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# Back on the Air

By: Tim Staskiewicz Anchor Contributor

Well, September is upon us, and the new students are quickly learning that parking is a bitch on this campus. But as the road rage is increasing while you wait behind some hick from Coventry learning how to parallel park for the first time, the sweet calming sounds of music waft across cam-pus. "What's that sound?" you think to yourself as you cut someone off in search of a closer space, "90.7 FM? I didn't know my radio went that low..

What you're hearing is Rhode Island College's studentrun and student-staffed radio station, WXIN. Broadcasting from the Media Center on the Student Union Plaza, WXIN is the voice of the students at Rhode Island College. The station operates 24 hours a day, sending its signal world-wide via the internet; but it also serves as a fully-functional radio station, complete with contests, DJs, and station-sponsored on and off campus events

This first week will be a busy one for WXIN as they put on a giant 'Welcome Back' celebration politicians often over look schools, for the student body here at RIC They kicked things off with a free BBQ in the residence hall areas, broadcasting live from the dorms, taking requests, and giving away anything that isn't nailed down. Monday night was an acoustic performance series on the steps of the Media Center, between the Student Union and Donovan.

On Wednesday night, WXIN goes off campus for XIN Nite down at the Brass Lounge (located about 5 minutes from campus), with good music, giveaways, and a chance to meet new people. The station is also planning its annual Back 2 School Bash featuring WXIN DJs spinning the newest and hottest Urban music in the Student Union on September

In addition to hosting events, WXIN is in the middle of a huge membership drive. They're looking for new students to come join the XIN team as a DJ, street team member, or maybe help out behind the scenes.

Meetings start Wednesday September 15th in Horace Mann 186 at 1pm. If you're looking for more information about the station, look for them on Student Activities Day on September 8th (they're usually the loudest booth on the quad). Even if you don't have time to join, keep listening, and keep it locked to Rhode Island's College Radio, 90.7 WXIN-FM!

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# **Vote 2004**

Editorial

Decision time is drawing close folks, and we need to get out there and vote. This is one of those few times in one's life when they can make a difference, not only for themselves but for everyone around them. We have the opportu-



nity so few people in the world have; we have the right to choose who will and will not govern us in the future.

Unfortunately many of us choose not to take this privilege that so many people have sacrificed so much for. College students are among the largest group of people who do not exercise their

like our own, and are passing us over for campaigning? Why are education budgets cut first? Why has your tuition risen this year?

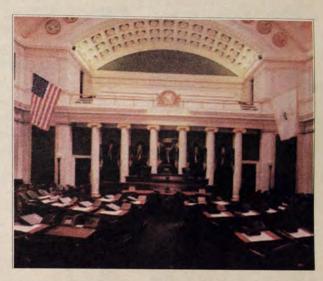
The Anchor will be striving to change this perception now and in the future. We at the Anchor will be sponsoring a Voter Registration



Drive this year. Look for us and we will assist you in keeping your right to change things. For the more aggressive voter you can find information on how to vote at your local town hall or visit http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.ht m to get information online.

With your help we can keep America "For the People, by the People.'

# **New State Budget Brings Changes to RIC**



A look inside the Rhode Island Senate Chamber

By Zdenko Juskuv Anchor Editor

Lost in the maelstrom of issues that have done a better job of heating up Providence than this summer's sun are the issues that affect Rhode Island College. Not to be over looked by such issues as casinos and budgets, this year holds momentous changes for Rhode Island College.
On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the General Assembly overrode the Governor's

veto of the \$5.9 billion budget. For better or worse this override will have a large impact upon the school.

The biggest impact among them concerns the Board of The board is an institution created to act as a go between the public higher education institutions and the State House. CCRI, URI, and RIC would propose budgets to the board, which would then act on them and make tuition recommendations.

In the past, before recent budget changes, the state gave money to "higher education." It was the Board of Governors that decided how much each school received. Now the state has taken away that power of reallocation. The general assembly will decide how funds are allocated to each individual school.

Legislators want more oversight over the higher education budget. The taking of powers from the Board of Governors has left some worried that this could be part of a general trend of the state taking decision-making power from the schools.

President Nazarian admits there could be some difficulties, "It can cause problems. Yes, if you start allocating money to an institution it may have an impact on another." But he states, "The General Assembly is a responsible institution and are doing what they think is best for the schools." He cautions that the reasons for the changes are, "Things change because people change...change will always be with us...you can't judge until you have experienced

By the looks of things, President Nazarian may be right. Current budget figures forecast total revenue adding up to \$82, 462. 258. \$43, 633, 200 will come from the state. And the other \$35, 231, 770 will come from tuition.

On other fronts the future looks bright for RIC. The General Assembly has made concerns on the position cap. To control spending, Rhode Island College had the number of staff positions, which could be anyone from a professor to a janitor, restricted. Though a cap on over spending was beneficial, as President Nazarian put it,

"We turned down grants because we didn't have positions."

This year the General Assembly, "Increased caps so we have more freedoms" notes President Nazarian. Now the college and the students can benefit from more grants and projects. "The general assembly this year, "states President

Nazarian, "Heard us See BUDGET on 3

# **RIC Hopes to Get Yes** on Bond Question

By: Zdenko Juskuv Anchor Editor

November 2 will be a time for Rhode Islanders to make many important decisions. But one of the most important referendums on the ballot won't be about presidents or about the separation of powers or Casinos, but about something right in their own backyard. November, voters will be able to decide whether a bond is passed

The bond, if approved by voters, will generate \$30 million that RIC hopes to use to add a new residence hall, to be located somewhere behind the existing The question will also jointly ask for \$20 million for dorm repair and renovation at

The college has gotten itself into a good position on the ballot with the removal of the casino issue, possibly moving up to somewhere around question five. Position on a ballot is

times miss a question that is too far down, or an issue as stirring as the casino can influence a voter's mood.

RIC will be publicly campaigning for the issue. "We hope to get a lot of support on this says President Nazarian. Both schools will look to their alumni and friends in the community for support. There will be a committee working with the Office of Higher Education who will pro-The RIC mote the bond. Foundation will be working to promote the bond. The College is prohibited from using state funds for promotion; so RIC will rely on private donations and will look to places like Student Government for President Nazarian is hopeful that we will get the support of all students eligible to vote.

In order to keep room rates affordable, RIC will receive a subsidy from the state. RIC will be responsible for \$20 million of

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### **Tidbits**

All Fall 2005 student teachers. including Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education Students, including those in special education and middle level education that they are required to attend an orientation meeting Wednesday, September 15 at 12:30 p.m. Horace Mann

All Secondary Education Students, including those with special education and middle level education endorsement, and all K-12 Program Students, including those in ESL, Art, P.E., Health, Music, Career and Technology, and Technology have a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Horace Mann Room 193.



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# **RIC student runs for Publ** Office

By: Zdenko Juskuv Anchor Editor

RIC has had its share of alumni who have gone on to serve in public office: Gordon Fox, the Rhode Island House Leader and Jim Majority Langevin, a U.S. Representative. But of all of them, none have sought office at the age of 22 that RIC student Forrester Safford will be.
He's running

on Republican ticket in District 36, covers most which Charlestown, South Kingstown, all of New Shoreham, and part of Westerly, hoping to be elected to a seat in the State House of Representatives, a position currently held by one term democrat Mathew McHugh.

In addition to being a soon to be graduate of RIC, he is an alumnus of Hendricken High School class of 2000. Not only is he a life long resident of Charlestown, his father is involved in town government, and his family has been living in South County for generations. He hopes that this will help campaign, which will rely on doorto-door and word of mouth cam-

paigning.

A Justice Studies and Sociology major, with a minor in History, Forrester has found that RIC, "Has given me the knowledge and confidence to put my name out and run for office, to show people that my age bracket really cares."

His experience at RIC is crucial to his current endeavor, Student Government, Anchor, were great. I took a class in public speaking. I also took a seminar on the Patriot Act that involved debate. In Student

Government I sat on the academic standing committee and was the treas-urer for the class of 2004." He would not be the first RIC alumnus to be elected office.

Forrester's Platform straightfor-ward, "I supthe port Governor and a balance of power. I support his vetoed budget. With the state legisbeing lator 85% democrat

and 15% republican the vetoes are symbolic."

Besides giving the people of Rhode Island a more balanced and representative government, his main concerns lie with the issues that are important to his district. These include the debate as to whether the summer time residents in the district, who greatly outnumber the towns 7,000 full time residents,

should be allowed to vote.

Forrester stands that, "As a district, we cannot afford to allow non residents to vote." He's worried that voters who do not have a real stake in the com-munity won't vote for things like school improvements when they're own children attend school elsewhere.

He also hopes to maintain the district's environment and to make sure that its ponds and



Forrester G. Safford

seashore is maintained. wants money to come back to his district so that it can be used on badly needed improvements.

He hopes to be more than the average politician, "I vote for the issue, not the party. I'm not going to be an election year politician." He wants to maintain strong ties between him and his constituents, "I'll be a rep of the people. I pledge to write letters to the editor to explain how I will vote...I also pledge not to take gifts."

Forrester sums up his stance by saying that, "The people of this district deserve better than what they have. They deserve a government for the people, not

If anyone is interested in learning more about his cam-paign or in volunteering, Forrester can be reached at FGSafford@aol.com.

# **Where to Locate** "Blue Light **Emergency Phones**" **Around Campus**

By: Forrester G. Safford Anchor Editor

One great security feature here at Rhode Island College is the presence of Blue Light Emergency Phones. These phones, when working, give you a direct line to the Campus Security Office here on campus, during the event of an emergency. What follows, is a list of locations where you can find one of these phones, although I hope they go unused throughout the year.

1) Near Building #9

2) In front of the Rec Center

3) On the far right hand side of Parking Lot B, (if you are pulling into it), near College Road

4) In the back of Whipple Hall, (in the back right side of the building, if you are facing the main entrance).

5) Close the Art Center, on the side facing Henry Barnard 6) Right near the main entrance to Craig-Lee Hall

7) On the left hand side of Fogarty Life Science 8) Attatched to Donovan Dining beneath the crossover to the Student Union

9) Behind Gaige Hall, near the men's baseball field 10) In Parking Lot H, on the side closest to the Murray

11) In front of Thorp Hall, (on the right side of it if you are facing its main entrance)

12) On the left hand side of Willard Hall, (if you are facing its main entrance)

# **BOND** from cover

debt service on the project. Whatever is left over from the operation of the residence hall will be paid back to the state, which will be covering \$10 million of debt service.

Overseeing the project is Dr. Orestes P. Monterecy, the Director of Capitol Projects. Current plans are subject to change as costs are developed, more committees look at the

plans, and more studies are performed, but the current projection is that the Halls will add 366 more beds. This will represent nearly a 50% increase in the number of beds available. Parking for residents will also be made available. To put the size in perspective Dr. Nazarian described it as being, "Double the capacity of Browne [residence

Consultants conducted a very lengthy

feasibility study. The proposed change the scope of the project dorms will be a combination of and look at new designs. The suites and apartments with a highest cost in the project will be variety of rates, all of which will materials. Because of the global variety of rates, all of which will be kept affordable. The mixture may change due to costs, but as Dr. Nazarian puts it, "It will be very different from any of the residence halls we have on campus right now." Most likely, these dorms will be given to upper classmen. Although the bond is not guaranteed, the school will be getting a head start on the project by sending out calls for proposals from archi-

"This is," says Dr. Nazarian,

"The biggest and most expensive project we've done on campus.' The planning alone will take 8-9 months for design and depending on the nature of the contract, 14-18 months for construction. Suite Hall, the last "big" construction undertaking was built for between \$3.5 and 4.5 million in 8 months back in 1991.

If the bond does not pass then the school will have to

economy and the rate at which

developing nations, especially

China, purchase steel, the price is

keep room rates down to an

affordable level, as Dr. Nazarian

puts it "You can't have rooms without occupants." As the project is planned, Dr. Monterecy

sees the rates being in the area of

\$4, 850 a year, with a 9-month

payment plan available. "If you

The goal still would be to

constantly rising.

go any higher than that, "Dr. Nazarian says, "Then the market would say that's a no no." Dr. Monterecy said, "We want something that the market can support, and the school can support.'

The proposed residence hall will solve any residential issues that may arise. Dr. Nazarian foresees that, "This would meet the College's need for many

years to come. This is not a residential campus. This is a commuter campus."

The new hall is not just being built to improve RIC's image, but for the students themselves. "We're not building it neces-sarily to attract out-of-staters, but we are building it to accommodate people who are actually Rhode Islanders." The con-sultants who persultants who per-formed the feasibility study met RIC stu-

dents and took polls to see what the students wanted in terms of

prices and accommodations.

This bond is part of a greater series of renovations. A new Social Work building is being built. Alger Hall is nearly com-pleted. The Student Union was renovated. The parking lots are being constantly renovated and expanded. There is talk of putting another exit to the college in the Northwest corner. November will show whether improvements to RIC can continue



# **BUDGET** from cover

loud and clearly and gave us many degrees of freedom so that we could solve these problems."

With a new budget, a new relationship with the state house, an increase in position caps, and an astoundingly successful sesquicentennial RIC's ambitions are running high.

No matter what the changes, RIC will strive to always improve itself. As President Nazarian says, "My main concern is that the quality of education can be maintained." RIC has many new additions and plans for the new Semester:

Alger hall, a new state of the art school of management technology, will be completed next year.

A new Social work building on the East Campus Parking lots H and I will be renovated, adding close to 100

New lighting across campus. A new program and center for Public Policy.

Plans to renovate building 3.
The school will try to get a bond passed on the November ballot to fund a new residence hall.

# SPORTS



# The Olympics, a Place for Amateurs, Not Professionals

By: Forrester G. Safford Anchor Editor

At this year s Summer Olympics, something shocking and very embarrassing happened, the men s basketball team did not win the gold. Nope, instead they lost to teams like Puerto Rico 92-73, Lithuania 94-90 and Argentina 89-81.

Now, I know where Puerto Rico and Argentina are, and even though I am fairly good at geography, I didn t even know where Lithuania really was, so I had to do a little online

salvage a bronze medal, instead of winning the gold.

Embarrassments from the professionals really aren t anything new for us. During the last Winter Olympics games, after losing their final game, the US men s hockey team decided to destroy a hotel room. What a great showing of sportsmanship! It s the cocky amateurs who are supposed to act immature, not the guys who make millions of dollars to do this for a living.

In the end, what it comes down to is that professional players, throughout the world, should not be allowed onto any hockey or basketball Olympic



research. It turns out, Team USA lost to a country that is a little bigger then West Virginia and borders another huge country, Latvia. And to top it off, one of Lithuania s main natural resources is peat...that s right, moss, the stuff you scrape from underneath your shoe after a day of hiking in the woods.

I do not want to take away from the victories of Puerto Rico, Lithuania and the most recent, Argentina (at the time of this story s completion, Team USA still had the bronze medal game to play in), however these are teams that should have been beat. If you play as a team, you win as a team. The USAs basketball team didn t, and now for the first time since allowing NBA players onto Olympic teams, they are fighting to

team. Why? Because when a team full of pros wins, it s expected, but when they lose...it's mortifying. We need to go back to the times when it was college players that filled these teams rosters. I am willing to bet that we will still kick ass in the Olympics without professionals...at least in basketball, as hockey isn t really our sport anyway. However, we cannot forget the Winter Olympics of 1980! Our US hockey team beat the USSR and went on to win the gold, and they did it without any prissy pro who was threatening to go on strike if he didn t get what he wanted.

Hopefully, the rules in the future will change and no pros will be allowed, however that is doubtful. All I know is, in 2008 the US men s basketball team better not take anything for granted and go out there and win

# Athens 2004 Worth the Wait

By Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor

What do a Kenyan boxer, two Greek baseball players, a Swiss cyclist, a Spanish canoe team member and an Irish distance runner all have in common? No, this isn t some sort of

ranchy joke, its worse. All of those members listed above had something really special in common. They were Olympic athletes. Now, they have something else in common. They found out just how hard it is to try to get away with cheating at the Athens games. All of the above athletes were kicked out of the 2004 games for either failing a drug test, refusing to take one, or generally trying to get away with doping up. They all found out single handed-

ly that this year s games were different, that this year s games were much fiercer and that the IOC was determined to make things fair for everyone compet-

a damper on what has been a very interesting and competitive two weeks of games. There have been great accomplishments, amazing achievements, and more impressively, a lot of choke jobs. For you returning students, you know nothing makes me happier than a nice choke job in sports (I.E. Boston Red Sox). So, when I sat down and began watching these games, nothing made me happier than to watch Team USA struggle in basketball. It's not that I m not patriotic, but since I ve been following this team since they began to come together, you can understand how frustrating things have been trying to root for them. You ve got overrated players saying that their too good to play for their country (Shaq), and a team full of second rate ballers with giant egos trying to represent the red, white, and blue. Here s a hint for Beijing (site of the 2008

best of the NBA or dont use them at all. If you re a multi million dollar basketball player playing for a team in the United States, the least you can do is sacrifice a couple of weeks of your time to represent the country that has so unselfishly made

why not bring it back here? Hopefully, the IOC will take notice and bring the games back where they belong. event that I really enjoyed from the Athens games was beach volleyball. Sure, Ill admit. The only reason I

tuned in was because of the beautiful girls in bikinis. somewhere along

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bring the games back here. If

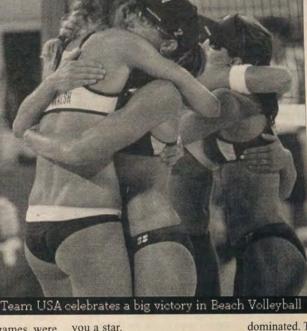
we re the only country with citizens that care enough to watch,

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the way, I actually began to respect the game. Playing volleyball been something can do for fun, but seeing it being played at such a competitive level is something new all together. In Beach Volleyball, the United States dominated. Team USA members

Kerri Walsh and Misty May won the gold with a decisive victory over everybody they played against. The team ran its way through the competition and quickly turned beach vollevball from a one liner joke on the tonight show to something many people around the country are looking at trying out. It s always great to see a fledgling sport emerge from the Olympics and move its way onto the mainstage, and as more and more people begin to tune in, beach volleyball can only get

Overall, the Olympics provided us with many great moments. There were many times where my patriotism was in full bloom, and I really felt proud of the athletes that went to Greece to represent this country that we all love so much. There were a lot of close calls, and a lot of new sports that peeked my interest. The 2004 Olympic games may not have been as big a hit as many in Athens had hoped, but for myself and many other Americans, it was a great way to spend two weeks.



But, this piece is intended

to my buddy

on focusing on the good of the

games, not the crybabies. Ill

Forrester to trash Team USAs

leave that

disappointing basketball per-The drug scandal nearly put formance. Let me talk about a couple of things that made this past couple of weeks truly something special. First off, did you see the attendance in the stadiums? Wow, standing room only! It made me proud to see almost every stadium in the entire country completely empty without the slightest hint of human life anywhere to be seen. For crying out loud, there were more athletes competing than people attending some of these competitions. Now, you may wonder why this is a good thing. Well, here s my point of view on the topic. While the host country failed to get any of its citizens out to see the games, back here in the United States, the Olympics drew massive ratings. The ratings were really great, especially considering the fact that the events weren t being televised until hours after they occurred in real time. With ratings hitting impressive highs, things will bode well the next Olympics): Either use the very



Well the Olympics are over, boy they sure were great, too bad they only come around once every 4 years. But you know what is always there for you? .... THE ANCHOR. We will be here long after the last ceremonies and we'll never abandon you. So, come by, we may not be able to give you a gold medal, but we do have free pizza. So what more could you ask for?

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# Men's Soccer Kicks Off A New Season

By Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor

A lot can be said about last year's Rhode Island College Men's Soccer team. Improving on a disappointing 2-5 conference record from the year before, the anchorman flipped that mark and went an impressive 5-2 during the 2003 campaign. Their only conference losses came at the hands of the Keene State College (a 3-2 game that was a lot closer than most predicted), and a 3-0 shutout loss against Plymouth State University. Both

teams are considered the cream of the crop in the Little East, and with the competition getting harder every year, the anchormen hanging tough really said a lot about the talent of the team.

By the end of the year, RIC found itself disappointingly out of the playoff picture with two heartbreaking loswses in postseason play. They dropped their first tournament game 2-0 at the hands of Keene State, and saw their season end on a one goal loss to Roger Williams. Though they did not accomplish everything they had set out to do, they had received some awards based on their overall improvements. Head Coach Len Mercurio was named the Little Conference Men s Soccer Coach of the Year, and sophomore forward Kyle Teixeira (Warren, RI) was named First Team All-Little East Conference for the second consecutive season.

Now, as the team prepares for the 2004 season, they have a

new coach, new players, and a fresh new approach to the game. Coach John Mello has instilled a fresh attitude among the players. The future is now. This year is the future and the present. There is no reason why we can not compete with the teams in this conference. Its all about believing and I think we re going to be better than expected. I think we re going to compete against them. That s my own opinion. I think we can compete with those teams this year with the nucleus of players we have coming back and the solid freshmen we have

Just talking to coach Mello makes it clear that this team is unlike the one that left the field with their heads down last season. His energy and enthusiasm has changed the way the players think, and it's clearly evident in the way they practice and prepare for their competition. Last year s superstar and MVP for the Men's Soccer team, Kyle Teixeira, commented on the new head coach. Overall, last year we had a good season. Our conference record was improved by a lot. I was disappointed that we didn't get to make NCAAs and

> in the playoffs. I think I personally played decent season, but I could ve picked it up towards the end of the season. wish I could h a v e stepped up in the big games. don t know

what happened. I think this year we should be a powerhouse in the little east. Coach Mello is just great. His intensity level is just up there and he makes you believe you can win any game you play. We already think we could beat the top teams in the league if we played them right now. It s just the way he coaches, the way he thinks. He makes us better players.

Teixeira saying he had a decent season is like Barry Bonds saying he hit a couple of homeruns in his career. Last year, Kyle had 24 goals (a new RIC record for a single season), seven game-winners, and six assists for 54 points. In short, he was a scoring machine. This year, all he can hope to accomplish is a little bit of the same. If he contributes nearly as much,



coming in. I really feel positive so far. It looks good. Coach Mello went on to talk about some of the changes he think will have an impact on the squad. We have a good nucleus of freshman I m very pleased with things so far. There are about six or seven of them that are going to make big time contributions this season. Our goal keeper situation is also a lot stronger. We have two great players fighting for the job. (Jadon Neves and Sean Gonsalves). Neves did not play this past year because he had to have ACL knee surgery, and Sean is a freshman. Both have four years of eligibility, which means that position is going to be very solid for us, and that s really key for the game of soc-

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### **FEATURED** GAME of the WEEK

### Women's Tennis

Last year's Anchorwomen started off their season with a dissapointing 1-3 performance. Including in that weak start was a 7-2 drubbing by the hands of Salve Regina. Salve went on to finish their season with an impressive 12-2 record, while Rhode Island College managed to win the 2003 Little East Championship. Both. teams look to start thing off right this Saturday in what should be a great matchup.

Salve Regina University Rhode Island College + September 4th, 1:00PM +

"We should've beaten Salve last year. It was frustrating for me and for the team. We hope to beat them this time. I think this year, starting out, we're better than last year."

-RIC Coach Kelly Chartier

and the defense does its part, there's no reason that this team can not dominate all year long. This year, we just want the same thing we ve always wanted, We want to make it the NCAAs, beat Keene state, beat all of the powerhouse teams in the little east conference. We just want to have an overall successful year. As for me, just having as good a season as I had last year would make me proud. Anything less just wouldn't be what we want.

Scott Westcott, one of the Mens teams captains, looks towards this year as offering something that RIC previously didn t have-versatility. This year, its a little bit different atmosphere. I think we can build a lot easier; we have a lot of flexible players with a big variety of styles to play. I think that s very important for soccer team to move on and be competitive. I think this team can accomplish anything right now. All our attitudes are in the right place. As long as our mental toughness is there, I think we can do anything. Every game is going to be a big game, that's just how it is going to be. You can't take any team light. Every team I going to play at a high level. I hope to focus on staying at that high level all season long.

The anchormen have their work cut out for them this year.

Not a lot is expected from them, and they haven t been getting the respect they rightfully deserve. They haven t been mentioned as one of the top teams, but that may all change very soon. Coach Mello likes to think that it all starts with the first game, and if that's the approach he s taking, then RIC would be wise to get off to a good start. I think with the schedule we have in the beginning of the season, well be really helped out later in the year when we play against Keene state and Plymouth state. Basically that's our season there. Those two teams, the top teams in our conference. If you want to win this conference you have to beat the better teams. You have to beat the ones that have consistently won over and over again. Doing that is the sign of a good team, and its what our goal is. Coach Mello and his team will have their chance when play officially starts this Saturday. The Anchormen will do battle against Clark University on the road at 1:00PM, and look to start things off in the right direction as they try to improve upon last year s impressive season with some gold to brag about.

# JPCOMING GAM

Men's Cross Country

Sept 9th-Ocean State Invitational 4:30 PM Sep 18th-UMASS-Dartmouth Invitational 11:15 AM Sep 25th-Ray Dwyer Invitational

Women's Cross Country

Sept 9th- Ocean State Invitational 4:00 PM Sep 18th-UMASS-Dartmouth Invitational 12:00 PM Sep 25th-Ray Dwyer Invitational

Women's Tennis

Sept. 4th - Salve Regina University 1:00 PM Sept 9th-at Nichols College 4:00 PM Sept. 12th- at Solem State College 1:00 PM

Sept. 4th-of Clark University 1:00 PM Sept. 8th- Rivier College 4:00 PM Sept. 11th- Mass. Inst. of Technology 1:00 PM

Women's Soccer

Sept. 4th- Endicott College 1:00 PM Sept. 7th- at Roger Williams 4:00 PM Sept. 11th- at U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Volleyball

Sept 3rd- at Springfield College 5:00 PM Sept 4th-at Springfield College 10:00 AM Sept. 11 at U.S.C.G. Academy 9:30 AM

+++NEWS+++ Rhode Island College has named Jonathan Gibbs an assistant men's basketball coach. He will assist head coach Jack Perri with all phases of the RIC men's basketball program including recruiting, administering practices and game coaching. Gibbs has previously served as the associate head coach of the 11th and 12th grade boys' coastal team for the Massachusetts Bay State Games. He also has served as an assistant boys' junior varsity coach at Ithaca High School.



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# Students of Rhode Island College,

time for everyone's favorite part of the year. Yes, summer is finally over, and it is now time to hit the books and work toward that degree so you can actually get a job you like. I know, it's hard to imagine a job better than the one you just left at McDonalds, but you're in college for a reason, and deep frying most likely isn't it. So, garbage rant aside, what have we learned? As we all sit back and grumble about the increased prices at Donovan, the lack of parking at this campus, and the outrageousness of the RIC bookstore, at least we can all enjoy one fact: The Anchor Sports section is back.

New and improved, this year's sports section looks to completely destroy the efforts of last year. Sure, we had one hell of a year in 2003-2004, but that was then, this is now. Last year, we got to watch the Patriots win the Super Bowl, the Red Sox again, and the choke Celtics/Bruins fall off of the face of the year. All of those things are likely to happen once again, and we'll be here to cover it all so that you don't have to pay to read about it. But, because this is print, and we are only human, chances are, we may not cover everything you want to talk about. As a student at Rhode Island College, you have a voice that should be heard. But, as my pal Spiderman likes to say, "With great power comes great responsibility". Sure, you

Well, it's once again might have a voice in this newspaper, but if you don't use it, what good is it then? If you hate the fact that I will consistently bash the Red Sox and Yankees (and trust me, I will), then get down here and tell me about it. With the loss of James Bessette, we are in desperate need of a Red Sox fan/dreamer. We need people to come here and provide another voice, because you're not always going to agree with mine, no matter how right I am.

In my second year as the sports editor for this newspaper, I'd like to think I can use the experience I gained last year to put together the best product available week after week. I know that this year is going to be an interesting one with all the changes constantly going on in sports. But, because of the knowledge I have learned from here in the past, and the undeniable support of past sports editors (one in particular who knows who she is), I look at making this year a smash success and expect nothing but the best from the first issue to the last. I hope you enjoy yourself here this year, and I hope that this section, if nothing else, can put a smile on your face and maybe even brighten up your day. Because, when all is said and done, it doesn't matter how much I write. If no one is reading it, I am not doing my job. So, hopefully, you give us a shot and see where we can take you.

One final note, and this is directed to any athletes

or teams associated with Rhode Island College. I wrote this last year, and I hope it got the point across. Throughout the course of this year, I will attempt to balance my coverage of one team over another. Because this is not always possible, I encourage student athletes to feel free to talk to me if they feel that they are not being talked to as much as they believe they should. From the first issue to the last issue, I will bring to the students of RIC a fair portrayal of the sports programs offered at this college. While this may be a place to vent about how much everyone hates the Yankees, the fact of the matter is that first and foremost, we should be focusing on things going on in and around the school. It is these athletes that represent Rhode Island College to the rest of the state, and they deserve to have their accomplishments recognized.

To wrap this up, let me just say that this is going to be a great year. As my second year in charge of the Sports section, I hope things always go smoothly, but I know they won't. It is in those tough times that we learn who we are, and I know that I have a lot of learning to do if I hope to make this newspaper anywhere as good as it has been in the past. But, that's why I joined this place. Even when it's at it's most chaotic, it's still a lot of fun, and still a lot better than being anywhere else.

Paul J. Spetrini Sports Editor, Fall 2004

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# OPINIONS

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# Let Me Just Say... By: Ariana Testa

## **RIC 101**

time that again...back to school! For many of you readers, this is your first year. Ah, freshman, just staring out, so naïve to the ways of the world - I love it. For the returning students, welcome back, and its good to see you again. Unfortunately you have already experienced the harsh realities of the world, and yet you have returned for more. By the way, when I say world I mean RIC - good ol' Rhode Island College - because for the next four to possibly ten years (yes you read right, I said ten) this will become your world. In order to survive in this world there are a few things that you should know. Just as mommy and daddy sent you out into the world with some knowledgeable tidbits, I too will do the same:

1. Parking- It sucks, royally. This will never change, no matter how many new lots they add it will still suck, its one of those situations that transcends time. You can ask a graduate from the class of '72 and they will tell you the same thing. But don't despair just yet, there are things that you can do. You can sleep here overnight, park on Mt. Pleasant Avenue and take RIPTA onto campus, walk, ride on your friends back, or get here by 7 in the morning (even if you don't have class until 12).

2. Tickets- As if we don't pay enough in tuition, now you have to pay \$40 a pop if you choose to park illegally because of the problems outlined in #1. However, you will soon learn that not everyone who parks illegally gets a ticket. I am still trying to figure out

the system that Campus Police has for handing them out. If any of you guys can crack the code and solve the mystery come see me and I'll give you something pretty.

3. Lunch- I love the Donovan Dining Center, both the food and the workers, but after lunch just make sure that you are close to a bathroom. They don't call it the runs for nothing.

Residence Hall Etiquette- Living on campus this semester? Please be respectful to your roommate. Set up some type of signal if one of you is getting lucky and make sure the session doesn't last all night; your roommate has class in the AM. Make sure you keep your music to a minimum level while the other is studying, just use common courtesy, the kind mom and dad taught you. And if they didn't teach you then you are an animal and your roommate will hate you.

5. Academic Advisement-Please seek it; unless you want to be one of those students that's here on the ten-year plan.

6. Involvement- If you want to make the most of your time here at school get involved! Join a club or an organization (I am partial to WXIN or The Anchor myself). They are great places to meet new friends and have fun. Plus, you pay a Student Activity fee in your tuition bill, so you might as well join the clubs and organizations that it helps.

There, I have just imparted a wealth of wisdom on your behalf that will definitely come in handy during your stay here at beautiful Rhode Island College. Now these are in no particular order, but you should follow them all. Have a great first week and I will see you guys in the next issue.

# THE FACTOR What is America?

By: Joshua Factor Anchor Staff

We the patriots of America are born into a time that tries the very soul of our nation. In such times wisdom calls for a general reflection, not on the issues at hand, nor on the restructuring of our social conscience, but to embrace the very idealism that made this country; to call upon the ancestors of a young nation to redeem its unified goal. This is no time to put the constitution on trial for being too old to keep with present day demands. While policies of the constitution may need reform for being outdated in a world that moves ahead at the speed of a microprocessor; after 200 years of existence the soul of such a document, the very providence which created such a worthy country, cannot by any means be outdated.

I a patriot, not of particular party, not of some wanton issue, not of some fools errand, but of a dream that is America. The greatest nation in the world, whose spirit now seems troubled by a wavering hand in the face of What would the founders of our nation say if they knew we strayed so far from our course after such a short period of time. It is not in policies that such a reality can be unveiled, but in the spirit of its everlasting memory. It is a tangible quality that only needs looking for and is immediately found behind the congested and distasteful political dogmas of the present day. On this day they remain, unclaimed, unnoticed, unheard, but not undone. They walk along our side as a shadow in the sun, rarely do we ponder on it, and when the sun goes down and darkness blankets us with fear and dislocation it is yet harder to find. But on the morn it returns dutifully every time as if it were as permanent as nature itself. This country's principles are left untended in the search for political embellishment. Therefore, join me as I ask what we are, what we stand for and what it means. This is not an essay meant to teach but to contemplate the true questions, the ones that tell us the path that each American might embrace.

There are countless numbers of Men and Women who have died for our country since its creation; for good and bad, for win and loss, for yesterday, today and tomorrow's safe passage. A soldier who dies for his country, a soldier who fights for his country, a man who becomes a soldier is a hero to his country. No one soldier deserves more credit than the next; no one man deserves more credit than a soldier. The farmer in the field is no

less a man than his protectors, but protectors to his life, estate and country they are. It is a discredit to these heroes of time eternal to speak ill of the country they protect. But some would say otherwise. How now? Is it the issues to be spoken of? Is it the morals to be heard out? Is it the wanton policies of some undesirable administration? None of these speak of a dream that is America. And to you that see yourself an unfortunate American, ill treated underestimated and forgotten. Is it you who has rite to claim American heroes are but foolish men? Can we claim some social structure is a 200 year old ideology of hope and freedom? These questions are of course rhetorical, for America is not any of these two dimensional thoughts, but the shining star of hope for a man whose optimism is equal to his country's greatness. For what was the thought of a united set of states than hope? Read the writings of our forefathers and tell me they did not dream a great nation into reality; tell me they did not write with a poets hand for something better. Do we waste our time putting these men on trial for their alleged misdeeds, or do we heed the legacy they bled for?



Therefore, America was born a nation of optimism on the heels of the sons of liberty. Could we focus more on this America that stands now behind some materialistic curtain? Can we unveil this America to our minds and hearts content? If so, we would simply be proud countrymen settling some minor difference of opinion, than a people confused as to what kind of country The United States of America is. For America is as great a nation as any before it and any hereafter. And those who disagree are not optimists and are not of like mind with the spirit of so marvelous a nation. I call on all peoples and all factions of America, the elite and the unfortunate alike, to rise to a call for patriotism. Leave off negative campaigning. Leave off 527's. Unhand this false perception of the American nation and take hold of the legacy that has been so graciously given. The spirit of hope in darkness, the fruits of labor in sickness, the blood of our sons and daughters for liberty; realize the dream that is America.

# **HEY KIDS!**

Got an interest in this crazy rag we call the Anchor? Then come down to the Media Center any Wednesday at 12:30 for meetings!

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# Parking 101

By: Forrester G. Safford Anchor Editor

It's that time of year again ladies and gentlemen. The start of the Fall semester and your quest to find the ever elusive parking spot. It might be hard to find a spot at certain times, especially during the first week, but don't worry, after a while students will start bunking classes or college all together, and they will leave

behind empty parking spots. It's a win/win situation. They get the day off, and you get their parking spot.

While searching for a place to park, one must remember that some parking lots are off limits to students, as they are reserved for faculty and staff. Therefore, I have come up with a list of lots that you, the student can park in without fear of receiving a

Lot A: This parking lot is farthest from the classrooms and closest to the Mount Pleasant Avenue entrance to RIC. It has trees planted throughout it. Apparently they make the parking lot look beautiful. Lot B: This lot is right above Lot A and holds a

ton of parking spaces, as it seems to go on for ever, even

though it doesn't. Lot H: This lot is located next to the Physical Plant and although it holds quite a bit of spaces, it can be a pain to drive through some-

times because people like to add - illegally - parking spots, which makes the driving lanes narrower.

Lot I: This lot is right across from the main student parking lot, Lot J, and has been worked on over the summer and now I hear

that we have over 100 new parking spaces. That's awesome!

Lot J: This parking lot is the main parking lot for students, as it is located the closest to most of our classroom buildings. There is a portion of the lot that is reserved for faculty and staff, and that portion is the section closest to the gym. This lot fills up quickly in the morning, however at certain times throughout the day you will be able to find plenty of parking. Through trial and error you will be able to figure out what times are best to find spaces here.

Lot K: This is popular lot because it is the closest to the book store and the Donovan Dining Center. There isn't a whole lot of spaces here, so plan on getting to school early if you ever want to find a space because it stays full throughout most of the day, everyday.

Lot L: This lot is situated right behind the dorms and its entrance can be found right across from the entrance to Lots I and J. It may be hard to find parking here throughout the day because this is where the dorm students keep their cars.

There you have it! Those are the main parking lots for students. Now, there are a few other places to park, for example, in the If you see a parking lot with a "Reserved for Faculty & Staff' sign on the outside of it...do not park here! Whether or not you think there should be lots reserved for our professors, there are, so deal with it. Do not park there and tell a professor to "F" off, or anything else of that nature, if one approaches you about where you parked. That happened a lot last year. If you park in a reserved lot, be prepared to get a hefty ticket, that is, if the campus security officers actually decide to enforce these parking rules.

One last thing, park in actual parking spaces! Do not park where there aren't lines to park between and do not park in handicap parking spaces unless you are indeed, handicap. The Anchor in the past has gone around taking pictures of cars parked in handicap spaces, yet they lack a sticker or sign that says they can park there. Don't be a jerk, and that goes for students and faculty alike. If you aren't supposed to use a handicap spot...DON'T! And parking in one and putting your hazards on to show that you are only parking there for a moment is really lame. Don't be lazy, some people actually need those spots and they shouldn't have to travel farther to find a spot. You just may

find a picture of you or your car in a future issue of The Anchor if you decide to be a jerk and park illegally, or better yet, you might find a \$100 ticket on your windshield that you will have to pay.

I hope the above information proves to be useful. Good luck finding parking and good luck this semester! Oh, and use the handy cut-out of Mickey that's on this page if any jerk-off parks too close.

# Summer Entertainment

By: Aaron MC Anchor Contributor

The summer is hard! How the hell does one entertain one's self for over 4 months? Aside from my daily ritual of screaming masturbation, I turned to the oasis of mindless filth that is the

I'm not talking about porn. Porn's far too easy to come by. And let's face it, porn is only entertaining for about 47 sec-onds... well, for me it is. I needed something meatier. I needed something with characters, story, and comedy. I needed web comics. And boy howdy, is the internet ever full of them. Most of them are terrible. In fact, some of them are so bad it really makes me wonder how the people that draw them think they have any talent at all. I can only assume they only ever show their work to their mothers. For the rest of this article I shall list the web comics to which I am particularly inclined towards. I hope you find the things that kept me from going mad throughout the long days of sum-mer as entertaining as I do.

Static comics: Mac www.machall.com: These guys are great. The guy who draws the comic, Ian McConville, is one of the best on the web, as well. His comic doesn't always do justice to his skills, but he's plugging away in classes just as we are, so we give him a break. As far as writing goes, it's on and off. Sometimes it's ho-hum, other times it garners some real laughs. Always worth it, though.

AppleGeeks www.applegeeks.com: So called because the two guys who do the comic LOVE their Apple computers. The art is always spectacular, the writing is usually lackluster, but it carries the art just fine. A close cousin to Mac Hall, seeing as the two guys know each other.

Penny www.penny-arcade.com: The granddaddy of web comics. My favorite. Almost always funny with a wonderfully stylized art. These guys also pull NO punches. They swear like sailors and take full advantage of the freedom of the internet to say and draw things that very few other comics would dare. They are primarily about video games, but even if you don't know games you can read the posts by Gabe and Tycho and get all the comic's jokes. Aside from the games, if you like penis jokes, they're here in spades.

Megatokyo: www.megatokyo.com: Probably the most successful web comic. The guy Megatokyo: who draws it, Fred Gallagher, is a great guy who understands anime so well he has tailored his perfectly to the tastes of American anime Sometimes it gets pretty washy and unentertaining, but the characters are very well developed and it keeps you interested. When this comic is funny, though, it's really funny. My second favorite.

Sore Thumbs: www.sorethumbsonline.com: A new comic. It premiered a few months ago and is quickly developing a following. You can tell

the characters have been long in development and the two authors care about them a lot. It's ALWAYS funny with average art that needs refinement. It's supposedly about video games, but it has quickly become a political war horse which rips conservative creed a asshole. This comic is quickly becoming my favorite.

The Kungfool: http://kungfool.transpect.net; Crazykimchi is the shiznit. Every page of it is hilarious with above average art. The guys who do it stretch themselves thinly, though, with multiple projects, causing many other projects to fall unattended.

Animated comics: Runner: Homestar www.homestarrunner.com: My favorite thing on the web. The group of people who does this rebsite is really, really funny. Their animation is also top notch with spectacular charac ters, games, shorts, movies music, and pictures. They do everything phenomenally. If you only check out one comic, this is the one. Make sure to check out Teen Girl Squad!

Ill Will Press: www.ill-willpress.com: Long live Foamy the Squirrel! This one is a live to the community of the community

really hard to explain. Suffice it to say it is very vulgar, adequately animated, and brutally funny. A long time favorite of many of my friends.

Jib Jab: www.jibjab.com:

I'm sure many of you already

I'm sure many of you already know about this compliments of the mega-hit "This Land" sketch that has been played a bazillion times on every news station from here to Timbuktu. There are no recurring characters, just great one-off animations that are all very funny and well drawn.

Happy Tree Friends: ww.happytreefriends.com: Probably the most disturbing web comic out there. If you've ever dreamt of the cute little critters in children's books and 11am Nickelodeon being massacred in the most horrid, painful, cringe inducing fashions, than this is the comic

for you. Ice www.icebox.com: A long standing favorite of many peo-ple. Ice Box is old and the website is not aging well. Their animations are all GREAT, but you now have to pay for them.
There are a few free ones up that are worth seeing.

Mondo Mini Shows:

www.mondominishows.com: The large, kind of umbrella organization that many animation firms belong to. Icebox belongs to this group. They are big, with lots of people, and produce the best cartoons on the web. There are tons of free videos to see on this site, with many more for-pay if you're willing. You HAVE to see the Keith Richards episode of the God and Devil Show. I nearly peed myself while watching it. And absolute MUST see!

I hope you enjoy these comics as I have. They're all worth seeing and well worth the time out of your busy schedule. Bon appetite!



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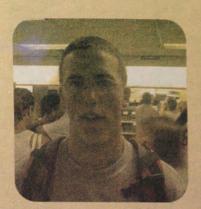
Why did you choose RIC? by Aaron Bazzle



Elizabeth Mclellan Freshman Elementary Ed.

"Because it is close to home and I can not stay away from my family that long." Jacob Beaudreault Freshman Mathematics

"Figured it would be the best school for my major around Rhode Island."



Megan Gomes Freshman Undecided

"It is close to home, better school than most and it is cheaper than URI."



Tanya Durrigo Freshman Elementary Ed.

"It's close to home, has a good education program, it's affordable, and it is convenient for me."



Jess Preleski Freshman Art Studio

"Cause I didn't get into URI, but I do like the campus and it is a very nice environment."

Jade Newton Freshman Education

"I love Rhode Island and I love this school."



Crystal Celani Freshman Psychology/Social Work

"I Chose RIC because it is a good school and I want o get away from my parents."



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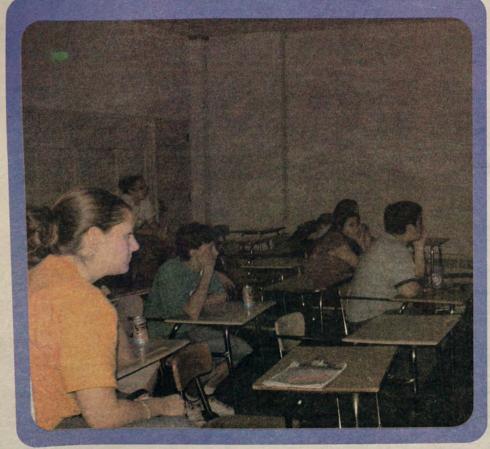


















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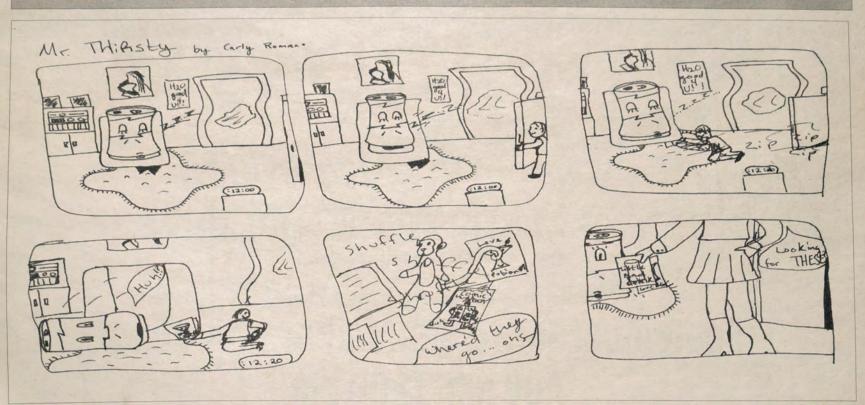


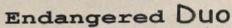


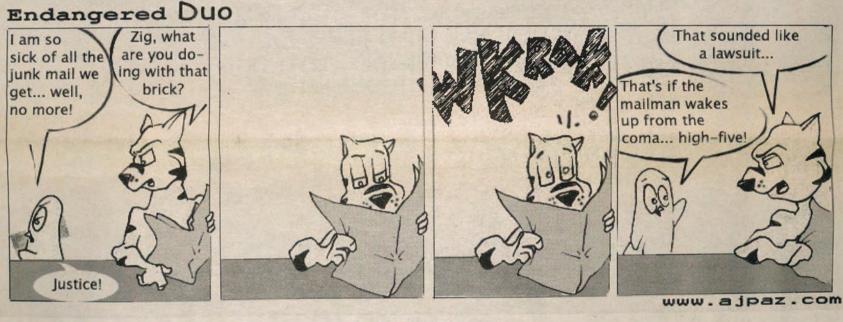


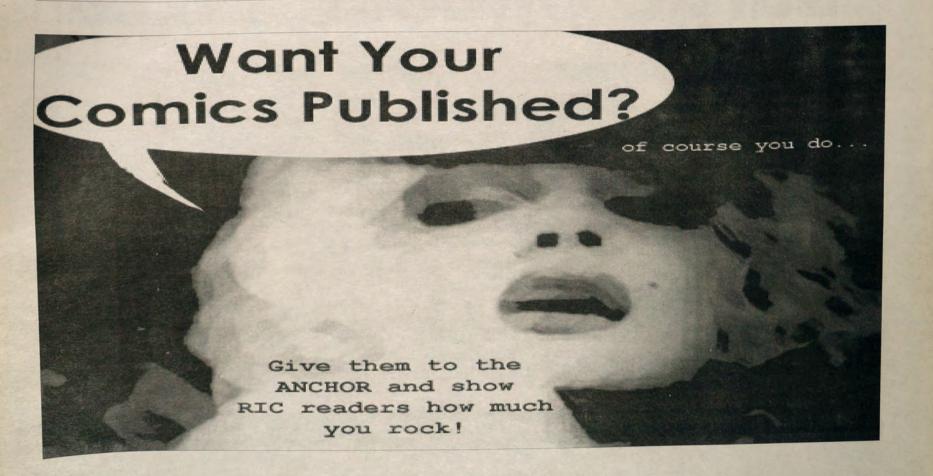


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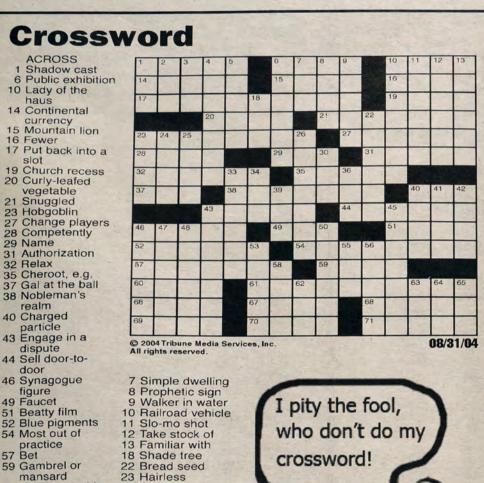
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By Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20): Before midweek, a longtime friend may discover unusual family or romantic information concerning private finances, fast home decisions and com-



angles. Provide

encouragement, because over the next

few weeks your continued loyalty will offer comfort and support. Wednesday through Saturday also accent new love affairs and exotic romantic proposals. Someone close may wish to explore greater intimacy or serious commitments, so stay focused.

Taurus (April 21-May 20): Potential friends and lovers will now be drawn to your emotional style or social ideals. Some Taureans may also this week encounter rare flirtations from an older friend or business associate. If so.



expect romance and attractions to be

passionate but unreliable. At present, social triangles may prove bothersome. Later this week, work place routines may change without warning. Officials and managers will protect their reputations; avoid confrontation, if possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): During the next seven days, younger relatives may provide misinforma-



tions are now temporarily strained by vague promises. Enjoy private activities or creative hobbies, if possible Quiet reflection will provide insight

into difficult relationships. Thursday through Saturday, quick financial decisions are necessary. Long-term debt, legal permissions or corporate funding will require delicate timing; remain diplomatic.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Costly errors and rare contractual disagreements may soon be a brief theme.



Before midweek, thoroughly check the validity of key

new financial sources. At present, the instructions and promises of authority figures may be unreliable. After Wednesday, romantic tensions are unavoidable. A recent phase of social isolation or family misunderstandings between loved ones now needs to end \_ carefully explain your social motives and all will be well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Gentle romantic overtures will provide a unique distraction during the next



Minor comments or quick social blunders may all be key

signs of affection or new attraction. Go slowly, however, and carefully consider the private feelings or needs of loved ones. After midweek, friendly encounters with new colleagues may become strained. Power struggles and unexpected group tensions are now unavoidable; refuse to be drawn into negative workplace dynamics.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. Ongoing financial or business disputes will be quickly resolved this week. After Tuesday, expect teachers, mentors or older officials to ensure honest negotiations and equal divisions of Wednesday through

Saturday, messages from past friends or lovers may be unnerving. If possi-



lengthy social discussions. Complicated omantic expectations

or rare disagreements between longtime friends will soon create tension. Don't be confrontational.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23); Late Monday, an unexpected social invitation may be misleading. Expect close friends or relatives to propose unique group events,



rare reunions or large family gatherings. Private agendas

will also be involved. Remain cheerful but avoid short-term promises or verbal agreements. After Thursday, loved ones will reveal a powerful need to expand their social lives or daily activities. Take all comments seriously. Deep feelings of isolation may now need to be addressed

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Career aspirations and complex employment negotiations may be the source of intense family discussion during the next seven days. Long-term goals will need to be



adjusted Expect loved ones to provide valuable advice or a

rare perspective on new financial proposals. After midweek a stalled relationship may become unusually passionate. Past lovers or rekindled attractions are accented. Respond honestly and remain cautious: social complications will soon emerge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Last minute social gatherings may this

week bring a unique attraction into your life. Romantic giddiness, lighthearted banter and common life goals



are all highlighted. Many Sagittarians will dramatically change their private

lives during the next five months. If so, expect marital status, family celebrations and sudden romantic proposals to be an ongoing theme. After midweek, closely study financial contracts or new property proposals. Detailed definitions may soon be needed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Home-operated businesses or private work agreements may soon bring a secondary, income source into your life. Creative career expansion should now be a top priority. During the next seven days, discuss new plans with loved



ones and ask for ongoing support. Later

week, romantic and social invitations will dramatically increase. Group events, home entertaining and unique hobbies are accented. Find time to experience new activities: you won't be disappointed.

quarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Physical vitality may be temporarily low over the next few days. Before Thursday minor aches, pains or irritations concerning the upper lungs,



sinuses may require attention. Don't delay:

throat

pampering the body will this week help dispel private anxieties and ongoing social fears. Friday through Sunday, share new plans and fresh ideas with loved ones. Group events will soon

bring added excitement. Expect close friends or relatives to leave painful memories in the past.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Sudden intuitions and first impressions will be accurate over the next few days. Romantic triangles, complex power struggles or ongoing group disputes may now be revealed to be privately motivated. After Wednesday someone



close may prosocial information. Trust your instincts and carefully con-

sider the past actions of a friend or work mate. After midweek, enjoy quiet moments with loved ones. Your continued affection and loyalty is needed.

# If your birthday is this week

Spend extra time with loved ones and romantic partners over the next eight weeks. Planetary alignments now suggest that key relationships may soon experience a brief but intense wave of restlessness. Minor disputes and sudden social changes can be mid-November. expected before Remain consistent and ask for detailed explanations. Loved ones may provide surprising revelations. Early in 2005 career expansion and business training will take top priority. Cancelled or postponed projects from approximately 13 months ago will resurface in early 2005. Check funding sources thoroughly quick decisions will bring dramatic work place or educational opportunities before June 23.

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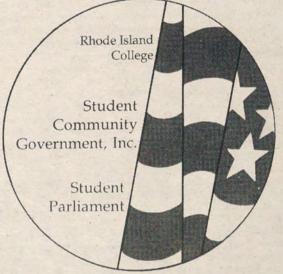
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# CLONE fom back

like SNK characters? Well then just download a simple program and you can substitute them with just about anybody. The other great thing about BOR, it's free. All you have to do is download the disk image, burn it to a CD and you can be pulverizing faceless thugs and wacky bosses in minutes, and since the game is so widely popular, many people have even started to put their modded versions on the net for all to enjoy. Don't have a Dreamcast? Well that's okay we forgive you, and you're in luck cause the game is also available for Xbox and PS2, but the DC version is the only one you can play without fooling with your system.

The only bad things I can say about BOR is that it is nothing original, and even though it's on a next gen system with way more power to fuel it, it still keeps the same one button fighting style that doesn't lend itself to much strategy. It's basically walk up to a baddie press the attack button a few times, repeat. And the graphics still look like an SNES game So while it's not better than the NES and Genesis classics it was modeled after, Beats is still a worth contender in the ring of side scrolling fight games, if you're a fan of the genre it's definitely a worthy investment of your time. And hey, it's free.

# OS fom back

inition is out of the way, the film goes onto talk about how Linux was created, and also how it went onto to become a contender to Microsoft's Windows OS. And to do that Moore focuses mainly on two people, Linus Torvalds, creator of the Linux Kernel (a Kernel is basically the heart of the OS) and Larry Augustin, one of the founders of VA Linux, one of the first companies to bring Linux based system to the masses. Those two, along with other authors and hackers talk about how the free software movement started, how they got into it, and ultimately how Linux was created and marketed.

Visually OS is nothing special, just an hour and a half of computer nerds sitting in front of and eye level camera talking into it. But musically, which is an aspect not often fully utilized in documentaries, Revolution manages to be interesting. Christopher Anderson-Bazzoli's score, while nothing spectacular, has an almost lighthearted magical feel to it. It's hard to describe, but I would equate it to the type of music used in National geographic travel shows, which might sound stupid and unappealing, but it's actually quite inventive and fresh. Also it's not the most in-depth analysis on the subject of computer OS's, but it does a pretty good job of summarizing two decades of info into 85 minutes of something that's watch able without being too long. It's just long to hold your interest without being boring.

If you're a techie, or someone who has a passing interest in the history of the computers and renegade programmers and what happens when they decide to rebel, Revolution OS may just be the thing to accompany you on a lazy Sunday afternoon when you've got no mind to worry.

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# The Origin of "The Trilogy"

By Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor



Very rarely does a movie come along that has such a strong impact that it changes the way most people think about themselves. Clerks, the 1994 release and first feature film for director Kevin Smith, is not one of those movies. No, what Clerks is, instead, is a 93 minute rant and rave about things that seem so random and unintelligible, that you may question why you bothered renting it in the first place. But, as with most things, all it takes is a little patience and the desire to give it a chance to make this film something more than it was intended to be.

Clerks, for those that have been off the planet for the last decade, has become one of the most beloved films for college students and those aspiring to make more of themselves. No, its not because of the catchy dialogue ( You know, there s a million fine looking women in the world, dude. But they don t all bring you lasagna at work. Most of em just cheat on you. -Silent Bob), humorous antics (Anyone up for some roof hockey?), or occasional necrophilia. No, what makes this film stand out among all others is the cheap budget, poor quality, and overall lack of professionalism associated with the project. I mean, after all, if this film could get made and become successful, what s stopping you, the next Scorsese, from going out and doing the same thing?

Clerks represents the American Dream at its greatest. Director Kevin Smith gambled with his life by putting this work of art on film. Without a major Hollywood budget, it was a large risk to make this movie, but that risk worked out in the best way for all involved.

Many of the cast members had never acted before (such as Jeff Anderson who played the now beloved Randal), and the movie was shot primarily at the same store in which Smith was working at the time. So, we ve gone through three paragraphs of this article and have yet to explain what this movie is about. Well, to fully describe Clerks, you have to witness it yourself. The outline of the plot is rather dull and fails to even touch the surface of what this movie is all about, but here goes nothing:

Dante Hicks is your average person working at a below average job that he can't stand but can t muster the strength to leave. Go figure. Just like everyone his age, he has to deal with a barrage of problems in his everyday life. He s got problems he has to deal with at work (I.E. He gets called in on his day off, the shutters won t open), he has problems he has to deal with in his social life (His true love is getting married, he s about to find out that his current girlfriend has just passed the 37 mark), and of course, he has to deal with people. People are the energy of this movie, and throughout the movie, we get to watch Dante deal with handfuls of people that deserve a good smack across the face. There s the Chewlie's gum representative that wants to start a riot, the caged animal masturbator, the guy who sits in the aisle looking for the perfect package of eggs, and of course, his best buddy Randal. Randal is everything that Dante is, except that he knows it, and doesn't care who doesn't like it. The movies essential concept is a look at a day in the life of Dante Hicks, and in a way, a day in the life of every average person. You get up, go to a crappy job, go to and do it all over again. But,

somehow, this movie managed to take that idea and run it into something worth so much more.

Clerks-10th Anniversary Collector's Series is a three DVD package that brings a much needed upgrade to the cut and dry one previously on the market. This edition offers the hardcore fan so much more to think about and analyze endlessly with their other Smith-addicted friends and is surely going to be the talk of the DVD market when it hits shelves this Tuesday. Not only does this release add an extra ten minutes of footage (including an alternate ending!!), it also gives you enough documentaries, commentaries and extras to keep yourself entertained for many hours. Simply put, this is the definitive Kevin Smith DVD to the definitive Kevin Smith movie.

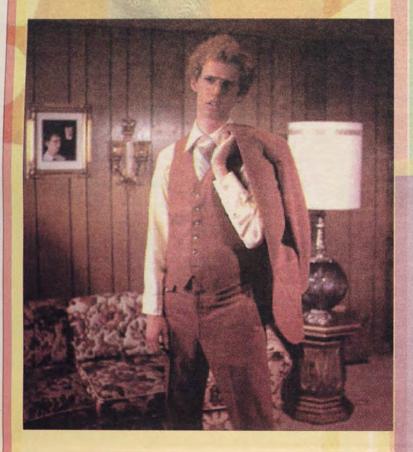
Fans of the Jersey Trilogy (the nickname for Smith's first films) can now reflect back to where it all started in style. No more needlessly sitting around discussing the rumors of what was meant in a certain scene, or talking about what else used to be in the film. This DVD will answer every question and solve every mystery related to the foundation of the trilogy. Yet, while it extensively answers all questions that the hardcorest of fans might have, it is not so deep that new members are not welcome. In the end, Clerks is a movie that all can relate to. As the tagline says, Just because they serve you doesn't mean they like you, and anyone who has sat through that crappy job or dealt with that idiotic person in their life can rejoice now that this DVD edition has taken this movie to a level that it has, for so long, deserved to be

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"It's Dy-na-mite", Napoleon Conquers the Land

By: Holly Andrade Anchor Editor



# Penguins with Red Hats

The Linux OS Movement

By: Scott Pacheco Anchor Staff

On a list of "Most Boring Things to Do", watching a documentary about a computer operating system is probably near the top for most people. Now tell them that it's about an OS they've probably haven't heard of, never mind used, and the task will most likely go into the "Shit I will Never Do" list, if it even gets on a list at all. But, thanks to a film—

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maker named J.T.S Moore and his documentary Revolution OS you might his actually want to sit through 85 minutes of video tech support. OS chronicles the rise of the GNU free software and open source move-ments, and how they ultimately contributed to the creation of the biggest little known Os, Linux

The film starts out by explaining how Linux came about, and to do that the viewer gets a brief history lesson on GNU, an open source program that was created with the intent of being a free OS, but lacked finishing touches, and free software and open source. The two terms (free software and open source) are essentially

software that's not of charge, but free of trictions

owner can change the program code how they see fit, and distribute the program to anyone legally. To simplify it; if you had an open source computer game, after buying the initial program you could make any changes you see fit to it, then give it away to a many people as you wanted, all without the troubles of being hunted down as a software ite. Richard Stallman, the creator of GNU (GNU's Not Unix) free software

lescribed it as a way to allow people re and communicate with each other instead of being reclusive. After that defsee OS on page 17

I m sure you remember that one guy back in high school that was always the biggest dork but tried his hardest to be cool and fit in, that is Napoleon Dynamite. Napoleon Dynamite is about a teen, Napoleon, trying to deal with his crazy life at home and help his one friend, Pedro (Efren Ramirez) try and beat out the stuck-up girl for student body president. One thing that makes this movie so funny is the dialogue and the characterizations. The movie is one that I think

everyone would enjoy.

Napoleon (Jon Heder) lives with his Grandmother (Sandy Martin) and his jobless 30 year old brother Kip (Aaron Ruell). Kip likes to spend his time on the computer in chat rooms looking for love. We hear Kip talking about his girlfriend, Lafawnduh (Shondrella Avery) that he met online, at first you think that he must (Shondrella Avery) that he met online, at first you think that he must lying but later you realize that he s not when she comes for a visit. I can't say anything more that would give too much away. Their grandmother goes on vacation with her friends and gets their Uncle Rico (Jon Gries) to come and stay with them, while on her vacation she ends up in the hospital after an auto accident. At home Napoleon wants nothing to do with his uncle and his money making schemes so Uncle Rico enlists the help of Kip. He thinks that his uncle is there to ruin his life. At school he meets Pedro and they become friends at the same time he also starts to fall for Deb (Tina Majorino).

When I saw this movie I first thought to myself, this is the When I saw this movie I first thought to myself, this is the weirdest movie that I have ever seen. In the first scene you see Napoleon waiting for bus and he's wearing snow boots. And I just thought what in the world is he thinking. It was made clear that Napoleon was definitely not in the popular crowd, that there was something unique about him. He's an exaggerated characterization of every nerd in every high school. One thing that is interesting about this movie is the absence of fowl language and the phases that he uses in place of swears. A couple of my favorite ones that he uses are

gawd and freaking idiot

Napoleon Dynamite is just one of those movies that you really have to see. I went into Napoleon Dynamite with a group of friends not knowing anything about it, and obviously I liked it or else you would not be reading this. If you re one of those people that likes funny, lighthearted and very witty movies then this is the movie for you. If this appeals to you I suggest that you get to your local movie house and see it before it leaves the theatres for good and then you Il have to wait for the DVD.

# I Think I'm A Clone Now

Beats of Rage copies from the best

By: Scott Pacheco Anchor Staff

From the shadow of games like Double Dragon and Final Fight comes a fan made Dreamcast title named Beats of Rage. Borrowing heavily from the tiles above along with other games in the beat em' up genre like Streets of Rage and River City Ransom, BOR is basically level after level of side scrolling beat em' up fun. You start of by selecting one of three popular SNK characters to control Mandy, Max of Kula of King of Fighters fame. From then on you're dropped in level after level fighting street thugs and stage bosses.

As far as game concepts go, it nothing new, but it's the little differences that set BOR apart from the rest. For one unlike Streets of Rage, the characters are bigger filling up more of the screen a la Final Fight, and the levels that heavily resemble SOR, are better simple because of the fact that they look better due to

the newer system hardware the game is on. The music in some levels also resembles tracks in SOR, but remixed, and even the original techno style music made for the game is pretty decent sounding and fits the whole cyberpunk atmosphere the game has perfectly. But the best thing about BOR is its moddibility. Don't

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