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Free Speech Controversy rocks RIC

Zdenko Juskuv Anchor Editor

Recent events at Rhode Island College have brought up the issue of free speech. The College has had to ask itself what constitutes free speech. When do words and opinions go beyond what is protected by the First Amendment and become something that needs to be punished? How can an atmosphere of free expression exist without violating the rights of others? What role does the school play in addressing grievances?

Dr. Lisa Church, a tenured Professor of Accounting, has been accused of contributing to a hostile work environment. Friday was the deadline for Dr. Church to meet with Rhode Island officials about her handling of an incident that has been much in the news in recent days. At the present the school is doing "fact finding" as it tries to determine what exactly has happened.

What is known so far is that last February 19, a mother in RIC cooperative Pre-school engaged in private conversation with two mothers over the topic of welfare. Over the course of the conversation some remarks were made that offended the mother who has brought com-

plaints against Dr. Church. The other mothers attempted to apologize later, but the mother decided to make a complaint to Dr.

sentatives, Dr. Church suggested a mediation session and sensitivity training for the staff to resolve what she saw as a private argu-



As the coordinator of the preschool, Dr. Church was in charge of the school program. She was made responsible for a conversation that, as several sources testify, she was not present at. According to her reprement. She did not, at any point, use any offensive language, nor did she condone it.

Nonetheless, the mother took the complaint further and Dr. Church has been accused of violating RIC's Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action policy. She has been accused of "discrimination" for failing to punish the other mothers. April 30, Associate Dean for Student Life Scott Kane informed Professor Church that the offended mother had filed a complaint with the Affirmative Action Office.

Dr. Church is being represented by Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). In an open letter to Dr. Nazarian they stated, "The speech that Dr. Church refused to punish is as protected as is the expression of each of RIC's faculty members, and the defense of the right to free speech should never justify administra-tive investigations." The foundation has said that it is "appalled" by the actions taken by RIC.

The teacher's union has taken a stand on the issue as well, stating in a letter that, "Like many other members of the College Community, the Union is appalled that this issue has gotten this far." They go on to say that the "College should have sup-ported Dr. Church and her efforts

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RIC Student helps to get out the Vote

Brett Broesder

Anchor Contributor

Rhode Island's Democratic Secretary of State Matt Brown is pushing for young people to show up at the polls this November. On September 2, 2004 people from across the state showed up at the State House to show support for the Secretary's new voting initiative sporting red, white and blue t-shirts and lining up on the steps in the rotunda in the same color scheme as that of our American Flag. Matt Brown spoke to the people in attendance about the importance of voting along with seven others. These seven speakers included Rhode Island College's student government secretary

Brown is attempting to increase the voter turnout in the state of Rhode Island in both the primary (September 14, 2004) and national (November 2, 2004) elections. In the year 2000, according to the Providence Journal, 61.3% of registered voters appeared at the polls to cast their votes in the general election. In the 2000 election, The Democratic Candidate Al Gore won with over 60% of Rhode Island voters casting ballots in his favor. This bodes well for the current Democratic Candidate, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry.

The plan in which the secretary is putting into place in hopes of getting these young voters to come running to the polls, according to The Providence Journal contains: "An outreach campaign that will offer information on how and where to register to vote...and make available a toll free information line, (877) GO2-Vote", "A

simplified registration and and e-mail soldiers reminders to troops overseas", "A 'First Voters' ini-

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Sesquicentennial: a resounding success.

Zdenko Juskuv **Anchor Editor**

On June 20, 2004 the Sesquicentennial Jubilee was held on the State House lawn. In attendance at such a prominent location were such important figures as Governor Carcieri and his wife Ms. Donald L. Carcieri, as well as senators, representatives, commissioners, and other important members of the community. It marked the end of something that, as Ms. Hoogasian, the Director of the Annual Fund at the Alumni Association and a member of the Public Relations subcommittee, put it, "Brought us out of the shadows and into the sun."

To signify the significance of the Sesquicentennial, Ms. Nolin, the Sesquicentennial Coordinator, describes it, "What I remember distinctly is that people didn't have an opinion of the college. There wasn't recognition of the college. The push was to make the public aware of the institution...it's the oldest [Higher education] institution in the state." Never before in the history of Rhode Island College has there been a period of time where such a concerted, high profile effort has been made to raise awareness and funding for the school.

The lack of awareness is striking because of the important role that RIC plays in Rhode Island. Nearly 85% of RIC graduates stay

in the state. This makes RIC an integral part of the community and quite possibly its most vital eco-

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In need of SOS?

By: Kate Ricci Anchor Contributor

Older? Feeling awkward about starting the whole "college thing" again? Sick of dealing with all the typical college aged kids who think they know everything? Sounds like you're in need of a little SOS.

Over 20 years ago, SOS was born because older students were feeling overwhelmed by the younger, more dominant crowd. "You have the older students that are more serious about their studies," says SOS Dawn Dyer. president, "They're paying their own way and want a place where they can feel safe, and not so out of place." So SOS was established.

SOS functions almost like a family. They offer a variety of interesting and useful services to their members including things like an emergency contact system (which is very useful when you don't have a cell phone), a lending library, and two computers for school use.

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SOS headquarters are located on the top floor of the Student Union building. Their first meeting will be held on September 29. You can call for more information at extension

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RIC chosen as site of Presidential Debate

Rhode Island College is partnering with the National Commission on Presidential Debates to dents in emergency situations. For more inform old an open forum to analyze the Bush/Kerry tion call (401) 456 8086

debate on Thursday, September 30, in the Student Union Ballroom, beginning with a town hall meeting at 8 p.m., followed by viewing of the debate and the open discussion.

For more information, contact Valerie Endress (401) 456-4781, or Kay Israel at (401) 456-8648. The event is free and open to the public.

Orientation Meetings for Student Teachers

There will be two orientation meetings for all student teachers for Fall 2005.

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nomic engine.

The Sesquicentennial should not be seen as something unto itself. It is in many ways part of a broader effort by RIC to reviitself. Sesquicentennial set other things in motion that will continue." It coincided with the capital campaign which has, for the first time in RIC history, to raise \$25 million. Ms. Nolin describes it as, "The Sesquicentennial piggybacked on the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign was RIC's first attempt at raising a large amount of dollars. The Sesquicentennial was the celebration."

At its onset there were those who doubted the success of the campaign. As Ms. Hoogasian put it, "When we did a feasibility study, it revealed that it was probably not the best time to start. But we felt it was really

necessary."

Despite negative predictions, the Capital Campaign has been a resounding success. To date, \$24.4 million in pledges will come in over the next 5 years from alumni, businesses, friends of the college, and former faculty. The money will be used for a variety of purposes, including scholarships, depending on if there were any stipulations attached to the pledges by the donors.

Recently the Class of 2004 has pledged to raise \$150, 000. Patricia Nolin says, "We want to promote philanthropy with our young students...that's why we are thrilled with the Class of 2004." The class of 1954 has given RIC \$130,000 even though it has less than 100 graduates.

Now that the Sesquicentennial is over and the Capital Campaign has almost

achieved its goal, RIC is looking at new fundraising ventures. With plans to create a brick walkway to connect the east and west campus, Alumni, friends, and students will be able to buy a brick for \$300. The "Walkway into the Future" will be kicked off on Home coming. Henry Barnard Alumni will be able to buy portions of the fence being built around the building for \$500. RIC Athletics will soon be having its 75th anniversary. In 2008, RIC will celebrate 50 years on Mount Pleasant.

The Sesquicentennial may be over, but the generous support for RIC by the community and the awareness of the important role RIC plays in Rhode Island will last longer than any money raising campaign or anniversary celebration could.

If anyone wishes to give to RIC, they can do so online at http://www.ric.edu/givetoric.

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tiative aimed at college students and new citizens, including the provision of registration forms and voting reminders on campus", and "A 'Youth Vote!' initiative, including the 'Civics 101' high school curriculum, expanding from two to seven schools this year." \

The secretary ended his speech and was followed by four other speakers before the Rhode Island College Secretary of Student Community Government Dave Cranshaw took the floor and addressed the press, "It is an honor to be here today to help the Secretary of State and his office kick-off a

new initiative for student voting." Cranshaw's speech helped solidify the "Get out and Vote" message that was the basis for this initiative with lines such as, "Voting is our most powerful opportunity to ensure our voice is heard loud and clear. One of the strongest statements a person can make is at the polls" and "It is important for students to understand that a majority of the key issues will affect us in some way either now or in the future. By voting, we can protect the present and guarantee the future

A plug for the college was also made in saying, "Rhode

Island College has been and will continue to be essential in voter education and increasing political awareness. By offering opportunities through different classes, various trips, and a multitude of independent studies, RIC students have come to understand the importance our voice can have in politics."

Cranshaw's speech ended with, "In closing I encourage everyone to get out and vote on Election Day. Unified and strong, the voice of students can have a profound impact on our country. Thank You."

RIC's Overnight Parking Policy Modified

Forrester Safford Anchor Editor

Last Spring, members of the RIC Student Community Government Inc. (SCG) started a petition drive after receiving numerous complaints concerning the college's policy for overnight parking. At the time, the curfew for cars to be removed from certain parking lots that are not reserved for dorm students was 12 a.m. This was deemed a problem by students because some events held at RIC go later then 12 a.m., and some students work on projects later then the set time as well.

The petition, signed by RIC students was turned over to President Nazarian last spring by former SCG Vice President Michael Philbin. On August 30th, SCG's current president, Paul Pereira, received a letter from President Nazarian, stating that the he had taken the request of a change to the parking curfew under consideration and had decided to grant the request.

"After discussing this matter with the members of the Administration and with you and other members of Student Community Government, I am pleased to grant that request...Further, I commend Student Community Government for handling the matter in a most professional manner," wrote President Nazarian in his letter to SCG President Pereira.

Attached to the letter, was the newly revised RIC Policy on Overnight Parking. It is as follows:

lows:
"Parking on the Rhode
Island College campus is prohibited from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.
except in the following locations:

Parking Lot L (behind the residence halls)

Dorm Lane (East of the Residence halls) 6th Avenue – South of

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Parking Lot M adjacent to
Browne Hall

Cars parked in any other locations during those hours are subject to parking tickets for illegal parking. Under certain circumstances exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Director of Security a n d Safety or his/her designee."

Former SCG VP Michael Philbin, when made aware of the recent parking curfew, said, "It couldn't have been done without the help and hard work of all SCG members." Philbin went on to say that "It's possible for the Administration and student body to have an effective relationship."

SCG President Paul Pereria, during a phone interview said, "I am very happy with the outcome and how the situation was resolved. It shows the ability of the students working together on a topic can produce a positive outcome. I thank Dr. Nazarian for having an open mind in listening to our concerns."

With the new school year at its infancy, the present relationship between student leaders and RIC's Administration shows that this can prove to be a very promising and fulfilling year.

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to resolve this matter construc-

An explanation for the college's stance can be found in a letter written by Gerald A. Reynolds, The Assistant Secretary for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the U.S. department of Education who stated in a letter they released, "OCR's regulations are not intended to restrict the exercise of any expressive activities protected under the U.S. Constitution. OCR has consistently maintained that the statutes that it enforces are intended to protect students from insidious discrimination, not to regulate the content of speech.'

The letter goes on further to explain that, "Some Colleges and universities have interpreted OCR's prohibition of 'harassment' as encompassing all offensive speech regarding sex, disability, race or other classifications. Harassment, however, to be prohibited by the statutes within OCR's jurisdiction, must

include something beyond the mere expression of views, words, symbols or thoughts that some person finds offensive."

Members of the RIC administration have refused to comment on the case. In a response to a FIRE letter the College has stated that the School is obligated to investigate this claim and any other claim made by a student. RIC has tried to remain neutral on the matter. So far no charges have been filed nor have disciplinary measures been taken.

The whole matter has

The whole matter has generated a storm of controversy and created a lot of publicity, most of it negative, for the school. An article and editorial appeared in the Providence Journal. As the case develops and if the School decides to stick by the procedure outlined in its Affirmative Action plan, Dr. Church may have to face a private hearing. But to date such actions have not been arranged.



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SPORTS

FEATURED GAME of the WEEK

Men's Soccer

To briefly recap last year: RIC's Men's Soccer program finished the 2003 season with an 11-9 overall record but lost to top-seeded Roger Williams, 4-3 in the postseason. This year, the Anchormen set their sites on not only a division championship, but even a little more. They are at home against a tough rival in M.I.T. The 2003 Tech team went 17-3-1 and beat RIC 4-2 early last season. The Anchormen look to avenge that loss and start things off right in 2004.

Mass. Inst. of Technology Rhode Island College +September 11th, 1:00PM+

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The U.S. Men's Basketball Team: Misrepresented and Misunderstood

By Eric Young

Anchor Contributor Is winter here already? No, I m not talking about the weath-

er forecast. I m talking about the chilling responses directed the U.S. Men s Basketball Team. We should appreciate the efforts this team

made just to win the Bronze Medal, given how poorly constructed this team was put together. From the get go, Team USA was doomed for failure, put in a nowin situation. Our minds were already made up. If they win the Gold, they were supposed to. Anything else, and there would be hell

to pay. Each player selected to play in this Summer s Olympics was chosen with a specific Marketing. Olympic Selecting Committee chose players based on name recognition. Selling jerseys and promoting the game worldwide seemed be the Committee s agenda. Winning basketball games for this

Olympic team almost seemed an afterthought. International rules encourage outside shooting, good ball movement, and team play. These attributes, coincidently, hap-pened to be Team USAs three biggest weaknesses.

But let's also give credit where credit is due. Argentina, Italy, and Lithuania may not have the individual stars like Team USA, but they have players who fill their roles and as a result function as a cohesive unit. We sometimes also fail to realize that the International teams we play every four years prepare for this

one event. And over this four year period they acclimate themselves to their roles and develop team chemistry. Team USA had two weeks to prepare for this event. Two Weeks !? What type of team chemistry was this team, or any other team for that matter, supposed to develop in two of playing time led Denver Nugget star Carmelo Anthony and powerful Suns forward Amare Stoudmire to question their motivation and clash with head coach Larry Brown. Their actions rubbed many people in the States the wrong way. Labels were suddenly being attached to this team quicker

than you can say Manu Ginobili. They were being called arrogant selfish and even overrated. You get the picture. But let's not forget that half of Team USAs roster isn t even old enough to drink. Their poor display of professionalism can merely be attributed to acting out of frustra-

My sugges-tion for future Olympics is to select more States-United born players who currently currently play overseas. Former U.S.collegiate stars Trajan Langdon, Edney, and Ed Cota have International game experience as well as NBA

importantly, all of them graduated from college so we wouldn't have to worry about maturity determining their behavior and the outcome of the games. Given the proper time to play together and gel, I m sure these players along with the help of a few others can satisfy our appetite for a Gold Medal and restore some dignity and represent this country proudly. It's all about the game and not about the name, the U.S. Olympic Salastin Committee obviously forgot that.

Photo Courtesy of the Associated Press and Michael



Bill Belichick, head coach of your two-time Super Bowl champion Patriots, always, always, always stresses prepara-tion first and foremost to his players and the results for his teams speak for themselves. Even furthermore, as a student, would you expect to ace an exam when you really didn't prepare for it? Then why did we expect Team USA to bring home the Gold when they weren't sufficiently prepared

Losing three games to inferior talent brought out the immaturity in some of our players. Lack

UPCOMING GAMES

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. 9th-at Nichols College 4:00 PM Sept. 12th- at Salem State College 1:00 PM Sept 14th-Western Connecticut 4:00 PM

Men's Soccer

Sept. 8th- Rivier College 4:00 PM Sept. 11th- Mass. Inst. of Technology 1:00 PM Sept 14th- J.W.U. 4:00 PM

Women's Soccer Sept. 7th- at Roger Williams 4:00 PM

Sept. 11th- at U.S. Coast Guard Academy Sept 14th- at J.W.U. 7:00 PM

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Sept. 11 at U.S.C.G. Academy 9:30 AM Sept 15th-Worcester Polytechnic (200 PM) Sept 17th-Little East Round Robin 7:00 PM

+++NEWS+++ Rhode Island College sophomores Nic Rossi and Scott Westcott will captain the men's soccer team for the 2004 season. Rossi, a midfielder, played in 17 games as a rookie in 2003. He had one goal and four assists. Westcott, a defenseman, played in 13 games. Head Coach John Mello's team will open the season at Clark University on Saturday Sept. 4. RIC will face Rivier College in the squad's home opener on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m.

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Anchorwomen Back for Seconds

By Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor

It's so hard to accomplish your goals in the sports world. You can try to win all your games, or have a perfect home record, but most times, that's not possible. Unfortunately, as you play against competitors who are equally as talented and ready to win as you are, you can't always win. One of the hardest goals to accomplish in sports is winning a championship. You have to go through all the other teams, and do it well enough to be called the best. Rhode Island College's Women's Tennis team accomplished that goal last fall as they hoisted the 2003

Little East
Championship. And
now, if that wasn't
enough, they are setting their expectations even higher and
shooting for something even more difficult: Repeating.

Not everything was rosy for these ladies in their title run, however. Right from the start of the season, they had to battle extreme adversity, player attitudes, and not to mention some incredible talent that didn't

care about their inner struggles. Coach Kelly Chartier sums it up best. "The start of the season was rough. We had some controversy with one of the players on the team. She quit after our first match. She decided to come back, but we had lost against Bryant College, which was a great Division two team. We played Salve and we should've beaten salve, but with everybody moving all over the place, I think it was frustrating for me and frustrating for the team. We lost against salve. After that, we started to do very well. I think this year, starting out, we're better than last year as far as the team is concerned. We're really bonding. Everybody is working hard together. Nobody is complaining about anything. They get along very well with each other. I think this year we're of to a better start and it should show in the end."

In one of their first games of the year last season, RIC got beaten badly by Salve Regina. They lost 7-2, and things didn't look they were getting off to a good start. Luckily, they turned it around. To make matters even sweeter for the team, they finally got their revenge. This past Saturday, the anchorwomen played a very close match against this difficult salve team, but came away with a victory 5-4. Leading the way were the anchorwomen's doubles teams. Newcomers Kseniya Gurvich and Audrey Davis led the way by dominating their opponents 8-4. The win offset the surprising defeat of RIC's one-two doubles punch of team captains Liz Barrette and Meghan Mooney. Virtually indestructible last season, Barrette tasted rare defeat at the hands of

an 8-6 doubles loss. But, don't get the wrong idea. Right from the beginning of the season, she made it perfectly clear. Individual accomplishments mean nothing to her. She is on this team to win as a team, and though she may lose sometimes, the overall performance of the anchorwomen is what matters most.

"I don't look at records. I just want to be happy with the way that I play, and not come off the court with regrets. Even if I lose and play well, that ok with me. I'd rather lose and play well than have the team lose. I just want to keep down my unforced errors this season and have some



fun. The girls are so great, every body is getting along really well...We'd love to repeat, of course. Hopefully, we just go out and have a good time and win. We want to have a winning season, maybe we can even win the little east again. That would be our next goal, winning the whole thing. That would be really great, especially for Meghan, it's her senior year and two wins in a row for her would be really great."

Last year's Little East title came as a surprise to many around the league, but not to those who have followed RIC tennis. The team went 11-5 overall, but undefeated in their conference. Then a sophomore, team co-captain Barrette went a remarkable 12-5 at number one singles, and 13-4 at number one doubles. Her partner, Meghan Mooney did pretty well herself. She was 12-5 in number three singles, and 12-4 at number one doubles. Mooney is in her final year at RIC, and would like to go out in style. "Last year, we were pretty strong. We played really good we did really well in the little east. Even though only a couple of us took home single awards, we won the whole thing by making it through the finals. It just pays to keep going and not pretty strong. It would be nice to have another championship. But, I just want to stay healthy. I've had to miss a few games last year, and I just want to do my best this time. I want to be consistent, work on my ground shots and my net game, and hopefully, I'll have a successful year.

The RIC tennis season did not end with that trophy, however. Unlike many teams that pack

it in for the winter, coach Chartier wouldn't let her girls rest on their morals. If judging by the way they came out and performed this past Saturday, it was a good philosophy. "I think we have a great chance to win the little east again. We're ready to win it again. I know a lot of people are very excited and we want to be champions once again. I think that we'll have a very good season. The teams we play are competitive and there won't be any easy matches. Every match will force us to go out there and play hard to win. I expect us to have a better record than last year. I want to be a champion again. I sent them a

> letter out in the spring with my expectations. I expected them to play in some kind of tennis league, and do a couple of tournaments in the summer. I wanted them to play with other players on the team, to work on thing like sprints. An average tennis match is 2-3 miles of running; they needed to be in shape. I expected them to do cardio workouts, foot drills, and I give them a lot of ideas that they can work on. I expect-

ed them to come into practice ready."

They came into practice ready, that's for sure. In their first game of the season, they took it to a battle tested Salve team, and refused to give in when they could have easily settled for an early season loss. With the match on the line, and the anchorwomen having lost on the first three courts, sophomore Audrey Davis stepped it up. Losing the first set 6-4, Davis hung around and pulled out a 7-5 second set win, and closed it out by taking the last round 6-3 as the crowd chanted her on. The four spot could have gone either way, and another key role player stepped it up when asked to for this Rhode Island College squad,

But, that's just the way it's been for these anchorwomen. With the pressure on, they have performed at high levels. As they continue their quest back to the top of the mountain, many stand in their way. But, with the experience gained from being so relentless, the future looks bright as they try to make it two in a row. When asked what makes this team so successful, Barrette was hard pressed to really put her finger on it. "I couldn't tell you. It takes lots of practice. We're very much a team. Everyone comes and practices. When we have to run, we do it. Everyone does what they have to do. They don't fool around. I think it's just that a lot of people want to play, and they like to play. I guess that's what has made us successful in the past." And, by the looks of it, things aren't going to change anytime

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As The Temperatures Cool Down, The Wild Card Heats Up



By Chris Peralta

Anchor Contributor

Ahhh, September. When I think of September, I think of football, the end of summer, and most importantly, the MLB's wild card race. This year, a total of eight teams are battling for two playoff spots. But what the hell? Which team wouldn't want to be in that race? The last two World Series were won by wild-card teams. (The Angels did it in 2002, the Marlins accomplished it last year). All eight teams deserve to go to the playoffs, but as the season ends, this is the time for them to show the rest of the league what they truly have. Without a doubt, the wild-card will go down to the wire and we will have to wait and see what happens. Just to break it down for you, I've provided an analysis of each of the wild-card con-

> American League: The Boston Red Sox-



Currently atop the AL wild card standings, the Red Sox are the hottest team in the major league right now. With a nine game winning as of this writing, and coming off victories in 21 of their last 25 games, the Sox are on fire. The team has quite possibly the best onetwo punches in baseball. On the offensive side, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz are really starting to come alive. And, of course, they have possibly the two most reliable pitchers in the game: Pedro and Schilling. The Sox are showing no signs of slowing down. If they continue this way, it will be hard for any of the other AL teams to catch them.

The Anaheim Angels-2002 World Champions seem to be losing focus, but don't count these guys out quite yet. Despite recently being swept by the BoSox, they remain a close four and a half games back in the standings. But if they expect to overcome this deficit, they're going to have to rely on MVP candidate Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Guillen. Guerrero is batting .331, has 28 homers and 102 RBIs thus far in the year. Guillen has put together an impressive year with a .300 batting average, 26 long balls, and 101 RBIS. These two guys are

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PRESS RELEASE

Chamberland, Wojciechowski, and Nix to Captain Women's Volleyball

By Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Rhode Island College juniors Sara Chamberland (Coventry, RI), Stephanie Wojciechowski (North Kingstown, RI) and Kristy Nix (East Setauket, NY) will captain the women's volleyball team for the 2004 season.

Chamberland played in 115 games in 30 matches as a libero in 2003. She had 33 kills (0.287/game), a .104 hitting percentage, 15 assists (0.130/game), 11 service aces (0.096/game), 281 digs (2.443/game), and nine blocks (0.078/game). Chamberland's 281 digs last year were a school record for a single season. She is a psychology major and a 2002 graduate of Coventry High School.

Wojciechowski, an out-side hitter, played in 109 games in 28 matches last sea-

son. She had 97 kills (0.890/game), a .166 hitting percentage, 34 assists percentage, 34 assists (0.312/game), 51 service aces (0.468/game), 248 digs (2.275/game) and nine blocks (0.083/game). She is a psychology major and a 2001 graduate of North Kingstown High School.

Nix, an outside hitter, played in 98 games in 25 matches last season. She had 199 kills (2.031/game), a .202 hitting percentage, 37 service aces (0.378/game), 63 digs (0.643/game), and 23 blocks (0.235/game). She is a business management major and a graduate of Melville High School.

Coach Head Letourneau's squad will open the season at the Springfield College Invitational on Sept. 3-4. The home opener will be held on Wednesday Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. when Anchorwomen host WPI.

Unfortunately for Lesnar, The NFL is Real

By: Michael A. Romano Anchor Staff

Well, another school year is underway and yours truly has returned for another exciting run. I m sure that the month of September will bring a bunch of surprises to the table, especially since the NFL regular season starts in a few days. We ve also got some great pennant races that are beginning to heat up. But, for this week, I m going to discuss something regarding what should be deemed America's National

Pastime -football; Minnesota Vikings in particular, and their recent links to a certain pro wrestler.

Now, I bet everyone s thinking, Who cares about the Vikings OR pro wrestling? In a sense, I feel the same way. Who cares about the Vikings? They re in the Na ve (National) Football Conference. Yet, it s rather difficult to ignore the fact that the Vikes are one of the teams in the NFL's spotlight this year. It s not because they ve got a better shot at the playoffs. It s not about Randy Moss and the fact that he can burn just about any cornerback in the league. It's about the story

of a hometown boy who decided to leave behind his passion and try to make a name for himself in the NFL, only to have his dreams shattered -at least for this year.

Brock Lesnar was one of the most dominant athletes in WWE Wrestling (World Entertainment). The company signed the 2-time NCAA wrestling champion in 1999, but talent executives determined that, with a few years of training elsewhere, Lesnar would become a huge name in the business. Nicknamed The Next Big Thing, Lesnar lived up to expectations. He became the top fan favorite as months passed, amazing fans with his seemingly superhuman strength unmatched stamina. However, things began to change. The creative team chose to cater to the needs of another superstar, and prompted the Heavyweight Champion to make an announcement to his peers: He was leaving wrestling. The news quickly spread to the internet and speculation began. Apparently, there were a number of reasons why Lesnar decided to leave. He was unhappy with the creative team, he was having financial problems, he hated ing travel schedule, and most importantly, he decided that this was a better time than any to pursue his dream of becoming an NFL star. Fans were unhappy, chanting You sold out! towards Lesnar. But, he wouldn t let it get to him. He was invited to numerous training camps around the league and was offered tryouts

from various teams. Ultimately,

he wanted to join the Minnesota Vikings, his hometown team. After impressing some scouts, multiple sources, including the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and ESPN, reported that Brock Lesnar had signed a developmental deal with the Vikings for the NFL league-minimum salary of \$230,000 (Had he signed with the practice squad, his salary would have been about \$85,000). The only requirement Lesnar needed to meet: Make the final

effort and passion is more important than anything else. I m just here to prove myself, Lesnar said in a previous interview. One thing is that I ve got to play hard every play and make some plays to really establish myself. That's just how it is. It's no different if I was doing anything else. That's just me. His hard work began to pay off. During the fourth quarter of the Vikings first preseason game, Lesnar played nose-tackle and made his first-ever NFL tackle. The crowd

gave a standing ovation to their hometown hero, and he spoke to the St. Paul Pioneer press after the Vikings defeated the Arizona Cardinals, Lesnar was still a long shot to make the roster, since there wouldn t be too much depth at that position.

On August 30, 2004, reality set in. ESPN reported that Brock Lesnar was cut from the Minnesota Vikings. All of his hard work, his dedication, and his hopes were cut However, there was good news and bad news. The bad news was that he wouldn t get to play a real game for the Minnesota Vikings this year. The good news was that he still had an opportunity to make the practice squad or possibly travel across the Atlantic

and play for NFL Europe. Brock is committed to this long-term, said Ed Hitchcock, Brock Lesnar s agent. He s realistic about what it takes to develop. There are players who ve played this game all their lives who take a couple of years to develop [in

Reports have said that Lesnar has chosen another venue to focus on -Canada. Even though the CFL (Canadian Football League) is a little bit different from the NFL, the premise is generally the same. With that said, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers are apparently negotiating with Lesnar. Other reports are saying that he still has his heart set on playing in the NFL or NFL Europe, but at this point, any-thing is possible. Currently, everything is up in the air for Brock Lesnar. He s unemployed, his possible football career is in question, and he has stated on numerous occasions that returning to wrestling would be a long shot. He has made the decision, and either way, he ll have to live with the consequences. Yet, when I think of Brock Lesnar, I think of a man with a lot of character. I have to give him all the credit in the world for sticking to his guns and hoping to someday live out his dream. Whether or not his dream becomes reality require us to wait and see. Either way, The Next Big Thing is moving on to the next big part of

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Wild Card

going to have to pick up the slack of the Angel's pitching staff if Anaheim wants to sneak their way into October baseball.

The Texas Rangers-Without question, this is the most explosive offense in baseball. They have 10 players with at least ten homeruns, and three players who have belted over twenty five. Even with a much improved pitching staff, I don't believe the Rangers have the heart and drive to overtake this playoff spot. Right now, they're six games back and for such a young ball club, that's too big a deficit. Even if they don't get into postseason play this year, with the roster they currently have, next year is going to be a good one for those fans of Texas.

National League:

The Chicago Cubs-With the "Cubbies", so many things come to mind. The curse of the Bill Goat, "Swinging" Sammy Sosa, and now you can add wildcard contender to that list. With Wood and Prior finally pitching up to their potential, it should be a

lock that Chicago returns to the playoffs this year.

The San Diego Padres-New ballpark, new players, new attitude? The padres are on the rise due in large part to the great young pitchers they have. Jake Peary and Adam Eaton have been working like a charm, and this team is only two games back. It's going to be interesting to see how these guys finish up. But either way, the 2004 season has been a step in the right direction for this young ball

The Florida Marlins- A week ago, these former champs were completely out of the playoff picture. But lately, they've both been extremely hot. The Marlins have been playing blue collar baseball by scoring runs and getting quality starts from their pitchers. The National League wildcard spot is up in the air as all three teams fight for the right to go on. But if experience counts for anything, you can't count these guys out. They know what it takes to win, and that is a huge advantage when the pressure is

My predictions: Boston takes the American League Spot, the Marlins return to the postseason.



On paper, he looked like he would be a star in the NFL. For a man who weighed nearly 300 pounds, he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.75 seconds. To boot, he

wanted to become a Defensive Tackle -imagine a lineman with that speed! His tip-top shape from wrestling and his physical style allowed him to keep up with most of the other second-string players. However, second best wouldn t be good enough; he still had more to prove to his teammates, his coaches, and the NFL. Lesnar hadn t played football since high school, so he knew that turning up the volume on his gameplay was the only option towards getting that spot on the 53-man roster. In a scrimmage against the just that. After making a tackle in

Kansas City Chiefs, Lesnar did a running drill, he did not take too kindly to some late contact from Chiefs Guard Jonathan Ingram. The two were in a brief scuffle, and Lesnar was applauded by teammates for displaying his tenacity on the field. Head Coach Mike Tice voiced his surprise regarding how the 2-time NCAA Champion surpassed the expectations of some. He has actually progressed faster than we thought he would. He's still lost a little bit at times, but he s certainly not going to back down from anybody. Even in his days with the WWE, Lesnar has always been a competitive person that gives nothing less than 100 percent. When asked about that same desire on the gridiron, he responded that playing with

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THE FACTOR

Joshua Factor Anchor Staff

It has become fairly common understanding that the media, while having somewhat of a bipartisan view point, will invariably not report the news without some opinion. An eye witness, when recalling a story will be sure to explain most clearly those things that relate to his own belief structure. Hence, no observer of any event can be said to be completely bipartisan when reporting the news. It is with serious concern that one realizes the media covers the stories which defend their positions with more vivacity than those that contradict

While both stories may be covered, one receives less exposure or less enthusiasm and is subject to under or over estimation by the reporter. If the entire media were to reserve the luxury of continuity of opinion there would be unlimited maneuverability in the selection of content. This is why the greatest event to happen in recent media history is the Fox News phenomenon; a phenomenon that upset the balance that had been so long cherished by the media. While the rest of the media world leans to the left, Fox News takes an opposite stance. This is healthy for the media environment. It involves competition, making more news stations come closer to the center to battle for ratings. It is unfortunate of course, that the film industry has yet to find this balance and persons like Michael Moore are able to induce a heavy dose of the propaganda machine, which goes sadly unopposed.

The concern in balancing the mass media is an extremely important topic, considering it is primarily the only way the average American receives the news. If an American is unable to have access to both view points they are ill informed. Therefore I raise the question: Why are Rhode Island College residents denied in their right to see both sides of the coin? Why don't we have the Fox News station in the dorms at Rhode Island College? We have CNN, C-SPAN, and CNN2 but what about Fox News?

Fox News is the most watched network on television but we don't get it? Because of the new balance in mass media, most stations are closer to the center. But we all know that Fox News leans right and the rest swing left. Why should we get only one option? The truth in any story has just as much to do with what you say as how you say it.

The Book Business

By: Anita Israelyan Anchor Contributor

As RIC students, most of us share the common goal as a RIC student: an education. Some think college is an opportunity to get laid, while others do like Van Wilder and hitch on to the ten-year-plan. On that note, it's the beginning of the Fall 2004 semester as you all know. Finding a parking spot after 7:30 am is almost as easy as finding 20 bucks on the ground. Getting an appointment with your advisor, well lets just say it's easier to get one with Dr. Phil at a sooner date. Basically, the first two weeks are a bitch.

I don't know about the rest of you but I worked hard and partied harder all summer. The money I made supported my social life, which I've discovered is an extremely expensive one. I pretty much evened out, not really making much, but not really losing much either. So just like the rest of RIC, I dreaded the first day of classes, to see the intricately worded syllabus, and the list of books that I have to buy. It's deceiving, because three books could be listed for that class, and you are having panic attacks, but they turn out to be small \$20 books. On the other hand, one book could be listed, and you think you're off the hook until you discover its price is in the three digits.

Professors will be honest every now and then and tell you its going to cost an arm, and a leg, and then some. But some other professors that don't tell you, probably have secret cameras up in the bookstore to see your mortified reaction when you look at the price. Which makes me wonder why, if they insist that these books are exactly the "tools you need for the class", then why are they always skipping chapters and claiming that the authors point isn't exactly something that they agree with? Ok, so write your OWN book (and charge much less for our sake), this way if the author doesn't know what he/she is talking about...well, I think we know

So anyway, if you are a little low on money, here are some tips for what you can do to help get you through the semester.

1. Ask: Ask your Professor how much the book(s) are if he/she hasn't told you already. Do this ASAP, this way you have sufficient time to figure out your game plan. Ask if its a brand new edition or if used copies may be available. Most importantly, ask which books aren't necessarily going to be used in the course just yet, you can always buy those down the line.

2. Used: Bad word to describe a person, good word to describe

what kind of books you should get. If a book is used, it will most likely have a few dents and tears here and there. Some used books haven't even been opened (surprise, surprise). The off campus bookstore as well as the RIC bookstore sell used copies of books that you need, but get them fast they fly off the shelves. They tend to be about 25% cheaper then a new copy. The words are still there!

3. Buddy system: No, this isn't swim class I'm referring to, but if you are one of those that has a conjoined twin, a best friend, or boy friend that you HAVE to take every class with, split on the book. Just make sure the other person is reliable. This definitely works for those of you that live on campus.

4. Photocopy: If you need to get books because you're temporarily broke and just started a new job, photocopy the first 1 or 2 chapters, this way you get all of your reading done. You don't have to worry about the bookstore running out of books, if they are short one, they will order it.

5. Get a job!: Check the job listings at the job center in Craig Lee (first door on your right as soon as you walk in from the Quad). They are looking for people for all sorts of positions on campus, and if you are broke with free time, I'm sure it could help you out as well.

By: Forrester G. Safford Anchor Editor

I'm young. To be more precise, I'm 22 years old. I was born in the early 1980's, but really grew up in the 90's. During my "growing up years" we were "blessed to have Presidents Bush I, Clinton and now, Bush II. During the administrations of Bush I, Clinton and presently, Bush II, I can't really recall any emotionally moving, politically motivated speeches. Before Wednesday, September 1st 2004, in order for me to really get my feel for a great political speech, I would have to go back and read transcripts or watch video clips of speeches of President Ronald Reagan, Lincoln, or any other president

Things have now changed. No longer do I have to go back and look at speeches almost, or extremely older then me. Senator Miller, (D-GA), who is not seeking re-election this fall, gave what I believe to be the best political speech within the last 16 years. To top it off, this

Senator Miller – A Man With Principles

Senator, who was a key note speaker at the Democratic National Convention in 1992 when former President William Clinton, said this speech at the Republican National Convention. That's right, a man who supported a Bush being kicked out of office, is now supporting a Bush's quest to stay in office.

Now, why was this speech so great? It was great for several reasons. It was passionate, heartfelt, stern, reminiscing and humorous. Watching this conservative democratic senator stand for what he believes in and up to the people who have ruined his party (Carter, Edward Kennedy and Kerry) really sent chills down my spine. In his speech he conveyed his belief of how the far left wing of the Democrat party has been wrong time and time again.

Although he said that they aren't unpatriotic, they are not good judges of important matters. "It is not their patriotism - it is their judgment that has been so sorely lacking. They claimed Carter's pacifism would lead to peace. They were wrong. They claimed Reagan's

defense buildup would lead to war. They were wrong." Senator Miller went onto say partway into his speech, "No pair has been more wrong, more loudly, more often, than the two Senators from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy and John Kerry. Together, Kennedy/Kerry have opposed the very weapons system that won the Cold War and that is now winning the War on Terror."

Senator Miller also pointed out other ways the Democratic Party has changed in recent years past, "Time after time in our history, in the face of great danger, Democrats and Republicans worked together to ensure that freedom would not ter, but not today. Motivated more by partisan politics than by national security, today's Democratic leaders see America as an occupier, not a liberator." How true that is! During times of war, even during an election season, bipartisanship can exist, and it has in the past. In fact, according to Senator Miller during his speech, the GOP Presidential candidate in 1940, Wendell Wilkie did so even when he was running against

President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Wilkie supported President Roosevelt so a "critical peace time draft" could be made. That took courage. That took principles.

Today, the party of the Ass, (and it's a fitting name in some sense of the word), is a party of, (please excuse the cliché), flip floppers. When the USA PATRIOT Act was first enacted, it was lauded by people like Senator Biden (D-DE) who during a debate on the now controversial Act said "the FBI could get a wiretap to investigate the mafia, but they could not get one to investigate terrorists. To put it bluntly, that was crazy! What's good for me mob should be good for terror ists." Now he has changed his mind, and I am guessing that it's not due to it being duck season, or even rabbit season for that matter. No, sadly, this is political season and these bleeding hearts will do anything to get a member of their party in the oval office. They will even change their mind a time or two...or three or four. There is no honor in that.

Probably the most poignant moment in Senator Miller's speech

occurred after he read off a list of about 10 military devices that Senator Kerry, in all his wisdom, voted against building. Senator Miller said, very sternly, "This is the man who wants to be the Commander in Chief of our U.S. Armed Forces? U.S. forces armed with what, spitballs?" Go Zell!

Now of course, Senator Miller is being attacked for being a "traitor," that's right a former USMC is a traitor for believing in a party that once produced greats such as FDR, Truman and JFK (that's John F. Kennedy, not John F. Kerry). He is also being referred to as "Mad as Hell Zell". Well, wouldn't you be? I mean come on, anyone with half a brain cell up in their cranium should be able to see how much the Democratic Party has changed. John Kenn slap his brother upside the head if he were still with us today.

Senator Miller is ticked that the party that he has devoted his whole political life to has changed so radically, for the worse. Hopefully, the GOP will learn from the Democratic Party's mistake, and stay right of center.

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An Open Letter to the President

September 3, 2004

An Open Letter to President John Nazarian and Rhode Island College

Dear President Nazarian and the Rhode Island College Community:

Today marks the deadline for Professor Lisa Church to meet with Rhode Island College officials about her handling of an incident that has been much in the news in recent days. As you know, Dr. Church refused a request to punish two mothers for offensive remarks they allegedly made at RIC's cooperative preschool. The offended person, a student and mother at RIC, charged Dr. Church with "discrimination" for her failure to punish the people who allegedly made the remarks. Despite Dr. Church's reasonable attempts to handle the offended person's concerns and the clarity of the constitutional rights she

upheld, the college is moving ahead with proceedings against her-proceedings that President Nazarian has acknowledged could result in punishment.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has addressed RIC's arguments for proceeding against Dr. Church in two detailed letters available online at http://www.thefire.org http://www.thefire.org/. In RIC's response to our first letter, President Nazarian wrote that the college is obligated to investigate this claim and any other claim made by a student. RIC has no more obligation to investigate this claim than it would to investigate an accusation that a professor having pro-union beliefs has engaged in "harassment" against students around him for merely possessing those beliefs. The speech that Dr. Church refused to punish is as protected as is the expression of each of RIC's faculty members, and the defense of the right to free speech should never justify administrative investigations.

There is nothing here to investigate. Dr. Church uttered no offensive words, took no discriminatory action, and upheld her legal duties under the Constitution of the United States with care and integrity. Her actions spared the college serious legal liability and probable public ridicule. By continuing its investigation into her actions, RIC

pits itself squarely against the Bill of Rights.

President Nazarian, today you have the opportunity to undo an injustice that has plagued a loyal member of the RIC community for far too long. Please end the investigation of Professor Lisa Church. Dr. Church has been steadfast in her defense of our basic freedoms. She understands that the refusal to punish speech does not signify the endorsement of what is said. She has shown faith in the "marketplace of ideas" as the appropriate place to deal with offensive opinions and in the ability of open discussions to succeed where threats of punishment fail. We ask RIC to show a similar faith in these principles and to end this unfair, unjust, and unconstitutional inquiry into a professor's defense of our common liberties. It is our deepest hope that RIC will do the right thing by vindicating the rights of Dr. Church, and thereby the rights of all students and faculty members of Rhode Island College.

We hope to hear the administration's decision by 5 p.m. today.

Sincerely,

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education

The Look

By: Liz Halloway

Anchor Contributor

What's new for fall fashion? All the top selling fashion magazines are showing that classics are back. So pack up all those super-short minis and cheerleader inspired skirts, put away your low-cut tops and tanks (sorry boys), and stock up on the new "cover up" look. Demure is back.

Menswear is making a huge appearance, but on the women's runway. Collared shirts, tailored pants suits and skirts, blazers and tweed are all over the place. Not to be left out, the ladylike look is also back. Silk and chiffon shirts are being mixed with some unlikely pieces including jeans and combined with menswear to give it a softer look.

Seems to me that this season it's all about mixing and matching themes. So get creative with your closets and mix up those jeans with a funky tee and a blazer get some menswear inspired shoes and add a cute brooch, perfect. A concert tee mixed with a pencil skirt and a pair of track shoes, add a huge cocktail ring and walk out on the town (or in our case the quad).

So for those of you wondering where I get off telling you how to dress here is my fashion background. Brace yourselves. Those with weak stomachs and the faint of heart should not continue to read this article. Okay, I warned you.

I subscribe to W, Vogue, In-Style, Elle and Cosmo. I read them all cover to cover every month. I own 35 pairs of shoes, over 20 pocketbooks, over 50 shirts, 12 skirts, and over 25 pairs of pants. My underwear drawer is bursting open from the amount of undergarments that I have acquired. And yet everyday when I wake up I have nothing to wear. So on the weekends I go out and I buy more. Now while I do buy most of my things at a bargain prices, I do own some designer things.

My friends joke that S-A-L-E are my favorite letters (though my buddy Josh claims that they are his, but in a slightly different order A-L-E-S) I just can't seem to get enough clothes and accessories. I do know enough to stop. buying when my funds get low or I am in a bad mood (though shopping is better than any drug I have heard of). I suggest shopping the sales racks everywhere. Also outlet shopping is good. Wrentham Premium Outlets in Massachusetts recently added on a Versace outlet (cheapest thing I saw was still over \$1,000 so I walked out quickly before I fell in love with anything). Along with Versace it features Saks Fifth Ave, The Gap, Banana Republic, DKNY, Calvin Klein and more. My guy friends all think I am insane for shopping as much as I do. My friend Tim is the exception to this. He may love shopping more than I do. Though he is a self-proclaimed "label whore," I recently introduced him to TJMaxx (my absolute favorite store). Here shoppers can find everything from recent Express clothing, to designer wears. TJMaxx and Marshall's (a sister store) both carry Max Studio, Ann Klein, Calvin Klein, BCBG, Hype and many more top names. I recommend these stores, if for nothing else, their shoe and pocketbook departments.

Now that we all know what to wear, here are some hints for those who want to keep up on their looks this year. Watch out for cracks in the sidewalk when walking to class, if one of your stiletto heels gets stuck in the dirt it's a long and horribly embarrassing fall to the ground, and trust me no one will help you up. Uggs are back this fall, I recommend waterproofing them. Timberland or any sporting goods store sells this product. And while you are at it Scotch guard those pocketbooks. The last thing you want is a wet wool purse. Matching everything doesn't always work best. Try pink and red, purple and anything instead of black with black and more black. Mix up the styles too. Just because you are wearing jeans doesn't mean that you have to limit yourself to a tshirt and sneakers. Get out those pumps and a sparkly top. Most important have fun. If it is too big of a hassle to get dressed then it probably isn't the right thing for you to obsess about. Find a

Gone Fitchin'

By: Michael Milton Anchor Contributor

I just transferred to RIC. For the past two years, I have been in Cleve-land, Ohio doing an AmeriCorps program. First off, let me tell you that Drew Carey lied, Cleve-land does not, in fact, rock. Personally, I think the whole middle of the country is a joke; if your not touching water, why bother (I also dislike California, though I do watch *The OC*).

I've noticed the majority of students here have some sort of cell phone dependency. It's like a drug; going to and from class people seem to be constantly on their cell phones. Who are these people talking to? Are their phone companions on campus, at home, or do they even exist at all? I wonder. At first, I felt upset that my friends were at work and could not talk to me constantly throughout the day. Then I started to realize, that people here must be very lonely. They talk to their cell phones because they are afraid to talk to someone walking close by to them (note: I realize this is a huge leap of faith, just go with it). How can I help to put an end to this, I asked myself. How can I help these people not go over their daytime minutes?

I meet up every Thursday afternoon at Max's Upstairs' on Thayer Street (excellent happy hour deals) with a group of friends. We discussed a few ways to help the RIC campus become more friendly. We decided that the key to making friends is just being yourself. But if that doesn't work, here are a few techniques that you can use:

Squirt guns. Technically it still is summer. You can definitely tell by the length of skirts around campus. Squirt guns are a surefire way to make new friends. Think about it. With the insanely hot weather we're having, who doesn't want to get squirted. It's fun for everyone. The person gets cooled off, and you look like a hero. What could possibly go wrong with this?

Campaign Stickers. With the election coming up, everyone has gone politics crazy. I'm sure you can make some great campaign related stickers; maybe a heart around the ever fun loving Bush twins, or a shot of Alexandra Kerry from the Cannes Film Festival, whatever knocks your socks off. To make friends put the stickers on the back of unsuspecting people. It'll be a good laugh. Everyone will realize how much you care about voter turnout and you'll make friends instantaneously.

The Invisible Dog. Though popular about 10 years ago, it's time to bring this fad back. Everyone will want to pet your dog "Pepper." And if they don't, they are not the type of friends that you would want anyway.

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How would you improve the parking situation at RIC?

Becky Arruda Freshman Communications

"I would have commuters pay a fee of two dollars or either have a car pooling system."





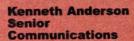
Carolyn Plauss Freshman Communications

"I'm not really sure, hopefully there is some extra space around campus where they could build another lot, which would help a great deal."



Kristina Lenanis Sophomore Psychology

"...Buy the golf course and add more buildings and a great deal of parking. How about a parking garage?"



"To my knowledge, we should get rid of the soccer field behind the residence halls, so residents can park there, while the commuters can park everywhere else, and also residents should be able to park in front of Sweet Hall."



Rose Paola Senior English/Psychology

"I know they cleared a couple of lots, but they need to clear more. I know there is space behind and to the side of Browne Hall. What they need is an engineer or an architect."





Becky Zahn Senior Nursing

"It's not up to students to figure out how to rectify, it's up to the president and whoever else is in charge to come up with new ideas."



Aaron Bruce Faculty Unity Center Director

"This is assuming that there is a problem with parking. Over the summer they just expanded a number of lots and hopefully that helped the situation at hand, but that is a great step in the right direction."

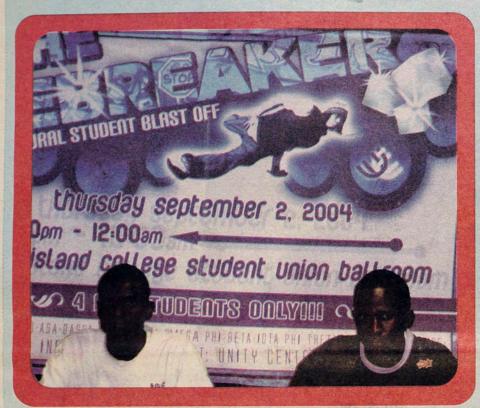
Matthew Reading Freshman Film Studies

"I don't know, I don't drive here, but I would wait for futuristic hover cars, so no one has to park."



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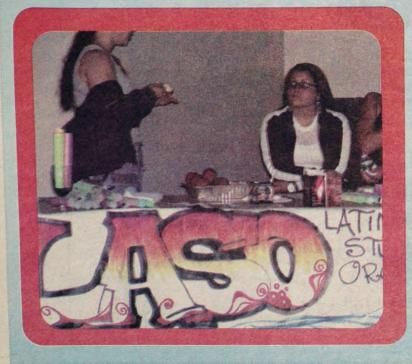


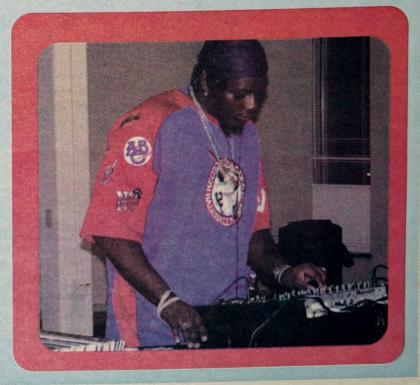










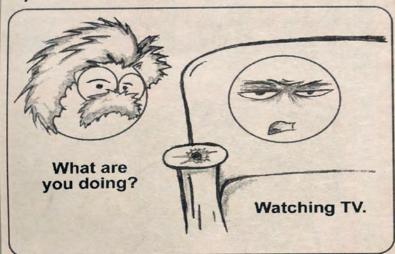


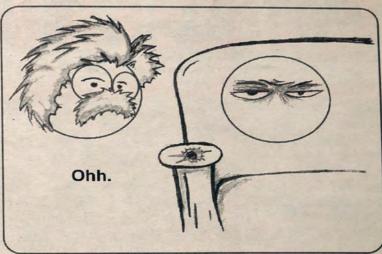
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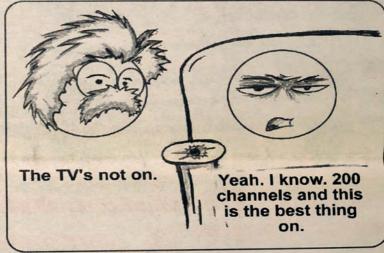
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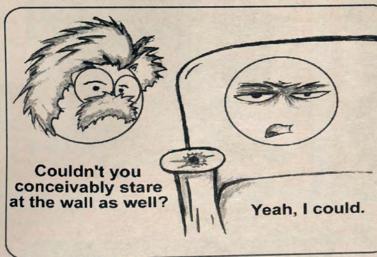
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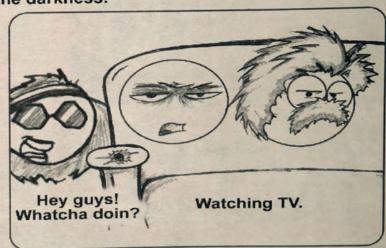






But I think that the black tv speaks to me. The possiblity of life is there, but there's no point. There's shit on, shit off, and no purpose to it all. Just like me. So I stare into the darkness and it becomes part of me. It's safe. It protects me and it never lies to me. Life is dark, I might as well embrace the darkness.





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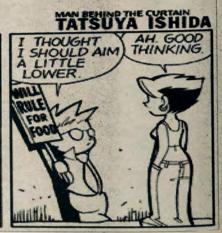












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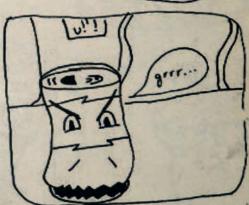




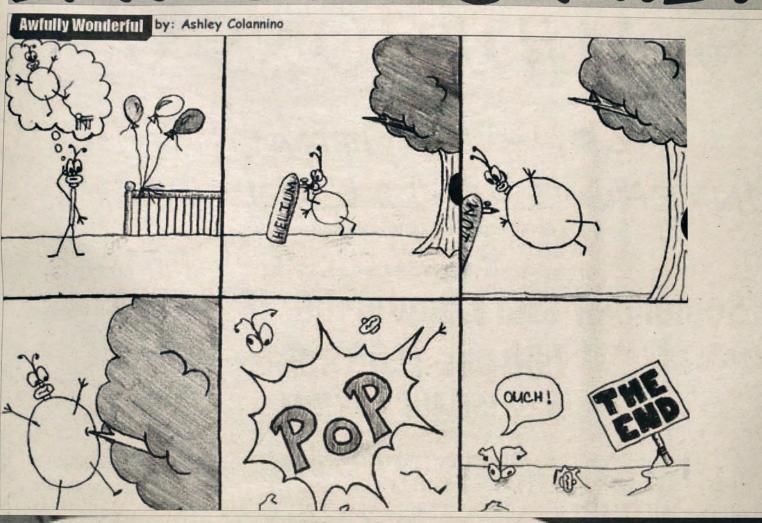








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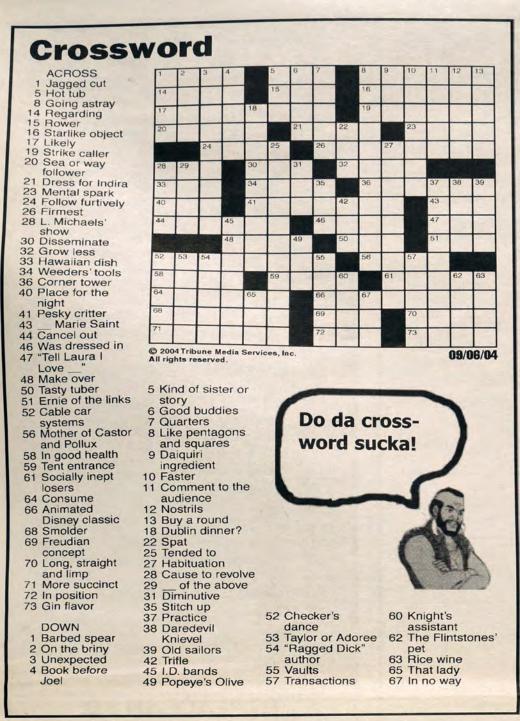
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Aries (March 21-April 20) Late Monday, loved ones may present ideas for home improvement or relocation. Long-term housing agreements will work to your advantage during the next five weeks, but ask for final details and make meaningful decisions. After Thursday,



security and financial resources are also on the

rise. Pay special attention to written promises made about two months ago; renewed contracts and payment increases are accented. Late Sunday romance is delightful: offer sincere invitations

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Romantic relationships will now begin a brief but intense phase of emotional negotiations. Areas strongly affected are family obligations, home planning and shared daily duties. Before midweek, single Taureans can expect a



steady wave of intriguing but poorly defined flirta-

tions. Be patient in the coming weeks, as long-term intentions will become obvious. Late Saturday, a trusted friend may propose unique travel plans. Promises, however, are unreliable, so expect sudden reversals.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Listen closely to your own first impressions during the three days: before



Thursday. Geminis born after 1972 will learn unusual social or busi-

information fast tracks to success, private romantic proposals and rare social alliances may be involved. Don't hesitate to join controversial dis-

cussions; your observations are valid. Later this week, family relations may be temporarily strained by financial negotiations or revised home routines. Stay balanced, because tempers may be

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Reputation is now a strong concern. Before midweek, pay special attention



to new work place instructions or last minute demands from authority fig-

ures. Key officials will soon rely heavily on your group management skills. Remain dedicated to equality and fair play and colleagues will respond positively to your direction. After Saturday, social and romantic relationships need to be redefined. Ask loved ones for clear indications of their feelings; your expectations are valid.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Ageappropriate relationships or unexpected invitations may be compelling dur-



ing the next few days. Leos will now experience a brief

but intense social triangle. Avoid public commitment and minor romantic jealousies, if possible, as emotional reactions are now unpredictable. Thursday through Sunday, business decisions will not work to your advantage. Authority figures may cancel key projects or reassign duties. Don't hesitate to show enthusiasm.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Loved ones may soon provide a rare glimpse into their private values or long-term expectations. Areas affected are group identity, emotional insecurities and repeated family patterns.

Silently gather new insights. After Tuesday, subtle revelations may reveal



future social or romantic through

Sunday also highlight career negotiations, new assignments and unusual workplace triangles. Co-workers will offer criticism: remain dedicated to short-term goals.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Long-term relationships may be disrupted this week by misinformation or



bold comments. After Tuesday, expect close

friends to express strong opinions. Romantic promises and daily loyalties may be at issue. Over the next two weeks, group expectations and private obligations will be confusing. Avoid quick decisions, if possible, and wait for clarity. On Friday through Sunday, home relationships may also be affected. If so, examine outdated promises; past ideals will prove vital.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial decisions may require caution during the next nine days. After Monday, expect family members to



introduce revised plans or new budgets. Security

agreements will eventually work to your advantage. At present, however, serious discussions will provide only vague details. Go slow. Later this week, a close friend may wish to explore an unusual romantic relationship. Social triangles, distant travel or complex family dynamics may be involved. Wait for new information.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec.

21) Early this week, quick mood swings and fast social revelations may require diplomacy. After Monday, a



previously reluctant friend or lover will offer their participation, sup-

approval. Clearly outline all options before asking for new commitments private doubts may still be keenly felt. Thursday through Sunday, work place advancement may be temporarily delayed. Corporate funding, loans or legal permissions will demand further negotiation. Don't avoid verbal dis-

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Sensuality is now a strong influence in all key relationships. Early this week, potential lovers and long-term friends



may actively seek physical affirmation. Love affairs, sudden pro-

posals and social decisions are highlighted. After midweek, private attractions will no longer remain hidden: stay alert. Wednesday through Sunday, older relatives or close friends may be unusually silent or withdrawn. Don't confront: loved ones need extra time to resolve personal family issues.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Someone close may soon wish to become more actively involved in your personal life.

midweek, a long-term colleague or



tic encounand ters social commitments will work best. Remain quietly detached and avoid serious discussions or complex family triangles, if possible. After

Brief roman-

trusted friend may announce a controversial decision. Relocation, home expansion or fast romantic commitments may be accented. Try to remain cheerful, since passions are high.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Minor joint pain, back strain or muscle spasms may be bothersome during the next four days. Deeper issues of emotional security or family support are an



underlying Respond quickly to all emerging memories,

as this is a powerful time for newfound wisdom. Later this week, loved ones may expect bold public statements and valid romantic promises. Stay open to uniquely creative home decisions: at present, a key relationship may need to evolve to a new level of trust.

If your birthday is this week

Key officials will postpone longterm projects, challenge ongoing assignments or revise job titles during the next few weeks. Career promises made five to six months ago will soon need to be renegotiated. If progress is not made by late October, seek new employment coming weeks, bosses and managers will slowly reveal their long-term agendas. December through mid-February also highlight dramatic romantic changes and newly explored passion. In early 2005, key relationships will expand. Watch for loved ones to push for added commitments. new family planning or bold public promises. Finalize all decisions by early March: powerful emotional choices will soon be necessary.

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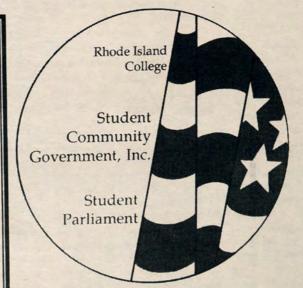
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PROBOT from back

Napalm Death's Lee Dorian that even your sister might steal. Evenly structured and lyrically rock-savvy songs like Shake Your Blood (feat. Lemmy of Motorhead) and Big Sky (feat. Tom G. Warrior of Celtic Frost) turn Grohl s drumming wizardry and song writing prowess into an album of incessant rock magic. In Shake Your Blood,

Lemmy leaves no doubt that Probot means business: Looking for relief in your miserable life, you need some rock and roll and you better get it right, got to roll them bones, do everything they say, if you re cool, you re the fool, make it work everyday. Rock out, make it quick, my, my, my, let it rip, rock out, feeling good, break your heart. Shake your blood. Lemmy s attitude supplies the Motorhead-like track with a simple yet subtle message: deliver us from evil or respect the chaos that is metal history. Conversely, given the album s kick-ass homage to Grohl s early youth heros such as Motorhead, DRI, Sepultura and Voivod much of the album can be just as easily lost in the metal contingency that once was the late 80s and early 90s grunge/thrash rock movements, as it can be exalted. Grohl plays all the instruments on Probot, and for the most part he does them well.

But David Grohl s tribute to metal shows more evidence that its just that; a tribute and not a dissertation or lecture on how it should be played or written. Dictatorsaurus, featuring Voivod's Snake, is where Grohl s songwriting competence wanes - on this track and as with the case with most of the album s 2nd half, Snake s legendary performance carries the otherwise slow moving, almost 4minute tirade of what could easily be a Foo Fighters sin-

Utilizing thrash vocal leg-ends such as Snake, Lemmy, Wino, Max Cavalera and Kurt Brecht, Grohl sets forth a CD where all involved put in some great performances, yet the performances are more akin to an actor s working with a bad script - they shine in places that otherwise lack the luster of a true metal virtuoso [Grohl]. David Grohls lack of metal originality prompts us accept the novelty of this album over the nuance. In the end Probot strings together a very likeable disc of enough metal riffs and punk heroes even your mother would love — so go ahead and turn it up to 11, the rock gods will thank you for it.

PPAC from back

behalf of the theatre's board, staff, and patrons, we thank the Development Economic Administration for this generous grant and we deeply appreciate Senator Chafee s work on behalf of the theater. While all of the renovation projects are important, the addition of the elevator will help make the theatre more fully ADA-compliant. The elevator will make balconies accessible to physicallychallenged individuals for the first time in the Theatre s histo-

PPAC President, J.L. Lynn Singleton said, We appreciate the foresight of the EDA and Senator Chafee in recognizing and supporting ongoing improvements at this theater as an investment in Rhode Island. The renovations to enhance building safety and patron comfort and access benefit everyone; in turn, significant activity at PPAC generates jobs and revenue streams which favorably impact the state. We extend our appreciation to the EDA and Senator Chafee.

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MONTY from back

play the shows. This year, Lyman School Punk Fans. What was brought in some great bands. Such bands were Bad Religion, Bouncing Souls, Yellowcard, Anti-Flag, Avenged Sevenfold, Letter Kills and many more. On average, 50 or so bands play at each of the Warped Tour dates. The line-up changes as Bands are added and dropped going across the country.

This year was one of the better shows. You would see many Pop-Punk Fans. Then you come across the Hardcore or Old

overwhelming was the number of Monty's Fan Club fans at Warped Tour this year. I first saw MFC at last years Warped Tour on the Ernie Ball Stage. They entered a Battle of the Bands, which they eventually won. By winning the Battle of the Bands, it scored them a show out in California. After that, it was the 2004 Vans Warped Tour. What should have been only 5 Dates turned out to be an AMAZING 22 Dates!

After talking to the guys from Monty's Fan Club, I was informed that it was a very grueling tour, yet they had a ton of fun. They also stated that it was one of the better tours that they ever had done. They met new people, made new friends, and rocked out all over the United States and parts of Canada with some of their favorite bands. Be sure to keep an eye out for Monty s Fan Club in the future or check out their site at http://www.montysfanclub.com



ORIENTATION MEETING FOR **FALL 2005** STUDENT TEACHING

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FLASHBACK SEQUENCE

Who's that masked man?

By: Amanda Machado

Anchor Contributor

Have you ever been so in love with someone that you'd want to die if they left you? Maybe not, but that's what happens in the beginning of Don Juan Demarco, a movie starring Johnny Depp (yay!) and Marlon Brando. Brando plays Dr. Jack Mickler, a psychiatrist who is called to the scene when Johnny Depp is found on the roof of a building demanding a duel to the death with someone named Del Flores. He's wearing a mask and has a sword too. Once Mickler talks the guy down by pretending to be Del Flores' uncle, Don Octavio, he learns that "Don Juan" wants to die in a sword fight with Del Flores because the only woman who mattered rejected him. Obviously, this guy will need a psychiatrist, and Mickler manages to get the case even though he's about to retire.

Next, follows many meetings between Don Juan and Mickler, whom Don Juan keeps calling "Don Octavio". Mickler has only ten days to convince the other psychiatrists that Don Juan isn't crazy, and failure means that Don Juan will have to go on medication. Don Juan tells the story of his life (as he believes it) how he is born in Mexico and was very wise about women even as a child. He tells about how he seduced his religion teacher, Dona Julia, and how Dona Julia's angry husband accused Don Juan's mother of adultery and killed Don Juan's father in a duel. Don Juan says these things are his reason for wearing his mask, which he has vowed never to

When he's not in a session with Don Juan, Mickler tries to find out about Don Juan's real past. He ends up taking a visit to Don Juan's grandmother in Queens, and this sets up some confusion for the audience. Is he really Don Juan, or just a kid from Queens called John Demarco who dressed up as Don Juan to try to get a magazine model to love him? The answer's really not as simple as it seems, as you will see if you watch the movie.

During his search, Mickler changes as a person. Don Juan is always telling him about how to appreciate woman and about great romances, which makes Mickler pay more attention to his wife at home. The more Mickler listens to Don Juan, the more he and his wife become like newlyweds again instead of an old married couple in a rut. So, love and romance are the real themes of the movie.

All in all, I'd give Don Juan Demarco a 6 out of 10. The plot was okay (just a little boring), but the parts about Don Juan's life were pretty good, and the message was good, too. Let's not forget that it has hottie Johnny Depp with a Spanish accent – major points for that!

PRESS RELEASE

in Grant Money Arts Center Gets a Rise from Donation

Providence R.I. — U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development David A. Sampson and U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee presented an Economic Development Administration (EDA) investment check of \$1 million to help with the ongoing renovation of the Providence Performing Arts Center today at noon in the Theater's grand lobby.

This investment is expected to spur more than \$28 million in private investments, creating more than 100 jobs and providing a positive impact in the city s downtown, business and retail district.

The Commerce Department is pleased to partner with the people of Rhode Island and set a stage for investment and innovation through economic development grants like these, said Assistant Secretary Sampson, President Bush is committed to working with local communities to grow the economy, create jobs, and encourage investments in local areas.

I recognize that PPAC is a historic and nationally renowned performing arts venue that has brought tremendous pleasure to thousands of Rhode Islanders. Therefore, I am committed to working with PPAC to secure a federal Economic Development Administration grant to enhance the building, Said Senator Lincoln Chafee, I believe this funding is important because a vital PPAC provides a great anchor for the continuing revitalization of activity and arts in downtown Providence. In accordance with the Economic Development Administration's mission of promoting innovation and sustained economic growth, this major grant delivered to PPAC shows support for the importance of the arts and culture in Rhode Island.

Joseph W. Walsh, Chairman of the PPAC Board of Trustees said, We are pleased that Assistant Secretary Sampson is here today to make this special presentation in person. On

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Probot (Southern Lord 2004)

By E.J. McCurdy

Anchor Contributor

Some years ago, long before any record company had signed them, Dave Grohl (formerly of Nirvana and founding member of the Foo Fighters) was inking songs for a surprise album that would shake the rock world to its very knees. Grohl s intent was simple — write metal songs for metal s sake — in this case it meant precision and power and on Probot s self titled LP we have both. Recorded in between tour dates with the Foo Fighters, Grohl set out to record some basic metal tracks he d stockpiled while touring, before Foo Fighter shows Grohl would listen to Sepultura s Reign in Blood track to get himself sweaty and ready to rock out and soon after Grohl realized he had to get back to his punk/thrash roots, or risk an old fashioned identity crisis of pop proportions.

Armed with a notebook of songs aimed to serve his punk and thrash heroes justice and a FedEx bill that would have choked your average subur-

ban alterna-chick, Grohl turned in a visceral version of what money and fame can do given enough time — Probot's self titled metallic and skater punk album features vocal cameos by Cronos, Lemmy, DRI vocalist Kurt Brecht and

see PROBOT on page 17



Monty's Fan Club Gets Warped This Year



By: Christopher Makolandra Anchor Contributor

It was another great summer and most of us know what that meant, the Vans Warped Tour was coming back to New England! This year, it fell upon the Gillette Stadium Parking Lot in Foxboro, Massachusetts. Kids of all ages went to this Festival, now in its Tenth Year. The date for Foxboro was Thursday, August 19th, which was officially the LAST DAY of Vans Warped Tour. The Parking Lots and Entrance Gate filled up fast. While scanning over the crowds, you notice Punk Rockers of all sizes, see MONTY on shapes, colors, and genders.

Kevin Lyman, the father of Vans Warped Tour works hard each year to get great bands to page 17