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Campus Police Log

By: Mike Raposa
Anchor Contributor

8/31/04

Two separate accidents, both accidents involved motorists maneuvering their vehicle and hitting parked car
A good Samaritan turns in wallet to Campus Police with all its contents

9/1/04

Vehicle accident

9/3/04

Lost property reported to Campus Police
Vehicle accident

9/5/04

A good Samaritan tracks down owner of lost wallet and returns wallet with all its contents
Vandalism to a vehicle (Fender Bender)

9/6/04

Theft from vehicle, over \$500 in goods taken

9/7/04

Vehicle accident/property damage
A good Samaritan finds cell phone and turns it in to Campus Police

9/8/04

Theft from vehicle, under \$500 in goods taken
Two separate vehicular accidents

9/9/04

Lost cell phone reported to Campus Police

9/11/04

Theft of ladies handbag from gym

9/12/04

Vehicle accident

It is an individual's responsibility to secure his or her items. It may seem that the thief likes your items more than you do and always finds a way to steal them. This cannot be helped; you can only do your best to secure your items and not leave them laying around for people to have access.

Everyone on campus feels that the raceway is on campus, not in Seekonk, MA. Please use caution and safety when driving on campus.

Debate Watch a Resounding Success

By: Zdenko Juskuv
Anchor Editor

September 30 is a day that will be remembered as the first of what promises to be a set of momentous debates between President Bush and Senator Kerry. Over eight hundred RIC students, faculty, members of the Rhode Island community, and civic leaders will remember it as a time when history was made in a different way: when people, young and old, Black, Asian, Hispanic, and white, Democrat and Republican, student and teacher, voter and politician, came together to celebrate democracy and community.

RIC and the National Commission on Presidential Debates partnered to bring the open public forum to the College, whose purpose was to analyze the Bush/Kerry presi-

dential debate as part of the Commissions *Debate Watch* project. Not only was it the first time a College in Rhode Island has been selected to host the event, but with over 820 people gathered, it was the largest *Debate Watch* in the nation.

The goal of the Project is to promote civic participation and voter edu-



Channel 12's Jim Hummel

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decision in November, not the Republican or Democrat decision, but the decision to stay informed and to participate in the voting process.

Editorial

We Are a Force to be Reckoned With

Thursday night was a historic moment for RIC. The largest Debate Watch in the nation didn't happen at URI, or Brown University, at Harvard, or Boston College. This seminal moment happened right here at RIC. This school, its staff, its community, and most importantly, its student body rose to a challenge that the majority of Americans do not: to come together as one to share our thoughts and feelings about the nation's future.

Republicans should have been proud when students present at Donovan cheered for John Kerry when he made a strong point. It was good, not because Bush had a point rebutted, but because students were investing their time and interests into one of the most fundamental aspects of democracy. It was amazing to see Democratic politicians talk and joke with Republicans. To see people listen and acknowledge others, even those with conservative views, was incredible. They knew—we all knew that on that night, some things were more important than party affiliations and labels.

During the Debate, one idea that was repeated was the notion that decisions made without the proper information and thought can lead to disaster. Thursday night everyone at the event was given the tools they needed to make the right

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Stop the Hate

By: Carly Romano
Anchor Staff

Outside the Student Union, over 100 students attended the rally at 12:35 for just 5 minutes to *Stop the Hate*. Along with Marco McWilliams, Aaron Bruce, the Director of the Unity Center on Campus, and student Elizabeth Poli gave speeches. They stood up and told everyone what actually happens to many people who stay silent, and they gave us reasons to understand why.

Elizabeth Poli, a poet, read a piece for us that she had written on Marco when she first met him. She had everyone join her in the reading, showing that people should not be afraid to talk to other people of different appearances or lifestyles showing that it only takes ten steps to know a person.

The students present were enthusiastic about ending intolerance. One student, Eric Fallon, a Junior, said, I think it's a great thing that people are com-



Marco McWilliams speaks out against racism

ing together for five minutes, but we need to make it last a hell of a lot longer than five minutes. Aaron Bruce called for everyone to Take five minutes out of your life to think about the injustices that happen around the world, the injustices that take place in our community. President John Nazarian, who was present at the

rally, admitted that, We'll have to work harder. Whatever we are doing, obviously it's not achieving the goal we are looking for.

The event was a part of the RIC community's response to the racist incident that happened on September 29th out on the Quad in front of the Student Union. Marco spoke out about

the injustices dealt him by four white students. People don't realize that racism is still a very big issue today, and that there are some, even on their own campus, that practice it.

When Marco was accosted by these faceless culprits, he showed that he was the bigger man and did not lash out at them in any means. However, he did not even turn around to see who was dealing this pain. He described it as, I didn't want to look the devil in the eye! Although this is something that should not be tolerated, Marco admitted that that some people do not, or will not, realize what people who deal with these issues often do. I wasn't going to go see anyone about it because I thought that no one would care.

This was quickly changed, thankfully, after speaking with a faculty member.

At the rally, Marco also

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Chris
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Side on back



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T-shirts For Sale

Debate Watch T-shirts— \$10 each from the Communications Club

To get one, email Dave Cranshaw at Dcranshaw@ric.edu

Horace Mann Hours

The Horace Mann Technology Center will be closed on Sundays, during the month of October.

Whipple 102 will open on Sundays from 12p.m.-11:45 p.m., Oct.3 through the 31st.

Poetry Lecture

Kim Bridgeford will speak Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 2 p.m. Helen Forman Theatre in the Nazarian Center
 "A Poet's Journey: America, Russia, and Iceland."

Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop

Wednesday, October 6
 12:30-1:30 in DDC, LL. 9

Alternatives to the War on Terrorism

Wednesday, Oct. 6th
 12:30-2 p.m.

Student Union Ballroom

Graduate School Information Panel

Wednesday, October 20th
 12:30-2 p.m.
 The Forman Center, Classroom C

Pre-Election Voter Rally

Wednesday, October 27th
 6:00-10:00pm
 Student Union Ballroom

Presidential Campaigns and Media

Wednesday, October 20th
 12:30-1:45pm
 Faculty Dining Center – Main Room

Flu Clinic

Wednesday, October 27
 10am-3pm
 Student Union room 307
 If you have not signed up for the Flu Shot, please call ext 8061 to register.

Antidotes for Addicts

Coping with post-election blues
 Tuesday, November 16th
 3:30-8:00pm
 Student Union Ballroom



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Debate from front

cation in a presidential election year. According to Valerie Endress, assistant professor of communications at RIC, *Debate Watch* increases political participation at the grassroots level, encouraging Rhode Islanders to talk to each other about the electoral decisions they will make this fall.

The *Debate Watch* at RIC was sponsored by the College's Bureau of Government Research and Services (BGRS), an affiliate of RIC's Center for Public Policy, which is chaired by Dr. Motte. The Center for Public Policy is extremely pleased to support this event," Said Dr. Motte, "It's a very important benchmark for this college's role in politics."

Students also played a tremendous role in organizing and planning the event. According to Valerie Endress, "We had a group of students...who were absolutely essential to this. We could not have done this without student support." Jane Fusco was also instrumental in promoting the event.

The debates were broadcast in Donovan Dining Center, the Student Union ballroom, and Gage Auditorium on large screens. Afterwards, students grouped together around tables and participated in a discussion

concerning the debates. There was a great diversity amongst the participants. Students mixed with senior citizens, professors, and politicians, most notably Representative candidate Dave Rogers, Former Governor Bruce Sundlun, Representative Joe Scott, Senator Elizabeth Roberts, and the Mayor of East Providence Roland Grant.

Bill Rappleye, a political reporter for NBC 10 and Jim Hummel, a reporter for ABC 6, were also present. They, along with politicians, both current and past, Republican and Democrat, lead an entertaining and informative debate and media analysis.

Reactions to the discussions were overwhelmingly positive. John Beschere, 47, a resident of RI who attended felt that, I think it was fascinating to watch a debate with this large a crowd, to hear what people reacted to, and to have people make up their own minds as to what they saw tonight rather than having to rely on the pundits.

Another student, Alison Lambert, a senior, said the *Debate Watch* made her feel more in tune and involved than I did before. Kenneth Bryant, a Freshman, felt that I think its healthy for people of all types and ideologies to get together and discuss things in this time, especially with the war on ter-

ror.

On the negative side, one student, Kaylee Carvalo, a sophomore, when asked if the *Debate Watch* helped her understand Democracy better responded, No, because there is a majority of democrats here. I think that the minority should be represented a little more. Former Governor Bruce Sundlun chided that, "You got a lot of people, but what the hell are you going to do with them now that you have got them here."

Students and faculty who volunteered as forum facilitators lead the discussions with questions provided by *Debate Watch*. They recorded reactions to the debate that were forwarded to the commission the next morning by 8 am. The facilitators data will be used to compile and will be released to voter education partners and the media within 48 hours after the debate.

Over all, the night was a undeniable success, not just for RIC but for the nation as a whole. "I felt a lot better about America in general, based on people actually having a intellectual opinion on what is happening in politics," Said Bret Broester, a Junior, who was a forum facilitator, "From what I gather, people were swayed by others' opinions. It was good, people were open to discussion."

Editorial from front

Another thing emphasized heavily during the Debate were words like "steadfast", "resolute" and "strong". Although these words surely describe the way America must stand in the War on Terror, these words can just as well be applied to the way that everyone at the Debate Watch held themselves and to the message that was sent by a record attendance.

The Debate Watch was a resounding success because everyone involved worked hard, whether they were students, faculty, or members of the community. We, here at the Anchor, share the same feeling that the faculty and staff felt that night. The editors and staff present at the Debate Watch felt proud to see that this newspaper's call and drive for greater student involvement and political awareness resulted in a large turnout and an increased interest by the student body.

For too long in this nation's history the ability of college students to participate in politics and elections and to make an intelligent, powerful, and well informed impact on the political process has been doubted in the collective mind of the nation. At the same time, the service that public colleges like RIC can provide to the community and to students has been underestimated, at best, and belittled, at the worst. The debate over which candidate is better will not be over until November, but Thursday night the debate over whether RIC is a first class institution was decided.

Organization Makes Dorm Life Fun

By: Zdenko Juskuv
Anchor Editor

The Spring Cotillion at the Marriot, the Fall Social, ping pong games, and get-togethers in the dormitory halls are all well known around campus, especially for the students who live here. But the organization that is responsible for these and many other events on campus, the Resident Student Organization, is not as well known.

According to the RSA President Julie Sylvia, the purpose of the RSA is to "involve resident students and create an atmosphere that is comfortable for socialization and fun." The RSA initiates, plans, and runs campus and resident hall community events. It also makes sure there is good communication between the individual residence halls.

The RSA values student involvement and input. Resident Assistants from each building must be members of the RSA and attend meetings, as do Student Council Representatives. Students are welcome to come to meetings if they have any ideas. According to Julie, any student who has an idea and presents it

in over the course of two meetings can have it implemented. Students who have attended 50% +1 meetings are eligible to vote on issues.

The RSA makes sure there is a good relation between RA's and residents, so that they can communicate and work together to make the dorms fun. Most events and parties at the dorm's are started by the RSA. One noteworthy accomplishment from the past was when they brought cable to the dorms.

In addition to the usual events planned this year, the RSA will be planning a host of events like the Block Party at Weber Beach from 6 to 9pm, the Fall Social on October 19th, and the float parade. The RSA runs evaluations for each event and determines what went well and what could be improved.

The President is Julie Sylvia, the Vice President is Alisha Finlay, the Treasurer is Craig Minter, the Secretary is Eric Fallon, and the Public Relations person is Nancy Anastadis. Their advisor is Andrea Wiggins. Meetings are Monday nights at 9pm in the Weber Hall Lounge.

NEWS

Hate from front



Supporter Melissa Hall shows her poster outside the Student Union

acknowledged other injustices dealt by people in the RIC community. A couple of members of the Rainbow Alliance were putting up signs with chalk on the quad for the Bisexual myth and fact meet. They were minding their own business, when all of a sudden, people on bikes threw milkshakes at them, stole their chalk, and wrote Die, Fags, Die! where the previous writings were. One student felt that The homophobia happening around campus is getting to be kind of insane lately.

These infractions are not just on the people who show they are different in some big ways, but in little ways. These feelings of hate are against people who are different or want to be, and it is telling people to be afraid. Some students say they do not feel safe,

even though RIC has become a second home for them. Whether they commute or reside on campus, the time they spend here makes RIC an important part of their lives, and it should be a tolerant and safe part.

Debate Focus

By: Zdenko Juskuv
Anchor Editor

As President John Nazarian said in his Speech on the night of the *Debate Watch*, The right to vote for the nation's leaders is the very foundation of our system of government. Debates between candidates for the presidency help voters to compare, to contrast, and ultimately to choose. In light of the *Debate Watch* that was held Thursday night, it has become evident just how important debates are.

There was some worry surrounding the debates, especially concerning whether they would have enough confrontation and freedom to them. Roland Grant, the Mayor of East Providence felt that "I'm rather upset by the many rules that the debates will have...it's got 40 pages of rules." Representative Joe Scott said, "I hope we get some defined direction from the candidates."

One factor that the Elected Officials at the *Debate Watch* felt were of great importance was timing. Former Lieutenant Governor Robert Weygand, himself a participant of debates felt that, "The debate strategy for a lot of people...gets muddled up in what happens prior to that debate."

During a debate, the candidate must be direct and to the point. You have to be very succinct with debates, said Weygand. During the debate, both John Kerry and George Bush were to the point. Each candidate struck

with concise and direct shots at his opponent. Otherwise a Candidate will lose the people he is trying to get, said Weygand.

The effects the Debates had were mixed. One Student, Aaron Bruno, said I found it somewhat informative I don't think it changed who I was going to vote for, but it helped me make a more educated decision, and it made me feel better about the choice that I'm going to make. In General, those present for the *Debate Watch* felt that John Kerry came out on top during the debate.

An often overlooked aspect of the debate is what happens afterward. Many people fear that the media can have a negative influence with its analysis of debates. Bill Rappleye, himself a member of the media, felt that the media's focus on scandal turned off voters. He said, We've seen a decline in voter turnout.

A person-to-person discussion often times teaches people more than the actual debate itself. This is what Diana Carlin, a professor of communications at the University of Kansas found out as she formed Debate Watch in 1992.

According to Valerie Endress People are more likely to vote because they went to a debate watch, and they are more likely to seek out information on the issues. She described *Debate Watch* as One of the few outlets citizens have to directly talk about their response to debate without the media spin.

SPORTS

FEATURED GAME of the WEEK

Men's Soccer

Coming into Saturday's matchup at UMass-Boston, the Rhode Island College Men's Soccer team was 4-4-2. While that may not strike anyone as something to brag about, the fact that they had gone to three straight overtime games might. RIC sadly went 0-1-2 in those games, but looks to rebound this Thursday against Newbury College. The last time these two teams played, RIC walked away with a decisive 8-0 victory (Fall 2002). It's going to take a lot of offense to pull that off again, but the Anchormen will be satisfied enough with a simple victory.

Newbury College
at
Rhode Island College
October 7th, 3:30PM

Key Player to Watch:

As if enough hasn't been said about him, Junior forward Kyle Teixeira has yet again been the offensive juggernaut of the Anchormen. He has 12 goals and three assists for 27 points on the season. Teixeira is now eight goals and 25 points shy of RIC all-time career goals and points leader. Teixeira has now notched at least one point in each of the last six games, not including Saturday's contest. If he can continue this streak, RIC may be hard to beat.

Men's Fall Golf Update

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director

Head Coach John Fitta's Anchormen are off to a 1-2 start in the fall golf season. RIC started out the season on Sept. 14 at the Blazers Invitational, held at Chicopee Country Club in Chicopee, MA. The Anchormen placed seventh out of ten teams. On Sept. 23, the Anchormen defeated Newbury College, 344-398, at the Brookline Club at Putterham. Most recently, RIC competed in a tri-match on Sept. 27 at the Webster-Dudley Golf Course in Webster, MA, and were defeated by Nichols College, 331-319, and Elms College, 331-321.

Sophomore Tim Carpentier (Smithfield, RI) has played in three matches and currently owns an average score of 86.0. He shot a season-low score of 83 at the Sept. 27 tri-match against Nichols College and Elms College. Sophomore Sean DeSilva (West Warwick, RI) has played in three matches and currently owns an average score of 85.0. He shot a season-low score of 82 at the Sept. 27 tri-match against Nichols College and Elms College.

Sophomore Shawn Rebocho (Albion, RI) has played in three matches and currently owns an average score of 82.0. Shawn shot a season-low score of 79 at the Sept. 27 tri-match against Nichols College and Elms College. Freshman Derrick Garforth (Tiverton, RI) has played in three matches and currently owns an average score of 92.3. He shot a season-low score of 86 at the Blazers Invitational on Sept. 14.

Freshman Alex Simeone (East Providence, RI) has played in two matches and currently owns an average score of 87.0. He has shot a season-low score of 87 at both the Newbury College match on Sept. 23, and the tri-match against Nichols College and Elms College on Sept. 27.

In upcoming action, RIC will compete at Johnson & Wales University on Friday, Oct. 1 and will finish the fall season when they host Worcester State, Wentworth, and Brandeis on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Upcoming Games

Men's Cross Country

Oct 9th-Roger Williams Invitational 11:00 AM
Oct 16th-Plansky Invitational 1:00 PM
Oct 30th-LEC/MASCAC Alliance Championships

Women's Soccer

Oct 7th-at Salve Regina University 4:00 PM
Oct 9th-UMass-Dartmouth 1:00 PM
Oct 13th-Bridgewater State College 3:30 PM

Women's Cross Country

Oct 9th-Roger Williams Invitational 11:45 AM
Oct 16th-Plansky Invitational 12:15 PM
Oct 30th-LEC/MASCAC Alliance Championships TBA

Women's Tennis

Oct 7th-Clark University 3:30 PM
Oct 9th-UMass-Dartmouth 10:00 AM
Oct 12th-at Suffolk University 3:30 PM

Men's Soccer

Oct 7th-Newbury College 3:30 PM
Oct 9th-at UMass-Dartmouth 3:30 PM
Oct 13th-at Bridgewater State College 3:30 PM

Women's Volleyball

Oct 9th-Clark University & Eastern Nazarene College 12:00 PM
Oct 12th-Western New England College 7:00 PM
Oct 16th-at Johnson & Wales University

Rhode Island College freshman Audrey Davis (Stroudsburg, PA) helped the Anchorwomen to a perfect 2-0 week and was named the Little East Conference Women's Tennis Rookie of the Week. Davis went 2-0 at both number three singles and number two doubles for the Anchorwomen. Davis is 5-0 (1.000) at number three singles and is 5-0 (1.000) at number two doubles for a team-high 7.5 points on the season. Head Coach Kelly Chartier's Anchorwomen are 6-0 overall and 3-0 in the Little East Conference. The Anchorwomen had two matches last week and were victorious in both of them. RIC defeated Springfield College, 7-2, on Thursday, Sept. 23 and beat Castleton State, 8-1, on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Red Sox and Yankees: To Be Continued...?

By: Eric Young
Anchor

Staff

Has it been a year already since former Yankee Aaron Boone hit his heart stopping home run against the Sox in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series (ALCS) last year? It finally occurred to me that if there is one thing that both the Yankee fans and Red Sox Nation can agree on, it's that Boone's homer is still fresh in their minds. Red Sox fans can't deny it, Yankee fans can't get enough of it. Like peanut butter & jelly, Kool-aid & sugar, the Red Sox and Yankees belong together. A great series like the 2003 ALCS deserves an encore; and the baseball Gods above might just grant our wishes. Both teams clinched playoff births over the past weekend and seem destined to meet again in this year's Championship Series.

Of course, there are a couple of teams that will work really hard to stop that. The Minnesota Twins, Oakland Athletics, and Anaheim Angels will all have a say on the matter. But many fans feel the playoffs wouldn't have the same electricity and excitement without a Red Sox - Yankee match up. Television ratings were sky high for last year's get together between the two rivals, and if they were to meet again it

would lead to more of the same.

But what about all those fans of the Twins, Athletics, and Angels (and all 23 other Major League Baseball teams, while your at it) who have to put up with incessant coverage of the

As intriguing as these stories are, they neither capture nor command the attention that the Red Sox and Yankees do. Pessimistic fans of small market teams such as the Pittsburgh Pirates, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and Milwaukee Brewers will continue to bicker about a lack of exposure with their ball clubs. You rarely see these teams on national television, and with good reason. For starters, the teams just mentioned aren't very good. And their fans, simply put, lack the passion for those teams.

So, the next time the Red Sox or Yankees are on TV, sit down and watch an inning. You can literally feel the tension and suspense with every out, every hit, every pitch. The Yankees and Red Sox also have a tradition, whether it



The Rivalry to end all rivalries. Will it continue?

Yanks and Sox. Minnesota arguably has the best pitcher in the game in lefty Johan Santana, who has had a Sandy Koufax-like season. The Angels boost the best all-around outfielder in the game right now in Vladimir Guerrero. And Oakland, as usual, comes equipped with their Big Three, in pitchers Tim Lincecum, Mark Mulder, and Barry Zito. Oh yeah, did I forget to mention the guy out in San Francisco who plays left field for the Giants, the man who will soon own the all time home run record, Mr. Barry Bonds.

is winning (Yankees) or choking... I mean losing (Red Sox), that dates back over 100 years. The rivalry between the Red Sox and Yankees is more than just baseball. It symbolizes the good and bad of this country. Greed, hate, success, drama, name calling, and politics all rolled into one series. Who needs reality TV? I don't know if there will ever be a World War III in my lifetime, if there isn't one, I guess the Red Sox - Yankees battle will be the closest resemblance I'll ever see.

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SPORTS

Where has all the school spirit gone?

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

This past weekend, I got the chance to witness two homecoming events by two different schools with practically nothing in common. The first one was put on by Rhode Island College. A three day long extravaganza, the school had a host of festivities. There were building dedications, banquet dinners, and a good old fashion float parade. What was the only thing missing in all of this? This little thing I like to call School Spirit. You see, being a Rhode Island College student, to me, means a lot of things. It means I am

show any pride, but at least they were only a small minority. At this school, it seems that no one really cares one way or the other. The RIC Women's Volleyball team, on fire as of yet, barely got more than a baker's dozen to come out and support them as they played in the first night of the RIC Invitational. This is a team that has played hard after starting 0-7, and yet it seems that no one even noticed.

I wish I could say that was the only event of the weekend that disappointed me. But, sadly, it was not. Take, for instance, the truly headshaking attendance at this Saturday's Women's Soccer game. Had it



North Providence High School Football: How To Do A Homecoming Right

going to have to struggle to find parking. I am going to have to get in my car and go somewhere else if I want to eat something good. It also means that when it's time to buy books for my classes, I am going to pay a lot more that they are worth and eventually find out that I didn't need them in the first place. But, despite all of that, I still remain hopeful that things will change. I enjoy being a Rhode Island College student. I laugh when others complain, and I know that this is probably one of the best places I could have come for my education needs. It just really upsets me that I see more people gripe about what's wrong with this school than I ever see attending a RIC event.

That was truly sad this past weekend as I walked around campus during our day of "Homecoming". We had several events going on, and not one of them really struck a cord with the college community. Homecoming used to be a time when every student, despite clique or social group, showed what they felt about their school. Students dressed up in school colors, made cheers, and generally showed how much they cared. Of course, there were always the groups that were too cool to

not been for the twenty or so people in attendance, we might not even know this game actually took place. Twenty people? Luckily for them, they got quite a show as the Anchorwomen took out UMass-Boston 7-0 in an impressive win. It was RIC's first victory this season in the Little East, and what could be a decisive momentum builder for a team that struggled from the beginning of the year.

And now, of course, is my favorite example of how truly sad this homecoming weekend turned out to be. As I walked away in disappointment from the Women's Soccer game, I had hoped to find someone on this campus cheering for an athletic team. Well, I found them. I found a fairly crowded game taking place on the softball diamond. Rhode Island College took on what appeared to be Salve Regina in a fall pre-season matchup. I say that it appeared to be Salve because, truthfully, I didn't stick around. I walked to the bleachers expecting to see a crowd of people that would save the day for me. What I got was utterly frustrating. Yes, I heard a

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The Champ's Long Overdue Return

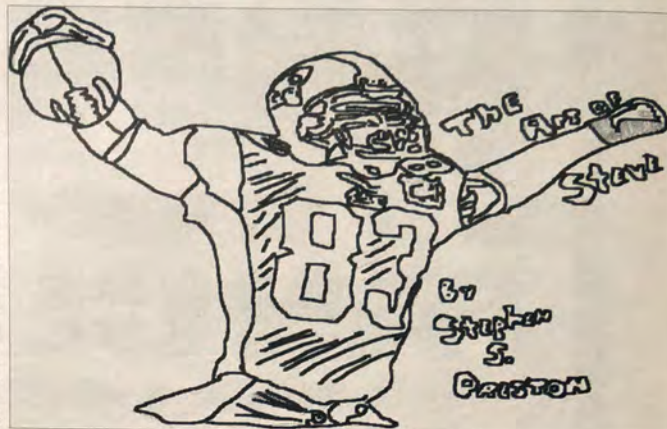
By: Stephen S. Preston
Anchor Staff

One of my favorite moments of the movie *Ali*, starring Will Smith as lovable boxer Muhammad Ali, was uttered when he walked into a press conference and boldly bragged: "The Champ is Here." I thought it was both cocky and appropriate. At a certain point in sports, a little trash talk does one well. With that in mind, I would like to speak those words again. The Champ is, in fact, here. No, I'm not only bragging about myself and my long overdue return to this newspaper. The Champions I am talking about are the National Football League Champions, The New England Patriots.

In taking their second title within three years last season, the Patriots made believers out of a lot of folks. They shut up a whole host of critics who called them flukes and thought they were "the worst team in history to win a title" (ESPN.com). Not only did they do it with style and with the attitude of a true team, they did it without a true running game and a sometimes shaky pass coverage unit. To do it twice in three years with the same core of players that have these known weaknesses is impressive and says a lot about the coaching staff that help put the team together.

For those of you new to this column, let me explain to you what it is that I do here. With little more than the average sports fan's knowledge, I make some comments and predictions that would get a lot of experts fired for stupidity. But, when all is said and done, I pride myself on always being right or, at least, being right a lot of the time. Either way, I'm back and here to make yet another bold prediction: The New England Patriots are a dynasty in the making and will win their third championship in four years on February 6th in Jacksonville.

I've done my research on this one, and did you know that the Dallas Cowboys are the only team in history to win three titles in four years? They did so in Super Bowls XXVII, XVIII, and XXX. Much like the current Patriots, this team had a pretty solid core of guys who contributed to each title run. They had Smith, Aikman, and Irvin. The Patriots have Brady, Law, and Vinatieri. While those three may not all find their way into the Hall of Fame the same way the Cowboys Dynamic Three does, they are still the core of



what is one of the best teams we've seen in the past decade.

The word "TEAM" is often vague in sports. Sure, get a group of guys together, and you could call them a team. But, that doesn't mean that they will act like one and work together towards a common goal. No, to truly be a team, you must have the mentality that no one person is greater than the whole and that's what Belichick and crew have done since arriving in Foxboro. With the way they approach every game, it isn't much of a reach to say that this team has the potential to repeat what they did last year, and if nothing else, dominate throughout. As for myself, I believe this team has the potential to go 16-0. Realistically, however, I know that it's not going to happen. No team can really pull that off anymore. I see no reason why this team can't come close, however.

The 2004 New England Patriots have all the components of a 13-3 team. They are experienced (McGinest has been in the league for 11 years) yet young (Branch is only in his third year). As if that wasn't encouraging enough, the Patriots have a very favorable schedule and a division that isn't turning out to be what was advertised at the beginning of the year. With the return of Willis McGahee from a horrendous knee injury, it looked like the Bills could be a team that would give the Pats a run. It hasn't turned out that way yet. The Dolphins, perennial playoff contenders, look to be fighting for a great draft pick. The New York Jets are the only team even close to being a quality team, but if history has proven anything, Lord knows they'll fold faster than a broken tent when it is all over.

So, there is your division, New England. Taking five out of six of the games you play against these teams (giving the Jets the benefit of the doubt at home in December) should be fairly easy.

That's five wins right there. The Pats already stand at 2-0 coming into this weekend's action. So, now you've got a 7-1 record. This is where things get interesting. For their remaining eight games, the Patriots play host to Seattle, Baltimore, Cincinnati and San Francisco. They go on the road to battle against Cleveland, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Of those eight games, I believe they have the capability to go 6-2.

The Patriots should easily be able to dismantle the Bengals, 49ers, Browns, and Steelers. They should be able to play well against Seattle and Baltimore, with those games being played at home. But, the only snag in the Patriots plans will be had on November 7th, and November 22nd. Playing in St. Louis against the Rams is a monumental task. That team has always fared well at home and will be looking to play extremely well against the team that took away their chances of a dynasty on that fateful night a couple years ago. As for the Chiefs, they may suck this year (coming in 0-2), but they do not lose to the Patriots at home. It just doesn't happen. There are only a select number of stadiums that the Patriots don't play well in, and Kansas City is certainly one of them. Anyone remember that game a couple of years ago where Automatic Adam missed a game winning kick? Exactly.

With all the making of a great football season and a chance for history, this New England Patriots squad could be one of the best we'll ever see. Their lack of overrated stars and their team chemistry is something you can't match in this day and age of professional sports. When the confetti starts to rain down in Jacksonville signaling the end of another great year for the NFL, don't be surprised if you see these familiar faces once again grasping the Lombardi trophy. I know I won't.



WHO DO YOU WANT AS YOUR PRESIDENT??

These Boys of Summer Can Take Care of Business In the Fall

By: Michael A. Romano
Anchor Staff

While we begin to prepare for the Major League Baseball playoffs, I figure that this week would be the best time to cover some of the greatest postseason moments in history. Of course, there have been numerous eye-popping, hair-raising, momentum-changing sights and sounds over the years, so picking the top 10 was not an easy task. Two moments that didn't make the list receive honorable mention, including Dave Henderson's game-winning homerun off Donnie Moore (1986 ALCS, Game 5, Red Sox defeat Angels) and Don Larsen's perfect game against the Dodgers (1960 World Series, Game 5, Yankees blank Dodgers).

Without further delay, here are my TOP 10 GREATEST MOMENTS IN POST-SEASON HISTORY.

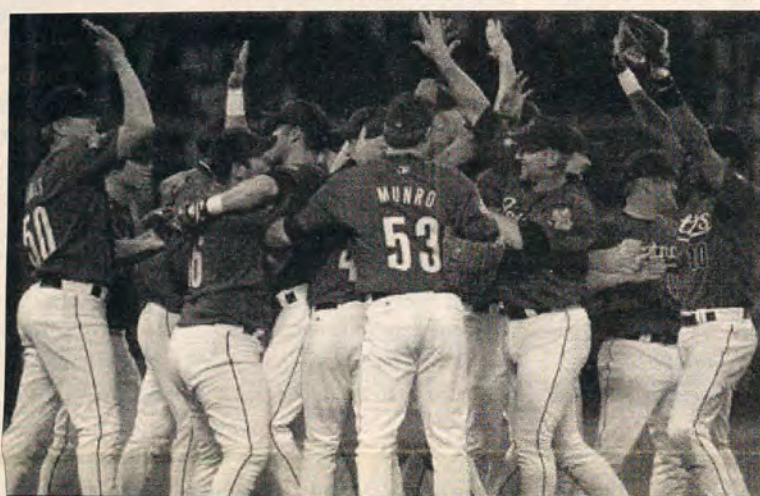
10) Can't Hang On, October 5, 1941. The Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyn Dodgers are a lot alike. Both are quite vulnerable to misfortunes against the New York Yankees, and both have a saying, "Wait till next year." In this case, the Brooklyn Dodgers were the ones on the short end of the stick. In a crucial Game 4 of the 1941 World Series against the Yanks, Dodgers catcher Mickey Owen failed to grab the third strike that would have been the final out of a 4-3 Brooklyn victory. The Yankees would come from behind and steal the game, 7-4.

6) Doink, October 21, 1975. He knew it had the distance. He just wanted to be sure that it went in the right direction. Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk nailed a pitch down the left-field line at Fenway Park in the 12th inning of Game 6 of the 1975 World Series. Everyone in the

wasn't supposed to play at all, but he somehow built up the strength to limp up to the Los Angeles Dodgers dugout, grabbed a bat and helmet, and demanded to get in the game as a pinch hitter. Fouling off pitch after pitch, Gibson worked a star closer Dennis Eckersley to a 3-2 count before ripping a pitch into the right field seats for a walk-off homerun. Ironically, the Dodgers won by Gibson's count: 3-2.

2) Through the Wickets, October 25, 1986. This was probably the worst day in history for Red Sox fans. After leading 5-3 with two outs in the bottom of the tenth inning in Game 6, Boston thought for sure that they would take the 1986 World Series from the New York Mets. Instead, three singles off Sox

reliever Calvin Schiraldi cut Boston's lead to one run and chased him from the game. Bob Stanley came in and threw a wild pitch, tying the game. Then,



The Astros hope 2004 bring about memorable moments, and a title

Cincinnati Reds dugout was hoping that the ball would travel outside the pole. Much to their dismay, the ball ricocheted off the foul pole, snapping a 6-6 tie and forcing a game seven. Didn't bet on that, did you, Pete?

5) Carter in the Clutch, October 23, 1993. It's what kids around the world dream about doing: hitting a homerun to win the World Series. In Game 6 of the 1993 Fall Classic, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Joe Carter lived a childhood dream by taking a Mitch Williams pitch deep to left field for a walk-off three-run homer. Despite a valiant effort by the Phillies, the Blue Jays came away with the championship and a moment their fans would never forget.

4) Bucky F*cking Dent, October 2, 1978. In perhaps one of the greatest pennant races of all time, the Red Sox and the Yankees met in a one-game playoff to decide the winner of the A.L. East. With the Red Sox leading the Yankees, 2-0, Bucky Dent, who only had four round-trippers all year, cleared the Green Monster at Fenway with a go-ahead homerun off Sox reliever Mike Torres. Once again, the Yankees got the best of the Red Sox, but this time, it was thanks to an unlikely hero.

3) A Leg Up on the As, October 15, 1988. Kirk Gibson was in the training room during Game 1 of the 1988 World Series against the Oakland Athletics. He

Mookie Wilson grounded a 3-2 pitch down the first base line, and the charging Buckner could not get his glove down enough. Ray Knight scored to win Game 6 and force the seventh and deciding game, which the Mets would win.

1) Shot Heard Round the World, October 3, 1951. Just like the hit itself, this was a no-doubter for #1. The New York Giants faced the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League playoffs. With the Giants Bobby Thomson at the plate, Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca delivered a pitch that wouldn't come back. Thomson's walk-off, three-run, series-winning home run carried the Giants to victory. A famous radio broadcaster can be remembered by saying, "The Giants won the pennant! The Giants won the pennant!"

Those moments are not only significant in baseball history. They're significant in sports history as well. Each illustrates how shocking the world of sports really is. It's safe to say that when we sit down to watch a game, we should expect the unexpected. This year's playoff chase, if it is anything like those of the year's past, will be both exciting and memorable at the same time. Now it's time to see if these athletes can live up to the expectations that history has given us, and maybe create some of their own while they're at it.

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lot of people cheering. They were cheering for the opposition. They had come to support the visiting team, and they outnumbered the number of fans in attendance that came to support RIC.

Now, let's talk about the other homecoming. This was an event like none that I've seen at RIC. There were people in the stands, they were dressed in school colors, and they were fanatically cheering for their team. This wasn't a game at RIC, or URI, or even Brown. No, this game took place up the road at North Providence High School. That's right...it was Cougar football. For the 1-1 North Providence High School Football team, it was like a page out of some sappy sports movie. The weather was chilled, the fans were excited, and it was time to go out there and hit somebody.

They weren't disappointed. In a great Division IV (yeah, division IV) matchup, North Providence played their hearts out for their hometown fans, and gave it all they had against a tough Moses Brown team. Although the game didn't turn out the way they wanted it to, the fans stayed strong throughout. Afterwards, many remained in the stands or came onto the field to support their team, showing that the results weren't nearly as important as showing their team loyalty.

Now, why is it that this game could draw so many more people than anything that ever happens at RIC? It's

obviously not that the school has more students than RIC. With nearly ten thousand people attending classes on this campus, in theory at least, it would be nice to see even a couple hundred come out and support the teams. These athletes we have at this school work hard every day to be the best they can be. They practice in all types of weather, and play intense so that they can represent RIC the best way possible, yet no one seems to care.

Could it be that students at North Providence just care more? Well, probably not. When I asked one of the team's leaders whether he planned on attending the next event (the school's annual homecoming dance), he smiled and said "No way man, I wouldn't be caught dead at that thing". Thanks, Nick. You just proved my point. When it comes to homecoming at Rhode Island College, or any other event on this campus, people just don't care. I've seen more people wait in line for their morning coffee than sit in the stands and watch the Anchormen take the field. I'm not asking for millions of people to crowd the tennis courts, but it would be nice to see some of you students come out for a game. It would mean a lot to these athletes that work so hard to see that someone appreciates it. Not to mention, it would make this school seem that much better. Maybe I'm just asking for too much. But, I can dream, can't I?

Alternatives to the War on Terrorism

October 6, 2004
12:30pm - 2:30pm
RIC Student Union Ballroom

Join us for an enlightening discussion about alternative solutions to the war on terrorism. Panelists share important strategies towards peace and understanding.

Featured Panelists:
Nasser H. Zawia, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of
Pharmacology and Toxicology
University of Rhode Island
And
Jonathan Corey

The Unity Center

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Liberal RIC "Right Wing Bull-Shit"

By: Brett Broesder
Anchor Staff
The RIC Democrats

The Anchor has been filled with quite a bit of political propaganda recently, and a great deal of it has been Republican. With recent Elephant worshipping articles that have addressed everything from praising Zell Miller's horrendous speech at the RNC, in which he not only betrayed his party, but also felt the need to show how pathetically insane he was after it by challenging Chris Matthews to a duel, to articles written about how John F. Kerry "flip-flops" on issues. I figured this newspaper was in desperate need of a rebuttal to these outrageous pieces of literature. Here is my answer to a question proposed by a young fascist, sorry, I mean Conservative in a recent article: **"What kind of President do you want, America?"** (Joshua Factor, *The Anchor* September 28, 2004)

This question invites a two part answer, but for starters, I want a President that is competent (this would DEFINITELY give the advantage to John Kerry). This entails that Bush supporters should stop using the words "flip flopper," especially in respect to conservatives acting as though this term only applies to John Kerry. I would love to see nothing more than to put a leader into place that doesn't lie to the American people. When has George Bush done this? Countless examples could be used to answer this question, here are a few:

First off, let's start with the initial reason that we went to war in Iraq. George Bush and his administration proposed an invasion of Iraq; and the senate, including John Kerry, gave George Bush an "ok" in response to this. The reason the senate gave authority was under the misleading impression that Bush would have proper backing from the United Nations before entering this war, and that Saddam Hussein and Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Another reason that Bush gave for this colonial invasion, was to win the war on terror. Well, if you are going to win the

war on terror, obviously you must stop the guy that Americans hate more than France, Osama Bin Laden. The smart thing to do if you were "the Dubya" and wanted America to back you up in invading a country for no real reason besides corporate interest, is to trick them into thinking that Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein are tied together. Funny how Bush did just that in a speech on 9/25/02 when he said, "You can't distinguish between al Qaeda and Saddam when you talk about the war on terror." With Bush taking the necessary measures to make sure that he had conned the American people into thinking that Saddam was tied to the September 11th attacks, he went ahead and lead the country into Iraq.

Far after this comment was made, the American people have become wise to the fact that our country invaded Iraq for the wrong reasons. How do we know that we invaded Iraq for the wrong reasons?

It is the combination of the Bush administration admitting that they haven't found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and Bush admitting that Osama Bin Laden and his al Qaeda following having nothing to do with Saddam Hussein when he said, "We've had no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved in September 11th" (9/17/03).

Another prime example of the present American headmaster "flip flopping" is with the war on terror (this is a personal favorite). The current Republican administration started the war on terror in response to the 9/11 attack, and it has been a highly discussed topic ever since. Both candidates have yet to be extremely clear about their respective stances on this issue, but wouldn't you expect the President, the one responsible for starting this so called "war on terror," to have a definite stance on it? I guess if we are talking about George W., the answer is no. In a speech given on April 13, 2004 Bush said, "One of the interesting things people ask me, now that we're asking questions, is, can you ever win the war on Terror? Of course you can." This would

give you the impression that George Bush really believes that this war can be won, I mean come on, Bush is so decisive and strong, and that is why the American people love him, right? So when Bush came out in a speech given on August 30th, 2004 and said, "I don't think you can win the war on terror" people couldn't believe what they had just heard, but wait, it gets better. Just when the populace was under the impression that the President thought the war on terror couldn't be won, he came back the very next day and said "Make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win the war on terror" (8/31/04). I wonder, will Bush change his mind again on this issue? If he does, I figure the next day he will be right back to where he started.

The next issue I would like to bring to your attention in George Bush's world of "flip flops" is the highly contested topic of Abortion. Everybody has a stance on the pro-life or pro-choice issue. Hell, usually if one of these issues is brought up in a room full of people, since everybody is so strong in their convictions in relation to this topic, a shouting-at-the-top-of-your-lungs altercation is sure to occur. So, whatever position you take in the abortion debate, George Bush and his "full deck of cards" has each side covered. The pro-life standpoint was taken by Bush earlier in his career, "Bush said he...favors leaving up to a woman and her doctor the abortion question" (The Nation, 6/15/00, quoting the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, 5/78).

Doesn't George Bush favor pro-life? One of the foundations of Bush's political record is his pro-life stance. He made this clear in saying simply (as opposed to a complex statement, by Bush— is that possible?), "I am pro-life" (10/3/00). I think it is great how the Catholic Church is backing George W. Bush, who by the way is Methodist, instead of John F. Kerry, who is Catholic, based solely on Kerry being pro-choice, which is the same opinion on the matter that our current president once took.

The second part of my answer to the question is I want

a Commander in Chief that will actually build America domestically rather than tear it down with unfulfilled promises. Now, the question you most likely want answered after this statement is, how has Bush torn down America?

The economy would be one facet of America that Bush has hurt immensely while in office. Let me just throw some numbers at you quick, "37 percent increase in unemployment since Bush took office," "177 percent increase in long term unemployment since Bush took office," "2,447,000 people have become unemployed since Bush took office," and a "10 percent increase in bankruptcies since Bush took office" (www.collegedems.com). These are just a few of the outstanding numbers that this former Texas governor has posted since he began his appointed term in the White House. These digits speak for themselves. It's hard to come to terms with the fact that Bush will be the first president since Herbert Hoover to serve his four years without creating a job. How can some people still want to re-elect this guy (wait, he wasn't even elected by the people in his first presidential race)?

Another issue that comes to light when speaking of how George Bush has hurt America domestically is health care. To begin, Since President Bush has taken office, there has been a 50% increase in out-of-pocket health care costs for workers (www.democrats.org). One more key note in Bush's record in regards to health care is a 14 percent increase in job-based health care under his reign of power, which is the highest that it has been in 13 years (www.democrats.org). By the way, in comparison, the Washington Post columnist Ceci Connolly wrote on 8/22/04 that, "[Bush's] Democratic challenger, Sen. John F. Kerry (Mass.), has released a health care agenda that is more ambitious...with plans to expand government health programs, offer tax credits...and reimburse businesses for some of their most costly catastrophic cases."

The last issue that I would like to touch on is education. With a total of forty-nine states

increasing tuition at public universities in 2003 (most likely due to budget cuts fueled by the Bush recession) and a 35 percent increase in tuition at four year educational institutes of higher learning during Bush's tenure, Bush has taken great measures to cripple the American educational system (www.collegedems.com). Along these same lines, Bush also has fallen incredibly short in the very controversial "No Child Left Behind Act" that his administration has put into place. How can the President of these United States of America still have a shot at serving another term after under-funding his main educational proposal by a grand total of 33.2 billion dollars? The one-two punch of crushing not only grade school education, but also education at the college level with a tremendous lack of funding, just goes to show how this feeble-minded leader of ours neglects schooling in the nation.

This November 2, I want a leader elected that isn't senselessly psychotic enough to send us into a war, using what he knows to be faulty intelligence in order to promote his conservative right-wing fundamentalist agenda. I would also enjoy seeing an executive headmaster that isn't hypocritical enough to use "flip-flopping" as a main campaign platform when he himself has "flip-flopped" more than his challenger. Also, the fact that John F. Kerry actually has a logical plan to fix the majority of our faulty domestic issues and put this country back into the promise that the Clinton administration showed is something that is desperately needed. So, in response to the question at hand, I want a president that is intelligent enough to deliver a speech without stumbling over his words like an incompetent cretin. I want a president that will have a clean slate with foreign leaders who feel deserted after our president decided to violate Iraq without their consent. I want a president who will create jobs. Most importantly, I want a president who will fight for what is in the best interest of the American people, as opposed to the best interest of Halliburton.

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Say It Loud!

By: Kenneth Bryant Jr.
Anchor Contributor

(Colin Powell)



I find it quite amusing when the Congressional Black Caucus, NAACP, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and all other prominent black organizations and so-called leaders criticize the GOP for being the "big tent" party. They claim Republicans don't tend to the "plight" of African-Americans in our country, and sheepishly hold all allegiance to the Democratic Party. For four- years now they have dogged the Bush Administration and given Mr. Bush hell. They believe our President to be prejudiced and bigoted because he stands against things such as affirmative action, all the while ignoring the fact that he has appointed numerous blacks into prominent positions within his administration.

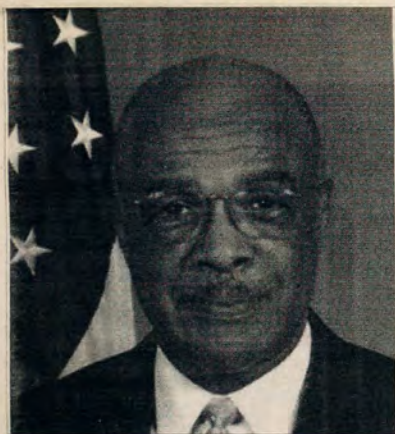
(Condoleezza Rice)

For generations, these same organizations and so-called leaders have been vehemently against everything that is Republican. Every year, they grow more and more bitter, and become more and more partisan. The current leaders of the NAACP have even gone as far as publicly claiming our President to be insensitive to African-American needs. Al Sharpton, at the 2004 Democratic Convention, basically called our President a segregationist, when he proclaimed that if George Bush had been in the White House in 1954, "Clarence Thomas would have never made it to law school!" Not only was that statement irrespon-

sible, it was downright false and malicious.

Mr. Bush caught a lot of heat this year when he opted not to speak, for the fourth time as President, in front of the overly partisan NAACP. Why should he have to address an organization that obviously didn't want to see him, and probably would have unfairly booed him? The claim was that he was ignoring the black community by turning down the disingenuous invitation, but that is also incorrect. The NAACP is no longer the voice of blacks in America. Nationally today, the NAACP is an organization for which plays partisan politics, and sits in the back pocket of the Democratic Party. Thurgood Marshal would have never played patsy with one party and backdoor the other. Today's NAACP is but a shell of its former greatness.

(Rod Paige)



So, why do these so-called leaders give Republicans such a hard time? Why have Democrats been able to hijack the issue of civil rights? I have no idea because Republicans, contrary to popular opinion, have historically had a stronger stance on civil rights than Democrats. Abraham Lincoln, a Republican, supported the Emancipation Proclamation, and led an army to victory against the South to end slavery. In twenty-six major civil rights legislations between the years 1933 and 1964, Republicans supported those measures 96 percent of the time (as opposed to the 80 percent opposition by Democrats). The Civil Rights Act of 1964 saw more Republicans support it than Democrats. One of the leading voices in support for the bill was Senator Everett Dirksen, a Republican. In fact, 80 percent of Republicans voted for the bill compared with the 63 percent of Democrats. Republican President Richard Nixon moved to initiate the "Philadelphia Order." This order would call for fair hiring practices in construction jobs. He was quoted in saying, "We would not impose quotas, but would require federal contractors to show 'affirmative action' to meet the goals of increasing minority employment." Earl Warren, an immensely popular Republican Governor when President Eisenhower appointed him to the Supreme Court, pushed the Court to desegregate schools with the ruling on the Brown v. Board of Education case. Clarence Thomas became one of the only black Supreme Court justices in U.S. history when he was appointed by a Republican President. And we now have both Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell highly ranked within the Bush Administration (National Security

Advisor and Secretary of State respectively); both in these positions because a Republican, George W. Bush, knew they were the most qualified for the positions, regardless of color.

(Alan Keyes)

It seems to me that these so-called black leaders are the ones stuck on race. I believe they think it's still 1955, when racism and discrimination were prominent parts of our nation's social, political, and cultural infrastructure. They accuse Republicans of being anti-black, anti-Jew, anti-gay, anti-women, anti-Latino, and everything else from anti-midgets to anti-handicapped. But the truth is that they are the only ones who see this country split between the races and groups. Republicans don't believe this, which is probably why they have been largely misunderstood, and falsely accused of being insensitive. Republicans see us all, not as African-Americans, or Jewish-Americans, Latino-Americans, or White-Americans, just as Americans. This is why Republicans do not believe in discrimination, or relegating individuals into different hyphenations, such as African-American. Republicans stand up against affirmative action because it is reverse racism. We believe that God is the cornerstone of our nation, and we believe that individuals are ultimately responsible for themselves.

For decades, Democrats have misrepresented themselves, and have bamboozled the black community into supporting them. They have claimed credit for the progression of blacks in America, but have no major proof of this assessment. How can a party, which has such illustrious members as Senator Robert "KKK" Byrd (a former member of the Ku Klux Klan), claim to be the party of "welcoming." Their refusal to end slavery during the Civil War and their strong stance against civil rights legislation in the mid-1900s illustrates exactly what their party represented, and what it partially represents today. I won't go as far as to call the party racist (that would make me no better than them), but I will say that they have a tendency to condescend; and they have orchestrated this huge "glass ceiling" psyche among minorities around the country. In other words, they've created, in the words of Larry Elder, a "victicrat" mentality.



Blacks are in no way, shape, or form uninvited in the Republican Party. That argument doesn't hold up when you bring up the names Powell, Rice, Paige, Watts, or Keyes (all prominent members); Or make it known that the attendance of black delegates at the Republican National Convention this year, more than tripled from four years ago. Republicans, led by George W. Bush, welcome all to the party. We are a party that represents the everyday American, and meets the concerns of everyday problems we face in our country. To all black citizens who feel they've been taken for granted by the Democratic Party, join the Republicans. Join the Republicans in the fight to banish the "self-defeatism" mentality that has plagued our black community's nation-wide, let's fight to take back "Say it loud!"

Common Sense Liberal Bias in the Media

By: Nate Nelson
Anchor Contributor

In his recent editorial on March 30, 2004, George F. Will describes the effect that Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, had on American history and Abraham Lincoln. Will states that Lincoln met with Stowe and stated, "So, you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this great war." Will ends his editorial stating that in 1862, to help him develop his position on slavery, Lincoln read "A Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin," which was written by Stowe in order to provide the documentation on which her novel had been based.

This story is important to understand because it demonstrates the effect that published materials can have on our society. The point is not whether *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the sole stimulus of the Civil War; rather it's that through her writing, Stowe was able to build support for the anti-slavery cause. It cannot be disputed that in a democratic society, the People need accurate information in order to make informed decisions. Therefore, the People must be able to trust that the information that they are receiving is correct and un-biased. (Granted, human error and bias cannot be totally avoided—we are only human). For democracy to flourish, a free

and honest press must be present and active. Without such, democracy will fail.

Yet, as the most recent attacks on President Bush demonstrate, our media can hardly be labeled as "honest." The media is more geared to advancing its own political agenda than reporting the cold, hard facts. As we can see, a single news story becomes two stories. The story of Bush's Air National Guard service evolves into a second story about forgery in the news media. The media's hatred for George W. Bush has trumped the importance of reporting the facts. A few examples will prove the point:

Richard Clarke's highly praised book (by the Left), *Against All Enemies*, harshly criticized the Bush Administration and their response to terrorism. Yet, he mischaracterized Condoleezza Rice, for example, as being ignorant of Al-Qaeda.

Former Ambassador Joe Wilson's charge that President Bush lied about Iraq and its attempts to seek uranium from Niger was proven false by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

When news that Clinton's National Security Advisor, Sandy Berger, stole classified documents broke, *The New York Times* and Dan Rather immediately accused the Bush Administration of being "political", claiming that the timing of

the story was "no coincidence." A mild defense was given by David Gergen's remark, that the matter was "more innocent than it looks." (How can it be innocent when documents were stuffed down his pants?)

Dan Rather and his rendition of Bush's National Guard "story."

These stories all have one common element—the attempt by the media to negatively influence the public's perception of President Bush. As opposed to presenting facts, they are pursuing an agenda. Despite the best efforts of honest people, these stories have resulted in a mindset beautifully displayed in the bumper sticker, "Bush Lied." I always have to chuckle when I see this sticker because in fact, it was not Bush who lied, but rather (no pun intended) it was those who claimed Bush lied who actually lied and exaggerated the story.

The Press relies on its first amendment right, but it was never intended that the Public be deprived of the truth. This is no chuckling matter. People cannot make an informed decision in the voting booth based on forged documents. I agree with George Will when he states that, unlike Lincoln, future presidents and historians will not be able to consult the books of today, many of which are turning out to be frauds.

After Nearly Being Killed, Things Need to Change

By: Laura "Lola" Kaplan
Anchor Staff

On a dark and rainy Tuesday night, I cross over the crosswalk to get to Thorp, my residence hall. I look to the left and see a car coming, but this being a crosswalk where cars are expected to stop, I assume I have enough time to cross. The car is far enough away, but close enough to see me and stop—apparently not. The car begins to gain speed (much faster than I had expected), and as I begin to take a few steps, the car comes to a screeching halt, barely two feet away from me. I am, of course, frightened, and as the car stops, I run (rather goofily, for I am in shock and not sure of what to do) to the other side.

A group of kids are standing in front of the entrance to Thorp (the safe zone!) and ask if I am alright. "I was so scared for you!" We had a quick conversation, and we all agreed it was not my fault. Cars need to slow down and stop at these crosswalks, or someone is going to get hurt. Not only is it a concern

that they stop, it is also a concern (and not an entirely new one, at that) that there should be better lighting on campus, particularly on the main road where cars have access to. It would be unreasonable to expect us pedestrians to get decked out in reflective gear, so people can see us crossing in the dark. Therefore, to reduce the chances of accidents, we need brighter lights. Similarly, we need to have stricter enforcement on stopping for pedestrians. Perhaps, we could make a system where a light turns red at the crosswalk when the pedestrian pushes a button (a novel idea? I think not).

There are numerous solutions to this problem, but the question is, will we have to wait until someone is injured or (gasp!) killed until things change? In an ideal world, people would read this and be more aware of the dangers of not stopping for pedestrians. However, more action needs to be taken to keep this from being such an issue.

Letter to the Editor

By: Dr. Lloyd Matsumoto

Dear Editor,

Professor Snowman gives me far too much credit for that "shameless diatribe against President Bush." I received it in a forwarded email and passed it on to *The Anchor*. Professor Snowman is obviously unaware of the editorial use of the word "contributed", which usually indicates that the contributor is not the author. But this point belies Professor Snowman's real concern about the rising voice of conservatism in our country. So, here is a strong conservative voice that perhaps Professor Snowman and Rush Limbaugh would relish together. The *Lone Star Iconoclast*, the Crawford Texas' local paper, which President Bush subscribes to, today (9/29/04), "wholeheartedly" endorsed John Kerry for President and encouraged all Texans "not to rate the candidate by his hometown or even his political party, but instead by where he intends to take the country."

Here is the opening of that editorial endorsement (which you can obtain from me or Professor Snowman or Google in *Lone Star Iconoclast*)—

Few Americans would have voted for George W. Bush four years ago if he had promised that, as President, he would:

- ¥ Empty the Social Security trust fund by \$507 billion to help offset fiscal irresponsibility and at the same time slash Social Security benefits.
- ¥ Cut Medicare by 17 percent and reduce veterans benefits and military pay.
- ¥ Eliminate overtime pay for millions of Americans and raise oil prices by 50 percent.
- ¥ Give tax cuts to businesses that sent American jobs overseas, and, in fact, by policy encourage their departure.
- ¥ Give away billions of tax dollars in government contracts without competitive bids.
- ¥ Involve this country in a deadly and highly questionable war, and
- Take a budget surplus and turn it into the worst deficit in the history of the United States, creating a debt in just four years that will take generations to repay.

Yes, Professor Snowman, "a hotter fire does indeed result in stronger steel." But the "fire of heated debate" that conservatives, like you and Rush Limbaugh, engage in only results in hot air which is in dire need of dousing with the cold water of reality. And what about Rush Limbaugh, who declared that all drug users ought to go to jail? Did he really mean that or did he mean that the fires of hell burn for thee but not for me?

Professor Snowman's letter ends with a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, "A single man with courage is a majority." Could Professor Snowman possibly be referring to President Bush's courageous flight into thin air during his service in the Air National Guard because he certainly could not be referring to President Bush's election by a majority of American voters in 2000? I'm probably going to hell for writing this letter, but I will not get there holding hands with the likes of Rush Limbaugh and President Bush; you can do that, Professor Snowman.

An Old Evil Awakens

By: Merle "Reverend Weasel" Peirce
Anchor Staff

The occurrence of two hate crimes on two successive days, coming on the heels of another a little over a week ago, should give everyone pause to reflect on the nature, role, and presence of hatred and bigotry on campus. One point stands out with crystal clarity: we have become complacent, and our complacency has allowed the reappearance of old evils many had thought were long laid to rest.

These latest incidents involve anti-homosexual behaviors. Some might therefore consider the incidents of little moment, but there is no hierarchy of oppression; all oppression is equally indefensible and reprehensible. Behaviors like that are all the more despicable because their perpetrators imagine that they can get away with it, that no one else will object to bigotry and hatred.

While it is probable that these latest incidents were the work of young, immature males who are not a part of the college community, it still requires our community to step forward, in solidarity, to condemn prejudice and ignorance.

None of us are perfect. We have been raised in a society pervaded and corrupted by racism, sexism, and ageism; and it has had a corrosive influence on all of us. It will burst out and trip us up when we least expect it. Yet, as men and women of good will, we must step forward and make it clear, even to visitors, that this evil has no place on our campus or in our hearts. An assault on one of us is an assault upon all of us.

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American Values?

By: Ronnelle Adams
Anchor Contributor

I keep seeing conservative liars on TV claiming that their stance on gay marriage isn't hate, but actually a protection of the "sanctity of marriage." Look at the divorce rate. Look at the "Who wants to Marry..." reality shows. Look at Britney Spears, J-Lo and a host of other stars who marry and divorce for publicity. Look at the sky-high numbers of battered wives and abused children in America's many dysfunctional households. Look at the number of random drunks who've been married in Vegas on a whim and divorced shortly after, or the Perverted old men marrying gold-digging women half their age. All of these things are perfectly LEGAL, and no one is making a move to put an end to it. I'm not blind to the ones that actually work out, but can someone please tell me what the smack is so sacred about marriage??

So sacred that it needs protection from two men or women who love each other?? So sacred that in a time of war, economic weakness, educational turmoil, and poverty running rampant, that our "President" finds time to support a bill that would ban it. Does he really feel that he has nothing better to do?? I know, the bill (like most other things in W's life) has already failed, so why am I barking about it? I'm barking because he STILL has overwhelming support by Americans with such a prejudiced view.

When I was in elementary school, I would look at old footage from the 60's with black people fighting (and dying) for basic rights that people today act like they don't even appreciate. I would always think to myself, "Whoa, I'm glad I wasn't living back then. People were just mean and outright dumb." Well, whoa, People are STILL mean and outright dumb. They're just concentrating on different people now.

Remember when interracial marriage was illegal? Of course you don't, we weren't born yet (well, I don't know how old some of you teachers are...). But, I bet I can guess what the supporting argument was. "We need to conserve and protect traditional American values." Sound familiar? Hell yeah, it does. So what happened? You know, after decades of legalized interracial

marriage, you'd think that those Mandingo black guys would have totally destroyed the American family by now. Whoa to America!! Whoa to the family!!! Whoa to the church!!!

Speaking of religion, since this is the base of conservative homophobia, let's talk about the good old church. The church supports the would-be legislation. The "good book" has well documented anti-gay language, so it's only natural that they would. But what about the "big man?" what about Jesus? What did he have to say on the subject of homosexuality? Absolutely nothing. You'd think JC would have said SOMETHING about such an important issue.

He does, however, go into lengths about other things that don't get so much attention. Matthew 19: 23-24: "...it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." See, JC was all about sharing the wealth. Try telling that to your average Middle-upper class Republican around tax time. "I'll be damned if my tax money goes to all those Welfare queens!!"

Or what about public prayer? Matthew 6:5-6: "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men...when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret." Try telling that to televised Christian broadcasts, the many Church congregations, and Gay-Pride protesters. Don't those guys read the bible...sheesh.

I know, I know, I'm only quoting stuff that gets off the subject of homosexuality. Trying to skip the subject right? Besides, other parts of the bible DO condemn it. Leviticus 20:13: "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death" (whoa, that's harsh). So, lets say I agree...if the bible says something, people should obey. Then how do you explain this. Exodus 22:20: "He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed." Sorry, Muslims, Buddhist, and worshippers of any other God. You have to get stoned right along with the queers! But, don't worry, it's all in the name of the Lord!

Ok, if you're halfway familiar with the Bible you're probably saying, "Oh, that's the Old Testament. That doesn't even count." Yeah, I guess you're right. So why use the biblical damnation of one thing in the Old Testament, but then look the other way when it touches a subject you don't particularly like? Come on now, I know how you guys feel about wafflers and flip-flops!!! You're supposed to be better than that!

Yes, the New Testament also condemns homosexuality. But then again, the New Testament also says things like this. Corinthians 14:34-35: "Let your women keep silence in the churches...if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." What's up with that? Women speak in Churches all the time these days. Whatever happened to the sanctity of the silent women? (chanting RNC-style) Flip-Flop, Flip-Flop, Flip-Flop. What is it going to be guys? Are you resolute and unwavering in your beliefs?

The "good book" actually has something to say about that. Revelation 22:18-19: "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and out of the holy city and from the things written in this book." You can't just "take away" or ignore parts that you don't like. The bible calls for obedience to all of its rules, not just some of them.

So, if you disagree with gay marriage on the basis of religion, you should also stand ready to smite the first women you see open her mouth at Church. And all that PC garbage about respecting people of different faiths? Try again. Technically, according to the Bible, those people are your enemies, abhorrent to your one "true" God. The fact is, the Bible says a lot of things. It's easy to take a few lines and use them to demonize a group of people. It's a lot harder to learn to accept people who don't eat, think, drink, look, love, act and believe just like you.

I just got in from attending *Stop the Hate* out on the Quad. I noticed the student editor of the Anchor was called up to give a quick word or two. He said something I liked. It went to the gist of telling people to "stand up to hatred." Well, that's what I'm doing now. Thanks for the encouragement Mr. Forest.

Letter to the Editor

We have lost over a thousand soldiers in Iraq, and thousands have been wounded in a war that has no reason. Our government brain washed people before the war with the words "weapons of mass destruction", and we even went before the United Nations with these accusations. We knew Saddam had these weapons, and if the U.N. didn't help, we would go it alone. Well, the U.N. wouldn't help, and there we are, in the middle of a war we can't afford or win. Another mistake, or *under estimate*, as our government puts it, is that the Iraqi people didn't welcome us with open arms, like they thought they would. We have lost more people after the fall of Saddam than during the invasion.

With all the mistakes our government has made in this war, that has cost over a thousand lives and thousands injured, very few people speak out against it. Our colleges are silent, not one article in your news paper.

Is it because we have an all volunteer military, and our college students don't have to worry about being drafted and going to fight, and maybe die? Maybe people figure, they volunteer, and they knew what they were getting in to. I'm sure these guys that joined the National Guard for the college benefits thought they might be going to war when they signed the papers.

The problem with the all volunteer military is it distances our people from the war. The report of casualties on the news slips by without a second thought. It's not big news anymore. The fact that someone has lost a loved one becomes common place

Is that the way to support our troops, to stand by silently while our government under estimates because they won't admit they made mistakes, while our soldiers are caught in the middle. Is Iraq better off now that we are bringing democracy to them? Do you really think we are safer than before the fall of Saddam? I hate to use the V. word, but Iraq looks more like Vietnam every day. We are going to set up a government and a military for them that won't last a week after we leave. If we stay, we can expect more of the same; and if we leave, Iraq can expect a civil war. Who wins?

If you want to support our troops, speak out and demand answers from our government. How and when do we bring our troops home?

Bob Davis

Bush's Environmental Record is Worst in 100 Years

By: Patrick Tierney
RIC Democrats

Our "President", who was appointed by the Supreme Court after the fiasco of the 2000 election, has become the worst president for environmental policy in over 100 years. President Bush has no responsibility to the future of America, and his policies will put us in imminent danger in the long run.

Most Presidents decide to separate parts of America that are beautiful and preserve them for future generations to enjoy, but not Bush. He has repeatedly decided that we don't need to preserve these lands, and we can develop them. During his Presidency, the development of America's most sacred land has accelerated rapidly.

Because of Bush's connections to companies that pollute, Bush has decided to allow these companies to INCREASE pollution instead of decrease it. In short, this means that your chances of developing lung cancer and

other hideous diseases from the acid that he has allowed companies to puke into the air has greatly increased. When Clinton was in office, he was decreasing pollution; but our current appointed leader, Bush, has decided that YOUR life is not important after you have voted.

Bush also backed out of the Kyoto Protocol from 1997. The Kyoto protocol was an agreement among developed nations to decrease the amount of carbon dioxide gasses they spew into the air. Carbon Dioxide causes global warming.

I can't imagine the horrible changes Bush would make if he were to be reelected. It is important that everyone goes out and votes for Kerry on November 2. Bush has triggered a chain of events that, if left to continue, will eventually destroy the planet. Global warming is a real threat, but Bush won't take it seriously. We only have one planet, so on Election Day, vote for America. Vote for Earth, and most importantly, vote for John Kerry.

roving reporter

**Do you feel that the
Presidential Debates will
impact your vote and
why?**

Dutehene Germain
Senior
Psychology

"Yes it will. Before I vote, I would like to hear both candidates' opinions on all the issues."



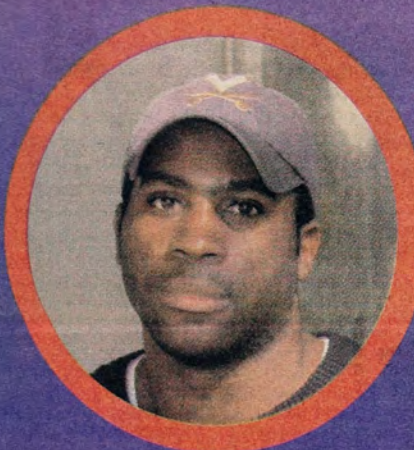
Justin Townsend
Senior
Secondary Education

"No it will not. I am automatically voting for Bush. My reason s because Kerry is a fake Red Sox fan, simple as that."



Gabe Djunga
Senior
Management

"I am not a citizen, but I don't believ it will impact anyone's vote because most have already made up their minds. If I was to vote, the debate would definitely not affect my decision."



Mark Deguilio
Freshman
Political Science

"I've already chosen to vote for Kerry, so the debate won't influence my decision. I feel it is the second debate that will help the American Public choose."



Steve Fernandes
Junior
Music

"No it won't change my vote. There is no way I would ever vote for Bush. His Dad tells him what to do."



Brett Broesder
Junior
Political Science

"It won't influence my vote, but i feel it is imprtant for the pubic to watch and learn. VOTE KERRY!"



Ashley Waterman
Senior
Secondary Education

"I'm not sure, but I decided not to vote for Bush, so I want to hear what Kerry has to say. I strongly feel that the debate is very important in a person's decision making."



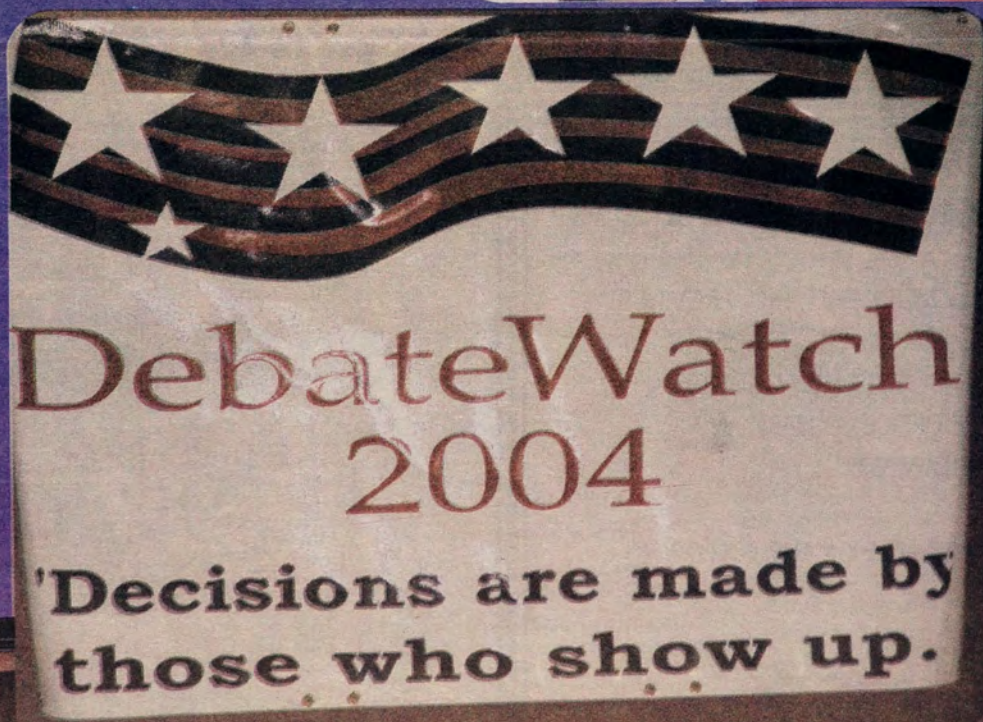
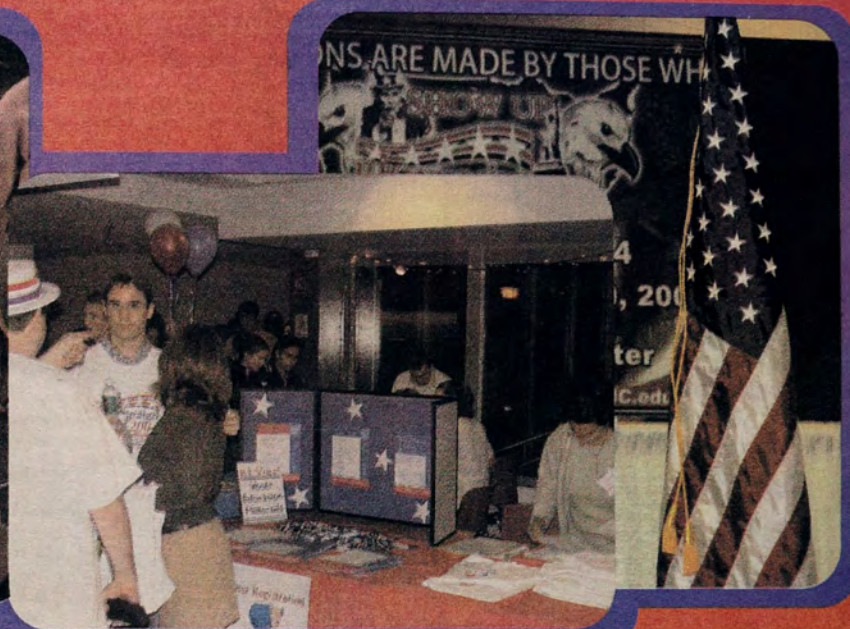
Kim Mazza
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"It will affect me some-what, but I pretty much know who I am going to vote for. As far as the debate goes, I would like to see how each candi-date resents themselves. It may surprise me."



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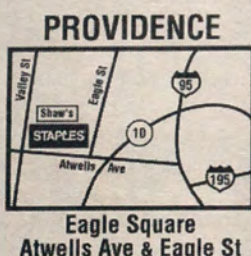
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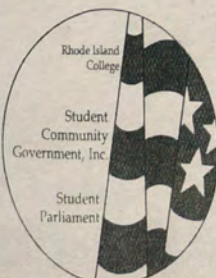


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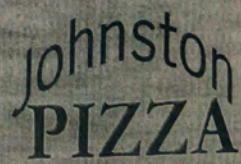
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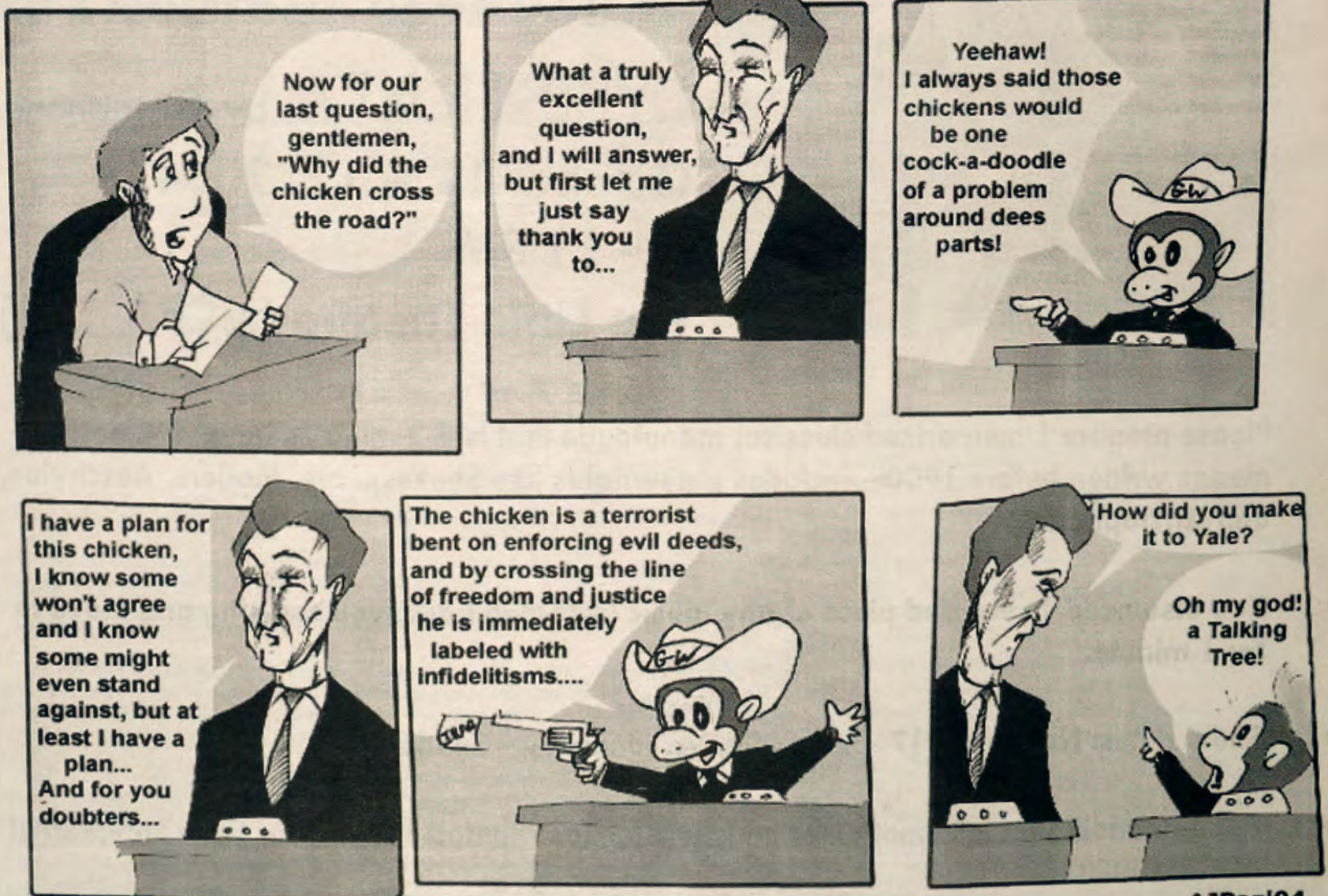
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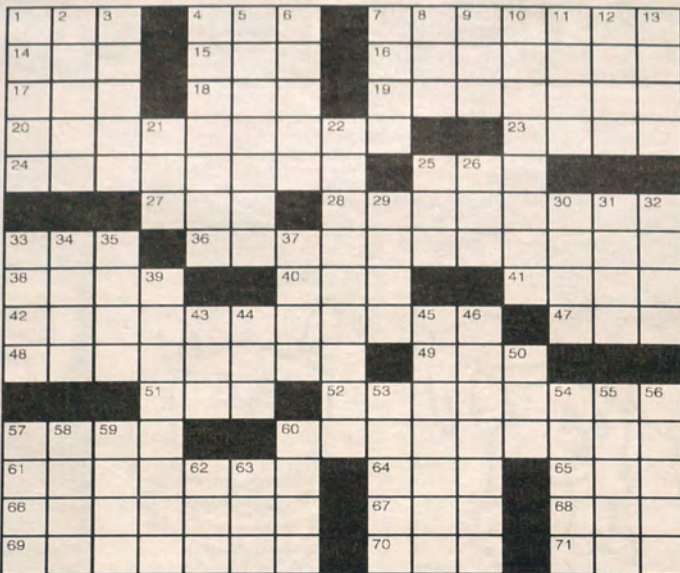
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ARIES (March 21-April 20). Vivid memories and sudden glimpses of important life lessons are highlighted. Over the next seven

days, expect childhood patterns, relations with authority figures or fear of change to be major themes. Study all insights for valuable clues into present family relationships or social tensions. Make cautious decisions and explain all revisions. At present, loved ones will initiate detailed discussions. After Saturday, romantic plans may be postponed. Wait for clear emotional signals.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20). Stalled relationships or social plans move rapidly forward. Before midweek, emotionally distant friends may offer strong opinions or candid explanations of their recent doubts. Accept both as a compliment. At present, friendships that are intended to stay in your life will become steadily more expressive. Welcome the change. Thursday through Sunday, minor financial errors and family disputes are accentuated. Stay focused on long-term obligations and all will be well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before midweek, silent tensions in the workplace are not easily avoided. Trusted colleagues or experienced officials will delay important projects or provide misinformation. Pridelike demands and subtle power struggles may be key influences. Remain quietly detached and expect new rules to be

announced. Later this week, unusual social triangles may delay group plans. If possible, wait for revised invitations. Close friends will expect added patience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Early this week, marital and long-term relationships may require redefinition. Romantic partners will soon ask for greater involvement in personal decisions, family disputes or parenting discussions. Traditional family roles vs. creative social expansion may be a central theme. Listen, gather insight and offer thoughtful opinions. All is well. Wednesday through Saturday accent housing decisions and property contracts. Don't delay. Financial restrictions are needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Authority figures will announce flawed business plans or unrealistic team expectations. Over the next six days, avoid public comment or group discussion. At present, employment contracts may be easily derailed by silent power struggles or complex social politics. After Thursday, schedule quiet events with trusted friends. Extra emotional support may be needed to assist with family disputes or rare disruptions to long-term relationships. Stay alert. Passions may be high.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Potential lovers or friends will expect bold public overtures and obvious statements of

affection. Remain cautious, however, and wait for improved circumstances. Social triangles, minor jealousies between friends or strained group dynamics need time to be resolved. Unreliable reactions may bring new complications. Remain dedicated to long-term promises and all will be well. Late Saturday, financial decisions require diplomacy. If possible, avoid new debts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Withheld business information, important applications or rare corporate permissions arrive without warning. Before Thursday, authority figures may offer faulty instructions and vague descriptions. Provide detailed suggestions and ask for group input. Independent actions and creative leadership will soon be rewarded. Later this week, a close friend may reveal an unexpected romantic attraction. If so, avoid offering an opinion. Your words won't be forgotten.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Family expectations and home schedules will significantly improve. After Tuesday, recently despondent loved ones may offer more of their energy and social devotion. Don't press for lengthy explanations. Rather, accept revised attitudes as genuine. Friday through Sunday, romantic overtures are delightful. A friend or potential lover may soon wish to expand a key relationship or explore new levels of intimacy. Respond honestly and wait for further invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Minor workplace disputes are easily resolved. Although complex numbers, mistaken paperwork or rare legal errors may be involved, key officials will soon revise long-term methods to accommodate daily needs. Duties and obligations will require adjustment. Discuss new suggestions and clarify all instructions. After Friday, a family member may request personal or romantic advice. A cautious approach is best. Added information will arrive later this month.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Previously denied romantic attractions will quickly rise to the surface. Before midweek, expect friends or long-term colleagues to expand their emotional lives or explore unusual relationships. Passions are genuine and deeply felt. Offer encouragement and watch for unusual social announcements. Thursday through Sunday highlight complex housing issues and rare financial discussions. Remain patient. There's much to decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Over the next four days, trusted colleagues may provide misinformation, criticize a friend or suddenly reverse their opinions. Social power struggles, canceled invitations or subtle romantic triangles may be involved. Take none of it personally. Private expectations may be more complex than anticipated. Avoid group discussions, if possible. Friday through Sunday, minor health

restrictions will fade. Before November, expect confidence and social vitality to also improve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20). This week, a lover or long-term friend may reveal unexpected romantic information. Before midweek, sexual history, private relationships or unique social habits may require detailed discussion. Don't overreact. Your insight and emotional support are important. After Friday, loved ones need extra time for contemplation or reflection. If possible, schedule cozy or familiar activities. Home enjoyment and family security will soon provide encouragement. Stay focused.

If your Birthday is this week:
A long-term friend or trusted relative may soon announce unusual career changes. Much of the next two to three months may trigger a powerful desire for lifestyle improvements, distant travel or unique educational experiences. Loved ones may be reacting to almost 16 months of strained business relations or workplace power struggles. Remain patient and watch for more predictable options to emerge. After mid-January, a new era of promotion and job expansion will begin. February through late April also accent complex romantic choices and deepening emotional obligations. Key relationships will soon demand concrete schedules, dates or promises. Stay open to sudden proposals and revised home agreements.

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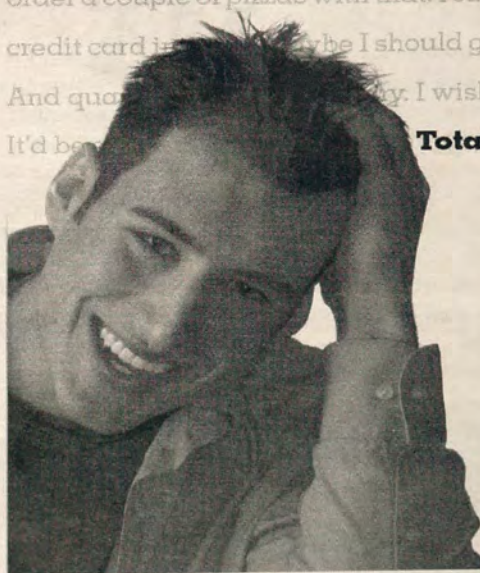
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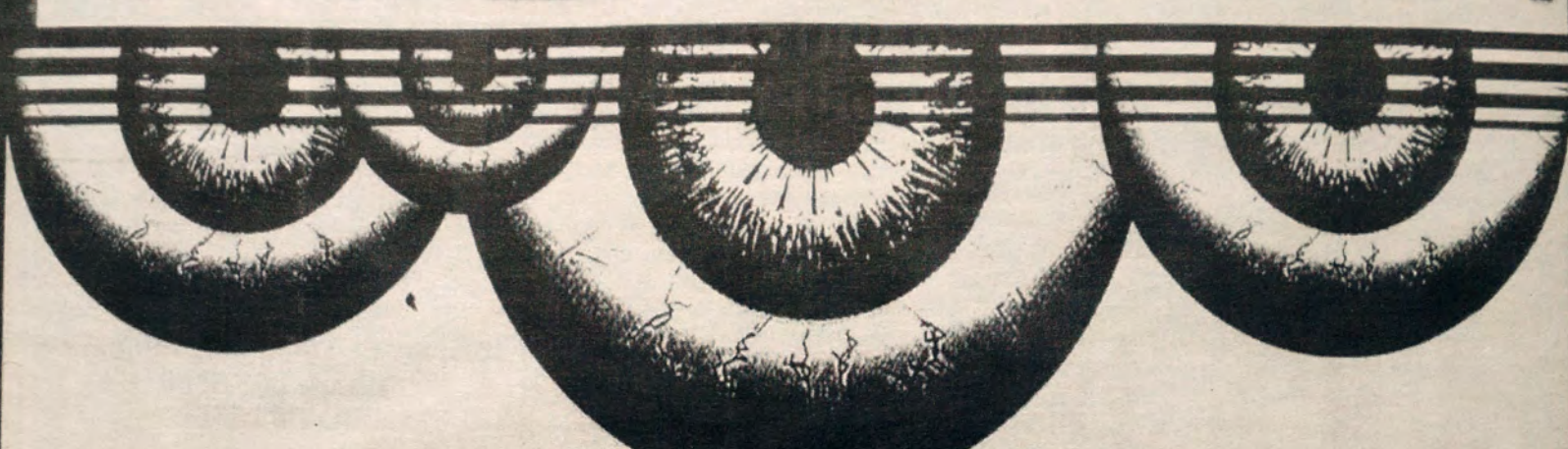
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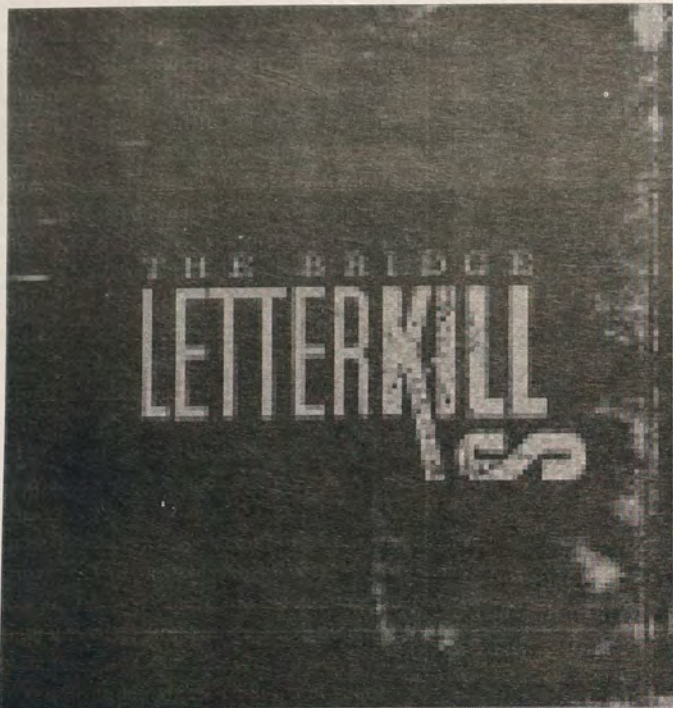
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with Story of The Year, lost-prophets, My Chemical Romance, Anberlin and Autopilot Off

Island recording group Letter Kills, pegged by *Alternative Press* magazine as one of "100 Bands You Need To Know In 2004," fulfills the dreams of the fans who have been following them for the last two years and two consecutive Vans Warped tours, as their premiere album, "THE BRIDGE", debuts on the *Billboard 200* album chart at #130 in its first week at retail.

Hot on the heels of the Vans Warped Tour, and a well-earned one month break, Letter Kills are on tour with an all-star lineup for this year's 2nd annual Nintendo Fusion tour. The 37-city multi-band tour kicked off on September 17th in San Louis Obispo, California, at Cal Poly

Performing Arts Center.

This summer's 8-week 10th Anniversary Vans Warped Tour featured Letter Kills performing in every one of the 44 cities. As their audience expands across the country, fans and critics have dubbed them "The One To Watch" on the tour. At the same time, rock radio formats have picked up on "Don't Believe", the first single (and video) from the album.

The hotly-promoted 2004 edition of the Nintendo Fusion tour features Letter Kills hitting the road with headliners Story of The Year and support acts Lostprophets, My Chemical Romance, Anberlin and Autopilot Off. (Bands are subject to change through the tour's wrap-up in November.) In each venue, the lobby will be transformed into an immersing entertainment space with music, custom lighting and specially designed gaming kiosks featuring the hottest upcoming Nintendo GameCube(tm) games. There will be giveaways at each show, and fans also will get a sneak preview of the new Nintendo DS(tm), an innovative dual-screen, wireless, hand-held video game system. The Nintendo Fusion tour is produced by Clear Channel Entertainment and booked by The Agency Group.

"THE BRIDGE" was produced by Jim Wirt (Incubus, Hoobastank) and mixed by Tom Lord-Alge (Blink-182, The Rolling Stones). *Alternative Press* characterized Letter Kills' sound as "big, swinging, Rage Against The Machine-style riffs mating with speedy '70s punk chord progressions." *Punk Discovery* called the debut "a serious contender for album of the year"; and *The New York Post* awarded the album a 3-star review.

For the five members of Letter Kills - Matt Shelton (vocals), Timothy Cordova (guitars), Dustin Lovelis (guitars), Kyle Duckworth (bass), and Paul Remund (drums) - the July 27th release of "THE BRIDGE" capped two years of blood, sweat and tears. Grinding it out in their southern California backyard, since forming in 2002, they recorded their debut EP the following year; all three tracks (including "Don't Believe") appear on the album. After being singled out as the top new band on a handful of Vans Warped Tour dates last summer, they were asked back for the entire tour this year. Letter Kills' fans will be the first one to learn about upcoming tour dates and other gab at www.letterkills.com and other punk/news sites.

Nintendo Fusion Tour:

10/3	Los Angeles, CA	The Wiltern
10/4	Davis, CA	UC Davis Freeborn Hall
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bands and blues of New Orleans, it was something the people were looking for.

Literally, Chris stands apart from many young songwriters because his writing is very specific. Themes, like war and love, are dealt with on a personal and poignant level. The title track on his demo, entitled "Waters and Schools" deals with the effects of war on children. He writes, "...We don't hear their cries...they are crying now with the loss of life and the heaving breast of war...what do we do when they say no?...are we really gonna burn it all up?...the water and the schools..." Chris claims that he writes for himself, but his songs voice something bigger than him and reflect the sentiments of this era of war and violence.

As a Music minor at RIC, he continues to train; and as a Theater major, he incorporates music into his acting. This summer, he played the part of a piano-player in The Fledgling Play Festival, a showcase of young local playwrights. In the performance, he sang track #4 from his new demo, entitled "Hit man".

Chris will release his new demo, entitled "Water and Schools", at a show on October 8 at Café Zog on Wickenden St. in Providence. The performance starts at 9 p.m., and there's no cover (b.y.o.b.)! So, come check him out and get a copy of his demo. If you can't make the show and are still interested in the demo, you can contact him at meanmax22@hotmail.com.

Producers from back

Matthew Broderick's best friend in Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Lewis J. Stadlen's vice was so raspy and annoying, it got to the point of being unenjoyable. After seeing the movie a few times, I see how the characters are, and it seems you really have to have the people just right to pull them off. I don't think it was done well at all for this production. Maybe if I go to the city and see the show on Broadway, I could appreciate it more, but from what I've seen it wasn't the greatest musical ever.

The best part was mostly just the in-show performance of *Springtime for Hitler*. It was just so unbelievable, extravagant, and offensive. It was great. A gay

man playing Hitler, with the random lyrics of Springtime for Hitler in Germany and Heil Myself, I couldn't get enough of it. It's in the film as well, but it is so much better live. This was probably the only very well done portion of the show.

Though it isn't the greatest show ever, but A LOT better than most out there, it is definitely worth the watch. It's one of those shows where the second act is so much better than the first, but too bad it takes nearly two hours to get to it. It's also fun to catch all the inside jokes throughout Mel Brook's film, from choreography from Young Frankenstein, to the racist jokes of Blazing Saddles.

and contracted by the Famiglietti Brothers Company, whom was commissioned by the Toy Theatre Company. The project was overseen by C.C. Darling. It was and continues to be one of four theaters built by Walker & Son, and one of two that remain; *The Emery* and *The Modern* no longer exist, and the *Trinity Repertory Company* now takes residence in the former *Majestic*. The Toy was the first theater on the East Side and one of the first community theaters in the entire city of Providence. What remains to be unseen, however, is what happened to the *Toy Theatre* between its opening in 1915 and 1937, when it was renovated. Almost exactly one year from its opening, rumors had surfaced that it doubled as an amateur theater and gymnasium, and that it had housed an inclusion swimming pool. This was plausible, due to the lack of such facilities on the East Side at the time. Whether or not this occurred is uncertain, and the property was said to have become a garage, prior to its renovation in 1937.

The 1937 renovation began when the Louis Gordon Theatres, Inc. leased the property from the Dulgarian Brothers to turn the space back into a theater for moving pictures, which included but was not limited to: reel films. These moving pictures were laden with famed

Avon from back

silent film legends such as: Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Laurel & Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton, the Keystone Cops, and Rudolph Valentino. The renovation had not only included a remodeling of the theater's purpose, but also of its interior. The heating system was updated. New seating (which had increased the seating capacity to 630 people) was added, and a lobby leading from Thayer Street to the rear of the auditorium was constructed. Most importantly, however, the name of the theater was retired, and changed to its present title, *The Avon*.

Since this time, the only other changes that have occurred have been minor: i.e.; adjustment of doors between the lobby and the auditorium, raised and lowered ceiling heights, new layout of the restrooms, and expanded space for management, thus eliminating the lounge area on the second floor.

The *Avon Cinema* remains in the Dulgarian family to this day. Its history reflects the shifting uses of theaters in Providence, a city which has housed different types of theatrical performances and different extensions of artistic vision at various points in history. The *Majestic*, for example, was first used only for moving pictures, but over time that changed and it now accommodates *Trinity's*

eclectic variety of plays and musicals. The *Toy Theatre*, which is now known as *The Avon*, was also part of the large repertoire of Walker & Son, both on the East Side and elsewhere in Rhode Island.

The style of *The Avon*, which is generally classified as Art Deco, mainly reflected in the facade, marquee and the neon embellishments in the auditorium, provides for such a contrast to the predominantly modern appearance of the architecture of the city of Providence. Perhaps it is this that lends to the allure and the appeal of such old-style movie houses such as *The Avon*. The same allure and appeal that allow you to envision movie ushers with pill-box shaped hats and a sultry woman selling cigarettes for a two dollar bill and a fifty cent piece, however, now the screens are not laden with the images of film greats, but rather the images of more obscure actors starring in indie/artsy flicks. Whatever the image being projected, the classic appeal is never lost, allowing for the *Avon* to exist as a timeless symbol of the historic cinema. Although the style of such theaters may be thought of as outdated when compared to the massive Cineplex style structures of today, the images of the classic cinema should not fade so quickly.

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October 7

Lecture: The Legacy of German New Wave Cinema*
David D Arcy, National Public Radio
10:00 a.m. Horace Mann Room 193

October 12

Film: The Battle Of Algiers (1966)*
Gillo Pontecorvo Film Retrospective/Part One
4:00 p.m. Gage Auditorium

October 13-15

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10:00 a.m. Daily, Auditorium in Roberts Hall

October 13

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4:00 p.m. Whipple Hall Room 104

October 14

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RIC Student Rocks the East Side

By: Abby Saunders
Anchor Editor



"Love is...chopping you into a million pieces." Not exactly the typical love song, but Chris Rosenquest is not the typical songwriter. His new demo features original songs about the effects of war on people, playing music, and of course, love. His honest lyrics hit home, and his soft, but powerful vocals create a chill, atmospheric sound. A balance of mellow intensity and funk gives this RIC student's original folk music a whole lot of soul. Rosenquest's one-man-orchestra consists of his guitar, keyboard, and acappella beats...occasionally, he'll use his Fisher Price piano and microphone for a truly original sound.

This RIC student is set to release his new demo at a show on October 8 at Café Zog. During his show there last month, Chris proved himself as an intense performer. His passionate stage presence was as big as his voice, and anyone could see that he means it! He played barefoot on the patio at Zog, and people were wandering in from the streets to check him out.

Chris fell in love with his guitar while living in New Orleans. "When you are away from friends and family, you become attached to things that have always been there for you." While in New Orleans, he played out frequently at big-name places, like The House of Blues and Tipitinas Upstairs. He said they were "hungry for a new style." Chris classifies his music as "funky folk rhythmic poetry", and among the brass

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Avon Calling!

By: Douglas Young
Anchor Contributor

The boy hands me a two dollar bill and a fifty cent piece as change. I double take at the currency. It seems antiquated, outdated. I imagine movie ushers in little, pill box-shaped bellhop hats. I pause, and scan the cinema's horizon for the girl with the candy and the cigarettes before Marilyn, Sinatra and Audrey appear on the silver screen. Ticket, Please. And there he is, the walking Gap ad, clad in generic blue jeans. There is no pill box-shaped hat resting atop his neatly combed hair. I am wholly disappointed, but, as I nestle in to my seat with my box of Raisinets (purchased earlier at the concession stand in the Lobby), I allow my eyes to roam around the cinema's architecture. I can almost swear that I hear the faint sound of a woman selling cigarettes for a two dollar bill and a fifty cent piece.

It was on May 24, 1915, that the red tape was divided, commemorating the opening of *The Toy Theatre* on the East Side. The theatre had opened with two well-attended and equally well-received performances on November 1 of the same year. *The Toy Theatre* was designed by William R. Walker & Son



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The Muir String Quartet Returns to Rhode Island College

By: Allison McGrath
Anchor Contributor
and Christopher Makolandra
Anchor Staff

Rhode Island College had the honor of welcoming back the Muir String Quartet for its twelfth consecutive year performing here. They played three pieces for a packed Sapinsley Hall last Monday, including Franz Joseph Hayden's String Quartet in G minor, Opus 20, No. 2; Leos Janacek's String Quartet No. 2 Intimate Letters; and Johannes Brahms' String Quartet in B-flat Major, Opus 67.

Hayden's Quartet in G minor shows the theatrics and opera it is inspired by with its back-and-forth mood changes. Janacek's Intimate Letters is interestingly inspired by letters exchanged during his relationship with a married woman forty years younger than he. The piece's constant change in mood and rhythm reflect the feelings in their relationship. Brahms' Quartet in B-flat Major was published in Berlin in 1876 and was his last quartet of only three.

Currently in residence at Boston University since 1983, and existing since 1980, the Muir String Quartet consists of Peter Zazofsky (violin), Lucia Lin (violin), Steven Ansell (viola), and Michael Reynolds (cello). Their achievements include various awards such as the Naumburg Chamber Music Award (1981) and the Evian International String Quartet Competition (1980). They have also appeared on PBS, performed for President and Mrs. Reagan in the White House, and received a Grammy nomination for their recording of Beethoven Quartets (Op. 132 and the Grosse Fugue) in 1995. Their current tour includes many major U.S. cities including New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, and others. Also included is a European venue of Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, and the Netherlands. They will return to Rhode Island College in May of 2005 to perform Hayden's Quartet in C Major, Op. 20, No. 2; Schulhof's Five Pieces; and Ravel's Quartet in F Major.

Sapinsley Hall will also feature the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, Quartetto di Venezia, and pianist Jeffrey Siegel in the near future.

What's the Hype?

By: Tim Labonte
Anchor Staff

Okay, honestly, *The Producers* was a very well done production. The sets were really great, some of the songs were catchy, and there was a decent joke every 10-15 minutes. But I was told over the past three years how amazing and great this musical was, and after seeing the movie a few times, I couldn't wait.

After the first act I asked myself So what's the hype? The music isn't that extravagant the jokes are severely weak and why is the audience laughing at them? Yeah, there were numerous funny situations, but the acting seemed very forced, overdone, and the cast seemed cocky. Like, Look at us! We're awesome because we're in *The Producers*!

The head honchos, Max Bialystock (Lewis J. Stalden) and Leo Bloom (Alan Ruck) are quite the pair when the most horrible producer, Bialystock, meets up with Bloom, a personal accountant, to find out you can make more money by having a Broadway flop than a Broadway success. They find the worst director, Carmen Ghia (Harry Bouvy), a flamboyant gay man with the worst crew, as well. They find the worst script, *Springtime for Hitler*, written by Franz Liebkind (Michael McCormick), and their plan seems to continue and work or does it?

The show, though extremely offensive and crude, is enjoyed by everyone and is a success. Being caught for the money fraud, Max and Leo are sent to prison, but put on leave for their ability to make all the rapist and murderers in the prison happy go lucky and musical.

It was indeed nifty to be able to watch Alan Ruck perform and do a good job (but sometimes too over the top and obnoxious). If you don't recognize Ruck's name, maybe you'll remember him as the guy who played Cameron,



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