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#### RIC Students Excel in ROTC program

A Flicker of Hope for RIC Lighting

By: Zdenko Juskuv Anchor Editor

If you saw John Davis or Stephen Profirio walking across the quad you would not look twice or notice anything out of the ordinary about them. But Davis, a senior and a history major, and Profirio, a junior and a political science major, can proudly say that they do something few RIC students hear about, and fewer still participate in.

Profirio and Davis are two of the most accomplished ROTC cadets in New England. Profirio has trained in airborne school, air assault school, designated marksman course, combat life saver course, and anti-terrorism level one awareness training, John Davis has participated in the Cadet Troop Leadership Training course, Warrior Forge: Leadership Development and Assessment Camp (LDAC), was Captain of the Patriot Battalion Army Ten Miler team (which got 4th place out of 56 ROTC teams) and is also a combat life saver.

Davis feels that ROTC does not get the recognition it deserves on campus, "We just need the word spread out about usa lot of people don't know what ROTC is at RIC." He says, "I'm constantly being asked, when are you going to Iraq, stuff like that. We're not currently on active duty. They don't know that when we graduate, we will be get commissioned as lieutenants.'

"RIC is a very different school than PC or Bryant," Davis



sai., "I know a lot of students who work full time and don't have a lot of time. That's alright.

If we can get, say, five people per

classfrom RIC each year that would be great."

According to Sergeant Michaud, a soldier can become an officer in one of four ways. The most rare and uncommon way is the battlefield commission; under extreme circumstances on the battlefield, an enlisted soldier might be commissioned as an officer if there is an immediate need for officers. Another way is to be accepted to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. A third way is for soldiers who have already done their basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and who have 60 college credits are eligible for Officer Candidate School (OCS).

However, the way that most college students choose to go is

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By: Luzjennfer Martinez **Anchor Staff** 

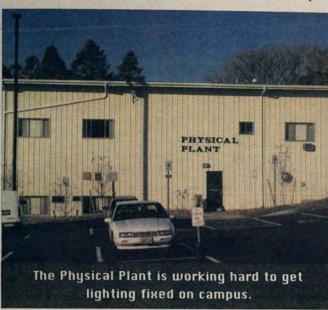
It was only three short weeks ago that Rhode Island College underwent several power outages that affected many. outages brought the loss of light and electricity to most of the west side of campus. In addition to this difficulty of the outage situation, RIC has been dealing with a growing influx of broken and malfunctioning lights around campus. These damaged,

blocked, or even missing lights have caused many areas on campus to appear dark, which can be dangerous for students and staff

members who walk around buildings or even through walking paths at night. The situation around campus are being given

"The lights that are out

top priority to get worked on, although they can't be taken care of all at once because, in most cases, some parts are still needed and are being waited for to get the job done," I was told by Mr. Brady, Director of Operations of Physical Plant. went on to say, "What we're



is considered an important security and safety issue by the college, with full focus given to the repair and installation of the

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#### RIC Students Celebrate Right to Vote

By: Dave Cranshaw and Suzy Alba

**Anchor Contributors** 

In an effort to get more people out to the polls on Election Day, Rhode Island College students sponsored a Preelection Celebration and Rally Wednesday, October 27 in Student Union Ballroom.

The non-partisan event encouraged the college campus and members of the community to come together and show their commitment to voting. The event served as a

conclusion for the series of events held on campus throughout the last two months to make students and the community more aware of their role in the political process.

Throughout the presidential campaign, both candidates placed a great emphasis on voter registration and getting their message out to young and new

voters. Rock the Vote, a campaign started by MTV over 12 years ago, sponsored rallies around the country that were

RIC Students attending the voter rally

highlighted with celebrity appearances encouraging people to get out and vote; they registered nearly 1 million people to

P.Diddy toured America with his "Vote or Die' message, while new initiatives like HeadCount, PunkVoter and Smackdown Your Vote! brought

celebrities, music and politics together as they traveled the country to encourage young people to go to the polls.

It appears that the message

worked as studies show that nearly 21 million people voted in the age bracket of 18-29. This number is up nearly 29 percent from the 2000 election and marked the highest turnout in percentage of young voters since 1972. A poll conducted by MediaVest, a leading full-service media specialist company in New York, concluded that 40 percent of the 18-24 year

old age bracket is influenced by celebrity endorsements. The study also indicated that 66 percent of 18-24 year olds intended to vote on Election Day. This percentage is up significantly

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Announcement to Rhode Island College

The Personnel Committee of the Board of Governors is in the process of the contract renewal review for President John Nazarian, whose current contract expires at the end of this academic year. According to regulation, the review must be completed by Wednesday, Dec. 1. In preparing this review, the Personnel Committee is interested in securing as many constructive comments and insights as possible on how President Nazarian is performing his duties as president of Rhode Island College. Consequently, the Personnel Committee is offering an open invitation to the College

community to provide information that would be helpful in this review. All comments should be written and, of course, acknowledged by the author. Comments will, however, be maintained in confidence. Please submit this information to Sandra Lanni, Rhode Island Board of Governors, 301 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. All correspondence should be mailed by Sunday, Nov. 21.

Patricia Foster, Executive Assistant to the General Counsel Rhode Island Office of Higher Education

#### **Tidbits**

Antidotes for Addicts Coping with Post-election Blues

Tuesday, November 16 3:30-8:00pm Student Union Ballroom

Excursion to Boston and the Museum of Fine Arts

The Office of Student Activities has teamed up with the History Department to offer an exciting excursion to Boston and the Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. ñ 5 p.m. For only \$12 participants (ages 17 and up, please)

Aquatic Programs and Special Events

New swimming Session Class combines aerobic exercise with relaxation

Thursday 12-1 pm Swimming for the Terrified-Tuesdays, Oct. 26- Dec. 7, 1-1:45 p.m.

Beginner Thursdays, Oct. 26- Dec. 7, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Intermediate Tuesdays, Oct.

26- Dec. 7, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Sign up for Programs at the Recreation Desk

For more information, call Alan at 456-8227 or Janice 456-8238.

Second Annual Arthur F. Smith Lecture

The second annual Arthur F. Smith Lecture in Mathematics Education will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., at RIC in the Student Union Ballroom.

Open House

On Saturday, Nov. 13, from 12:30-4 p.m., the Admissions Office is hosting the Annual Open House to showcase the College and its many offerings to prospective students and their families. We need the campus community to help us welcome over 1,000 people to our "house." For more information, please contact Debbie Suggs in the Admissions Office, ext. 8425.



Hi, Honey!

When you feel DOWN - always remember to look UP at the stars.

Love, Mom To:

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#### Vote from front

from the 32 percent of this age bracket that voted in the 2000 election.

"Celebrities have a lot of credibility just because they are action-oriented, they are often problem solvers, they are not ideologues," said Darrell West, professor of political Science at Brown University and author of Celebrity Politics.

However, not everyone is convinced that celebrity endorsements have any meaningful impact on the election. "Very few Americans are empty vessels into which celebrities or the media can pour opinions," said Larry Sabato, Director of The Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. The goal of the celebrity appearance is to increase awareness of the candidate and encourage them to vote, said David Bositis, senior political analyst for the Joint Center for Political and Economic

Studies. "Celebrities help, but it has to be combined with an organization on the ground who have people and resources who actually go out and register people, and at election time, reminds those people and helps those people to get out and vote," Bositis said.

It is clear that RIC student leaders made a concerted and conscious effort to bring politics to the campus. From the celebrated DebateWatch at RIC, the largest of its kind in the history of the program, to panel discussions about the issues, and registration drives that registered over 100 students, students made great strides to increase civic engagement on campus and in the community.

The over 150 people who attended the Voter Rally were treated to a performance by the Ocean State follies, a group of performers who use satire and

comedy to make fun of everything that is distinctly Rhode Island.

Secretary of State Matt Brown spoke on behalf of his new voter initiative RI Vote! that is geared to increased civic involvement in the 18-24 age bracket, which has long been documented as the most apathetic group of voters.

Joey Fatone, a member of the pop band N'SYNC and Broadway star, stressed that the only person people are hurting when they do not vote is themselves.

"It is always great to come back to RIC, especially for events like this. The students have demonstrated civic engagement at its best with this rally and the many other Campaign Watch activities over the past few months," said Adam Stanley '04.

# NEWS

#### Lighting from front

mainly looking to do is to fix the dark areas first, so that way people will be able to see where they're going and just so we could look out for the security of the buildings, as well as the individuals."

One area in need of lighting improvement is the Alger Hall Construction Site. "What we want to do is at least get the outside lights, which are the ones mounted on the building, installed and working to ensure overall security for the building," Brady continued, "The poll lights around the construction site won't need instillation until the construction is finished."

"Trees, also, are becoming a problem for the lighting," Mr. Brady stated, "Some lights have been installed but have been blocked by trees that have been growing larger with the passing of time." Another problem occurring is the malfunctioning of lights due to old age, which is the case for Parking Lot K. "The K Lot doesn't have very great lighting levels because of the disintegrating light fixtures and cement polls, which are presently being worked on to replace,"" Brady replied.

In response to the concern for everyone's safety, the RIC Physical Plant has been working on the use of some systems in order to keep the lighting situation under better control. First, Brady spoke of an Overlap System, which is mainly being generated for the critical walking areas. "What this overlap system does is

when a light goes out, there will be other lights in the area to supplement it. It won't make the area as bright as it would be normally, but at least there will be enough light to see," Brady stated. The next system would be continued use of yellow caution ribbons, which are currently being wrapped around any polls with broken lights. "The yellow ribbons tell the prepared contractors which lights are broken and also help us distinguish the lights that were reported broken from the ones that weren't."

Fortunately, there has been improvement for a number of problematic areas identified over the years, such as the lights behind the dorms, as I was told by Mr. Cody, the Director of Security and Safety for the Campus Police Office. Again, this brings attention to the effort being made to keep the safety of all those in the RIC community as a high priority for those involved in working for solutions. While there are no quick remedies for each and every problem, as mentioned by Brady, the most that can be done is to address everything as it arises, which will need to be a campus-wide effort. "If any lights appear to not be working, or if anyone sees an area that is dark, they are urged to contact the oncampus security office during late hours," Brady concluded. For reports of any problems during the day, everyone is also urged to contact the RIC Physical Plant at extension 8262.

Did you register to vote at a RIC voting drive, yet told you were not registered when you went to vote on November 2?

If so, please call the Anchor at 456-8280.

You are not alone.

#### Falling Prices for a Classic Night

By: Paul J. Spetrini

Anchor Editor

Because of an apparent lack of student interest, tickets for the upcoming Fall Classic, RIC's 1st semi-formal dance of the year, have dropped in price. The night, which originally cost \$30 per person, has dropped to \$20 in the hope that many more students will come around and decide to go to the event.

The Fall Classic is the first fall semi-formal event in over five years for Rhode Island College. Sponsored by the class of 2005 and 2006, planners of the event hope that the tradition of last-minute ticket purchases holds true once again. A lot of time and effort has gone into planning this event, and they just hope that, in the end, it proves to be worth it.

Suzy Alba, President of the Class of 2005, helped coordinate the event. From planning the location to deciding the food to be served, both classes have worked extremely hard at making the fall classic as familiar an event to RIC students as its

spring counterpart, the Castilian. "People are starting to buy tickets, and they're going fast. A lot of students wait until the last minute to make sure that they can go. It's going to be a great night off. We chose the Biltmore because it's really close to the school, and it's a nice place. It's going to be on the top floor, a place a lot of people haven't really been to before. We just want to get as many people as possible to show up. It's going to be a good event for the classes to get the word out and to just have some fun," Alba explained.

By sponsoring the event, the Class of 2005 and 2006 is now covering almost two-thirds the total cost. The Biltmore, which charges an average of \$60 per person, held true to that price. But, in an effort to provide an affordable event for the students of RIC, the classes have agreed to settle on charging much less

for admission.

The Fall Classic is not limited to upper classmen; it's open to any RIC student. The main targets of the event are the newer members of the college commu-

nity. Dave Cranshaw, Secretary of Student Government, hopes to reach out to the younger students and get them involved. "The great thing about this is that students from every class are welcome to come. It's not something that only members of one class can come to. We want the Fall Classic to become something that students look forward to. We want to get every class out there, and let them know that this is just the start of things that are going on this year," Cranshaw stated.

Cranshaw believes that the

Cranshaw believes that the price of admission is well worth what you're getting in return. Cranshaw explained, "If I wanted to take my girlfriend out or have a night out with my friends, it's going to cost me a lot more than twenty dollars. For five hours of fun and a nice dinner, twenty dollars is a great deal." The Fall Classic will be held this Friday, November 12th, at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Union Information Desk until Wednesday afternoon for only \$20.



#### Student's Emotions in a Mix after Election Day

By: Katharine Ricci Anchor Staff

Emotions on campus post election day were mixed. If people were caught smiling, it was almost understood that they were a Bush supporter. Some distraught teachers let classes out early or did not show up at all. As people walked around campus, friends could be heard encouraging each other over the election results, saying things like Its Ok. It won t be that bad.

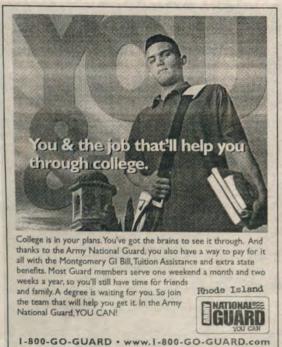
Forrester Safford, the managing editor at the Anchor, was absolutely thrilled about George W. Bush winning the presidency for the second time. Even though Forrester had run for state representative this term and lost, whatever sorrow he might have experienced was overshadowed by George Bush's victory. I m so ecstatic, very ecstatic about

On the other hand, emotionally distraught Brett Broesder, president of RIC Democrats, tries to remains hopeful. When asked what he s going to do now that the presidency was lost to Bush for yet another four years, Brett said, [I m going to] try to push for more liberal awareness around campus, and try and keep people on the political bandwagon even after the election. Mark Deguilio, another member of the democratic club, also tries to remain in high spirits. I m disappointed, but... I m trying to be more hopeful about it. Like George Bush said in

his speech, [hopefully he ll] come and try and reach out across the aisle for the bipartisanship.

If students around campus are confused as to why Bush won over Kerry. Safford, Broester and Deguilio all agree that, although Kerry won all of the upper Northeast and West Coast states, he failed to meet the needs of the Midwest. There s a strong Christian following out there that believes what George Bush believes in, said Deguilio, mostly in the Midwest. Safford agreed, Around five o clock in the afternoon [on election day] I was driving around with my campaign manager and we heard on the radio that the number one reason why people were voting this year was due to morals. I said right there that Bush won the election. Morals really mean something to people....And I think the gay marriage issue really hurt him, too, because it got the religious Right out.

Other reasons why Kerry lost could have been his lack of presence and support. Kerry didn t represent himself well enough to the American people or to his base as a whole, said Broesder. You see, Conservatives love George Bush. Liberals only like Kerry. Therefore, people really got out and supported Bush. Safford had similar things to say: When you look at Bush, people support him. It wasn t close - he beat Kerry by over 3.5 million votes. That s huge.



#### ROTC from front

through the Army Reserve ROTC Patriot Battalion held a Training Corps (ROTC), which includes attending military science classes, physical training sessions, occasional field training exercises and going to Warrior Forge: Leadership and Development Assessment Camp (LDAC) between your Junior and Senior vears. Participating in ROTC allows them to commission as a Second Lieutenant after completing all these ROTC requirements. In September of their senior year, ROTC cadets decide what branch of the Army they hope to specialize in, such as Infantry or field artillery. In addition, graduates of the ROTC program can choose to come back to act as instructors at ROTC camps such as LDAC.

"Every semester we take a military science class," said Cadet Jessie Morales, a senior at Providence College. "Students take classes in military science and learn how to use their weapons, lead a squad of soldiers, conduct assaults on bunkers, and plot points on a map and find locations using only the map, a compass, and protractor. The classes are a combination of classroom and field learning. By the time they are done ROTC, cadets have received the same, if not more basic and advanced training that enlisted soldiers receive.'

The past weekend, from October 29 to the 31st, the Army

Field Training Exercise at Camp Edwards, MA, involving students from RIC, Providence College, UMASS-Dartmouth, Johnson and Wales University, Bryant University, and Brown The weekend University. involved mock assaults, where juniors lead squads, many for the first time, and were tested on Leadership, on how well they their planning phase is, on their execution, their planning, and motivation. 'There are 46 leadership dimensions we test them on," said Captain Porter, one of several officers who are the cadets' instructors.

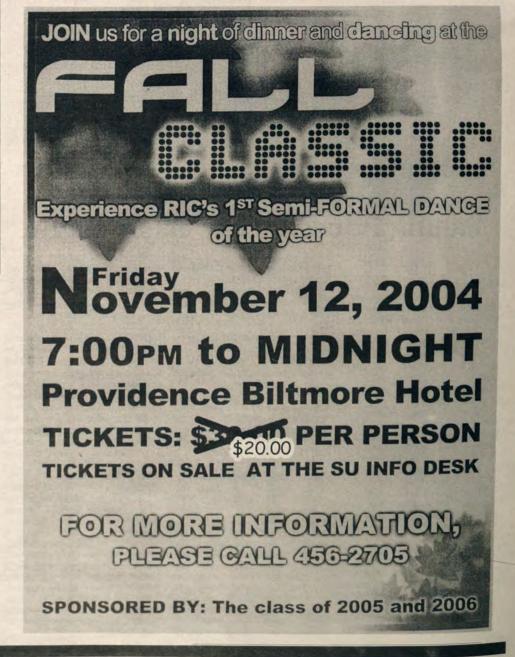
"You go to a camp, LDAC, between your junior and senior year. It's held in Ft. Lewis, Washington and it's about a month long. About 4,500 cadets from all around the country attend, and in it you're going to be tested on all the training you have received up to that point", said Cadet Morales. "During the month the cadets will have to show that they can perform all the functions of a soldier, "although there is an atmosphere of teamwork prevalent, you are also competing with all the other cadets, which is why we in the Patriot Battalion stress performing above and beyond the standard. We don't want our cadets to just pass camp; we want them to excel at it" Morales explained.

After the month, each cadet

gets ranked. Cadet Morales indicated that, depending on their ranking at camp, along with how the Professor of military science ranks them within their own class, and their academics- what their grades are- the combination of all these factors determines if they get there branch of choice or not. Thus if a student has a low GPA in College or doesn't do well in the exercises, his or her chances of getting the branches of her choice are not as high as a cadet who does well in academics and in training.

Students who join ROTC late in their sophomore year or those who wish to become officers after graduating from college can still become commissioned officers. They are sent to summer camp called Leadership Training Camp; followed by two years of classes and Warrior Forge: Leadership Development and Assessment Camp, after which they can receive a commission.

ROTC cadets graduate with valuable leadership skills that are useful both in the military and in the civilian world. Profirio is confident that ROTC will help with his major and his future career, Applying for different jobs, they'll look at it. "They look at your command experience. It shows leadership and management capabilities." As Quigley put "Leadership is our business"





## APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR LEADERSHIP RHODE ISLAND'S 2005 EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Leadership Rhode Island is pleased to announce that it is now seeking applicants for the second year of the Emerging Leaders Program. This program was developed for college students approaching graduation and is designed to help students enhance their leadership skills while providing information and experiential learning about Rhode Island history, issues facing the state, the nonprofit sector, public service and government, and community service at the workplace.

Participants are s tudents approaching graduation from local colleges and universities who have demonstrated an interest in leadership and who are committed to taking an active role in the future of Rhode Island. Last year's participants included students from RIC, URI, PC, Bryant, J&W, Salve, and CCRI. The program is highly competitive and enrollment is limited to approximately 20 students from all institutions combined.

The Emerging Leaders program is presented by Fidelity Investments, which underwrites all program costs for the participants so that students may participate without any cost to them.

Program dates are December 3, January 28, February 25, April 1, and April 29. Sessions generally meet from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a full-time undergraduate at the College in good academic standing. Applicants shall have completed at least 30 credits but not more than 75 credits at the time of application.

Please submit a letter of interest indicating why you feel you would be a su itable candidate for the program. Depending on the number of responses, a grade transcript and interview may be required. Letters of recommendation are not required but names of potential references may be included with the letter of application. The final decision on participants from Rhode Island College will be made by the College President.

Address your letter to: President Nazarian

Leadership Rhode Island – Emerging Leaders Program

President's Office Rhode Island College

Providence, RI 02908-1991

DEADLINE: Letters of Interest MUST be received in the President's Office no later than 5:00 pm on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004. Because this is a strict deadline, it is <a href="https://highly.night.night.night.night">highly recommended</a> that applicants hand deliver their applications to the President's Office (Roberts 400).

For more information about L eadership Rhode I sland and the Emerging Leaders Program, visit www.leadershipri.org or call (401) 273-1574. Contact person for the project is Kathleen A. Swann, Ph.D., President and CEO of Leadership Rhode Island. Contact at Rhode Island College is Michael Smith, Assistant to the President, (401) 456-8004 or msmith@ric.edu. Flyers providing additional information are available at the Student Union Information Desk and in the President's Office.

# SPORTS

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

#### Wrestling

It's hard to believe that fall is almost over. As we turn our clocks back and turn our attention to the impending holidays, it's also a shift in the RIC sports scene. With the temperature dropping, that can only mean one thing: It's time for some bodies to hit the mat. RIC's Wrestling team had a remarkable season last year. Closing out the season as the Pilgrim League Champions meant something special. The team had four grapplers earn All-New England honors on route to the most wins in a season by the program in over a decade. This year, they have high expectations on repeating and exceeding last year's success. It all starts with the RWU Invite, an event the Anchormen finished third in last year. This year, they look to finish first, and start off on the right foot.

Roger Williams University Invitational Tournament \*November 13th at 10:00AM\*

#### **Key Player to Watch:**

RIC Senior Justin Deveau (North Attleboro, MA) was named a First Team All-Star last year for the Pilgrim Wrestling League. Deveau was one of two N.E. Wild-Cards to compete at the NCAA Div. III Championships, which were hosted by Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa on Mar. 6-7. Deveau went 1-2 at the NCAA Championships. Both of his losses were to eventual All-Americans. Deveau earned All-New England honors, placing second at 285 lbs. at the NECCWA Championships. Deveau has earned All-New England honors in each of his three seasons as an Anchorman. He was 39-6 at 285 lbs. with 161 points, 57 takedowns, ten reversals, 42 escapes, 15 near-falls and five pins. His 39 wins is a new school record for a single season. He looks to pick up right where he last left last year by starting strong in the team's first real competition of the 2004 season.

#### **ANCHORWOMEN** UPSET 3-2 IN LEC SEMIFINAL.

University held on to win, 3-2, advance to the Championship Match of the 2004 Little East Conference Women s Volleyball State University, which defeattomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. in The Murray Center at RIC.

All five games were close, featuring many lead changes.

Despite a furious come- The Warriors took game one, back by Rhode Island College, 30-25, and were narrowly Eastern Connecticut State defeated in game two, 30-28. ECSU came back in game three, 30-26, before RIC stormed back to win game 31-29. four. Anchorwomen continued their Tournament. The Warriors will torrid comeback and were up face third-seeded Plymouth 6-3 before ECSU Head Women's Volleyball Coach ed second-seeded Western Jolie Ward called a timeout. Connecticut State University, The Warriors gained a side out 3-2, in the other semi-final on the next possession and ran match earlier in the evening, off seven straight points to go up 11-6.

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## Upcoming Games

Men's Cross Country \*\*RESULTS PENDING SATUR-DAY'S GAME\*\*\*

Women's Cross Country \*RESULTS PENDING SATUR-DAY'S GAME\*\*\*\*

Men's Soccer \*\*\*RESULTS PENDING SATUR-DAY'S GAME\*\*\*\*

Women's Soccer

Finished Season 10-9 Overall, 2-5 in the Little East Conference

Women's Volleyball \*\*\*\*\*RESULTS PENDING SATUR-DAY'S GAME\*\*\*

Women's Tennis

Finished Season 13-0 Overall, 6-0 in Little East, 2nd Place in LEC Tournament

> Golf Finished Season 1-6 Overall

Head Coach Kevin Jackson's squad did not place as a team at the Little East Conference/MASCAC Alliance Championships, hosted by UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 30. Keene State won both the Alliance and Little East Championships with scores of 24 and 20, respectively. Freshman Katelyn Courtot (Smithfield, RI) was RIC's top runner at the Alliance Championships, placing 23rd with a time of 20:48. Courtot was RIC's top runner at the RWU Invitational, placing 19th with a time of 21:40 on Oct 9. She was the Anchorwomen's top runner at the Ray Dwyer Invitational with a time of 22:00 on Sept. 25.

Freshman Michelle Batchelder (Vernon, CT) placed 25th with a time of 20:53 at the Alliance Championships. Batchelder placed 46th with a time of 17:32 at the Plansky Invitational on Oct. 23. She placed 24th at the RWU Invitational with a time of 21:57 on Oct. 9. She finished 35th at the Ray Dwyer Invitational with a time of 22:08 on Sept. 25. She was the Anchorwomen's lone runner, placing 10th overall with a time of 23:20 at the Ocean State Invitational on Sept. 9.

#### Student Athlete Diary

By: Kristy Nix RIC Women's Volleyball



At the beginning of pre-season, when we first started, I had a good feeling about our team. Just looking around at all the new players and their talent, I knew we were going to accomplish a lot and be a great improvement from last year. We have six new players this season, which brings the team to 13 players, instead of nine. This allowed us to have many options and put a great lineup together.

The beginning of the season was going to be very difficult, opening to schools such as the U.S Coast Guard Academy and Springfield College. Our coach, Craig Letourneau, eliminated teams from our schedule, who last year were not as challenging and would be a sure win. He told us, "How else are we going to get better if we don't play tough teams that we are going to have a tough time with". I agreed, starting out with a 0-7 record might not have looked great, but at least we have challenged ourselves and played schools that are among the best in New England.

The team's goals for this year were to come in at least second or third place in our conference and be as competitive as possible. We have definitely surpassed our goals and have had a lot of firsts for the RIC women's volleyball program, including the first time RIC has ever hosted the Little

East Conference Championships.

We are also the first team to defeat Western Connecticut State University, snapping their 49-game winning streak in LEC conference play. They had not lost a single match since 1998 in the conference. That was a great accomplishment in itself. We all knew it was possible, but when it actually happened, it was awesome

This is also the first time RIC volleyball has had a winning record since 1991, when they went 16-15. We are currently 17-15 going into the semi-finals on Friday Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm. When we found out there was a four-way tie, and we came in first place, we couldn't have been happier! We knew we were going to do well this season, but definitely didn't expect to come in 1st place. It was a great accomplishment. We all tied first place with a 5-2 record in the conference with Western Connecticut, Plymouth State, and Eastern Connecticut. Since we beat both Plymouth and Western head to head and Plymouth beat Eastern Connecticut, that automatically put us in first place.

Another accomplishment is three individual season records were broken for digs, kills, and blocks. Everyone on our team has improved tremendously from the beginning of the season and last year. A lot of people have really stepped it up to contribute to our team's success.

Coming into the finals with a winning record and a first place seed is nice to have. We hope to do very well and possibly break more records and achieve more goals along the way. When we play as a team and do all the little things right, (eliminating our amount of mistakes) we are tough competitors to many teams. We have a strong, solid team all the way around and looking forward to our first playoff game.

### True Numbers Put Up by a True World Champion Team

By: Gerry Bibeault Anchor Contributor

I would like to touch a soar subject that was mentioned in an Anchor article by, of all people, a Yankee fan. That Yankee fan--Nate Grist. He said, and I quote, Red Sox fans have NO RIGHT to compain, ever again, about the Yankees buying a championship. Lets see, Mr. Grist the Red Sox have done it once in 86 years. As opposed to the Yankees, who try to buy one every year. Now, I don t want to turn this into a war of words. So I will get to the point I came to make.

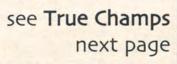
For the first time in team history, the Red Sox had two hitters with more than 40 homers. Manny Ramirez, with his 43 home runs, led the

team. David Ortiz had 41, which is not too shabby. The pair came in first and second in this area. As a team, they cracked over 230 long balls. Now, lets talk about who knocked in the runs. A certain lead off hitter knocked in 94 players combined for 269 RBIs RBIs. That lead off hitter is no other then Johnny Damon, one of

(Ortiz 139 and Ramirez 130).

The starting pitching also got a boost this year, one of which was a big call up from (Bronson Pawtucket The other Arroyo). pitcher was a veteran player who was originally drafted by the Red Sox, Curt Shilling. Shilling was the true motivator on the team. He led the team with 21 wins and came in second with 203 strike outs. He, along with Pedro Martinez, combined for a record of 37-15 and well over 400 strike outs. The other pickup to the pitching staff was a closer that could get some saves. Keith Faulk had 32 saves in 39 attempts, and he was the closer we had needed for so many years.

Now, lets get to the good part of the story. The Red



guard from a division one college

squad. He spend an entire year as

a god on his campus. He's not

going to want to give this up. He

wants to be the next Michael



the guys that most of baseball chastised because of his hair-do and beard. Of course the two players that hit the most homers on the team had the most RBIs on the team as well. The two

## Tipping Off The Radar

By: Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor

Last week, the NBA kicked off its season with Lakers/Pistons victories. As team by team tipped off, there was only one thing missing: fan support. Face it; if

you don't live in L.A., Miami or Detroit, chances are that you couldn't care less about the National Association, Basketball circa 2004. So, why, in a time where sports are at the fore front of our nation's mind has the NBA been so unsuccessful in reaching out for new fans? Ratings are incredibly low, reality television has garnered more attention than most teams, and it seems that no one really cares about the game of basketball anymore. There is only one real explanation as to why this has occurred: The NBA has an image problem, and until it's resolved, nothing is going to change.

A couple of weeks In that article, he mentioned that the league had an image problem and that there were no real athletes that the league had tried to market to fans. The league needed a player to truly stand out from those around him and reach out to mainstream America. In a complete reverse of this, the NBA has too many starts, and needs fewer players hogging the spotlight and more spending time

working on team chemistry.

Year after year, media outlets such as ESPN tout the best college basketball players (and even many of those still in high school). They spend ridiculous amounts of time promoting the star players for so many teams

Jordan not the next Tony Kukoc. So, when things don t go according to plan, this guy is going to try to jump ship to another team in hopes of regaining what he lost. But, by then, he is old news. The media is already focusing on the next big thing, and joe

> Now, how does this affect the league as a whole? Well, its hard to consistently root for a team and follow them loyally if they keep changing their roster. I challenge any average fan in this area alone to

blow spends the rest

of his career riding the

bench in misery.

Boston Celtics. No, Basketball needs to transition from a league composed of superstars to a league composed of teams. Yes, its a novel approach, but it may be the only

way to sway back the fans that have turned away, and prevent the NBA from falling into the crisis that hockey now faces.

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#### Anchorwomen finish season victorious

By: Scott Gibbons Sports Information Director

Head Coach Ryan Angel's team finished the 2004 season with a 10-9 overall record and a 2-5 (seventh place) mark in the Little East Conference. The team's 10 victories were the most in the program's ten-year history. RIC also posted only its second winning season ever. The 1999 club's 9-9-1 effort was the only other time RIC women's soccer finished the season above .500. As a team, RIC set new program records for assists (28) in a season and equaled the most shutouts (seven) in a season. RIC closed out the season with a 1-1 week. The Anchorwomen lost, 3-1, to Amherst on Oct. 26 and defeated LEC foe Plymouth State, 2-1, on Oct. 30.

Freshman forward Gina Calenda (Bristol, RI) played in 19 games, starting ten of them. She had three assists, and led the team in goals with 11, and points, with 25. Her 11 goals and 25 points are new program records for a freshman, surpassing Alexis Bouchard's 2001 rookie campaign of ten goals and 23 points. Calenda was named the Little East Conference Rookie of the Week once this season.

Freshman midfielder Krista MacKinnon (Exeter, RI) played in 19 games, starting 14 of them. She had two goals and seven assists for 11 points. She had an assist in the Anchorwomen's, 2-1, victory over Plymouth State. Senior forward Elena Sanborn (North Scituate, RI) played in 15 games, starting 12 of them. She had two goals and six assists for ten points. She had the only goal in RIC's, 3-1, loss to Amherst. Sanborn also notched a goal in the Anchorwomen's, 2-1, win over Plymouth State. Freshman midfielder Jessica Cardinal (Harrisville, RI) played in 14 games, starting three of them. She had four goals and one assist for nine points. Cardinal was named the Little East Conference's Rookie of the Week once this season.

Freshman midfielder Leah Hayes (Coventry, RI) played in 17 games, starting 14 of them. She had two goals and four assists for eight points. She had an assist in the Anchorwomen's, 2-1, victory over Plymouth State. Senior goalkeeper Melissa Carpentier (Woonsocket, RI) played in 15 games, starting 13 of them. She had an 8-7 record and 42 saves with a .689 save percentage, a 1.43 goals against average and three shutouts. Sophomore midfielder Caitlin Gavin (Portsmouth, RI) played in 18 games, starting 15 of them. She had five goals and one assist

Junior goalkeeper Alex Rothemich (Scituate, RI) played in seven games, starting four of them. She had a 2-2 record, 17 saves and two shutouts with a .586 save percentage and a 2.01 goals against average. Sophomore forward Erika Haaland (North Dartmouth, MA) played in 17 games, starting ten of them. She had four goals and one assist for nine points. Freshman midfielder Michaela Bileau (Woonsocket, RI) played in 19 games, starting 12 of them. She had four goals and two assists for ten points. She had the game-winning goal in the Anchorwomen's, 2-1, win over Plymouth State.

Senior forward Lauren Tomasso (Cranston, RI) played in 17 games, starting 14 of them. She had one assist for one point. Freshman defender Emily Moore (Coventry, RI) played in 16

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play the role of a role player. This is hurting the game of basketball,

almost in an irreversible way. Take your average point



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In the Olympic Games over the summer, the NBA slam dunked this idea to the sports world. Rather than putting together a group that had chemistry and letting them mesh well together, the league tried to get the most marketable athletes and then hoped that they could work together afterwards. This didn t work. Instead of bringing the gold home, all they brought was disappointment. This is because you can t just expect everyone on a team to be a star. Teams need players that can contribute unselfishly. It's the only way the league works, and its why the NBA is doing so poorly right now.

In today's league, players like John Stockton would be riding the bench. Remember John Stockton? That gangly, plain looking dude that never spoke out of turn and didn t beg for highlights? All he ever did was come out and play hard. He was a true team player. Known for his unselfish play, and playing just to win, Stockton represents what used to be good about the NBA. Athletes used to stick with a team, regardless of endorsements or popularity. The ultimate goal was to win a championship, not a shoe deal. When was the last time you heard a kid playing basketball say that he wanted to be like Stockton? Or, for that matter, Kukoc, Darrell Armstrong, or even Scottie Pippen? These athletes personified the idea of a team. They are players with championships goals and have what's good for the franchise in mind when they step out onto that court. They represent what the NBA should be striving to attain.

The most successful and memorable team in recent NBA history would have done nothing without its pivotal role players. The Chicago Bulls of the nineties took six rings when all was said and

done. Led by the biggest star of the decade in Michael Jordan, they couldn't be touched. Ratings were through the roof, support was cross continental, and sports fans paid as much attention to this league as they spent on their family. But, if you take away Pippen, Rodman, Kerr, or any of the other role players and injected the team with major stars of that time, they would have accomplished nothing. Every team needs to have it s star players and they need to have those players that just contribute. Today's NBA is finding that to be nearly impossible.

Fans aren t showing up to arenas anymore because there is no reason to. Who wants to root for a team selling their soul for a quick ring? People want to gradually watch their squad develop. You want to be there as the new rookie becomes a star. In today s league, you can't see that. Everyone comes in expecting to be the next billboard poster child with millions in the bank. No one cares about team loyalty anymore. It s all about quick success and it shouldn t be. It s just not worth watching when it is.

If the NBA is going to rebound anytime soon, they need an image fix. If the teams in each conference want to sell out their games, they have to give the fans a reason to show up. It doesn't look like it's going to happen anytime soon and that s a shame. The NBA is just going to continue ruining future generations athletes and losing future generations of fans. Even the biggest sports fans have trouble following their favorite teams, and until it changes, they II be counting down the days until the next football game. Meanwhile, Commissioner David Stern will be on the outside of the sports world, look-

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even the game up 13-13 before chipped in with 16 digs, three the Warriors went on to win, blocks and a service ace.

Three players on the ECSU roster reached double figures in kills led by senior Jessica Leifert (Winsted, CT) who had 17. Freshman Emma Sousa (Coventry, CT) had 16 kills and senior Amanda Jassen (Winsted, CT) posted 11. Leifert had 17 digs and seven aces to help lead the Warriors to victory. Jassen Freshman Meghan Doyle (Hewlett, NY) posted a teamhigh 31 assists.

Rhode Island College was led by sophomore Kari Geisler (Deerfield, NH) who had a match-high 20 kills. Junior Kristy Nix (East Setauket, NY) had 14 kills, 15 digs and four blocks. Freshman Jeanne Rosa (Milford, CT) had 45 assists and ten digs.

#### The NBA Attempts to Return to Glory

By: Eric Young Anchor Staff

The National Basketball Association kicked off its 58th season this past week and the league is looking to gather the attention it once had with fans back in the 1980 s. During the 1980s the best rivarly in all of sports was between the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics. Magic Johnson and Larry Bird, rivals since their college days, helped lead these respective franchises to battle and the two left us with a lifetime full of memories. It was basketball played at its highest peak. Other great players like Michael Jordan, Julius Erving, Isiah Thomas, Charles Barkley, and Dominique helped make the NBA the sport of the 80 s. It was quite a remarkable achievement, considering how low attendance was around the league in the

The 2004-05 season, however, begins with little national recognition outside of the yearly Shaquille O Neal, Kobe Bryant fights. The NBA suffers from a severe image problem. The players are too greedy about money (Latrell Sprewell ), they get into legal trouble (Bryant ), and they are caught frequently with illegal drugs (Damon Stoudemire ). Commissioner David Stern hopes the NBA is strong enough to withstand these issues, in a way similar to that of Major the National Football League (Drugs/Legal Issues ).

In order for the NBA to return to glory, the league desperately needs to win its fans



back. Fans have been complaining for years about the lack of team work amongst the majority of the players. One-on-one basketball now dominates the action and puts a damper on the artistic flow of the game.

What we need to remember is the fact that NBA players are the best athletes in the world. These athletes are younger, faster, and stronger than those who have played in the past, therefore, the game is going to be played differently. Today s superstars like Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, and Carmelo Anthony are paid millions of dollars to score the basketball.

League Baseball (Steroids) and Defenses, thanks to new technology and game film, are better than ever and sometimes force players to have to go one-on-one in order to score. Over time however, I feel that a lot of these young great players will mature and figure out ways to score and help their teams win without resorting to selfish tendancies.

I also believe that basketball is a distant third in this region, ranking behind baseball and football in the order in which we follow our sports. The New England Patriots are the defending Super Bowl Champs, and the Boston Red Sox are World Series Champions (Im still not used to saying that ) while the Boston Celtics have not won a basketball title since 1986 making them the franchise with the longest drought in New England without championship (Hockey notwithstanding). The Patriots and Red Sox are trendy picks for fans as their favorite sports teams around here. But I can clearly recall the 1980s when it was trendy to be a Boston Celtic fan because they were winning ( three world championships during the decade ). With a little patience on the development of these great young players ( James & Anthony ) and the restoration of a franchise built on tradition ( Celtics ) the NBA could well be on its way to regaining the popularity it once

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Sox got to the playoffs with a record of 98-64, good enough to be the wild card. The hated Yankees, once again, won the AL east. In the first round of the play-offs, the Red Sox made it look easy. Winning 2 games at Anahaim and 1 at Fenway, the Sox swept away the Angels and made their way to the American League Championship Series. The most important win included a dramatic last-at-bat finish by Ortiz, the first of many more to come in the playoffs.

I have to admit that the second round was a little scary. Losing 3 straight games to the Yankees to start the series was not pretty. One of the games looked more like a football score, with the Yanks taking it 19-8. But the cardiac Red Sox would come back with 2 wins at Fenway Park, both of which went into extra innings and both were won on a David Ortiz hit. Going back to Yankee Stadium, down 3 games to 2, you might think that the Sox were done. But, in what became arguably the biggest choke in profession sports history, the hated Yankees lost the last 2 games at their own ball park and sent the Red Sox to the World

Who would thought that the Red Sox, down 3 games, would come back to win the series and gain there 10th

American league championship in there 103 year history? Probably not a lot of people. But, they won, and they did it in historical fashion. So, the Red Sox finally made it to the World Series for the first time in 18 years. We remembered the last time they were on the biggest stage in all of baseball, and we all know how that dream ended. With a slow roller up the line to Bill Buckner, and a historic error, the Red Sox found a way to lose again. But, that was then and this is now. The new and improved group of self proclaimed idiots are here and want to prove they belong. So, they set on and win not 1 not 2 not 3, but 4 straight world series games. They won their first world series in 86 years, and set another record while doing that. Eight consecutive wins by the Red Sox in the playoffs is a new MLB record and stands for everything this team was able to accomplish in the 2004 season.

Congrats, Boston, for being patient. In waiting 86 years, your team went through a lot of tough moments. Let's hope they can keep it going. We will no longer have to hear the painful chants of 1918. Well no longer have to hear how bad the Red Sox are. They are the World Series champions, and they should be very proud of that.

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Freshman forward Sarah Hamilton (Cromwell, CT) played in 12 games, starting two of them. She had one goal for two points. Freshman defender Kielbasinski Marissa (Windsor, CT) played in ten games, starting three of them. Freshman forward Ashley Teixeira (Warren, RI) played in 11 games. She had two goals for four points. Freshman defender (North Coleman Jackie Plymouth, MA) played in 19 games, starting 16 of them. She had one goal and one assist for three points.

midfielder Freshman Kristie Martins (Harrisville, RI) played in eight games, starting one of them. She had one goal for two points. Senior defender Courtney Gardiner (Warwick, RI) played in nine games, starting three of them.

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#### **UGH** Moments

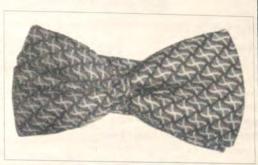
By: Liz Holloway Anchor Staff

- \* When you smell something and can't place it
- \* When you hardly remember anything about your childhood, but the things you do remember are weird
- \* Messing up while lying to a professor, like saying you were sick, and then telling them you saw a movie last Wednesday, the same day you missed class. All in the same sentence
- \* Being tired and lying in bed when your stomach grumbles, and then not knowing if you should just sleep or get up and eat something
- \* Having to pee and being really thirsty. And then not knowing which makes more sense to do first
- \* Trying to type a good sentence to your editor and not being able to spell or type it correctly
- \* Hearing a song about something you just said or did. Also, saying a word at the same time a singer says a word
- \* Being the only one laughing when a joke isn't funny, and knowing that you look like an ass
- \* Not being able to get through a joke because you are already laughing at the punch line
- \* Knowing that when your friend typed "lol" they weren't really laughing
  - \* When people use "imply" instead of "infer", and vice versa
- \* Not knowing if it's cleaner to not wash your hands after using a public restroom or if you should risk touching the gross soap
- \* Realizing that YOU left your blinker on for a minute after you
- \* Searching for something and realizing it was right where it was
  - Realizing in the middle of an argument that you are wrong
- \* Knowing that you aren't going to make it through the yellow light before it turns red, but doing it anyway
- \* Being nervous when you talk to a cop, even though you have done nothing
- \* Talking to someone many times and never knowing their name, so you have to think up new ways to address them
  - \* Not knowing what to introduce someone as
- \* People who make fun of you but say they are kidding, even though you know they aren't
- \* Waiting up to a minute for a website to load only to get the "this site is down" default page
  - \* Boys named Shawn who spell it Sean
- \* Not hearing a song for months and then hearing it 5 times in
- \* When something does not have a price tag on it and customers ask if it's free
- \* Claiming you know all the words of a song and then forgetting them halfway thorough looking like an ass
- \* Looking like an ass in front of someone you like, or kinda like, or like like
  - \* Being 21 and still referring to liking someone as "like, like"
- \* Telling people you haven't seen Wayne's World and being shunned for the rest of the evening
- \* Telling someone you don't like Nirvana or acoustic guitar and being shunned for the rest of your life
- \* Telling people you are a Democrat, and then realizing you may be Republican
- \* Wanting to join strangers' conversation but not because it is inappropriate
  - \* Being all alone and thinking of something to say to someone
  - \* Knowing you think too much about thinking too much
  - \* Needing money but not wanting to work
  - \* Finding out the judgment your friend made of you is true
- \* Not liking water unless you are drinking it out of bottle, even if the bottle has been refilled with tap water
- \* Having your favorite drink be a "triple grande 5 pump skinny toffee nut latte with no foam and whipped cream" and having to order it every time you go to Starbuck.s
  - \* Paying \$4.37 for said drink
  - \* Being the only person you know who really, really likes tuna
- \* Not understanding how Diet Coke tastes nothing like regular Coke, and yet Diet Dr. Pepper tastes more like regular
  - \* Knowing that a band you like is horrible
  - \* Knowing that people you call friends are going to vote for Bush

#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Hats off and congratulations to Professor Snowman and the re-election of his guy to the Oval Office. Given the track record of the Bush Administration, however, I will continue to be concerned about the homeless, the hungry, children without medical care, families that fall between the ever widening cracks in our society, and the destruction of our environment together with the mountain of debt that we leave



for the next two generations. I sometimes wonder if President Bush has a direct line to heaven and talks to God on a regular basis; why is it that we have all of the problems listed above in our country. Could it be that God is not listening to President Bush, or could it be that President Bush is not telling God the whole truth about all of these problems, or could it be that President Bush might have a hearing problem? Sometimes I wonder if I should be concerned at all about problems in our country, given that someone has direct communications with God. At other times, I wonder if the President's communication with God might not be the root of all of our problems.

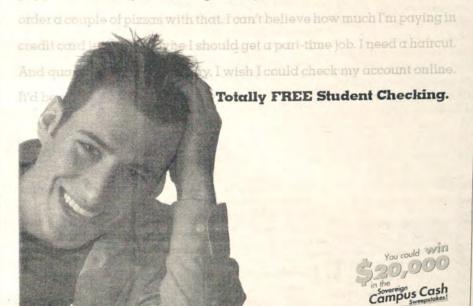
So, congratulations to Professor Snowman and the conservative agenda. Perhaps the 51% of the Bush supporters can solve 100% of our country's problems; I am eagerly looking forward to that.

To the readers who have followed the ongoing tit-for-tat between Professor Snowman and myself, you should know that we are friends and we agreed when this series began that we would still be friends when this series ended. We had a small wager about the election. Professor Snowman had a magnanimous heart, as he agreed to take me to dinner at the Capital Grille if Senator Kerry won the election. On the other hand, I agreed to take him to Scramblers for breakfast if President Bush won the election. I am sure that he will starve himself for a few days, so he could eat three or four dozens of eggs, so that I will have a large bill to pay at the end of breakfast. I, personally, like breakfast food; it's just that I don't like eating crow with breakfast.

Lloyd Matsumoto, Ph.D. Professor of Biology and Advisor to The Anchor

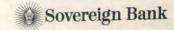
Can I afford to live off campus? Plain cheese pizza or splurge for

pepperoni? \$25 just for opening an account? Sweet! I can



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# OPINIONS

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#### Congratulations

#### Every Vote Counts, or Does It?

By: Jeff St. Onge Anchor Staff

Satan has shown his glorious light of fire and brimstone upon the otherwise great people of America. The sewers have parted, and the hand of a victorious Dick Cheney slimed its way out for just enough time to shape its decrepit bones into thumbs up for the 51% "broad majority" of America that it represents. John Ashcroft went from a stance of prayer to, well, a stance of prayer. Colin Powell cried a mix of joyous tears and devastated hopes. Condoleezza Rice looked angry, as always; and Bill O'Reilly gave a big "I told you so." Our fearless president and his beautiful wife embraced on national television and, for a second, they almost looked like real people. That is, until that mysterious lump in his back was shown again, and I remembered that he's a great liar and she's a robotic Stepford wife. Rumsfeld was nowhere to be seen; I wonder why that was. Maybe he was singing "God Bless America" as he lay the whip to a couple inmates. There is also the chance that he was simply at home baking apple pie like a good American. Or even more probable, a third possibility is that Rummy decided to celebrate by buying a shiny new frame for that picture of him shaking Saddam's hand from the early eighties. No matter how each member of this illustrious cabinet reacted

to the news, it can be assured that there was a giant, behind the scenes group hug. They are, after all, compassionate conservatives.

As for me, I was pacing my house furiously; drinking coffee and contemplating taking up smoking (I didn't). I was getting angrier by the second, and then I said "Fuck it. I didn't really like Kerry that much anyway." Besides, America wants this man right? He did win fair and square. He does represent a walloping 51% of the country- a "broad majority" by any stretch. Being a "liberal elitist" (read: New Englander, I guess) I was a little upset to see my part of the country is completely out of touch with the rest of the nation. We New Englanders and you flag hating west-coasters should together for a game of "lets blow some coke off of a Mexican bar." Maybe, that can better guide our senses as to what we should be supporting in this second term.

Through all of the Sataninduced haze however, one
thing is clear: The Plan. It is
obvious now. Here it is: We
keep treating the environment
like we would treat a thirdworld nation until the ozone
disappears and global warming
creates volcanic temperatures
throughout the world. Then, the
polar ice caps will melt, the
oceans will rise, and both
coasts will be submerged into
the abyss of the mighty sea.
Goodbye, Democrats.

By: Paul J. Spetrini

Anchor Editor

Ever since I was a wee little boy, I was always brought up on the idea that voting is one of the fundamental rights that we, as Americans, should protect with our very lives. In one of the most patriotic moments a person can have, you get to cast your ballot and choose the next president of the United States. It is said that every vote matters and that, if you don't vote, you have no right to complain. I partially agree with that statement. Anyone that did not cast a vote on Tuesday has no reason to say anything about the world for the next four

I no longer believe, however, that every vote counts. Call me a sour loser, or just call me intelligent, but I could not be anymore disappointed in the reelection of George W. Bush. In the past four years, I've witnessed this country split down the middle and everyone labeled accordingly. Even the least politically active people in the world, myself included in that list, have sat by and watched hate words "conservative" "Liberal" thrown around constantly. It's hard to even watch a news channel anymore without some idiot coming on, talking about politics and getting into a shouting match with opponents. It's just not fun.

But, regardless of all that, I walked into my local polling place last week with a smile on my face and fully expected to make a change. I've spent the past four years listening to peo-

ple who oppose George Bush criticizing his every move, calling him unfit to be president, and counting down the days until his term is over. Likewise, I've spent that same time seeing Bush supporters defend every boneheaded move with fierce anger, and it hurts to see it happen. As I took my ballot and thought about the issues, I just hoped to see some change. I wanted change in the presidency, foremost, but I can settle for some change in people's attitudes. Even if Kerry struck out, I'd still like to see some end to the bickering and complaining. No more choosing sides, no more stereotyping people based on their beliefs.

I walked out of that room content. I felt that I truly did my part to force change in our nation. I was wrong. As I watched the election results come in, it was clear that unity was going to be treated like a curse word all night long. FOX News, a channel who I firmly believe is being run by the Bush administration, called states extremely early in favor of their man and waited to the last minute to do the same for his opponent. Now, normally, this wouldn't bother me. But, on an issue as important as the presidential election, I would like to believe that a news channel is going to be independent, report the facts, and shy away from party lines. As I flipped through the channels, it seemed to be more of the same. In a campaign where the main message was uniting a divided country, I can't see how this can happen if the news networks can't even be

I stayed up that night until 3:00am watching results poor in, and hoping for the best. That would not be the case. George Bush began to pull away, and it was clear that it would take a miracle for Kerry to overtake him. That miracle would not come. Accepting the inevitable, I went to sleep disappointed, but still glad that I participated. The next day would not be so kind. I've spent a lot of the last four years listening to the people in my life take a stance on a certain issue. I knew, going in, who was rooting for which candidate. Wednesday, it was obvious. Those that supported W. walked around with their heads held high. They had smiles on their faces, gave hugs to each other, and danced as if they had won the lottery. It's truly sad. Those that supported John Kerry walked around as if they had just found out that they were adopted. Depressed and aggravated, they criticized Bush again and talked about the upcoming apocalypse.

It happened again. Despite my best efforts to help push change, it did not work. What did I learn from this election? I learned that, despite it all, one single vote apparently can't get it done. I voted for the first time in this election, and I plan on continuing to do so. I voted for John Kerry, feeling he was the better man. That does not make me a bad person. You may not agree with my choice, but it is not for debate. What I will leave you with, however, is open to your interpretations. This Tuesday, I voted for change, and

#### And Ohio Goes to Jesus

By: Michael Corbett Anchor Contributor

Welcome to the American Theocracy. If you haven't heard, Christ is our lord, and his will shall be executed by our elected officials without hesitation. So what if there's that little Separation of Church and State rule in the Constitution. Who really cares about that old, wrinkled document anymore? We've got the bible, and that's a much more relevant source of information nowadays. Looking at the results of the election, its pretty clear most Americans knew just what Jesus would do, vote Bush.

Sure, our economy is in shambles, the war in Iraq shows no signs of ending soon, and the man behind the attacks on September 11th is still at large. Now, that's not George W. Bush's fault; it's the liberals and the democratsóthose atheist fiends. Osama bin Laden is public enemy #1; he has shown repeatedly he has the ability to attack American institutions, but he's no concern. Obviously if he was, God would have smote him by now. Sure, people could easily summarize Bush's first term by calling it some of the worst management of America's problems ever seen, and conventional wisdom and general sanity would even lead some to think that maybe President wouldn't get re-elected. Here in the American Theocracy, we call those people "infidels."

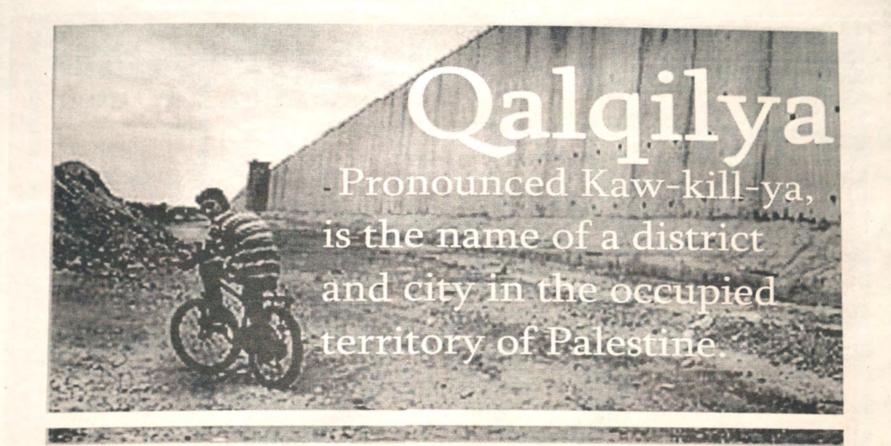
See, here in the new America, protecting our faith and our values are the most important thing to us. People who care about global politics and the economy, they just have no faith in our great leader. But don't worry kids; they'll burn in hell for it. Just like those evil women who think they should be able to choose whether or not they bear children. We gave them the right to vote; they should really just shut up and get back in the kitchen.

Since we're on the subject of eternal damnation, we might as well talk about "all them queers. Remember, God says homosexuality is evil. Trust the elected officials on this one. Reading the bible is only something common folk should do in moderation. After all, if God wanted you questioning him all the time, those priests would

never have asked you to keep that whole molestation thing a secret. Anyhow, gay people are spawns of Satan. Letting them marry each other is like letting people marry animals. Who cares if said animals can't give consent or sign a marriage license? The bible says man shall not lie with beast, and you don't question God unless you're a liberal communist who's doomed to burn for all eternity in an endless lake of fire. It's not to say God hates gay people, but he already let the Black equality thing slide, and he can only bend so far.

It was very important that George W. Bush stayed in office, or America would transform into a modern day Sodom and Gomorra; and then God would have to rain down sulfur and burn all you terrible people who were too blind to see that George W. Bush is an extension of our Lord. He's like the Pope, only he was an alcoholic until he was thirty and dabbled with cocaine, but really, who hasn't knocked back a "Christweiser" or sniffed a little "Jesus Dandruff" in their time?

The point is, God wanted George Bush to be re-elected, and you all did a great thing voting for him. Now we can get back to destroying those ridiculous social accomplishments made in the past 200 years. Besides, who needs human rights when you've got blind faith? God Bless America, except for the minorities, the liberals and all those others heathens we'll see in hellÖfrom heaven.



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Sophomore Undecided

"I think everything will be worse now. He will raise taxes, and the world will begin to crumble. Abortion will be tough, gay rights will be tough, and we will see what he does with Iraq."





"I believe he will try to fix the things he didn't do right. That is what people want. A great deal of people voted for Kerry because they wanted change. This gives Bush the chance to change things."



"Hopefully, he will focus more on domestic issues, specifically economic issues. I hope he really improves everything that has taken place. Another issue he should improve is the description for the

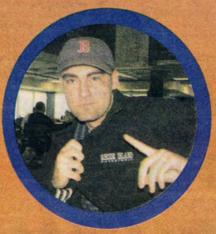
Lindsey Henry

"Finish up what he started or better yet clean up what he started. I definitely think he will pursue the abortion issue; DEFINITELY NO DRAFT. I hope the economy will be better for those of us who are going into the who are going into the real world."



**Brian Stanko** Junior Justice Studies

"Not what he did in the first term. He should support RIC Basketball, and he should do what he can to end the war and bring us home."



Sophomore

Art Education

tinue to better the economy. There will be no draft (I hope not, anyway). I feel he will raise taxes, which is a bad thing."





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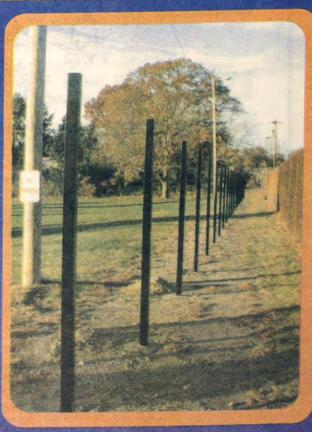












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BY: DAN BLOUIN

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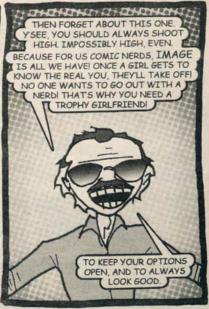














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- prey
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- 27 Dirt
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- 29 Surgeon who
- created a cereal 32 Elton John musical
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- 35 Gravelly voiced speaker
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ments or lingering social doubts. Breakthroughs will be meaningful and dramatic: Remain dedicated to long-term promises. After Thursday a previously silent colleague will actively seek advancement. Yesterday's private mistakes may be made public: If possible, avoid quick decisions, revised daily routines and bold discussions.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Before mid-week, loved ones may challenge home renovations or family schedule



changes. Don't withhold important facts or opinions:

At present, honesty and candid group discussions will bring the desired results. After Wednesday respond quickly to new financial information, legal requests or revised work documents. Key officials may soon expect increased loyalty and expanded daily duties. Remain determined: Small details will prove essential for lasting success

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Recent career delays or stalled financial negotiations will now move



rapidly forward. After several weeks of

unfulfilled promises from authority figures, revised agreements become unavoidable. Carefully consider all proposals: A timed response is vital. Friday through Sunday, a new era of romantic invitation arrives. Remain cautious, however, and ask probing questions. Before December sudden flirtations and rare social triangles will require added sensi-

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Delayed romantic responses or unclear loyalties between friends will no longer complicate key relationships. Before midweek, disjointed progress or miscommunications between loved ones will fade. Establish new trust, if possible: Powerful emotional rewards will be the result. Late Friday, employment negotiations and legal paperwork are best avoided. Bosses or managers will derail key projects or present misinformation. Wait for clarity: Private agendas are involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Friends and work mates will this week ask for your support or active participation. Previously unattainable friendships or assignments may soon become almost effortless: After Tuesday expect social involvement and



Some Leos, especially those born after 1971, may also encounter powerful insights. Glimpse of the future, family changes and new romantic proposals are accented: Remain open to sudden invita-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Early Tuesday marks the end of 6 weeks of private workplace differences. Many Virgos will now begin an intense period of



reversals. Refuse to be unnerved by complex discussions or sudden changes: Unexpected sources will soon provide worthwhile options. Thursday through Sunday, family members may be moody or withdrawn. Take none of it personally: Your time, effort and empathy will be greatly appreciated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A long-term friend or trusted relative may this week request added emotional support. In the coming weeks, previously hidden family or romantic disputes will



rise quickly to the surface. Offer consistent advice, but

avoid acting as mediator: Serious issues of financial security and home planning may be involved. Friday through Sunday, new forms of entertainment will be pleasing. Someone close may wish to change their lifestyle or daily habits. Don't disappoint.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Charisma, business charm and social admiration are now on the rise. Many Scorpios will this week resolve relation-



ship disagreements and move quickly forward.

Highly distracting flirtations may also be on the agenda. Go slow, and carefully study all emotional triangles. After Thursday financial contracts or past employment promises require diplomacy. Colleagues and managers will avoid direct questions. Remain patient: Your ability to avoid controversy will soon be tested.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Colleagues and key officials will now offer previously denied permissions. Several weeks of workplace stalemates will this week be easily resolved. Watch for fast improvement: After Wednesday personality issues, private politics and hidden agendas will no longer distract



minor disputes between friends. miscommunications, Group social jealousy and low selfesteem are underlying issues. Stay alert.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Minor health concerns will steadily fade over the next eight days. Areas affected are the

tive sys-

tem, circu-



digestive disorders or lower intestine. All is well: Pamper the body and expect vitality to slowly return. After mid-week, watch also for a fast romantic attraction to challenge relationship. existing Yesterday's flirtations, long-distance love affairs or the return of an old friend may soon require delicate timing. Stay balanced: Expectations and passions will be

AOUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Family or romantic promises may now create contro-



will experience a powerful wave of revitalized attraction and discussion. home Invitations will be sincere and deeply felt. Offer a clear description of long-term intentions and refuse to avoid difficult emotions: Your reaction will establish new priorities in a key relationship. After Saturday workplace relationships may be temporarily strained. Progress will be slow: Don't confront.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial security, after several weeks of disrupted progress, will now be firmly established.



Monday through / Wednesday, h o m e improve-

ments or large purchases will offer the desired opportunities: Stay focused and finalize all outstanding paperwork. After Thursday a social invitation may be unnerving. Group introductions, romantic triangles or an ongoing social dispute may be on the agenda. Don't hesitate: A close friend needs your undivided attention.

If your Birthday is this week: Find extra time to devote to family members or older relatives over the next 14 weeks. Planetary alignments now suggest that someone close may need delicate home or financial advice. Key issues may involve feelings of security, isolation or withdrawal: Make sure loved ones are aware of your continuing dedication. After February 9, a new era of business advancement and fast career choices arrives. Potential employers and past officials may actively vie for your attention. Reserve judgment, if possible. Complex job assignments will continue to arrive throughout March and April. March 16 through June 11, also accent sensuality and renewed intimacy in key relationships. Expect meaningful decisions by late June.

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#### Laughs Up from back page

girlfriends, which he later finds out is retarded. He didn't stop there, though! The jokes kept coming and the audience kept laughing.

The opening act was just as funny. Ira Proctor, originally from Middleboro, Massachusetts, set the mood for Ross. From his opening line to the closing joke, Ira made people laugh. I got fired from Dunkin Donuts. Let that settle in for a little bit, I GOT FIRED FROM FUCKING DUNKIN DONUTS!!! The minute Ira said this, the crowd burst out in laughter.

I live with a nut bag. I swear to god, this guy is fucking nuts! Now the audience gets to hear about Ira's roommate. I mean, all guys watch porn. But fucking six hours of it?!? Come on! What type of crazy masturbation marathon is my roommate having?!? This really got the crowd roaring. Paul actually was turning red because he was laughing so hard.

The Comedy Connection brought in two great comedians, Ira Proctor and Jeffrey Ross, on November fourth. The audience laughed from start to finish for both comedians, which they truly deserved. Be sure to keep an out for upcoming comedy shows that are being held at the Comedy Connection! They are located at 39 Warren Avenue in East Providence, RI and Parking is FREE!!! You can also visit the Comedy Connections web sites at <a href="http://www.comedyconnectionboston.com">http://www.comedyconnectionboston.com</a> and <a href="http://www.expage.com/ricomedyconnection">http://www.expage.com/ricomedyconnection</a>

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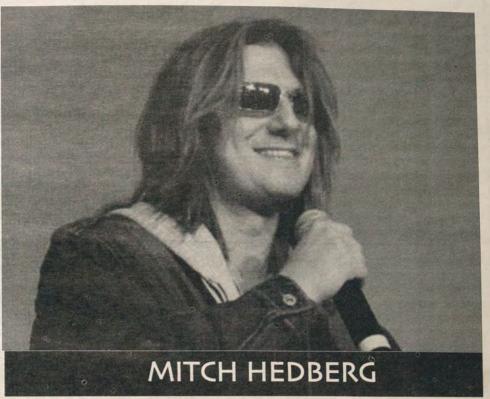
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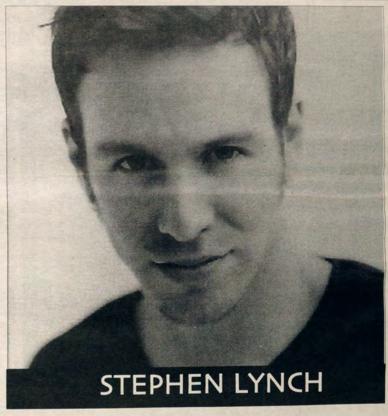
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## Showing this week at the Avon Cinema and Cable Car

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Showing thru Thursday November 11th

Avon Cinema:

#### Vera Drake

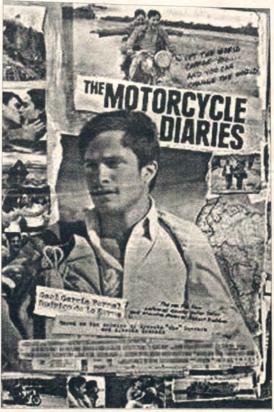
Vera Drake paints an extraordinary portrait of a selfless woman who is completely devoted to, and loved by, her working class family. She spends her days doting on them and caring for her sick neighbor and elderly mother. However, she also secretly visits women and helps miscarriages for induce unwanted pregnancies. While the practice itself was illegal in 1950s England, Vera sees herself as simply helping women in need, and always does so with a smile and kind words of encouragement. When she is finally found out by the authorities, Vera's world and family life rapidly unravel. The film offers a compelling historical perspective on the much discussed controversial subject and raises difficult questions that are as timely and relevant today as they were decades ago. British actress, Imelda Staunton (Bright Young Things, Shakespeare in Love), stars in the title role, while Jim Broadbent, Heather Craney and Phillip Davis are among the ensemble of accomplished actors filling supporting roles in the film.

Running time 125 min MPAA rating R

**Show Times:** 

Matinee: Saturday, Sunday and Thursday 1:00 and 3:35

Feature: Friday thru Thursday 7:00 and 9:35



Cable Car:

#### Motorcycle Diaries

In 1952, a young medical student and a biochemist from Argentina set off on a road trip across South America. They straddled their beaten up motorcycle with their simple goals being to enjoy themselves and meet some girls along the way. The companions were none other than the future figurehead of the Cuban revolution, Ernesto Che Guevara (Gael Garcia Bernal) and his best friend Alberto Granado (Rodrigo de la Serna). As the trip unfolds the boys discover more about themselves than they imagined possible. Ernesto clings tightly to his charitable ideals throughout and the trip winds down as the friends offer their medical expertise to a leper colony in Peru, their youthful folly acquiescing to adulthood. Based on the books THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES (by Guevara) and TRAVELLING WITH CHE GUEVARA (by Granado), director Walter Salles (CENTRAL STATION) pulls some highly accomplished performances from his two leads. The South American landscape is breathtakingly captured on camera, with Salles vividly reproducing a continent beleaguered by poverty and disease, but containing a population in possession of an unshakeable sense of optimism, as beautifully personified by Guevara and Granado. Rated R

Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:00 and 9:30 Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3:00 Monday through Thursday evenings at 9:30 Running Time: 126 minutes

#### Maria Full of Grace

This debut feature film by Joshua Marston tells the suspenseful and absorbing story of Maria, a poor, pregnant Columbian teenager (Catalina Sandina Moreno) with a dead end job at a flower plantation. Her family relies too much on her as the principle breadwinner, squandering her earnings. Maria quits and flees to Bogota where she tumbles into work as a drug mule. Like thousands of real-life Columbians, she earns money by flying to New York City with up to a kilogram of tightly wrapped heroin pellets in her stomach, risking prison or instant death should just one of the pellets break open inside her. Based on interviews with airport customs agents and former mules, the film doesn't shy away from any aspect of Maria's journey, making this succeed as a suspense film, character study, and detailed examination of a rarely seen aspect of the drug wars. Thanks to the superb performance and charisma of lead actress Moreno in her film debut the audience stays riveted to her plight every step of the way.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 5:00 Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:15 Running time: 101 minutes





#### What's Happening at RIC in November

November Calendar

Art: Julie Anand and Damon Sauer: The Edge of An Impression
Bannister Gallery

November 4, 5:30 p.m. Opening Lectures, Little Theatre in the Nazarian Center

November 10 Music: Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble\* Rob Franzblau, Conductor Chamber Music Series 1:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall Question/Answer Session Follows November 10 Music: Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble\* Rob Franzblau, Conductor Chamber Music Series 1:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall Question/Answer Session Follows

November 14 Music: Rhode Island College Chamber Orchestra\* John Sumerlin, Conductor 7:30 p.m. Sapinsley Hall

November 17-21 Theatre: Lysistrata by Aristophanes Directed by Peter Sampieri RIC Mainstage Theatre November 17, 18, 19, & 20, 8:00 p.m. November 20 & 21, 2:00 p.m. Forman Theatre General Admission \$14 RIC students \$5

November 18 Dance: Tap City: New York City Tap Festival Performing Arts Series 8:00 p.m. Auditorium in Roberts Hall Reserved Seating \$28

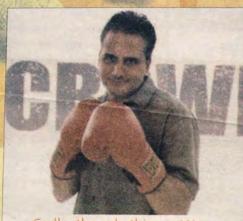
November 19, 20 Dance: Fusionworks Contemporary Dance Deb Meunier, Artistic Director 8:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall Reserved Seating \$25 & \$20

RIC students can see all Performing Arts Series events

#### A Tough Way To Go Out

By: Paul J. Spetrini Anchor Editor

When Comedy Central first began running Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn, it was geared towards a young audience that wanted to laugh at political humor with some up-and-coming comedians. Sadly, though, it didn't stay that way. Tough Crowd slowly evolved into a show of immature shouting matches, unfunny punch-lines, and pathetic skits. Maybe, that explains why Quinn and the gang are looking elsewhere for work now that the show



Sadly, the only thing getting beaten were their ratings....

has been yanked off of the air. At the time the show debuted, there was a feeling that it would be very successful. Grab a group of comics and have them talk about what's making news, and you should have a formula for success, right? Well, not exactly. At first, it was a hit. People all over the country tuned in to see what they would say nextó sometimes awaiting some of the more crude humor from the likes of regular guest Nick DiPaolo. With the election looming on the minds of many Americans, comedians like DiPaolo often provided escape from the hard hitting issues. In a street poll DiPaolo conducted on the show, the choice between which set of candidate's daughters were more "bangable", it was a close debate.

While the ballots are recounted, let's take a minute and reflect on this type of humor. It was shows like Tough Crowd, and Saturday Night Live that made it so much fun to watch television. People looked forward to this show for its fresh look at the day's events. But, after a while, that changed. The jokes were

all the same, and it got kind of boring.

Slowly, Tough Crowd became nothing more than a back-and-forth insult contest. When the most intelligent reply you could get to a good point was along the lines of "Shut up, stupid", people started turning away. It's not that the show wasn't still funny. It's just that it wasn't up to the same level as when it first came on the air. The constant repetition, interruptions, and failure to maintain an intelligent conversation were all nails in the coffin for this satire. Had the show remained a place for comedians to intelligently make you look at the issues while also making you laugh, then we wouldn't be watching the crew

The question remaining for many of the show's true fans is, "Where else can I turn to for often humorous political conversation?" Luckily, the likes of the Daily Show and South Park remain on the channel and are two examples of how to stay fresh and in the minds of an audience. These are still places to go

when your mind is going to explode from the constant bickering of experts on FOX, MSNBC, and CNN. They are still places for people to turn to for news coverage without the seriousness packaged in.

What's next for Colin Quinn? Well, after watching his show hit rock bottom, you might expect him to give up. Thankfully, that's not the case. He's admitted to wasting to move on and story in the specificity and rightfully so admitted to wanting to move on and stay in the spotlight, and rightfully so. Quinn is a very intelligent man, sometimes in a way many people do not understand. Molded in the same style of a Dennis Miller, Quinn makes you think while you're crying from laughter. Hopefully, Colin will be around for some time to come and given another chance to make his own show work. In the meantime, one can only hope he learns from the mistakes of Tough Crowd and learns that there is more to a television show than telling someone to shut up.

#### COMEDIANS MITCH HED-**BERG AND STEPHEN** LYNCH CO-HEADLINE A NATIONAL TOUR THIS FALL

Lynch Plays the Guitar, Hedberg Wears the Glasses Both Are Comedy Central Favorites

(New York) August 13, 2004 - Mitch Hedberg and Stephen Lynch are not household names because most people who like them still live in apartments. Hedberg and Lynch, both favorites on Comedy Central, are currently hitting the stages together for a co-headlining comedy tour this fall. They are cracking up audiences in theatres that usually host the up and coming indie-rock bands, typically the music du jour of their audience.

Stephen Lynch's songs have enraged the witless and convulsed the enlight-

ened. He is not just a comic, his fans insist, but an accomplished songwriter- one who comes armed with a pristine guitar style and a vocal range that manages to evoke both Jeff Buckley and Stonehenge. Lynch has been performing

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#### Foamy the Squirrel; New Cult Favorite in the **Anchor Office**

By: Christopher Makolandra Anchor Staff



There s a new Cult Classic inside the Anchor Office this year and its none other than Foamy the Squirrel!!! Foamy meets the ranks of Red vs. Blue, the GI Joe PSA Parodies and Stewie from Family Guy. It s now a daily ritual for most of us here at the Anchor to crowd around a computer and watch episodes of Neurotically Yours which stars Foamy the Squirrel

and his Goth Chick owner Germaine.

There s something new in every episode. Whether it s the purchasing of the toaster from Amityville Horror by Foamy or Germaine's poetry, each episode is a classic. Some of the best are Foamy's Rants. Foamy the Squirrel just finds certain things to bitch about and he does it well. Most of the time, he ends his rant by saying Just fuck off and die.

Foamy the Squirrel is the brainchild of Jonathan Ian Mathers. Originally started in 2002, the success of Foamy really took off!!! You can find merchandise at Hot Topic. Ask a lot of the students around RIC and

somehow, they too, have heard about Foamy the Squirrel!!! Mathers released a CD which has 41 different rants by Foamy, as well as a DVD, which has the first 40 episodes of Neurotically Yours.

Neurotically Yours can be watched online at www.illwillpress.com or www.newgrounds.com. Hell, if you are talented enough, you can even help host an episode of Neurotically Yours! So get on your computer today and become a part of Foamy the Squirrel! You will laugh and cry!! As Foamy says, I am your lord and master, FOAMY!!!



#### Jeffrey Ross "Laughs Up" The Comedy Connection

By: Christopher Makolandra



What the fuck does Slovakia have to do with this?!? asks Jeffrey Ross. Well, no one really knows, but at the time, the entire crowd broke out in laughter. At the Comedy Connection on November fourth, Ross did what he knows best. Make people laugh. Joke after joke, insult after insult, they kept pouring from his mouth. The greatest part about it, the laughter didn t stop.

Ross jokes ranged from picking on members of the audience, of which included Paul Spetrini and myself, to talking about the poems that his parents wrote about each other. Acting like a total nut, Ross also babbled about the different loves that he had around the world. And the poems that he wrote for them, which he shared.

Throughout Ross performance, the laughter was non-stop. One

poem which he read to the audience really got the crowd roaring with laughter. Entitled My Girl Giggles, Ross tells about one of his

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