluvian, pole-up-our-ass, and religious basis for everything! Breasts are not the work of the devil. Our bodies are not temples of evil desire. Sex is fine, so are breasts. In fact, I like breasts! I'm officially a fan of breasts. We should have more of them in every day media. Hopefully this will force all the censor-nuts to move on to other stupid forms of censorship... so we can make fun of them there too.

Quite possibly the stupidest of all censorship relates to text. Pick up an issue of Rolling Stone and you won't see a single thing censored, but pick up Time and you're going to see one of these jobbies; s—. Yes, s—, an "s" and three dashes. Gee! I wonder what that means. What four lettered word do you know of that starts with "s" besides soap? Or even better, and I just saw this in Newsweek, "f**k." What? Could you get ANY more obvious about what the word is? Any levelheaded person knows that the word is "fuck," so blanking-out the two central letters is of no consequence and does little to add credence to a magazines journalistic integrity.

Words in type represent words in speech! That's the basis of written language! You don't read words and think in letters. You read and think the words in your head. So "s****" means the exact same thing as "shit." There is no difference whatsoever except in the minds of overly conservative and vociferous morons who think themselves righteous enough to know what's best for society. These people should all be shot or sent to Saudi Arabia. Maybe sent to Saudi Arabia and then shot, (Or maybe just forced to work at the Gap.)

Words are words. They will never be anything more than words or anything less. No word carries more weight than another and no word is inherently bad. A speaker gives words no purchase, it is the listener. The greatest speaker of all time can speak till his jaw falls off. Unless his audience hears him and processes his words, it is a futile exercise. So to all you "listeners" out there who get all flustered when someone drops the F-Bomb near you, either get used to it or move to Japan. At least there you won't understand any of the curses. Zakennayo!

I really want to apologize for that last blurb. I should never have subjected you to that much information about my ocular hygiene. I suppose there's nothing I can do to make up for it now... I'll make up for it next week. I promise.

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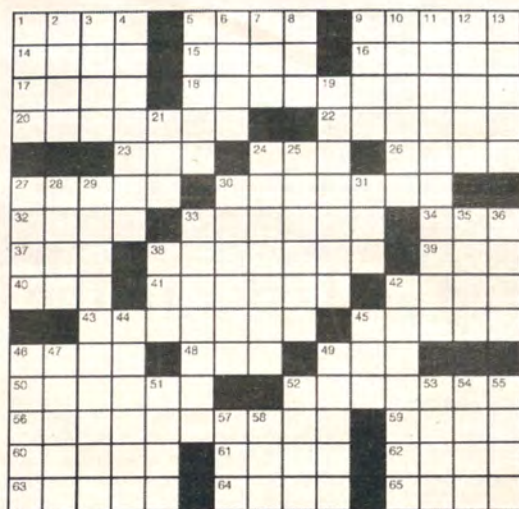
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By Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Career options from approximately four months ago will resurface. Over the next few days, reclaimed business dreams will be a powerful and positive theme.



Before March, key decisions may be necessary. Discuss all new ideas with loved ones and expect detailed plans to be presented. Wednesday through Saturday also accent private flirtations and unexpected romantic proposals. Remain cautious, however, and wait for obvious signals.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Before midweek, a close friend or lover may reveal a new aspect to his or her personality. Private creativity, sensuality and a strong respect for spiritualism are accented. Watch for a new wave of blunt honesty and emotional sharing to be irresistible.



Trust your instincts. Loved ones will follow your example. Thursday through Saturday highlight late financial changes, canceled payments and detailed records. Thoroughly finalize all contracts; firm deadlines are needed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Power struggles in social and business relationships will become obvious before midweek. Over the next three days, many Geminis will resolve long-standing differences with



officials and discuss key issues with friends. Don't hold back. Honesty will work in your favor. After Thursday, work officials or mentors

may ask for added dedication. Vital assignments will need extra attention. Stay focused on financial estimates, joint ventures and complicated calculations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Early this week, friends, lovers and relatives may introduce complex plans or unique activities. Let the past fade and trust all sincere proposals. Loved ones are strongly motivated to move forward. After midweek, financial information and daily work expectations may be exaggerated. In the coming weeks, key officials and trusted colleagues may uncover costly miscalculations. Remain cautious. Detailed records and clearly defined legal terms will prove invaluable.



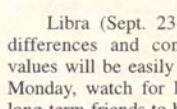
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Rekindled passions are almost unavoidable. Over the next eight days, pay close attention to newly inspired loved ones, joyful beginnings or fast home invitations. Romantic partners and potential



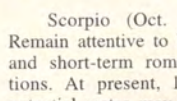
lovers may wish to explore new intimacy, shared lifestyles or unique living arrangements. After Friday, a younger relative may request delicate marital or romantic advice. Be supportive. Family members are sensitive to your social guidance and opinions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday through Thursday, shared insight will motivate loved ones to plan future events, resolve social triangles or reveal important personal information. Integrity, group loyalty and romantic speculation may also prove important. Avoid excess gossip, if possible, and encourage bold

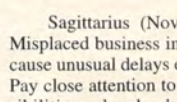
public solutions. After Thursday, unattached Virgos can expect a sudden increase in private proposals and romantic invitations. Stay open. New relationships will be quickly established.



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Past differences and conflicting social values will be easily forgotten. Late Monday, watch for loved ones and long-term friends to begin a new era of public acceptance. For some Librans, a recently strained relationship will dramatically expand over the next eight days. If so, expect powerful feelings of attachment and sentimentality to evolve before the end of March. Thursday through Saturday, study new home plans. Mechanical repairs or renovations may be necessary.



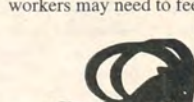
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Remain attentive to basic emotions and short-term romantic expectations. At present, loved ones or potential mates may need to reveal deep feelings of inadequacy or confusion. Stay focused and avoid quick social judgments. After Friday, business relations may also be affected. If so, expect older colleagues or mentors to request special favors. Be forthcoming. Your efforts will not be forgotten.



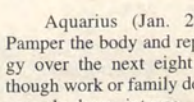
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Misplaced business information may cause unusual delays early this week. Pay close attention to shared responsibilities, legal documents and

changing deadlines. A second opinion will help avoid difficult problems. If possible, ask colleagues to oversee delicate projects. After Thursday, social or romantic advice may be offered without warning. Take extra time for contemplation. By early next week, a new era of participation and group acceptance will take precedence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). This week, many Capricorns will begin 15 days of increased public duties and renewed job contracts. After Monday, however, be prepared for minor conflicts between colleagues. At present, younger co-workers may need to feel included or appreciated by the group. Late Thursday, social relations may also be briefly affected. Use humor to express affection or address key issues. Loved ones and long-term friends will ask for added support.



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Pamper the body and replenish energy over the next eight days. Even though work or family demands have recently been intense, a period of calm decision will help settle group concerns. Encourage loved ones to rest, contemplate family improvements or enjoy short-term vacations.



Wednesday through Sunday, a younger relative may be socially distant. Don't be drawn into outdated dramas. At present, loved ones may

respond only to firm statements and bold opinions.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Over the next six days, co-workers may not fully appreciate your creativity. Carefully describe detailed projects, shared goals or long-term social needs. At present, friends and colleagues

may need to witness the obvious. Thursday through Sunday, subtle romantic attractions are compelling. Remain alert to private flirtations and expect gently seductive invitations. In the coming weeks, potential lovers will become steadily more expressive. Don't hold back.



If your birthday is this week.

Loved ones may ask for detailed financial records or reliable estimates over the next 12 weeks. Shared practical goals, educational programs and long-term business aspirations may prove vital to the success of key relationships. Before mid-May, expect loved ones to reveal their own values or aspirations. Stay open, but refuse to accept criticism. After early June, social invitations and group involvement will dramatically increase. Planetary alignments suggest that almost three years of private doubt and romantic isolation will end. Use this time to bring new relationships into your life or make serious decisions with long-term partners. By late September, new pathways to shared happiness are available.

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Rest in Peace Sega Saturn



For this week's edition of RIP, I've decided to talk about another Sega made console, the Saturn. Having probably the shortest life span of any of Sega's systems, the Saturn was not the best, but well worth the \$40 or so bucks it will cost you to pick one up on ebay today. Much like the great Dreamcast though, the Saturn was doomed for failure from the start. It came out at a time when Sega was just getting over their two previous failures, the Sega CD and 32X, and when Sony and the big N were just about ready to unveil their new consoles upon the video gaming market. But just because danger leered on it's horizon, the Saturn did not go down without a fight. Boasting better graphic, sound, and just all around performance than Sony's PSX, Sega's machine also had a pretty well packed library of great games in all genre's (which was more than Sony could say at the time). The Saturn had shooters like Virtua Cop, fighters from the wizards at Capcom, racers from their own developing house, and some great RPG's published by Working Designs.

Yes the Saturn had it all, but for some reason could just not compete with the other games and systems on the market. Maybe it was the extreme price (it originally retail for something like \$400), maybe it was their ad campaign, but I think in the end it was the extreme crappiness of the 32X and Sega CD that left a bad taste in peoples mouths for all of time when it came to Sega systems.

Still though the Saturn remains today a very much sought after console among collectors, and since so many of them were made they are really not that hard to find, the games however, are a different story altogether. Some commons like Sega Rally, Street Fighter Alpha 2, Virtua Fighter/Cop, and a host of others can be found relatively cheaply, but expect to pay the big bucks for rarer games like Shining Force III: Scenario I (about \$60 on ebay), Panzer Dragoon Saga (about \$100 on ebay) or Guardian Heroes (\$60 on ebay). But don't let those numbers scare you if you are interested in collecting Saturn, because there is always someone somewhere online willing to let rare games go cheap. The other thing I should mention is that the Saturn also had a bunch of great import games to it's name as well, and since the systems is relatively easy to mod, you won't need to spend \$150 dollars on a region free machine, the bad thing is though, the money you save on the systems will be spent on the extreme high costs of import games, since they tend to be pretty rare. But if you have the money definitely check out Dracula X, Radiant Silvergun, and Shining Force III Scenarios II & III. Well that's about all I can say about Sega's Saturn for now, so, like always I will leave you with my top six.

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Manci Games Magazine

A Classic Gamer's Dream



By: Jim Combs
Anchor Contributor

If you are into classic games and like to read about them, then this is the magazine for you. "Manci Games Magazine" is a new start up magazine that covers everything classic gaming related. It also features a monthly rarity/price guide for all the hard to come by games. The first issue debuts March 21st 2004 and features a history of "Pitfall" along with an interview with the creator, Mr. David Crane. There will be an article written by Video Game Historian, Mr. Leonard Herman, who wrote "Phoenix the Fall and Rise of Video Games." You will also

find a history section that has the story behind "The Legend of Zelda" for the Philips CD-I and how the deal between Nintendo and Philips came to be.

Each issue will be jam packed with classic gaming goodness and everything will be in full color. Now I am sure by now you are asking yourself what in the world is a "Manci"? Well to be honest, I am not sure either, but it will be announced soon. If you plan on going to the "Philly Classic 5" in Philadelphia March 20th and 21st, Manci Games Magazine is throwing a party for all their subscribers; this sounds like a lot of fun. The Magazine has very good connections in the gaming world, which will provide for some very informative issues to come.

It is interesting to note, that comic book artist, Jason Bruce, drew the first issue's cover art. The magazine has also partnered up with the experts at Digital Press, who help maintain and over look the magazine's rarities/price guide each month. Since the magazine is just starting out, they are working really hard to get the magazine on store shelves across the US. You can subscribe to the magazine and get 12 issues, one each month in your mail. If you choose to not get billed later, then they throw in 3 more issues free, giving you a total of 15 issues. I have subscribed myself and can't wait for the first issue.

If you want to learn more or subscribe to Manci Games Magazine, you can do so by visiting their website at www.mancigames.com. You can also check out Digital Press's website at www.digitalpress.com and the Philly Classic 5 website at www.philly-classic.com. These are excellent sites to get your classic gaming fix and I highly recommend all three, to anybody that is into classic gaming and collecting. Until next time, keep on gaming.

We Built this City on Mind Control

By: E. Nygma and Sky Rocket

Trying to tell someone about the movie Dark City before they've seen it is like trying to skin a deer without the horns; you kinda just have to experience it to know what it's about, but here it goes. The plot can be explained on a pretty basic level; a dying race of aliens build a city in outer space, fill it with abducted humans from earth, and every night at midnight "tune" the city ("tuning" is the word the movie uses for telepathy) to make it different while changing the memories of select humans. This is all done while the people are asleep, and it's done because the aliens are trying to find out what makes humans, human, basically they are looking for a way to make a soul, since they think that having a soul would save their race from extinction. They make poor people rich, good people bad, and a host of other wired combinations all in an effort to see what a human will do.

Will a non-killer imprinted with the memories of a killer continue to kill? These are the kinds of questions the aliens are asking. But the aliens (called Strangers) cannot conduct the experiment by themselves, so to help them they enlisted the expertise of a human doctor, Daniel Schreiber (Kiefer Sutherland), to mix the memories and prepare them for imprinting. But as with any good movie of this genre, something goes wrong, and while the nightly tuning is taking place, and as he's about to be imprinted, human John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell) wakes up, but there is something different about John, he has the ability to tune, and not only can he tune, but he is more powerful than the Strangers, and from this point on he embarks on a quest to discover the secret of the dark city he inhabits.

Visually this movie is stunning. With a style similar to that of the Batman Animated Series cartoon, the whole movie has a dark

feel to it, and is shot much like a film noir movie of the 40's, heavy shadows and odd camera angles make the movie feel very foreboding. Also like the Batman cartoon, the film's era seems to be set somewhere in the late 40's to early 50's bracket, old cars, fashion and automats aplenty. There really isn't too much more that I can say about this movie with out spoiling it for you, so I will leave be saying, IMO this movie is friggin' cool, half Matrix (before the Matrix), half Batman, but all original and inventive. If you are a fan of the sci fi, it is definitely worth buying, if you are not, then you just might be after watching this movie.



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Fred from back

takes the liberty of doing more grown up things like breaking violins, plates, and cutting hair,. All at the cost of Elizabeth's sanity and mobility (yes mobility, as in there's a big scary nurse at the door who's going to knock you out if you try to leave) and her mother is trying to do away with Fred once and for all with a simple pill.

After she and Fred escape with the help of an old childhood friend, as Fred calls him Mickey Fart Pants, they go to win back Charles at a wine tasting party. Not only is the party a big flop but Fred is up to his old tricks again! He doesn't only crash the party but he throws Elizabeth into the arms of her husband will his affair watches and he de-togas a waiter. Only later does Fred's mischief pay off when Charlie comes back to her. But that's still not the end Fred still has to break dishes and wind still to finish before Elizabeth finally can be free (and that's all you'll get out of me Snotface).

So if your roommate's thesis paper is missing, chopped up, or trashed just remember there's always one person you can blame for it (Drop Dead Fred of course).

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Off with their 'Mushroomhead's

By: AJ Paglia
Anchor Staff

Strike thirteen, you're out.

A manly underground heavy hardcore rock band, Mushroomhead, recently released their album, Thirteen, distributing thirteen tracks, ironically thirteen tracks too many.

The eight man elite of 'Mushroomhead' paints their faces in alien symbiotic fashion, while the lead singer is shaded similar to a "Dead Presidents" cast member. Their stage names read like a list of X-Men audition rejects: Skinny, J Mann, Jeffrey Nothing, Shmotz, Pig Benis, Gravy, Bronson, and Stitch. Their onstage figures create a nightmare like impression in the audience, while the sounds leave a reminiscence of Power man 5000, and Slipknot. Only, Mushroomhead is five years too late and also five years worth of practice away from being decent.

Mushroomhead exemplifies the late 90's edge rock. Really hard, in your face, music guaranteed to make anyone over the age of forty becomes immediately scared of you. And for what its worth, they are good. But every song has a feeling of being rushed or unfinished. There is consistency, and maybe too much. Songs



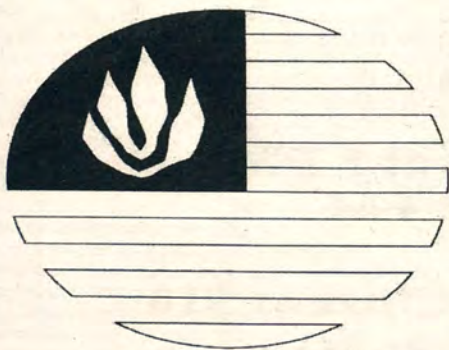
become redundant far too fast. By track five, the audience is listening in and saying, "I already heard this."

The lyrics have a lot to be desired, unless the

desired effect was to produce a soundtrack meant to make the public decapitate themselves with the disc. "Crazy are the people walking through my head, One of them's got a gun to shoot the other one." Normally, judgment can be passed over on really bland lyrics, but since the CD is obviously not filled to the brim with really great music and chords, then there is no excuse for a complete lapse of lyrical creativity. Mentally committed people have made finger paintings with better lyrical clarity and structure than the Thirteen Album.

Years ago, when Slipknot and Rob Zombie were all the rage, Mushroomhead would have been a hit. Sadly, years have passed, and music has both evolved and turned their eyes on sounds of different genre. As metal and hardcore songs go, this album isn't hopeless. It possesses a certain edge to it that makes it unique in a stereotypical music field. The usage of keyboard is a nice touch, similar to Slaves On Dope. With an album produced by a Disturbed band member, one would think this to make waves, yet barely a splash felt.

Fans should definitely give this CD a listen, while everyone else should not waste the time. It's a love it or hate it catastrophe disc. Don't be too urgent to judge.



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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES



By: Andrea Yattaw
Anchor Contributor

Vagina Monologues Come to RIC

On February 24th and 25th RIC's V-Day committee will perform Eve Ensler's award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues." The play is a series of one-woman performances dealing with the trials and triumphs of women's sexuality. It can be enjoyed by men and women alike and is in no way, shape or form offensive to men. The play is intensely personal and can have a profound emotional impact.

Many people may not be aware of the reason behind the college performances of "The Vagina Monologues." The reason is V-Day. V-Day is celebrated on February 14th, but reclaims the day for women, making it more than just a commercial holiday. V-Day is an organized response against violence towards women and a celebration of women all over the world. It envisions a world where women live safely and freely. Our goal at Rhode Island College is to raise money for Sojourner House, an agency that works for women and children experiencing domestic violence. The larger goal for V-Day is to completely end violence against women all over the world.

Last year we raised \$6,000 for two local agencies that serve as safe houses for women faced with domestic violence. This year we hope to raise more money for our beneficiary. The play is a deeply touching experience that serves not only for entertainment, but also for information and awareness about the issues women face everyday. You will be empowered, enlightened, laugh, cry and develop a deep respect for women. It is a performance not to be missed.

Our performances will be Tuesday, February 24th and Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm in Roberts Hall Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Women's Center on the lower floor of Donovan and Building #3 at the Child Welfare Institute. Tickets will also be sold February 16-19th in Donovan from 12-2. The cost is \$7 for students and faculty and \$10 for the general public. The performances are being sponsored by the RIC Chapter of Amnesty International and the Unity Center.

A Legend In It's Own Time

By: Alex "Moviemann" Martin
Anchor Contributor

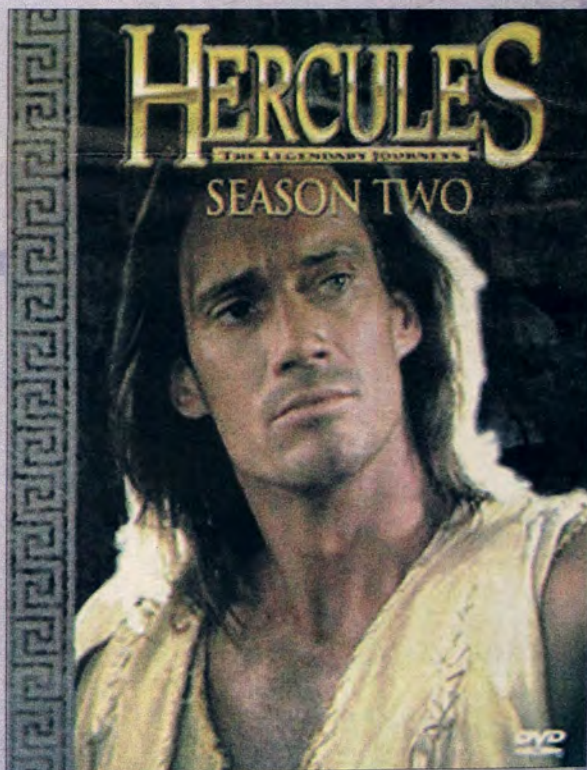
When I think of the most entertaining television shows ever, there is one that sticks out way at the top of the list. The awesome mid-90s campfest known as "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys." It focused on the adventures of the mythological hero and his sidekick Iolaus as they journeyed the world battling his evil step-mother, Hera and her minions. The show's creators, Sam Raimi and Rob Tapert took a character from Greek mythology and showed his life with a 20th century spin.

At the center of every episode, Hercules had to diffuse some sort of problem, whether he was fighting giants, monsters, humans, or the gods. The fight sequences were fantastic and always done so that they would be taken seriously, but still apply a good amount of humor within them. The stories were so well done that they made you care about these characters and the world around them. The special effects were also incredibly believable. The show at its core was an action-comedy. What made it so special was how all of these elements were blended together so well.

Kevin Sorbo played the character of Hercules perfectly and Michael Hurst as Iolaus gave some of the most comedic moments of the show. One scene pops into mind when they are battling on a bridge against some goons and Hercules and Iolaus were bickering back and forth. The chemistry was awesome and they picked the two actors perfectly.

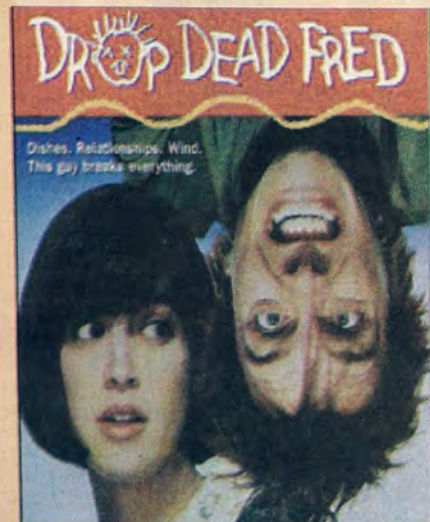
You can't go wrong with a great hero and his companion battling evil from mythology and the world. Hercules was a fun show to watch. It brought you in with compelling storylines and good entertainment. It was what it was, an incredibly well done show that combined great characters, storytelling, action and comedy into something that every fan would have fun watching. Not to mention Bruce Campbell as Autolycus, the King of Thieves.

They are releasing each season on DVD and even if you don't know enough about it to buy them I would still encourage you to watch on the sci-fi channel where it appears every now and then. Because, wherever there was evil and wherever an innocent would suffer. THERE WOULD BE HERCULES!!!



It Wasn't Me!!

By: Carly Romano
Anchor Staff



Does anyone remember that special friend from when they were little? You know the one that no one else saw but you (you know the one that always got you in trouble for the stunts they pulled) and no one would believe you? Well if not, what about Drop Dead Fred? Absolutely loved this movie from the first time I watched it when I was 6 and it's still one of my favorite movies.

He's unruly, vulgar and overconfident (maybe only because no one else can see him being a fool) and in the "flick" Drop Dead Fred he's more rambunctious than you remembered (picking his nose, looking up women's skirts and who can forget playing with dolls)! After Fred is released from his jack in the box prison he discovers his former playmate, Elizabeth (or as he calls her "Snotface"), has grown up and is back home with her mother (It's the Mega Bitch). He realizes he's back to pester the world because Elizabeth's not happy (seeing as she's lost her car, her money, her husband, and her job all in one lunch break I would be too) and he's got to fix it and then he can go back home. And that's where the fun begins!

Going back to her mother's house evokes a number of childhood memories and mud pies and her overbearing mother's ability to change Elizabeth to be more grown up; but Fred isn't going to put up with that and tries to get Elizabeth away to her apartment and try and get her husband, Charles back. Since Elizabeth is grown up, Fred

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