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## RIC Students Learn About and Debate USA PATRIOT Act

Forrester Safford  
Anchor Staff

Students in Dr. Audrey Olmsted's Communications 450 seminar entitled: Speech and Security, had a very unique opportunity this semester, they got to learn about, and debate one of the hottest current event topics out there, the USA PATRIOT Act, (USAPA).

Each student in the class had an option after they signed up to take the course. They could either by semester's end have completed a term paper on an aspect of speech and security, or they could debate at least twice on the issue of the USAPA at a local high school. In order to prepare for the debates, the students were assigned to read two books, one that is biased towards the anti-USAPA crowd and one that was biased towards the pro-USAPA crowd in order for the students to get acquainted with both sides of the debate. The book that leans towards the anti-USAPA side is entitled "Lost Liberties: Ashcroft and the Assault of Personal Freedom," which is a compilation of many essays including one by the Executive Director of the ACLU, Anthony D. Romero. The pro-USAPA book is entitled "Terrorism and Counter terrorism: Understanding the New Security Environment." This book includes readings and interpretations by Russell D. Howard, a Colonel in the US Army, and Reid L. Sawyer a Major in the US Army.

Through reading the books and doing some extra research, the seminar students made up note cards that would come handy in the debates that they would participate in throughout the semester. Each Thursday afternoon from 4-7PM the students met for class where they were able to practice and tweak their debate plans.

Richard Delbonis II, one of the seminar students had this to say about the course: "This was a great course and a very important one at the same time. Many people do not know a whole lot about the USA PATRIOT Act, and now I know a lot more than I use to." Delbonis went onto say that "traveling to different high schools and putting on

debates for the students was a lot of fun while at the same time very informative for them."

History and current events teachers, along with debate team coaches from such high schools as Bishop Hendricken, Toll Gate, Lincoln, Ponagansett and a few others jumped at the chance of being able to bring members of the RIC seminar/debate class to their school in order for their students to experience a debate about the USAPA, and get informed about the very controversial act.

Normally, two teams of two from the seminar class would travel to a high school and one extra person would go as a moderator/time keeper. They would debate the resolution that the USAPA should be rescinded. The affirmative side of the debate would have to give their reasons/contentions as to why the act should be rescinded, while the negative side of the debate strived to prove why

there was no need to repeal the USAPA. At the end of each debate, the high school students and their teacher were given the opportunity to ask questions to the usually four person debate panel. Then, before the class ended the high schoolers were asked to jot down on a piece of paper what side they felt one the debate

and any other comments that they might have. Normally, the winner of the debate only received a few more votes than the winner of the debate. Some comments that were put onto the scrap paper that the high schoolers used to vote were: "I wish we had a debate team here!," and "I hope that when I get to Amherst College, there is a debate team!" There is. Other comments included "Both sides made great points," and "This was great and very informative!"

Now, with the debates and classroom time completed there is only one more get together for the class that will be held next week. It will be sad having this semester coming to an end, especially this seminar course.

\*Writer's Note: I had the pleasure of being one of the students in the seminar. It was a great experience for me. I would like to thank Dr. Olmsted for giving me the opportunity to write this piece and take her course.



## "It never snows at RIC" Cap and Gown Convocation 2004

By: Zdenko Juskov  
Anchor Staff

President Nazarian, the esteemed faculty and staff colleagues, administrative officers, platform guests and honorees, parents, family, and friends of the Class of 2004, officers and most importantly of all, members of the Class of 2004 all gathered in Roberts Hall to their Cap and Gown convocation.

The mood was an emotional one as the beginning of the end for the class of 2004 commenced. This was the twilight of their days at RIC. With the pomp and circumstance, President Nazarian, and the class Officers filed in to begin the momentous occasion.

The National Anthem, sung by Marlena Gervelis, Amanda Howard, Neil Letendre, Jessica Owen, and Kristen Thurber, opened the ceremonies. Following Greetings by President John Nazarian, Jacqueline Crevier spoke for the senior class. Her feeling about the ceremony summed up the energy in Robert's Hall, "I feel honored that I had the chance to represent the Sesquicentennial Class of 2004, as the Class Speaker. It gave me a chance sum up my own memorable experience at RIC, yet at the same time relate to my fellow classmates." After the department awards were given out by Dan L. King, Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto delivered his address.

Being a Professor of Biology he used his field of study to bring a profound metaphor. Speaking about genetics and evolution he at first looked to the bigger picture and gave the graduates something to think about, "We evolved out of primordial ooze and we, *Homo sapiens*, man the wise are headed for extinction." He called for the class of 2004 to "Avoid our own extinction we must be inclusive of those who society has marginalized because of skin color, ethnicity, economic status, a minority opin-

ion, belief, or status." He hoped that the class of 2004 would use their genetic potential to make *Homo Sapien* earn his name.

Dr. Matsumoto set the theme of this graduating class: a spirit of charity, a belief in things greater than oneself, and a hope for a better future. In this spirit, the Senior Class officers and the Class of 2004 chose not to let Dr. Matsumoto down.

The class Treasurer, Forester Safford summed up the feeling: "I was so moved by President Nazarian's personal pledge to the class gift. I know that it was a very emotional moment, not just for me but for the entire class executive board and many people that I talked to later on during the day when he announced it. His incredibly gracious gift will help ensure that future RIC students are given the opportunity to achieve the same goals that we have."

In his speech, Forrester Safford introduced just how the Class of 2004 will rise to the challenge presented by Dr. Matsumoto. He said, "We were faced with the challenge of giving back to an institution that was celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, the sesquicentennial milestone." The class captured the spirit of Matsumoto's speech, "Together, along with members of our administration, we have decided to give to the future so that all students will have the chance to receive the same education we have." The class of 2004 will raise \$150,000 in an endowment fund for scholarships for Rhode Island College.

Those of us who have not graduated wish the class of 2004 luck in their journey through life. We hope that they bring pride to the name of Rhode Island College, and if they can't do that then at least do something funny to entertain us. Remember, as Jacqueline Crevier put it, "It never snows at RIC." We'll miss you!

## RIC senior encourages classmates to 'never settle for anything less that you can accomplish'

Reflecting on a college career coming to a close, senior Jacqueline Crevier brought greetings to her fellow seniors as the 150th commencement season opened with the traditional Cap and Gown Convocation ceremonies on April 28 in the Auditorium at Roberts Hall.

By: Dave Cranshaw  
What's New Intern  
Anchor Contributor

Knowing that her late grandfather, and most influential mentor in her life was watching from above, Crevier encouraged the Sesquicentennial Class of 2004 to "acknowledge and thank all of those who have believed in you" throughout their college journey.

"I am very thankful that I had someone believe in me to the extent that he did. I know that on graduation day, I will be thinking of him, seeing that he is part of the reason I am here," said Crevier.

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# F.Y.I @ R.I.C

Loop at 9 a.m.  
and will return to RIC  
around 3:30 p.m.  
(price includes transportation,  
ticket to game and  
BBQ)

## The Medieval Manor Theatre Restaurant, Boston, MA

Tuesday, May 11

\$10 per ticket  
Must be 21 years of age or  
older  
Motor coach leaves SU  
Loop at 5 p.m.  
and will return to RIC  
around midnight.  
(price includes transportation  
and a six course dinner)

## Senior BBQ

Friday, May 14

11:30 a.m.  
FREE!! ALL YOU CAN  
EAT!!!!  
Outside Donovan Dining  
Center on the Quad

## Anchor Editor Gets Award

Anchor Copy Editor, Jamie  
Pachomski received the  
Communications  
Achievement Award for  
Excellence in Public  
Relations at the 2004 Cap  
and Gown Convocation.

## Attention Communication Majors!!!!

How would you like to be  
wearing a T-shirt that says  
"RIC Communications?"  
Well now you can.  
Communication Honors  
Society, Lambda Pi Eta will  
be selling T-shirts for \$5  
this week.  
The shirts come in grey,  
black and white. Come to

## Whipple Hall!

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Any 1993 and 1994 RIC  
graduates wishing to obtain  
a copy of their health  
records may arrange to so  
by calling Health Services  
at 456-8055. All health  
records without activity  
since 1994 will be shredded  
in June 2004.

## Matthew McGinn from Health Services

## May

May 3: Classes End  
May 4-10: Exam Period  
May 12: Grades Due for  
Degree Candidates

## May 12- Campus Community

**Sesquicentennial Picnic**  
Tickets are now available  
through May 5 at the  
Roberts Hall Box Office,  
Monday through Friday,  
from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## SENIOR WEEK!!!!!!!

**Sponsored by the Class of  
2004!!!**  
(RIC Students Only!!  
Open to Seniors and

## Underclassmen)

**TICKETS CAN ALL BE  
PURCHASED AT THE  
STUDENT UNION INFO  
DESK**

## Montreal Trip

Saturday, May 8 to Monday,  
May 10

\$25 per ticket  
Motor coach leaves  
Parking Lot J  
at 6 a.m. and will return  
Monday at 8 p.m.

(price includes round trip,  
hotel accommodations for 2  
nights at the Holiday Inn

## Pawtucket Red Sox

Versus Red Barons

Tuesday, May 11

\$5 per ticket  
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# Congratulations Graduating Class 2005

Hi Honey,

Keep your eye's on the stars and  
your feet on the ground. Happy  
graduation.

Love,

Mom



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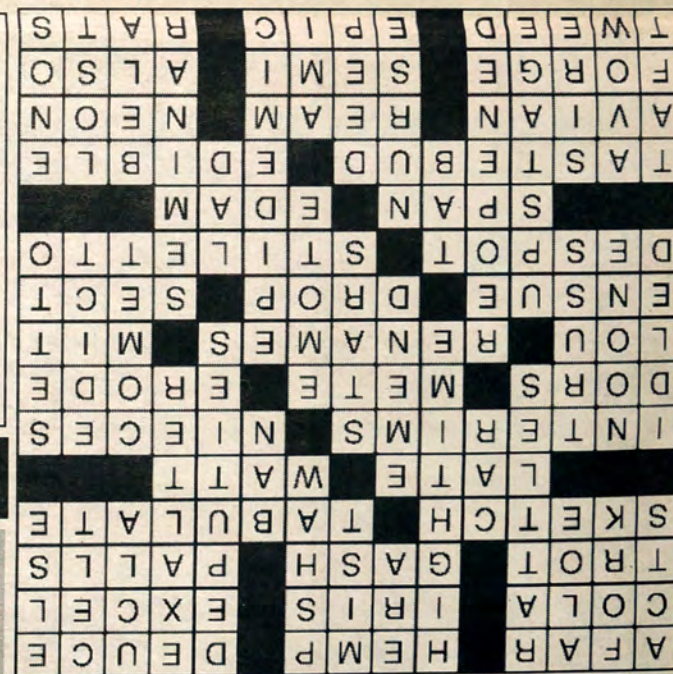
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## Stressed Seniors Seek Higher Studies

By: Jackie Crevier  
Anchor Editor

Graduating seniors have a task of several things to accomplish before graduation: from ordering class rings, to scheduling senior pictures, getting fitted for cap and gown, and for some, this includes worrying about the deadline for graduate school applications.

Director of Career Development, Ellen Weaver-Paquette, noted that surveys conducted in 2002 and 2001, indicated that more students were leaving Rhode Island College and going right to full time graduate school. She also pointed out that "recent trends have shown that a significant number of liberal arts students are going to graduate school."

"Forty-three percent of the class of 2002, not seeking full time employment sought full time graduate studies," continued Paquette. She called this "a very healthy percentage." Due to this "big jump", she felt that the college needed to provide undergraduate assistance to help prospective graduate students.

The first graduate fair to be held on the Rhode Island College campus took place in the Student Union Ballroom on October 29. This fair gave RIC students a chance to get an insight into the graduate world by speaking with various representatives from over thirty colleges.

Many careers require students to go further with his or her education and to pursue a master's degree. Examples of such fields include teaching and psychology.

Since application deadlines for fall graduate admission falls anywhere between February and

April, many seniors' Christmas breaks became "Christmas Heck." While some students were relaxing after opening gifts and taking the tree down, prospective graduate students were routinely checking the mail for his or her transcripts to arrive, figuring out GPAs and cramming for the graduate record examinations or the GRE's.

Financial aid deadlines for the FAFSA and merit or domestic aid are crucial to the student since the amount received often weighs heavily upon the decision of whether or not the student can afford to go there.

Some graduate schools such as Emerson College or Boston University can cost as much as \$30,000 for a two year program. Financial assistance plays an important role in design-making, for the unemployed, just out of school graduate.

Students are allowed to take the GRE's more than once, and have the choice to cancel scores or send them to the colleges of his or her choice. There is several software and online tutorials to assist the studying student. An important detail to remember is that the paper-based GRE test, which is only offered on a selective set of dates throughout the year, has a different set-up than the computer-based test. Students are advised that the studying methods for each are not transferable.

Plenty of graduate schools base decisions heavily upon the strength of the recommendation letters. These letters, often rate an individual's communication skills and/or personal and professional strengths and weaknesses. The essays are also important because they give the student a chance to present his or

herself, in addition to the paper application.

A few graduating seniors and a RIC alumni noted that when applying to grad school you are simultaneously applying for stress and working against the clock. Anchor alumni and former Anchor staff writer Ann-Marie Piantadosi, now a student in the Broadcast Journalism Department at Emerson College, reflected upon her experience with applying to a grad school. "I found that applying to graduate school was fairly stressful, especially when trying to make sure my references had finished writing my recommendation letters. I didn't want to come off as a pain, but I also wanted to make sure the letters were submitted on time."

Piantadosi added that a lot of recent college graduates cannot find jobs, since the job market is currently "very tough". "I feel that the time and energy one puts into applying to graduate school is worth it, especially during these times," continued Piantadosi. "If the job market was in better shape, I'd be working now," she concluded.

The factor of distance doesn't limit some prospective graduate students. Senior and Anchor Editor Jamie Pachomski, drove 18 hours to Chicago, Illinois over holiday break to visit the school of his choice, Roosevelt University. "I made sure they had my transcripts and application prior to my visit so they could see I was ready to talk business," stated Pachomski.

He offered advice to other seniors seeking higher studies. "The bottom line is graduate schools want adults. My advice is go in style, be selective and carry yourself well," concluded Pachomski.

# NEWS

## Encourage from page 1

Recalling the all night study sessions, the course that may have inspired a person toward a new career path, and the inspirational role models who always made you feel like you can accomplish anything, Crevier urged her fellow seniors to continue the hard work that brought them to the cusp of graduation from Rhode Island College.

"We are the children of tomorrow dreaming in the wind of change," said Crevier.

Crevier told her fellow graduates that their legacy as the Sesquicentennial class of 2004 has just begun. Memories unique only to them as RIC students will carry on forever.

Sharing some RIC secrets, Crevier playfully wondered aloud about the "structural mysteries" of Gage Hall that does not allow a person to reach both sides of the third floor without going down a flight of stairs and why when it snowed in Rhode Island, it does not snow at RIC.

Crevier applauded her fellow graduates for the "years of early classes, all-nighters, papers and methods class" and persevering when an outcome may seem bleak.

"Success is measured not only in diplomas, titles and certificates: success is drawing upon inner resources to rise above obstacles and still come out smiling," said Crevier.

Crevier is confident that the graduates of the Class of 2004

will be successful in all endeavors whether it is producing a TV show, making the headlines of the local paper, as teachers or as government officials.

Crevier wondered if when the class enrolled in the college as freshmen if they would have made any changes "if you only knew then the places you will go."

"Looking back, did your intake of six cans of Mountain Dew make for healthy nutrition? Maybe some of you would have partied less. Maybe some of you would have partied more."

Nevertheless, Crevier told her classmates that their memories at RIC "will sustain years longer than the four short years that you have studied here."

Reflecting on the once in a lifetime opportunity to address her fellow graduates, Crevier said, "I was truly honored that I was given the chance to represent the Sesquicentennial class of 2004 at the honorary Cap and Gown Convocation. It was an experience that I will hold dear to my heart."

Remembering the dollar for each A she received when she was younger from her grandfather, Crevier said it was him who inspired her to reach her full potential.

"Making my grandfather proud has always served as a motivating force for me to strive for success in anything that I attempt in life," she said.

## New degree replaces MBA as a 'sure thing' for job security

By Jennifer Tobia  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

So you have a college degree. Unfortunately, so do you and millions of other people in America.

Four years of an undergraduate education hasn't cut it for a while. Two decades ago the solution was to get a Masters of Business Administration; in the 1980s and '90s, the MBA was seen as a sure shot to economic success and security.

It no longer guarantees a job after graduation. Admissions officials speculate that the grim job outlook has led many potential business school applicants to either wait until the economy shows further improvement or give up the idea of earning an MBA.

Enter the Professional Science Masters. The most common route science majors have taken in the past is to continue their education and research in academia for years, either by attaining a Ph.D. or going to medical school.

As the economy rebounds there will be high demand for science-trained professionals, but ironically a shortage of potential hires, mostly because very few students in the U.S. major in the sciences (except for those who want to go to med school). With the MBA lacking the appeal and power to impress as it once did, the PSM is on the verge of becoming the next way to guarantee employment, as it is multi-faceted, working on both a business and science level.

The PSM degree seeks to outsource-proof science and math graduates by typically mixing graduate level science or

math with business, law and communications courses, creating a highly trained professional. It's very "flexible and portable" says Sheila Tobias, a Harvard graduate and the PSM program's outreach coordinator.

Tobias dreamed up the concept of the PSM in the mid-'90s when she was conducting research for her book "Rethinking Science as a Career," and found to her surprise that of all the master's degrees awarded in the U.S. each year — about 460,000 of them — fewer than 3 percent were in math or science. "In the science and tech sectors, the PSM is a better fit than the MBA," Tobias said, "because it typically offers more technical content than the MBA, more business basics than the science Ph.D., and more information technology than both."

For a woman who wants to have children, the Ph.D. is unappealing. "The clock is ticking," said Laurie McNamara, who majored in chemistry at Hope College in Holland Michigan. "When is a woman going to find time to have a child if she is consumed in a research institution, working towards a Ph.D.? And even if she waits till after she gets her Ph.D., taking any significant time off may require her to give up her career."

Like the masters, the PSM is a two-year commitment. Dissuaded by the time required to get a Ph.D., Tobias wanted to appeal to a specified audience: the creative scientist who sought an alternative to the Ph.D. The appeal of the PSM rings true; 40 percent of students are women while most of the nine hundred students enrolled are under 25.

"The suit and tie world of

the MBA graduate is not for everyone, especially not for scientists who feel much more comfortable in lab coats," Tobias said.

Her theories about the PSM's appeal have been proven accurate, with enrollment and expansion growing rapidly. When the PSM debuted in 1997, only six universities offered the degree. In 2004, 45 institutions are offering it and in 2007, a projected 105 campuses will. The first crop of 80 students graduated in 2002, and 400 more will graduate in May. Said Tobias: "Our graduates go onto careers in consulting, bioinformatics, working for startups and patent lawyers, it is quite multi-faceted."

The program differs depending on the institution, but must meet the following qualifications: It must be two years in duration; all science courses must be graduate level; an internship or equivalent must be incorporated; and a set of advisors in business and the faculty must meet regularly to speak about the needs of the PSM.

Tobias outlined the overall goals of the program:

- Increase the number of undergraduate science and math majors by offering graduate alternatives to the Ph.D.

- Put more science-trained professionals in the business world.

- Put these professionals into leadership roles that are unconventional (for example, a publisher will give science and technology legitimate exposure in the media).

### SUCCESS STORIES

After getting her bachelor's degree in biology, Twyla Pohar wanted a profession that extend-

ed further than just biology. And after reading articles in Business Week and The Wall Street Journal on bioinformatics, Pohar found out about the PSM through Internet research and decided to pursue it. "The program appealed to me, because I was given the flexibility and tailor-made curriculum that was necessary to strengthen my knowledge of statistics and computer science." She received her master's degree in bioinformatics from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2002.

"This was the best professional decision I've made so far," Pohar said. "Through the program, I became highly proficient in the fields of computer science, statistics and bioinformatics." She is now employed as a programmer/analyst at the Division of Human Cancer Genetics at the James Cancer Center, Ohio State University Medical Center. Within this position, she develops bioinformatics software, tools that enable cancer research and human genome annotation.

Pohar has been appointed as project leader and her work has been published in the notable journal Nucleic Acids Research. She also has been featured in the internationally renowned Science Magazine and on several Web sites.

Samuel Lewinson got his PSM from the university of Arizona. He came across the program while searching for an alternative to the Ph.D. "I knew I wanted a graduate degree and I chose the PSM because it is a very flexible degree with few required courses," Lewinson said. "This allowed me to search out multiple career paths and in doing so I found my niche."

A local company that needed an intern changed the path of his career. "Since my company is a small development stage biotech, I am employee No. 3 at the company. I found that I had the unique opportunity to bypass the normal career path of being promoted through the ranks of companies and having to claw my way up."

Tiffany McAninch received her PSM in bioscience at The Keck Graduate Institute. "I wasn't sure I wanted to do a Ph.D. because I didn't want to be 'stuck in a lab' and was more interested in the people/business side of science and biotech."

She now is the technical services manager at Iobion Informatics, a small biotech software company. She manages all of the technical services and customer interactions for the company. She answers detailed technical questions, but also makes decisions about how the business can be more effective in meeting the needs of customers.

"I don't feel the need to attain another degree," McAninch said. "I am on the path that I want to be on, moving toward the marketing and product management of products that I am passionate about. I probably could have done this job without the PSM degree, but I would not have reached the point nearly as fast, nor would I have had the knowledge that I needed to move as fast as I have."

With the newness of the PSM it is hard to tell which direction the program will take. But Tobias is confident that with the increase in institutions adopting the major, it's replacing the MBA.



# Sports

## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JIMMY: COULD THIS "DOC" HAVE THE ANTEDOTE?

By: James Bessette  
Anchor Staff

Man, these Boston Celtics are an amazing bunch, you know that?

After an embarrassment of a performance in the first round of the playoffs last week against a much better and more focused Indiana Pacers team from a year ago, ending a very bizarre 2003-2004 season, the Celtics are looking ahead to next season.

Without the likes of 'Toine, Eric Williams, Tony Battie, and former coach Jim O'Brien, this Celtics team was an extremely mediocre group of athletes, who couldn't get in sync with each other on the court, even though Danny Ainge was making unexpected changes to the team left and right.

The season also proved the point that Paul Pierce wasn't as much of a team leader as everyone thought. 'Toine was really the Master and Commander of the team before Cowboying Up in Dallas.

As a result, the Celtics entered the playoffs on a stretcher against Indy and received the Swiffer mop treatment.

The team's first move was they relieved Interim Head Coach John Carroll of his duties and decided to look elsewhere for a new coach that will bring the pride back in Boston, once again.

Typical Danny Ainge, originally stating that he was "in no rush into hiring a new head coach for the Celtics." FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER, the Celtics, after only ONE interview, have a new head coach in Doc Rivers, who was fired by the Orlando Magic this season after the team started the year 1-10.

Danny boy, quit messing with us. You're still on thin ice, bud.

I respect Doc Rivers as a coach, but I do not think he is the right fit for the Celtics in this regard. He had done a great job working with mediocre talent in Orlando, and dealing with the fact that Grant Hill has seen just about as much playing time with the Magic within the last few years as a moth. Plus Orlando was a one-man show with Tracy McGrady. One man can't win for a whole team in the NBA.

But talent-wise, the Celtics are the same. Paul Pierce was the main guy for the team, and to a lesser extent, Ricky Davis was second in charge. But everyone else on the Celtics from Banks to Welsch, were non-factors in the team's performance this year. And don't get me started on Vin Baker. Rivers won't really make that much of a difference in 2004-2005.

My opinion on whom the Celtics should've hired, or even talked to, for the head coaching position was Paul Westphal. Being a former Celtic himself, he knows A LOT MORE than Rivers on how to play winning basketball for the 16-Time World Champs.

As a coach, Westphal is one hundred-plus games over .500. He is a proven winner. He also took The Phoenix Suns to the NBA Finals in 1993 against an incredible Chicago Bulls team, with really only one big guy on that team (Sir Charles Barkley). Westphal knows how to take a team to the dance. Rivers, only three games above .500 as coach, only took Orlando to seven games deep in the first round of the playoffs last season.

But Danny made his decision, and we'll have to stick by it. We will now wait and see through this summer until this coming November whether the Celtic green will see greener pastures.

By Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Editor

They say that you're only as good as those around you. In sports, this is especially true. A team is a group of members who have to work together to achieve a common goal. For many sports teams, that goal is to win a championship. For the Red Sox, it's breaking the hearts of all of their fans year after year. In this newspaper, the goal is to provide our readers with something that stimulates their minds in between (or during) their classes and time at Rhode Island College.

This year, my first as the sports editor of this newspaper, has been a rocky one, and that's putting it lightly. There have been a lot of growing pains, struggles, and controversy from the first moment I stepped at this desk, but through it all, we've managed to put out a weekly paper that even the most pig-headed person could be proud of. This year's sports section has been given the difficult task of trying to cover every sport imaginable on campus, and trying to also shed some light on the ever growing national scene as well.

We've had the good and the bad. We've had the RIC Women's basketball team finally emerge from years of heartache and embarrassment to become a legitimate contender in the Little East Conference. We've had the Men's Soccer team, led by scoring leader Kyle Texteria, go on fire and ride the momentum all the way to the LEC conference tournament. We've seen teams play harder than ever before, and teams do things thought impossible. In it all, the RIC sports scene has had an incredible year, and it appears to only be the beginning.

On the national scene, things get a little hazy. On the one hand, you've got a hometown team that shut up all the critics and took home a second super bowl trophy. Then, you've got a hometown team that managed to choke on it again when the pressure was on. But, even in all the heartache and euphoria that the two teams created, it was clear to see that fans around this area would stick with them nonetheless, and that is enough to make any sports fan proud.

As this is the last issue of the year, it is my last chance to work with some of the members of this organization that are going on their separate ways at the conclusion of this semester. We've spent a lot of time together, fighting through the obstacles

that being part of a college newspaper brings. We've had our share of great memories, from cage dancing in club hell to "sucky movie night", and it is those memories that I will always personally cherish as I look back on the 2003-2004 year. But, in order to give them the proper sendoff that they deserve, I feel it my duty to thank them for the impression that they made on me. So, if you're not a fan of sappy thank you notes, read all about the Boston Celtics in the previous articles in this section.

To Ben, you're time spent here was a lot shorter than most would have liked. You're ability to take the difficult picture and even make a pictorial of sneakers funny is something I doubt I'll forget. To Jackie and Jamie, I would like to thank you for trying to bring some professionalism to this office. Though difficult as it may have been, you managed to remain impartial and provide us with a voice of reason when everything else seemed lost. But, what I will remember you for most, professional work aside, is the way you've seemed to being to open up these past few weeks. The jokes, laughs, and "mis-votes" are what I will think of most when someone mentions you're name around here, and with the way you managed to do your best every week, I'm sure it won't be long before I hear it once again.

To Spam, you managed to "balance" fun and professionalism in your section, and even cleaned it up so that it would be worthy of showing to kids. That in itself is a miracle, and something you should be proud of. Though you may be leaving this noisy area to go back to Kansas, the time we spent together on the Anchor, and in the middle of the great power struggle, is something that made this year enjoyable and kept me around long enough to write this final thank you.

Last but not least, I feel it's time to thank the man that made me who I am today. Though I would never publically admit it, his occasional leadership and struggling sense of humor inspired me to confuse the masses on a daily basis. Even as I write this, he is out there making jokes that most people would try to keep bottled up inside, but that's why we love him. JD, you taught me how not to act in public, and taught me that dancing in a crowd is something you have to see to believe. You've been a great friend for these last

two years, even when you've been difficult to deal with. In all seriousness, you will be missed, and "I believe in a thing called love" will never sound the same thanks to you.

This thing has already gone on for far too long, and I'm sure there are some people I am forgetting to thank, but I can't wrap up this year's sports section without thanking those member of my own staff who have been there for me from the very first issue. To Taquir, congratulations on the new position here. If you do that job with even half of the effort that you always put forward for my sports section, next year's newspaper can only improve. To Mike and Alex, even though I rarely agreed with either of you, I have to say that you're opinions were invaluable. You always made me think that you were almost right and when I came to my senses, I still appreciated your effort. As far as opinions go, I'm not sure how to write a thank you without mentioning the master of opinions, though many are uneducated rants. Forrester, I want to thank you for making me seem less repulsive whenever I was in your presence. Your notoriety often made me proud to know you, and though we didn't always agree, we made this office a place you could turn to if you wanted to say things that would get you shot in public, and you can't put a price on that.

The last person I would like to thank, though I could go on forever with this list, has to be none other than James Bessette. James, you were the rock of the sports section. Though writers block and *Full House* reruns may have slowed some of us down, you always managed to have something publishable for the section, week in and week out. You were a dependable person I could always rely on to come through with the hard to talk about topics, and I wish you luck as you try to make this an actual profession. Good luck in all your ventures into the real world, and try not let the pathetic Red Sox get you down. All in all this year taught me a lot about myself and the people I call my friends. When times were tough, the members of this organization were there for each other. We fought through the power struggles, arguments, and stale pizza to put out a paper that rarely reflected any of that. This year has been an eye opener, and as the sports editor, I only hope that the next one does the same...

## Michele Fanelli Receives Helen M. Murphy Award

By Scott Gibbons  
Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College senior Michele Fanelli (Pembroke Pines, Florida) received Rhode Island College's Helen M. Murphy award at the College's annual Cap and Gown ceremony on Wednesday, Apr. 28. The award is based not only on athletic prowess, but also values community and campus involvement and honors an outstanding Rhode Island College senior woman athlete.

Fanelli finished her career in 2003 as one of the greatest softball players in RIC history. She played in 148 games, starting 139 of them and batted .359 with 435 at-bats, 77 runs, 156 hits, 31 doubles, seven triples, 36 walks and eight stolen bases. She owned a career slugging percentage of .462 and an on-base percentage of .417. She leaves RIC as the school's all-time leader in hits, doubles, RBI, hit by pitch and total bases.

As a senior in 2003, Fanelli was named the Little East Conference's Co-Player of the Year, as well as earning First Team All-Little East honors for the third straight year and team MVP honors for the second consecutive season. She played in 34 games, starting all of them. Fanelli batted .382 with 16 runs,

39 hits, 12 doubles and 23 RBI. She owned a .500 slugging percentage, a .479 on-base percentage and a .981 fielding percentage.

As a junior in 2002, she was named First Team All-Little East Conference. Fanelli played in 38 games, starting all of them. She batted .375 with 22 runs, 48 hits, six doubles, four triples, 28 RBI and one stolen base. She owned a .484 slugging percentage, a .396 on-base percentage and a .990 fielding percentage.

As a sophomore in 2001, she was named First Team All-Little East Conference and to the LEC All-Tournament Team. On the season, Fanelli played in 41 games, starting 40 of them. She batted .385 with 47 hits, 22 RBI, 26 runs, nine doubles, three triples and four stolen bases. She posted a .508 slugging percentage, a .444 on-base percentage and a .961 fielding percentage.

As a freshman in 2000, Fanelli played in 35 games, starting 27. She batted .265 with 22 hits, 13 runs, five RBI, four doubles, three stolen bases, 26 total bases for a .313 slugging percentage, a .322 on-base percentage and recorded a .895 fielding percentage.

She is a communications major and a 1999 graduate of Cooper City High School.

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May 12th-16th: LEC Tournament Playoffs

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### Men's Outdoor Track

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May 8th- at University of Albany 1:00 PM

May 14th, 15th- at ECAC DIII Championships

### Men's Tennis

May 7th, 8th LEC Tournament

### Women's Outdoor Track

May 7-8-at N.E. Open Championships 11:00 AM

May 8th- at University of Albany 1:00 PM

\*\*\*NEWS\*\*\* Rhode Island College sophomore Dana Skorupa was named the LEC Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for her performance at the Little East Conference/MASCAC Alliance Championships on Saturday, Apr. 24. This is Skorupa's second such honor of the season. Skorupa earned All-Alliance/Little East honors in five events placing first in the 200 meters with a time of 25.72, second in 100 meters with a time of 12.51, fourth as a part of the 4x100 meter relay team with a time of 51.20, third as a member of the 4x400 meter relay team with a time of 4:24.63 and fourth in the long jump with a distance of 16'04.25".



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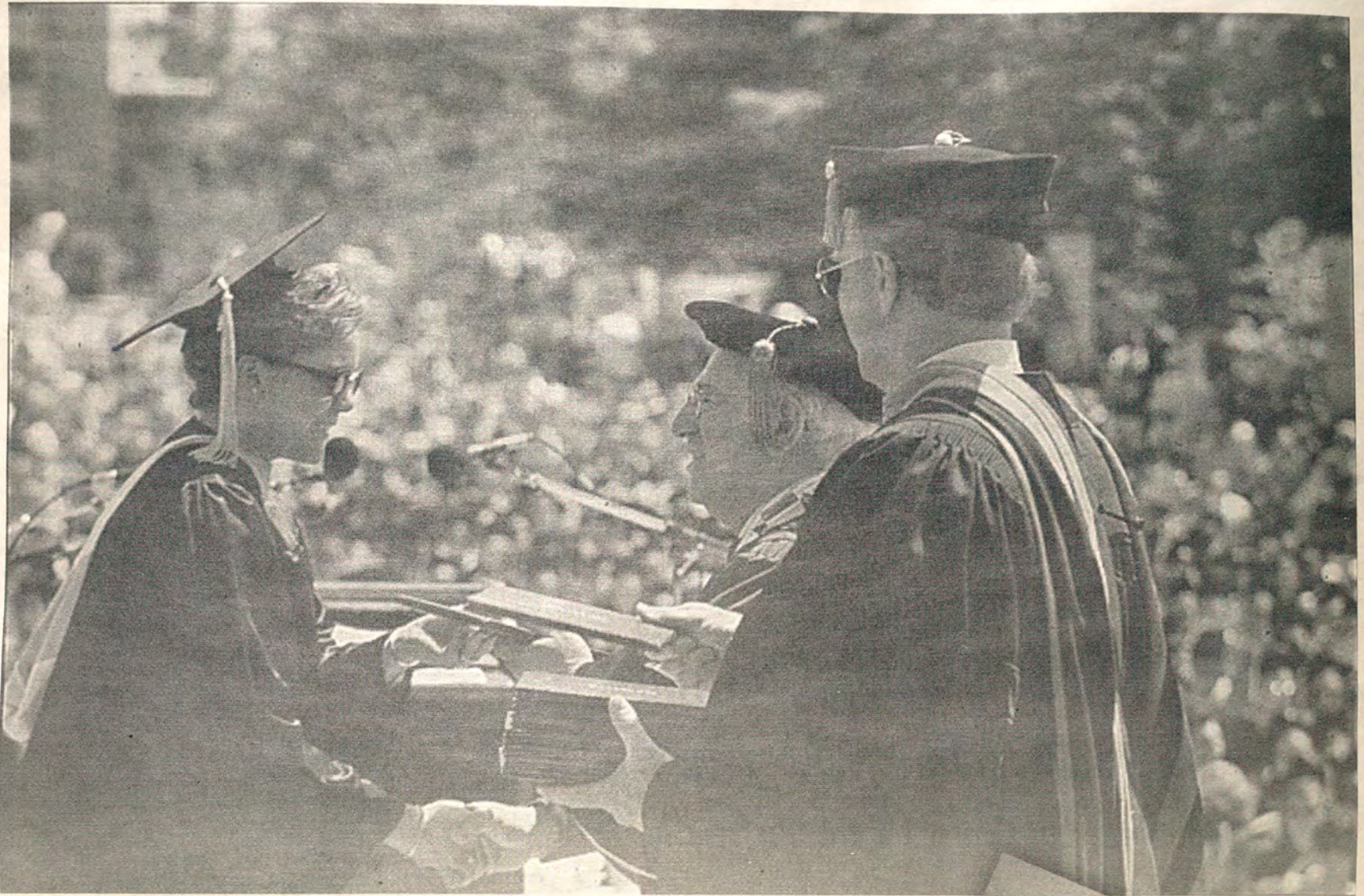
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# THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JIMMY: IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD, AS WE KNOW IT!

By: James Bessette  
Anchor Staff

Reality is just about sinking in. As I now walk around the campus of Rhode Island College, like I have for the past four years, the feelings of relief and excitement exist within me. At the same time, there is a bittersweet feeling in me as I approach the stage for graduation. I feel relief because I'm about to accomplish something that only a select few have been able to do: graduate from Rhode Island College **ON TIME**. I promised my family that I would go through school in four years, and I did it. I am excited because of the opportunities that now lie in front of me. I have been working so hard for this since kindergarten, and it is finally coming true. I am also excited to be the first in my family to graduate from college.

But, it's all very bittersweet because I have made many friends and acquaintances here over the past four years, either from classes or The Anchor or WXIN, and I will surely miss being around them once I graduate.

The Anchor and WXIN-FM Radio have been my, I guess you can call it Homes away from home for the four years I've been at Rhode Island College. The friends that I had made in both places are just as valuable as the experience in broadcasting and in journalism that I gained.

At WXIN-FM, being able to be myself on the radio, without going overboard, was very relaxing and fun. Being able to virtually play my own style of

music and mixing in some ranting and raving about sports, especially the Red Sox for a couple of hours, gave me all of the confidence in the world as a broadcaster.

At The Anchor, I was treated like family. From J.D., Mariner Paul, Forrester, Dan n Scott, Dana, Laura, Spam, Mad Mikey, Cliff, Alex, Tony, Heather, Nate, and even some people from last year, such as Bill The Fearless Leader and Tiffany, all of these people have become not only fellow members of an organization, but also have become my friends. It will be different, as well as difficult for me not seeing all of these people on a daily basis, anymore.

I have always tried my best to not just bring the readers here on campus news in the world of sports, but also try to tell a story and to put some spin, sarcasm and humor into the situation, no matter what the it was. I've been able to stir the pot a few times with some people, mainly concerning the New York Yankees, but I always tried to show some form of fairness, while, as the late Howard Cosell said, just telling it like it is.

Have there been bumps in the road along the way for me at this school? Of course.

Having to fight with school administration for two years in order to get three credits for a Communications course transferred from another school, and having the Records Office lose a copy of a transcript from Connecticut School of Broadcasting in the process was fun.

Having to deal with school, despite that there were some days with thirteen-plus inches of SNOW on the ground. WHOOPIE! Completing SEVEN projects for four classes in a span of two weeks Oh that was a fun time. How my brain is still functioning after that, I have no clue. I could list more, but my story would make the Encyclopedia Britannica seem like one of the pamphlets a person would read at a rest stop McDonalds.

Nonetheless, I fought through it all. I dealt with all of the schoolwork. I dealt with all of the demands of the teachers. I dealt with all of the studying for exams. And now, I get to walk down the aisle and walk across the stage to receive IT from President Nazarian.

My Bachelor's Degree in Communications. And for a person that suffers from severe Autism, like myself, a Degree in Communications is a VERY BIG DEAL.

But like many things in life, one person cannot take all of the credit for their success. Every person that is striving to achieve his or her goal has some form of help along the way. I would like to honorably mention some.

DR. AUDREY OLMSTED: From having the confidence in me in being a public speaker to helping me with class work and sticking by me for the long fight with getting credits transferred, thank you for your extreme support in my abilities within the classroom and pushing me to get to that extra mile in Communications.

# Sports

TIFFANY VENTURA: The Northeastern Husky, herself. You gave me my start at The Anchor as a sports writer, and you had all of the faith in the world in me to do my job, as well as letting me be myself in my writings, and you lent your full support in how I write. Doing so gave me all the confidence I needed to be the leader of The World. You are also an absolute sweetheart with a sense of humor to match and a great laugh. You will be a dear friend to me for life. Go Sox.

PAUL SPETRINI: The Mariners fan. The only person in the world, that I know of, that can wear a shirt that says I Love Bob Saget around campus, and yet not get jumped from behind. Like Tiffany, as an editor, you let me be me in how I wanted to write. Some issues we agreed with, like Allen Iverson is a whiny brat. Some issues we disagreed with, like the Red Sox, but regardless my opinion was respected by you and for that I thank you.

You are quite the friend with a very unique sense of humor. I can't explain it, but whatever it is, it's working and don't ever change it. Whenever I see Ichiro get called out at first in a deciding playoff game, I'll be thinking of you, as you exert high levels of profanity. Peace and Love, Paul.

And last but not least: BOB, CINDY, AND BECKY BESSETTE: My family. You guys have been my full support for my entire life.

Every time that I have fallen flat on my face, you've been there to help me back up and to kick me in the butt when I wasn't giving it my 100%. But at the same time, you gave me all of the love in the world; more than what a son and a brother could ask for. I wished that I could've done more in school for you guys, maybe even made more friends than I have. Nevertheless, you guys have been there with me, and will continue to be after college. I love you guys so much.

As I move on to the next World, I leave you with this bit of advice. Don't take yourself, or your abilities for granted and let them go to waste. Never think that you're not good within a certain area without giving it a try. Because once you realize what you can and want to accomplish with your time in college, it'll be too late.

I made the mistake of not joining up at The Anchor in my Freshman year, along with WXIN-FM, not realizing it how much fun I would've had. Don't make a similar mistake. If you like to try something different, give it a shot. It won't hurt.

Best of luck to everyone on Graduation and to the rest of the student body at Rhode Island College in the following years. And one more thing: Thank You for listening.

~ James Ryan Bessette, Anchor Sports Writer, October 2002-May 2004.

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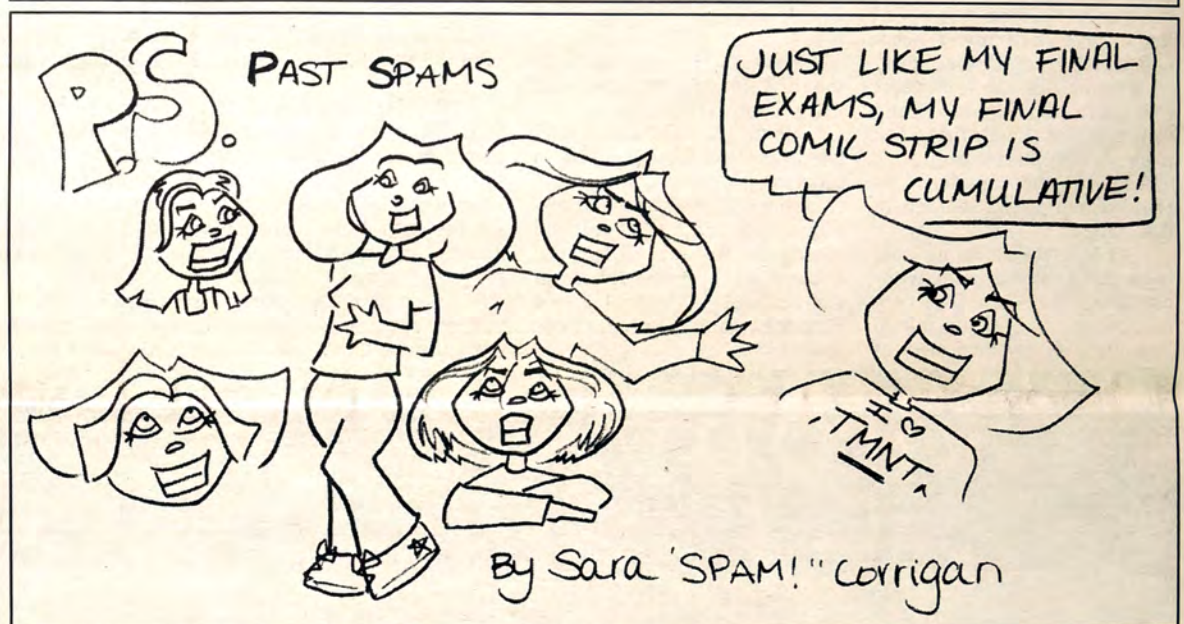
For those of you who might be wondering what 'Surviving What Seven Sees' is all about, I'll let y'all in on a little secret: I'm from Kansas and can't wait to move back. Basically, this strip is me complaining about Southern New England as this girl, Seven, struggles to get to school. Enjoy. I'm not.

## Surviving what Seven Sees.

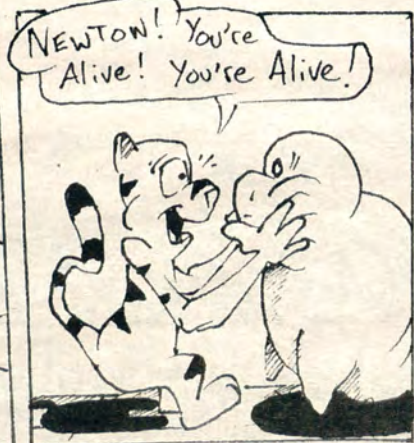
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Freshman  
Justice Studies

Digging holes for sewage.

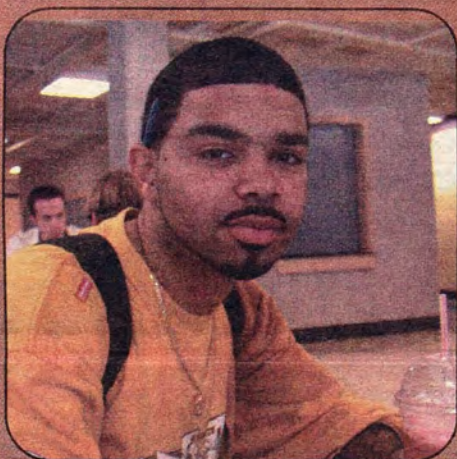
Kerri Gulley  
Freshman  
Chemistry

To go to Biology class  
and work.



Alcindo Gonzalves  
Senior  
Political Science &  
Sociology

To finish my BA with  
summer classes.



Daniel Burns  
Junior  
Art

Learn to speak  
Swahili and adopt  
seven children from  
Ecuador.



Erik Hawkins  
Senior  
Justice Studies

Be done with RIC, get in  
better shape, and enjoy  
the sun.

Kimberly O'Connor  
Senior  
Criminal Justice &  
Sociology

Work the corner.



Jill Blanchette  
Freshman  
Special Education

Making a crack baby.



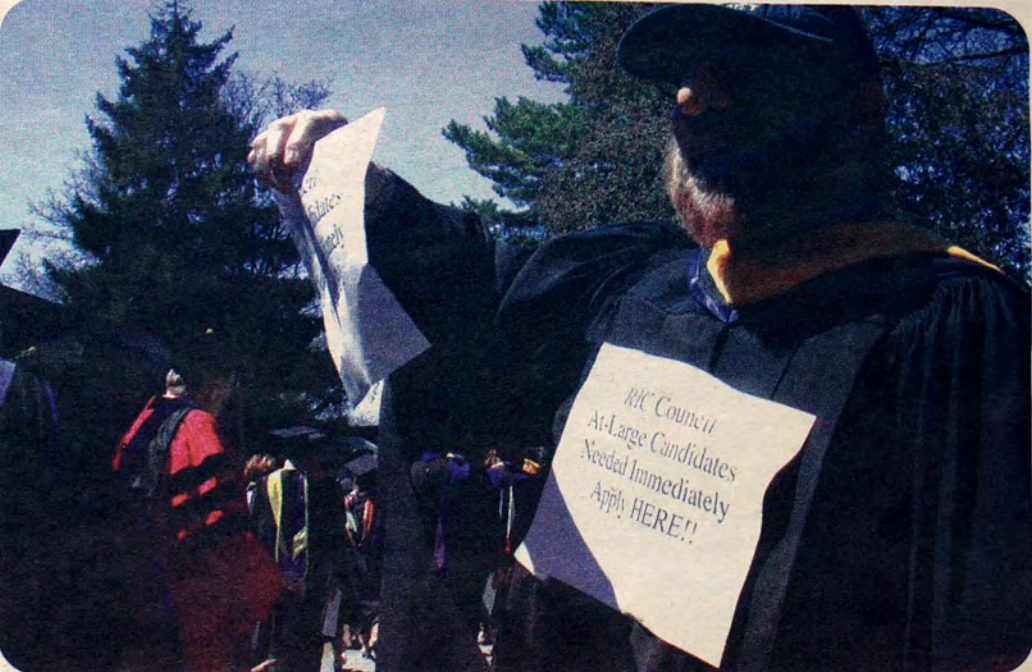
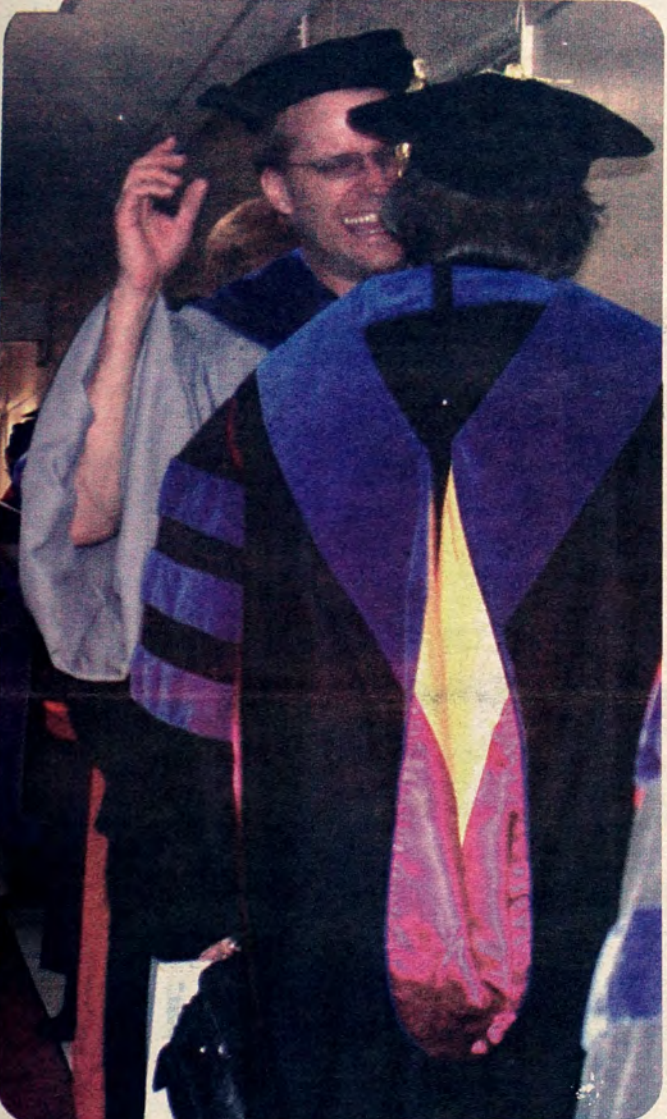
Cory Lopes  
Sophomore  
Management

Work, make money,  
go on vacation, and  
enjoy the weather.



# around campus

Sesquicentennial 2004





# OPINIONS

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## The Last Hoorah

By: Ariana Testa  
Anchor Staff

Well it is the end of another semester and I just want to say it was a great year and I will be back in the fall with a whole new lineup to keep you guys reading *The Anchor*. To my best friends Cliff and Kristen and the rest of the graduating *Anchor* staff, good luck guys, I'm not far behind (tri-force, I love you guys!) This summer will be one of the best, and I hope it will be for all my readers too. Don't forget, tune to 88.1 WELH all summer long to hear RIC radio broadcasting all over the state. WXIN will be in full force this fall so be on the lookout for us!

Go Class of '04 and '05 (that's me)!

## The Opinion To End All Opinions

By: Forrester Safford  
Anchor Staff

It took me quite a while to put this, my final column of the year together. I mean come on, during the past two semesters I think I offended just about everyone on campus, or at least everyone who read my columns throughout the year. So what could I write for the final issue of the year? After much contemplating, I decided to say "thank you" or "good luck" to several people that encountered throughout the last year and a half.

**Members of the Academic Standing Committee:** It has been a pleasure sitting on the committee with you all this year. I will see you all in June, at the big day!

**Dr. Pierre Morenon:** Thank you for taking the time to respond twice to my columns concerning the raid at the Narragansett smoke shop. I may not agree with your point of view, but I certainly appreciated it. It has also been a pleasure to serve on the Sesquicentennial Committee with you, I only wish that I got on the committee earlier on during the year.

**Steve Stycos:** Thank you so much for your great input on my writings this year, especially the input that you gave me for the column I wrote concerning the glaucoma tests that I was having. It really meant a lot!

**Rudy Cheeks:** The past year has been a blast, and even though we haven't always seen eye to eye on political issues and my columns, I really enjoy our discussions and I look forward to continuing them next year!

**Dr. Audrey Olmsted:** I had so much fun in your class this past semester! Learning about and debating the USA PATRIOT Act was awesome! I hope to have the chance to take more classes with you in the future!

**Mike Philbin:** Ah, my politically challenged (liberal) friend. It's been great working on SCG with you and debating you from time to time in the paper. Don't worry, I will get one of my cold hearted conservative friends to debate you in the paper on capital punishment and legalization of marijuana.

**Dr. Dan Snowman:** The past year and a half you have been the advisor for the Starboard Society, and I can't wait to work with you next year too! I promise next year will be great! Thank you so much for being the Starboard Society's

advisor!

**Jackie, Jimmy and JD:** Thank you for the past year and a half, it has been great working beside you at *The Anchor*. Good luck in the future, I am sure that any career choices you make will be successful. And Jimbo...what about them Bruins?

**Bones:** Well, I would say that we can now debate the USA PATRIOT Act every which way including sideways. We made a great team! Also, great job as SCG president! We will continue to fight for students' rights! Go to the graduation ceremony!

**Pauly Spetrini:** Thank you for rooting for the Seattle Mariners. It's always great to know that when I am feeling down due to the Red Sox sucking, you are feeling even worse because the Mariners suck even more!

**Dave Medeiros:** Dave it's been a blast. It only took you what, two years to get me to join SCG? I have had a lot of fun and you are awesome! If you need any help getting your name out in EP this Summer, give me a call! Congratulations on your graduation! Hey, that rhymes!

**Ariana:** Wow, it's really hard to put into words an appropriate thank you Ari. It has been great being a writer for you over the past year and a half. Thank you for standing behind me when I needed someone but also telling me "no" at times too. You are a true friend and I look forward to working with you next year!

**Cliff(ord):** Ahhhhhh Cliff, what a guy! Good luck after graduation guy, it has been a pleasure having you as a boss at *The Anchor*. Sorry for any grey hairs that I may have caused, and thank you for being there when I needed support with some things! And oh yea, you are a great friend!

**Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto:** Man, what a year! I know that we have been through a lot this year and I know that we have not seen eye to eye on several things, but we have gotten through them and I see clear sailing from here on out! Now, of course I still have to tweak your political views a little bit, ok, a lot, but I am up for the challenge! You are a great advisor Dr. Mats, both for the school paper and for the Class of 2004, and let's not forget you are a great friend!

Once again, thank you all so much for the past year and a half. I look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall!

## That's a Damn Nice Donkey

By: Aaron Martin- Colby  
Anchor Contributor

Big in the news awhile ago was the controversy associated with Jesus McBigot (NOT actually his name,) the now suspended Supreme Court Justice of Alabama. He installed a monument to the 10 Commandments in the rotunda to the court building.

It's not so much that Justice Roy Moore (His real name) is a lunatic, or that large groups of insanely ignorant people have gathered around him, but the fact that he is the TOP of the legal ladder in Alabama, and he's sounding more and more like Billy Graham on cocaine every day.

I have seen interviews with him, and he rants and raves about our laws based on God's laws. I would just love to ask him WHICH god?? Our country has peoples of every single faith on earth, including ones that aren't generally accepted, such as Jedi. They all have their own gods, with their own beliefs. So I would really like to hear him specify that our country is based on the CHRISTIAN gods, and that all other gods have no jurisdiction in this country.

If he came out and actually said that, I think he'd lose some support. Regardless of what he says on stage, what he's saying between the lines is easily gleaned. He's a bigot, a religious fanatic, and a man who has no place whatsoever in an institu-

tion that is supposed to be fair, balanced, and unassociated with ANY particular religion.

What about Hammurabi? He came up with a whole bunch of laws that we use. And what about the laws that the Christian faith has, for thousands of years, not given a second thought to. What about the laws regarding rights of children being raped by their priests? What about laws guaranteeing equal rights to women? What about laws preventing the murder of those who don't believe what you believe?

I laugh at him when he says that our country was founded upon God. Our founding fathers knew of the critical importance of keeping matters of Church and State separated. They had just spent years fighting an institution based upon Church and State being inextricably tied.

Our country is based upon the Ten Commandments like sports games are based upon the rules of etiquette. We didn't need the 10 C's to know that it's a good idea to have laws saying it's bad to kill people. If we didn't have those laws, we'd have anarchy, and that never worked too well in the past. Religion hasn't done shit for our laws.

Our laws are based upon logic, rational thinking, and the processing of facts and information to come to conclusions. We need laws against stealing because if we let people steal, society breaks down into one large riot; not because god bestowed upon us the providen-

tial knowledge that stealing eschews his will, but because we have brains!

The 10 Commandments are more like 10 Generally Good Ideas. One that I have always found funny is number ten.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's**

Now take a look at that. If you don't notice the rampant sexism and references to slavery in it you're an idiot. And how many people do you know that have Oxen and Donkeys in their house? And why the hell would you even want to covet them??

If you can't tell, the 10 commandments are an outdated list of laws aimed at bringing order to an almost order-less world. We now have our own law, and our own order that are newer and more advanced than this basic set of ideals. And as such, the Ten Commandments have no place in our modern governmental institutions.

So to those gathering down in Alabama in complete disregard to their fellow Americans who just happen to believe other than them.... shut the hell up, go home, and never disgrace my television with your presence again.

## American Cars Suck

By: Aaron Martin- Colby  
Anchor Contributor

I mean it too. American cars really do suck. In categories such as engineering, quality, style, performance, and luxury, not a single American car could be considered in the upper tier. Now I'm obviously talking about the large American companies. Small manufacturers such as Panoz and Saleen aren't considered here because they are basically exotic cars and really in a category all their own.

Think about performance for a second. Think about cars that make up the top 5 of any list. Be it zero to sixty drags, track times, or top end. Every single car is either Italian or German, with the sole Brits being Aston Martin's and the McLaren orgasm, I mean F1. The BEST thing we have is the Dodge Viper, which is only 80 grand. That's not a lot when compared to Lambos and Ferraris.

America has a real winner on its hands with the Corvette team in Europe, but none of that technology squeaks into production Vettes. The upcoming Ford Mustang is kick ass, but the production version is going to be a pony compared to the stallion that the concept was. Still, American car companies are beefing up their cars just as other companies beef theirs up. The dichotomy remains the same. A BMW M3 will forever walk all over a Mustang (and I LOVE Mustangs).

For just pure build quality American companies are horrid. The quality of their metals is behind other companies. The efficiency of their manufacturing lines are behind other companies. And their final product is behind other companies. There is a damn good reason Toyota has topped the initial quality list for so many years. While American cars are literally falling apart \*cough\*FOCUS\*cough\* Jap cars keep on rolling.

One good way to examine to quality of a cars build is to measure the space between body sheets. On some cars of equivalent prices, the American cars are nearly twice size of the Japanese or German cars.

Foreign cars are even better engineered. The engineers in Germany of Japan are so disciplined it's actually kind of strange. It does result in cars that excel in every category though. The engines are perfectly chosen and tuned. The suspension is wonderful. And the ergonomics of the interiors are frequently Spartan, but exceedingly well designed.

Compare a Pontiac to a Volkswagen. The difference is laughable. The Pontiac has cheap plastics everywhere. The instrument clusters are cluttered, and the control ergonomics are a hand's nightmare. The body construction, driving dynamics, engine efficiency, and longevity, are ALL better on the Volkswagen. This is not good!

America is making some

headway, though. This doesn't help people who want used cars. (A bit of advice, if you want a used car, do NOT buy American.) Most recently Ford announced construction of the GT, a true supercar. At \$150,000 it's by FAR the most expensive car that Ford has ever made, and should pretty much solidify itself at the top of the performance spectrum for its price range.

The new Dodge Viper has yet to be truly tested, so it might dominate the under-100 grand market, even with Porsches running around like rabbits. America may have the performance problem somewhat under control, but the idea of quality still is an idea that escapes most American companies.

The big Three have declared their build quality is much better across the board. Gee, I know a few people who would disagree with that statement. They're more expensive cars are pretty good, anything below 15 grand... ennnn, not so good. Once again, I point to the distance between body plates.

I'm also getting to the point where I don't consider Chrysler American anymore. There cars all have either the underpinnings of Mitsubishi's or Mercedes'. Chrysler Corp at least has a saving grace with Dodge; a company that continues to bleed Americanism. Their macho pickups kick ass, and the Viper will get you laid backing out of the

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# Opinions

## Those Killer Vending Machines

By: Aaron Martin- Colby  
Anchor Contributor

Did you know that you are more likely to be killed by a vending machine than you are to win the lottery? The vending machines at RIC are infested with tortured demons who weren't allowed to be reincarnated as lawyers. They take out these feelings of inadequacy on us in a variety of ways. They reject dollar bills. They spit out change. They steal money. And very frequently, they just won't turn on. I don't know if any deaths have occurred as a result of vending machine antics, but I almost became the first.

I'm sure many of you have had adventures with RIC's hellspawn machines over your time on campus. My big adventure with a vending machine transpired with the snack dispenser on the first floor of Horace Mann, or as many people might know it, the one that looks like someone tried to open it with Semtex. I wanted a package of M&M's. Peanut

M&M's to be exact. So I duly put my 75 cents in and pressed the required combination of buttons. My M&M's hit a snag. I panicked. I couldn't possibly make it through class without my precious candy coated, chocolate and peanut turds. I shook the machine a bit, but with the nugget of info regarding death rates from vending machine mishaps, I remained stoic.

I instead opted to put in another 75 cents and hope the succeeding bag would force the other out. I then began thinking about how I was going to get both bags unlodged. I shook the machine some more. The satanic entity within could see I was getting irritated. It sensed a possible victim. I put in another 75 cents in hopes of finally winning my growing pile of food. It too, got firmly stuck.

I finally lost it. I was already a few minutes late for class and this was not helping me. I started shaking the machine violently and saying rather loudly Give me my

fucking M&M's!! Quite a few people walked by during the display and got a good, hearty laugh from my plight. Bastards. I believe one of them was even a professor, judging from their briefcase, who only chuckled as I grunted and yelled, walking the machine down the hall, marching ever closer to being a statistic.

By now the demon inside must have been ecstatic. He was within inches of tipping over on, and crushing, my body, thus claiming yet another soul for Satan's army of gluttons. All he had to do was hold onto those M&M's and I would soon be his. The battle continued for a few seconds, but eventually my rage overpowered the death grip the machine had on my treats. The M&M's fell. As did the hellspawn's hopes for my eternal soul.

I felt good. I got my M&M's and won a vicious battle with the forces of evil. Candy and righteousness in the same day, does it get any better?

## Thou hast flushed!

By: Aaron Martin- Colby  
Anchor Contributor

I would like to announce a minor victory in my war for urinal cleanliness. Many of you may remember my earlier rant about how flushing the toilet was a process that 90% of the student body was apparently unfamiliar with. I am here to say that that number has been reduced to 89.9875%!

I was sitting in one of RIC's fine bathroom stalls awhile ago, relieving myself in a slightly suspended fashion, preventing any actual contact between my ten-

der bottom and the cold, Ebola infested seat, and I heard someone enter. I don't know who they were, but I'm assuming they were male. They walked up to the row of urinals and let out a "chu" of disgust. They then proceeded to flush every urinal themselves. I felt such a swelling of pride, or gas, that I almost cried out in appreciation. The near loss of balance which would have undoubtedly lead to contact with the toilet, then shortly thereafter my painful death from some infection that would have probably infested my penis, was all that kept me quiet.

This person of impeccable manners and hygiene finished his business, washed his hands, straightened his clothing, and exited the bathroom. He was a man amongst men! Ladies! Seek out this man! I have no idea what he looks like, but a man of etiquette such as this would obviously be a shining example of humanity. With large, bulging pectoral muscles, a chiseled complexion, and flawless clothing, there is no doubt he is a rare specimen. Bravo, sir, bravo! I wish you many, long, prosperous years of flushing!

Aaron MC...

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driveway. That applies to women too. Hell, I'd fuck a woman driving a Viper.

That brings me to the pickups! Until now, foreign attempts at pickup trucks have been pretty pitiful. It was also looking as though the American domination of the pickup market would remain intact... then I saw the Titan.

Ok, Toyota's Tundra sucks, and there's no other real competition. Apparently Nissan wanted to fix that, thus was sired the Titan. An enormous pickup with all the capacity and power of the best domestic. This is not a good thing for the American companies. Take myself as an example. I love pickups and planned on buying a new Ford. That was that. All I was ever going to get was a new Ford.

The Titan has made me truly think twice. I very well might get a Titan instead. I think it might just be a better truck. It's definitely better than Dodge of Chevy. Their pickups are noticeably inferior to both the Ford and the Nissan.

Ok, back to subject of general autos. Take a look at the "new" cars coming out from the big three. They're pitiful. The Ford Futura is as stupid as it's name and will only accelerate Ford's loss of share in the family sedan market. The fact that they fucked with the front end, actually the fact that they put the front end on there at all is depressing. That front end came off of a boner inducing V10 powered super-sedan that deserves WAY better than the pitiful Futura. Even more annoying is that they didn't produce the gorgeous Ford 49.

Chevy's cars are such crap it's almost hilarious. They don't have a single performance car besides the Vette, and that's barely even recognized as a Chevy anymore. People just call it the Vette. The upcoming SS versions of various vehicles get schooled by Dodges and Fords hi-po vehicles. And the biggest joke, as far as I'm concerned, is the new "GTO." I use quotes there because they might call it the new GTO, but I sure as hell

don't. I call it the Holden Monaro, which is what it ACTUALLY is. (For those of you who don't dedicate unhealthy swathes of their life to learning relatively useless info, Holden is GM's Australian subsidiary. Big, RWD, V8 cars are very popular over in Australia and the Holden Monaro is their jewel. So GM took it, re-badged it, and hoped no one would notice.)

It's expensive compared to the new Mustang, it looks like crap compared to the new Mustang, and if the new Mustang GT is around 300 Horse like Ford says, and it probably won't outperform the new Mustang either. And I'm not even considering the Mustang Cobra. Hell, next year's Neon SRT-4 will probably run circles around the "GTO." A pitiful attempt on GM's part to try and harken back to a brighter day.

GM has one cool spot, the SSR. It's a pickup... or is it? It's cool looking, but it's kind of underpowered. I doubt that matters though. It only comes with an auto. It's like bitching about the performance of the new Thunderbird. It's not meant for hard core performance, although I'm sure that won't stop modifiers, it's meant as a boulevard cruiser. And DAMN does it do it in some serious style. But at 45 grand, it's not gonna be a big seller.

Design is another area where the big 3 are lacking. They are being so conservative with their designs they aren't catching anyone's eye anymore. I know, this "new edge" styling looks liberal, but it's not liberal when everyone else is doing it! All I can say is, at least the foreign companies are being just as stupid. Especially BMW. Blech! What are their design teams on?!

Well I believe I've gone on enough about this subject. I've made my points. American cars are conservatively styled, overly expensive, poorly engineered, and underpowered. You really don't get worse than that. While there are bright spots here and there, right now the whole of the American automotive industry has a long ways to go.

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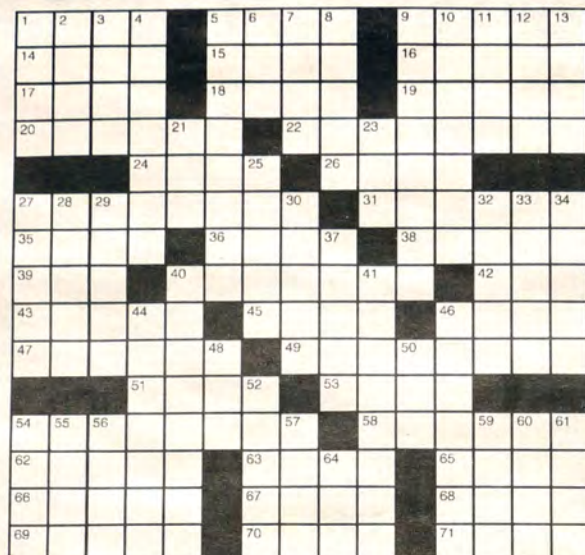
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## ACROSS

- 1 Some distance
- 5 Rope fiber
- 9 Low card
- 14 Soft drink
- 15 Eye part
- 16 Surpass others
- 17 Swift pace
- 18 Long, deep cut
- 19 Coffin covers
- 20 Draw
- 22 Condense and list
- 24 Behind schedule
- 26 Steam engine man
- 27 Times between events
- 31 Family reunion attendees
- 35 British actress Diana
- 36 Dole (out)
- 38 Wear away
- 39 Reed or Ferrigno
- 40 Dubs anew
- 42 Cambridge sch.
- 43 Come afterward
- 45 Let fall
- 46 Offshoot group
- 47 Tyrant
- 49 Small dagger
- 51 Extend across
- 53 Dutch cheese
- 54 Sweetness sensor
- 58 Fit to eat
- 62 Of birds
- 63 Twenty quires
- 65 Light gas
- 66 Blacksmith's workplace
- 67 Big rig
- 68 In addition
- 69 Twill weave
- 70 Heroic tale
- 71 Curses!



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## DOWN

- 1 Performs
- 2 Choice point
- 3 Lotion additive
- 4 Babies' toys
- 5 Just before it's too late
- 6 Period
- 7 Fine spray
- 8 Fiddlesticks!
- 9 Agents
- 10 One who praises highly
- 11 Bruins' sch.
- 12 Welshman or Gael
- 13 Otherwise
- 21 Coupe or sedan
- 23 Prohibit
- 25 Correct text
- 27 Ran in neutral
- 28 Nary a soul
- 29 Structural support
- 30 Lead players
- 32 Hale-Bopp, e.g.
- 33 Decree
- 34 Disagreement
- 37 Get all melodramatic
- 40 Resumed business operations
- 41 Contagious outbreak
- 44 Steal limelight
- 46 Small, study group
- 48 Hunter of Hollywood
- 50 Boy
- 52 HMO employee
- 54 Roosevelt's successor
- 55 Solemnly pledge
- 56 Father
- 57 Profound
- 59 Lugosi or Bartok
- 60 Missing
- 61 Eve's grandson
- 64 Pierre's friend



By Lasha Seniuk

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

Before next week, romantic partners may be inconsistent or sensitive to criticism. Expect friends and lovers to avoid serious information and yet demand key discussions. Wait for moodiness to pass. Emotional progress may be temporarily delayed but it is worthwhile. After Thursday co-workers or close friends may challenge the authority of key officials. Remain quietly diplomatic. Managers and business partners will avoid confrontation but privately evaluate job assignments.



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

Romance and sensuality return. Before midweek, watch for key relationships to begin an era of new proposals and common goals. Many Taurus will soon leave behind almost six weeks of fading romantic hope and family disruptions. Don't look back. Later this week, loved ones announce unexpected home changes. Family finances, short-term travel and shared expenses may be at issue. Take time to fully research creative solutions. Progress will be fast.



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

Luck and rare social circumstance may soon introduce a powerful new friendship into your life. Early Tuesday, watch for unusual flirtations and accept all invitations. Past emotional history or outdated love affairs may soon create unexpected alliances. Some



Gemini also may experience a sudden reversal of work titles or job assignments. If so, expect yesterday's abandoned projects to soon demand decisive action. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Key officials are receptive.

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

Friends may provide misinformation or vague social promises. Before Thursday, expect times and dates to be easily reversed. At present, loved ones are temporarily unsure of their own social priorities. Don't confront; innocent misunderstandings and last-minute changes will not prove bothersome. Later this week, business officials may demand new research and detailed records. Pay close attention to the past mistakes of colleagues. Your efforts will be appreciated.



### Leo (July 22-Aug. 22).

Early this week, documents and important work information may need to be edited or revised. Pay close attention to minor facts and yesterday's legal issues. After Tuesday, romance and sensuality will bring renewed energy and focus. Plan cozy encounters and spend extra private time with loved ones. Over the next few weeks, previously strained relationships will steadily improve. Watch for a powerful wave of intimacy, trust and shared commitment to soon arrive.



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

Over the next five days, social gatherings will provide the context for charming flirtation. Enjoy entertaining moments with friends and potential lovers. For many Virgos, long-term romance will

soon offer encouragement and solid rewards. Don't withhold your thoughts, dreams and wishes. Friday through



Sunday also accent unexpected news from distant relatives or friends. Key concerns may involve older family members and daily health obligations. Stay focused.

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

Late Monday, friends and lovers may expand their expectations. Revised social roles or short-term love affairs may be key concerns. Accept private compliments but remain cautious. Over the next few days, romantic promises and brief flirtations will be highly unpredictable. After midweek, business officials may ask probing personal questions. Workplace politics and relations with younger colleagues will require careful diplomacy. Avoid bold opinions and group discussions.



### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).

Over the next few days, expect key officials to request detailed paperwork or rapidly completed projects. Private employee information may be a key concern. Stay alert and respond quickly to new assignments. Your ability to react calmly and make valid decisions is being evaluated. After Thursday, loved ones may propose new schedules or revised home duties. Before next week, complex family obligations will create ongoing tensions. Remain flexible to the needs of others.



### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21).

Social reluctance may be a temporary theme. Over the next three days, expect friends or close relatives to be moody or distant. Don't press for detailed explanations. At present, bothersome doubts or a fear of abandonment may need to be resolved. After midweek, loved ones may also ask for special consideration concerning a private family dispute. If so, offer encouragement but avoid acting as mediator. Your attention to detail may not be appreciated. Remain detached.



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

Strong social and romantic sentiments are distracting. Before midweek, watch for loved ones to be briefly thoughtful or silent. All is positive, however, so not to worry. Join in and explore old memories. After Wednesday, sensuality and physical attraction are accented. Expect passionate overtures from potential lovers. Before June, minor social triangles and ethical decisions are accented. In the coming weeks, ongoing tensions may be unavoidable. Stay calm.



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

Over the next four days, vital bits of information may arrive from yesterday's paperwork or long-completed work tasks. Respond quickly to minor mistakes and factual errors. An unyielding dedication to accuracy will bring recognition and support. Wednesday through Saturday also



accent romantic progress and delightful invitations from loved ones. Key relationships will begin moving forward. Don't hesitate to express your needs and ask for reliable promises.

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

Loved ones may need to examine past relationships. Vital issues may involve emotional truths between friends, romantic promises and long-forgotten expectations. Stay focused on an honest discussion of the facts and all will be well. After midweek, some Pisceans also will experience a dramatic expansion of workplace duties. If so, expect older officials to press for rapid and sustained progress. Remain dedicated. Financial rewards will soon arrive.



### If your birthday is this week.

Career advancement may be briefly stalled over the next eight to nine weeks. Miscommunication between colleagues is a subtle theme before mid-July. Expect managers and bosses to quickly revise assignments or ask for a renewed commitment to training. After Aug. 5, a powerful wave of romantic attraction and fast social progress arrives. Key relationships will evolve toward shared promises, relocation or family planning. This is an excellent time to announce new ideals to family members and push for concrete romantic change. By late October, a series of quick financial or social decisions may also introduce a new circle of friends into your life. Accept all invitations as valid and don't look back.

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## Running Out of Time

By J.D. Salisbury  
Anchor Editor

How would you feel if your thought long-dead father figure appeared before you, claiming to come back to "make your world right again?" Would you celebrate at this miracle, enjoying every moment of time you had? Or would you feel uneasy, as it seems death is no longer a constant? Would it be a happy moment or an ominous omen? These are the questions facing Wally West in *Flash: Return of Barry Allen*.

The background to this story can be broken down like this: Barry Allen became the Flash during the 60s after being struck by lightning and being bathed in strange chemicals. Finding this weird turn of events granted him the ability to be the fastest man alive, Barry set out to fight crime along with the likes of Superman, Batman, and the Green Lantern. Wally, Barry's nephew, was the president of the Flash's fan club and one day accompanied him to the lab where the fateful accident occurred. In a moment of déjà vu, Wally was subjected to the same circumstances that Barry was and became his sidekick, Kid Flash. All was well until an event dubbed *Crisis on Infinite Earths* claimed Barry's life, as he out ran a death ray in order to save the universe, leaving only an empty costume. Wally, moved by Barry's sacrifice, took up his mentor's mantle and became the new Flash, carrying on the legacy. Wally seemed to still be living in his uncle's shadow until recent events, and then the unthinkable happened...

Barry returned to Wally's doorstep, alive and well...

Wally at first embraces the

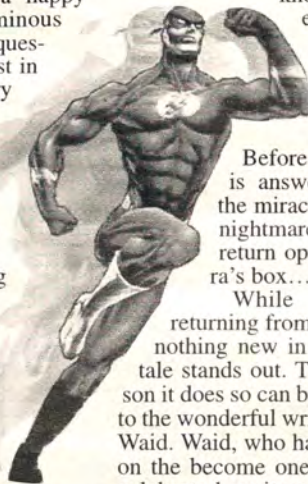
idea of his "father's" return, thinking it's a modern day miracle. All too soon, fear and doubt cloud Wally's mind; if Barry's returned as the Flash, what is Wally? To make matters worse, the others are suspicious of Wally and Barry's activities. These characters, Jay the Original Flash from the 40s, Max Mercury the Zen Master of Speed, and Johnny Quick, who

knows the science of speed, want to know if Barry actually out ran death.

Before this question is answered though, the miracle becomes a nightmare, as Barry's return opens a Pandora's box...

While characters returning from the dead are nothing new in comics, this tale stands out. The main reason it does so can be contributed to the wonderful writing of Mark Waid. Waid, who has since gone on to become one of the most celebrated writers in comics, wove this story for the fans. Barry died in 1986, but when Waid took over in 1992, people were still clamoring for the return of their dead hero. Reluctant at first, he decided to give the fans what they wanted, but not how they wanted it. He turned what showed have been the greatest moment of Wally's life and turned it into a chilling tale of betrayal and heartache. Wally is forced to try to contend with his feelings as his world is destroyed from the ground up.

The story has become a benchmark of the Flash series, as it contains many memorable moments that have gone on to define the character. From Wally realizing how fast he really is to the revelation of Barry's return to Wally learning the secrets of speed, *Flash: Return of Barry Allen* is a can't miss tale that causes one to be careful what is wished for.



## Answering to a Higher Power

By J.D. Salisbury  
Anchor Editor

After the tragedy of 9/11, people have been a little bit more weary at the idea of global disasters. Knowing that tragedies can happen, it makes such former farfetched concepts, like *Die Hard*, seem a little bit more real. Taking this into account, what if a writer used this tension to make his story have a more social conscious edge? That's what Warren Ellis and Mark Millar did with the tales of the Authority.

The Authority is a team of individuals dedicated to making the world a better place. After seeing what horrors humanity is capable of, they have decided to be proactive, rather than reactive. This is to mean that rather than wait for the bad guys to come to them, they seek out the bad guys, and this is not limited to finding creeps in costumes. The team has set out to free enslaved people, liberated captive countries, and try to balance world power, all to the dismay of the U.N. In the world of politics, no good deed goes unpunished, and the Authority has to deal with the question of what is said to make a difference and what does make a difference.

One of the main strengths of this series is the characters. The team itself has it's share of assorted outsiders. The unofficial leader is Jenny Sparks, the "Spirit of the 20th Century," and a very heavy handed woman. Then there's Jack Hawksmoor, the king of the cities who lives off of pollution. Swift is a Tibetan hawkwoman, who is a vegetarian because of her beliefs, but has no qualms about killing. Engineer can control anything thanks to the nanomachines she replaced some of her blood with. The Doctor is the most powerful man in the universe thanks to magic...who happens to be a junkie. Apollo is the sun-god, capable of standing toe-to-toe with Superman. And lastly, there's the Midnighter, the world's greatest fighter, bad ass, and also happens to be the lover of Apollo.

The characters tackle social issues in a rather interest-



ing light. The homosexuality of Apollo and the Midnighter is abhorred by the public, yet they have no problem having them save the world. It brings about the dilemma of only accepting a person's lifestyle if we get something out of their troubles. Similarly with the Doctor, he has to deal with ungodly amounts of power, and his only release is drugs. Granted, drugs are not portrayed as the best means of release, but it does raise the questions of how we deal with users and is it right. The characters are used as templates to invoke thought on these issues.

In a more, non-philosophical manner, the villains also make for great reads. Kaizen Gamorra is an Asian tyrant who seeks to destroy 3

major cities of the world to "write the world's biggest autobiography." Dr. Kienstein possesses the world's greatest imagination and uses it to create super-soldiers (he is also a direct parody of Jack Kirby, the man who pioneered 60s comics). Heck, at one point, the team even fights God, although it is not the traditional God, but rather a rather interesting take of the origin of man. It is the job of the villains of the series to add the bit of fun so that it's not just a thinking piece.

If you want a story that let's you think and have fun, Authority is something that might be what you are looking for. Filled with alternative ideas, social commentary, and a lot of explosions, it's not for everyone, but it's worth giving a look to.

## Run Forrest...No...Run Lola Run!!

By: Carly Romano  
Anchor Staff

*Run Lola Run* is a riveting and yet bizarre movie that revolves, almost literally, around a young woman running around in Germany, trying to get 100,000 marks to save her boyfriend. However, what she goes through to get the money. Her boyfriend, Manni, calls her and said he's going to be killed if she doesn't help him. He tells Lola that he was on a subway and he was about to make a delivery to a mobster and everything went down the tubes when Manni forgot the bag of cash on the train. He says that it was her fault because she wasn't there to get him for the delivery and that he couldn't run away because his boss would find and kill him. She has only 20 minutes to race against time and save Manni from failure and despair.

There are three scenarios in the movie of what happens to Lola and Manni on this adrenaline rushing movie. In 1, Lola and Manni don't live happily ever after because some failure from not getting the money or Lola not getting there on time. And the each time Lola runs into a few people, literally, and it

shows what is to come in their near or distant future. Some people die in this movie, some get into car accidents, and poor Lola has to learn how to use a gun without killing anyone (you'll see that she's new to it when she accidentally nearly blows cops head off when trying to take off the safety). The movie has a lot of scenes where she's running and she thinks at Manni to hold on and wait for her before he goes to rob a convenience store that scenario doesn't end well.

First she goes to see her father, who is seeing another woman, to ask for the money but he doesn't understand why the high cost. All 3 attempts of begging her father end turmoil. She first is thrown out by her father, telling her she's not his child, then the 2nd ends with her holding him up at gun point, and the 3rd she just misses him all together. The end of the 2nd scenario is hilarious! When she goes to leave the building with the money, the police force is armed and aiming at Lola. She thinks she's in trouble but the cops all begin to shoo her away



as they seem to be waiting for something else. Another place she tries is the casino but after she gets the money she needs Manni is nowhere to be found.

Along with her tattoo and attitude, Lola has a piercing scream that shatters glass and does major damage to eardrums, a real hot head. She tries her best to keep her promises to her boyfriend and not get both of them killed and on her little 20 minute adventures. The end is a good ending that you must see for yourself. There's a lot to see as this little red head goes to great lengths, running through nuns, passing trains, bums, and outrunning a ambulance. This movie will have you on an adrenaline rush to know what happens next!

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## Summer Fun 2004 at RIC

By: David Payton  
Anchor Contributor

RIC Alumnus, David Payton '77, the Executive Director of Kaleidoscope Theatre, will once again bring Children's Fairytale Musicals to air conditioned Roberts Hall, Rhode Island College this summer. Several RIC graduates and undergraduates will appear as various characters throughout the summer series.

Tickets are \$6.00/person in advance and \$8.00/person at the door. A special offer of \$5.00/person is available for groups of 25 or more and for those buying season tickets with VIP Seating. To not be disappointed order your tickets early by calling the RIC Box Office at (401) 456-8144, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. The summer schedule is as follows:

Rhode Island College: Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., Roberts Hall

July 6 - Jack & the Beanstalk  
July 13 - Alice In Wonderland  
July 20 - Beauty & the Beast  
July 27 - Rapunzel  
Aug 3 - Pinocchio  
Aug 10 - Cinderella  
Aug 17 - Snow White  
Aug 24 - Sleeping Beauty

This summer will mark Kaleidoscope Theatre's 27<sup>th</sup> year touring throughout New England with over 25 fairytale musicals, many award winning school touring productions, dinner theatre murder mysteries and cabarets plus several productions to help various special needs programs and organizations. The internationally acclaimed touring theatre company was the resident children's theatre at the Warwick Musical Theatre for 18 years and for the past three summers has made Rhode Island College its new summer home. Having performed in Israel, at the White House and from Maine to Texas, Kaleidoscope Theatre members still feel that there is no audience like the home audience right here in Rhode Island. For more information on this exciting professional touring theatre company call (401) 942-3637.



**Snow White — So Right! Prince Charming**  
(Tommy Iafate of Cranston, RI who played Cousin Kevin in the recent RIC Production of TOMMY) falls in love instantly with **Snow White** (Carolyn Cole of Cranston, RI who played Sally Simpson in the recent RIC Production of TOMMY) in the Kaleidoscope Theatre fairytale musical **Snow White** which will be presented on **Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Robert's Hall Auditorium, Rhode Island College Providence, RI.** Showtime is at **11:00 am** and admission is **\$6.00/person in advance and \$8.00/person at the door.** For tickets and further information, please contact the RIC Box Office at (401) 456-8144.

## Orlandis and Barry begin Wingman on a good note

By Tim Labonte  
Anchor Staff

On April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> the Daydream Theatre Company presented their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Short Play Festival at Gaige Hall. It was a very nice selection of independent short plays written and directed mostly by the actors who performed as well.

The night began with Mike Messier's "Orlandis and his puppets without Strings". Based around a teacher and 'his' acting students, Orlandis (Darya Zabinski) tries to make the students think and act exactly like Orlandis 'himself'. The play tends to drag on, but is very unique in its style and brings forth some nifty profound thoughts and ideas. The play also stars the very well achieved Tony Pennacchia, Paul Elsnau, Brandon Buffardi, Kenny Demarco, Jeannette Martinho, and Callin Humphrys.

"On a Good Note," written by John Lincoln, and starring as well, is about a hit man named

Frank encountering a conversation with his victim, Leo (played by Chris Rosenquest). Leo, having an affair with a friend's wife, encounters his last minutes of life and seems pretty calm about it. In between we are introduced to a very profound, but soothing piece written by Chris himself.

"The Barry Weintraub Experience" was the most amusing piece of the night written and directed by Lenny Schwartz, who earlier this year put on his production of "Confessions of a Video Store Madman. Barry (Tony Amaral) is obsessed over Shelly (Jeannette Martinho) who doesn't return his love and getting married to a man named Sexton soon. With cute songs and hilarious dialog and acting, it was a very well done production.

"Found," directed by Bryan Ottaviano and written by, and starring, Spyce, and her playwrighting debut. It is about Belinda (Spyce) who meets this guy Troy (Brian DiBello). Immediately developing a crush and wanting a relationship.

But Belinda's obsessive and dependant mother is getting in the way. Belinda finally stands up to her mother where Belinda goes on her date and finally finds love.

"The Wingman," also written and directed by Lenny Schwartz was a bit confusing and very farcical about a dysfunctional marriage between Styles and Nora, and another female obsession between Barney and Julie. "The Wingman" stars Lenny Schwartz as Styles, Sarah Huchins Schwartz as Nora, Mike Messier as Barney, and Darya Zabinski as Julie. With a basic storyline and order, a lot of it was adlibbed and improvised, and seemed to be a play where the event could end in relief and fun. Barney gets Julie and Styles patches things up with Nora. There was also a tree and a tire.

The collection was very well put together and performed rather professionally. It gave a good mix between romance, comedy, and suspense, which led to a very memorable performance and unwasted two hours.

## Swamp Thing

By: Sue Storm  
Anchor Staff

Swamp Thing was written by Andy Diggle and the art is done by Enrique Breccia. This is the new version of Swamp Thing. The original was also done by DC Comics and was written in the 1970's but didn't become famous until around 1986 when Alan Moore took the comic over. Swamp Thing was also DC first comic under their Vertigo line. Vertigo is DC adult line that centers on more mature stories. Swamp Thing was a once a normal man, Alec Holland, that was working as a scientist in a building right near a Louisiana swamp. When an accident happens and blows the building up and kills Alec Holland and threw his body in the swamp. At the time of the accident he was working on a top secret formula that he thought would make the earth a better

place. His formula mixed with the swamp helped his body regenerate and become Swamp Thing. A mysterious man comes in and he is not afraid of the skeleton body in front of him. We come to find out the body of Swamp Thing has been possessed. The first book gets you familiar with the characters and there relationship between them all.

I liked Swamp Thing; I thought that the story was good but just a little bit confusing. I was stumped because the story jumps back and forth between the characters and it doesn't clearly give the relationships between them all. Although the story was confusing I did still like it. I enjoy horror and mystery stories I find exciting to read. The art in the comic is interesting as well. Breccia's pencil work contains a sketchiness quality that seems to a throwback to the way comics looked in the 70's, the time when Swamp Thing originally debuted. The artistic style is also reminiscent of

EC's on horror comics like *Tales from the Crypt* and *The Vault of Horror*. Breccia's storytelling through panel layout, consisting of small quick shots and swooping splash panels, also greatly helps to give the book a disjointed feel to match the flow of Diggle's story.

I read this first issue without any previous knowledge of the Swamp Thing character, and thus was able to take a fresh look at Diggle's effort without handicapping him by comparing the new with the old. I must say that it held up well so far as a dark brooding horror comic with a mysterious flair. It will be interesting to see what the creative team has planned for future issues, and I know I will definitely be revisiting the title to find out what happens. If you were a fan of the original, or horror themed stories, do yourself a favor and pick up the first issue for a test read.