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Greater Tuna Coming to RIC

By: Holly Andrade
Anchor Editor

If you have seen signs for Greater Tuna, then you might be wondering what it is. Well, Greater Tuna is play. Here is an interview with the director of the show and a fellow student here at RIC, Patricia Hetu. Be sure to check out Greater Tuna in early December!

1. Pat, is this your first time as a director?

I have been an assistant director for several shows, one while I was back in college the first time, and the other two for community theatres. This is my first actual time as a direc-

tor...well, with the exception of the scene I directed in Directing class. I have, however, produced TV commercials and promos, and I feel the experience from those creative projects has transferred over to this experience.

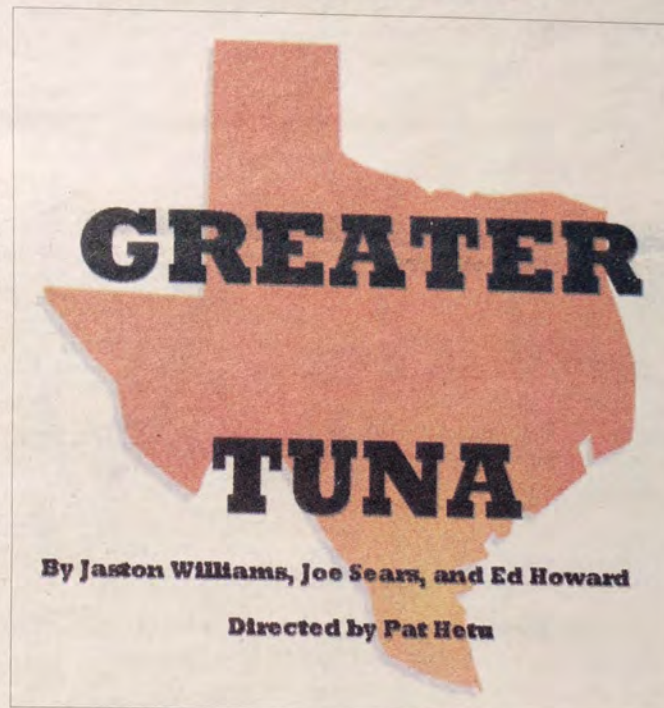
2. How is it directing? Do you find it easy or not?

The toughest thing about student directing is that you are still learning how to do it while you are actually doing it. A friend of mine has an expression that explains the experience: "It's like flying the plane while you're building it."

I feel that I am lucky having acting experience, so that I understand what the actors are going through in preparing, having been there myself. What I myself have a hard time with is communicating my ideas to them; that is, I can do it myself, but I have a hard time telling them how to do what I want, conveying my vision for the show. But, I must be doing something right because the cast is doing great.

3. Can you tell me about the show that you are doing? What is it about?

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Open House Goes On Without a Hitch

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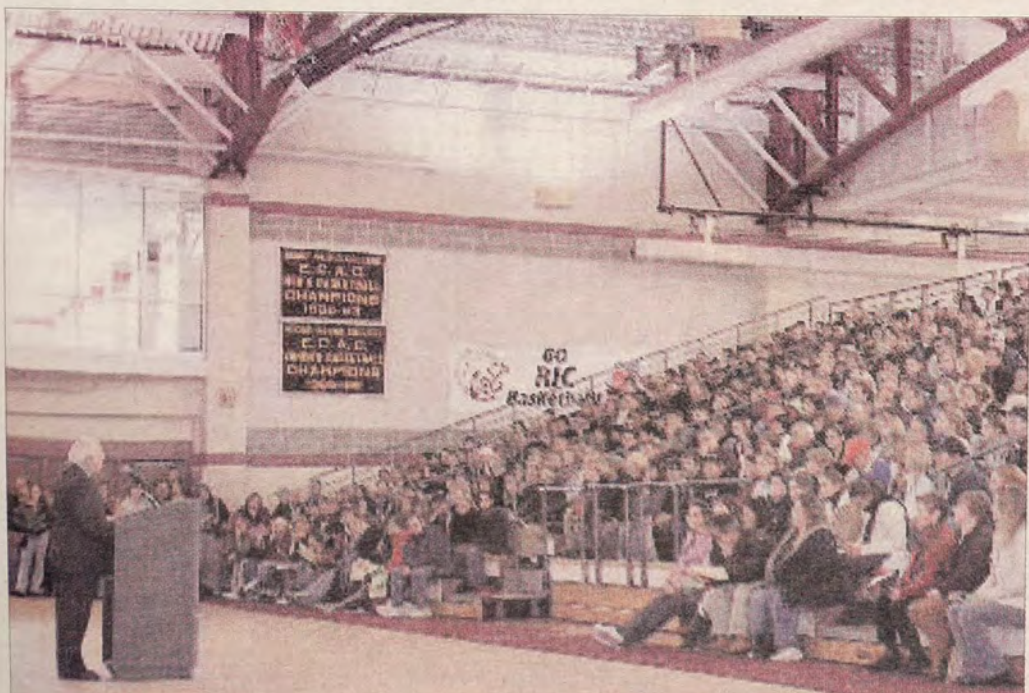
Choosing the right college is an important decision for many high school students year after year. Amidst the bustle of senior year activity, students are left to consider so much in order to choose a school that is right for them. Most are seeking a home away from home that can provide valuable educational and personal experience. Many

want a school where they are surrounded by open-minded and mature individuals who are ready to learn and are willing to strive for their goals.

I'm sure that this was the case for the many prospective students who paid a visit to RIC this past Saturday for the Admissions Open House. Held on November 13th from 1-4pm mainly at the Murray Center, the Admissions

gave students and their families a first hand look at all that RIC has to offer. "Open House is the single largest recruitment event held each year," I was told by Holly Shadoian, Director of Admissions. Most of the students who were invited, as mentioned by Shadoian, were students who learned about RIC through the many high school fairs and visits conducted in the

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Dr. Nazarian addresses the crowd at the Open House

Decision 2004

By: Christopher Clegg and Nicholas Tavares
Anchor Contributors

"I wish I could wrap each and every one of you up in my arms as a way of saying thank you." These words were spoken by Senator John Kerry as he delivered his concession speech on November 3, 2004 to a packed crowd at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. This was an emotionally charged moment from every person in the crowd and the millions who watched the speech live on national and global television, but especially for the candidate's themselves: senators John Kerry and John Edwards, who after endless pancake breakfast with precinct captains from Iowa to New Hampshire, after hundreds of stump speeches and fundraisers between them, and facing off in a difficult, front loaded primary season, brought to a close with a few words the most polarized, most expensive, and most negative presidential election campaigns in the history of the United States.

Of the many facets of this election, some were predictable. The red states stayed red states (Texas, Montana and Alaska), and the blue states stayed blue states (Rhode Island, California and Massachusetts). Factory workers, those few that are left, voted for

John Kerry, believing that their wages would go up. Factory owners, those few that are left, voted for George Bush, believing their taxes would go

down. Teachers, furious over the administration's No Child Left Behind Act, voted for Kerry. Corporate executives, ecstatic about the administration's No CEO Left Behind policies voted for Bush. Young black men from Harlem to South Central Los Angeles voted for John Kerry because he is a Democrat. Old white men in Newport Beach California and Augusta Georgia voted for George Bush because he is a Republican.

People of deep faith voted for

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Tidbits

Campus Ministry's Annual Toy Collection

Campus Ministry is conducting its annual toy collection for inner-city children. If you are interested in helping, you can stop by our table in DDC from Nov. 8 to Dec. 2 or call ext. 8168 to have us visit your office.

Aquatic Programs and Special Events

A Free Scuba experience will be held in the pool Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30-8 p.m. All equipment is provided and qualified instructors will assist you with a safe and fun experience. Sign up at the Recreation Center Front Desk

The NAUI open water I certification course will be held on Tuesdays 6-9 p.m. starting early February.

Water Aerobics
9 AM Mon, Wed, Fri
12 PM Mon-Fri
5 PM Monday-Thursday

Aqua Yin and yang
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Water Way to Relax
Friday, December 10th 1- 1:30 p.m.

Starting in Janaury:

Water Safety Instructor
Learn how to teach swimming Wednesday 6-9 p.m.
Lifeguard Training
Thursday 6-9:30 p.m.
Both courses are available at a very low cost to RIC students

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RIC 32nd Annual Art Auction

The RIC Art Club is holding its 32nd annual art auction on Friday, Dec. 3. The auction will take place in room 8A in the Art Center. Preview starts

at 4 p.m. Auction begins at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate in this event. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of RIC are encouraged to donate art work. To arrange for donations, please call the art department office, ext. 8054. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated. Lisa Russell

American Democracy Project

RIC students, faculty and staff interested in joining the Co-Curricular Committee of the RIC American Democracy Project are invited to attend the next scheduled meeting on

Thursday, Dec. 2, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in the Student Union 307. Find out about what this ADP sub-committee is all about and take advantage of the opportunity to offer your ideas and be a part of ADP's goal "to promote understanding and engage in meaningful civic actions" among all of us at RIC! Recent efforts of this action-oriented team have included significant contributions to the success of the DebateWatch, as well as sponsorship of a panel discussion series and a trip to the JFK Museum. Please join us! RSVP to Kristen Salemi at Ksalemi@ric.edu. Gourmet pizza and soda will be served! Kay Israel & Kristen Salemi

Hi, Honey!

Can't wait to have you home for Thanksgiving. I'll make your favorite pancakes. Wear your seatbelt.

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Open House from front

spring and fall by Admissions officers and directors. In attending the Open House, as Shadoian also mentioned, the students have a chance to meet one-on-one with faculty, attend special presentations, and get to take part in special tours directed towards specific areas; such as the five residence halls, the quad and around much of the campus.

Even before the initial start of the program, there were several Pre-Open House events that went on from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; which included an Out-of-State student gathering and lunch, as well as Trolley Tours of the campus and a Diversity Brunch held for multi-cultural students. By the time it was 1 p.m., the Murray Center gymnasium was filled with the timidly curious students and their families, whom all proved to be undeterred by the icy weather conditions that morning. With Welcome addresses given to all by President John Nazarian and Holly Shadoian, the visitors went about exploring the different academic programs available at RIC through the many depart-

ment representatives and faculty on hand that day.

The programs in attendance included: Accounting, African and African American Studies, Anthropology, Art, Biology, Chemistry/Physics, College Honors, Communications, Computer Science/Mathematics, Dance, Economics, Elementary Ed/Early Childhood, English, Film Studies, Health Education/Physical Ed, History, Labor Studies, Management and Technology, Modern Languages, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Secondary Ed, Sociology/Justice Studies/Gerontology, Social Work, Special Ed, Theatre, and Women's Studies.

In addition, department representatives and student staff were also available from the Anchor, Career Development Center, Financial Aid, Health Services, Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation, Office of Academic Support and Information Services, Residential Life, Student Activities, Student Life, and the Unity Center.

Presentations were conducted at 1:30 in various locations, giving specific attention to Education majors, the Arts and Sciences, and Financial Aid. Presentations were also given by Admissions Officers for Freshmen, Transfer, and Preparatory Enrollment (PEP) students. At 3pm, a Student and Parent Information Panel was held at the Student Union Ballroom, where RIC students, faculty, and staff shared information and answered questions for the visitors. Shortly after, the Open House concluded with its Grand Finale Raffle, with students winning RIC hats, sweaters, shirts, and even mini dartboard sets.

With close to 1,000 people that were in attendance, Open House, as stated by Holly Shadoian, proved to be a huge success, despite the surprising weather results that came about. "We never have had snow occur during [or for] an Open House, but despite the fact, people were still able to come out for it, which made it successful," Shadoian concluded. Well, I guess we could say it went on without a hitch.

NEWS

Ask the Dietitian

By: Carol S. Mier
Anchor Contributor

Our office received a call this week regarding some students on campus becoming dizzy and fainting from fasting. This can be a dangerous practice, unless closely supervised by a physician for a specific, limited time and purpose.

Fasting is often defined as consuming fewer than 200 calories per day. Some people do this to jump start a weight loss diet, while some fast for religious or other reasons.

With such a low calorie intake, fasting deprives the body of calories and nutrients necessary for normal functioning. Any quick weight loss is mostly water and muscles loss. Fasting often causes fatigue, dizziness, light-headedness and lack of energy.

Some people mistakenly believe that fasting "cleans out" the system, removing toxic wastes. The opposite is true. Without eating carbohydrates for energy, the body produces chemicals called ketones, which build in the blood. Ketosis puts a burden on the kidneys, as well as causing weakness, irritability, nausea, dehydration and light-headedness.

For more information on this or other nutrition topics, call Carol Mier, Registered Dietitian at 456-8477, or stop by the nutrition office in the Faculty Center on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Exodus Expects Yearbook Release in Near Future

By: Alex Tirrell
Anchor Staff

Changing times on campus have brought a large deal of misfortune to *Exodus*, the Rhode Island College yearbook. Despite several moves and executive changes, the 2003 edition has still not arrived, but things are about to change.

"We have a plan," says Deacon Mike Napolitano, faculty advisor to *Exodus*. As we go to press, the 2003 edition of *Exodus* is in and ready for press at Jostens, Inc., the yearbook publishing company. Deacon Napolitano has been working heavily on completing the 2003 edition and getting it shipped to the students that have already paid for it. Currently, *Exodus* is waiting for the approval of Student Community Government, Inc. (SCG) to allow Jostens to ship the books directly to the students. *Exodus* staff is currently verifying that the addresses of those students are up to date.

At the current

moment, all efforts are being taken to get the 2003 edition finished and in the hands of the students. Once this happens, work on the 2004 edition will continue. Currently, the 2004 edition is only partially finished. Deacon Napolitano reports that Jostens has offered to help out with completing the 2004 edition, so that the problem will not be as drawn out as it was with the 2003 book.

When asked if students were needed to help out with *Exodus*, Deacon Napolitano says, "Absolutely. We need people to help out who are willing to commit themselves to the project." Currently, interested students are needed to help reorganize and participate on the Executive Committee.

On a side note, there are still individuals who still have not yet picked up their 2002 copies of *Exodus*.

Any students interested in helping out with *Exodus* can contact Deacon Napolitano in the Campus Ministry office or by phone at 456-8346.

RIQA on Campus

By: Daniel Daley
Anchor Contributor

Last Wednesday, November 10th, the Unity Center sponsored an interesting event in its conference room, on the first floor of Donovan Dining Center. It was an overhead projection and video presentation of life in the Israeli occupied district in Palestine called Qalqilya (pronounced kaw-kill-ya). The presentation was given by Miss Bobbie Louton, President of the Rhode Island Qalqilya Alliance, better known by its acronym RIQA. The alliance is a local patchwork of multi-faith-based and secular-social and political

activists who have organized on a local grassroots level to establish a sister state relationship between Rhode Island and Qalqilya.

The presentation focused on life in Qalqilya, which has been drastically and inhumanly impacted by Israel's construction of an apartheid security wall that stands 18 feet high, with gun towers, and it is electrified in some places; it stands mostly on Palestinian real-estate.

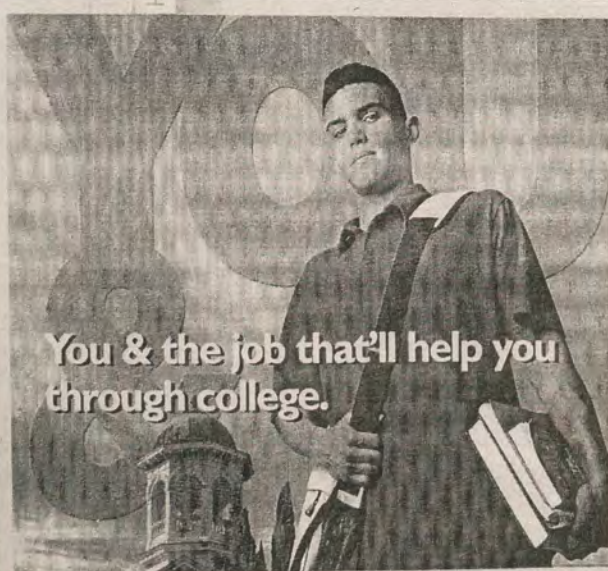
In a monotone that belied passion and anger, which almost reared their emotional heads, Miss Louton showed images and maps of areas involved, and their histories since Israel was established in

1948; this was punctuated by showing and quoting strategic statements of Israel's Zionist founders that outline their plans for genocide and displacement of the Palestinian people as a whole, in order to establish the state of Israel. The complicity of the United States in this Genocide was pointed out.

A diverse audience, that numbered from about 9 to 15 students and faculty—who were from RIC's chapter of Amnesty International, learned how this wall, which has separated families, destroyed houses, and promoted economic strangulation and starvation by destroying agriculture, is supported unequivocally by the United States government through our tax dollars. This wall, which has been condemned by the world court, has been supported by U.S. Government legislation in congress and is now before the Senate in the form of BILL 408. In short, the U.S. Government is condemning the world court.

RIQA provides economic and educational support to Qalqilya through school sponsorships and the marketing of Palestinian scarves, jewelry, olive oil and soap. They have lists at RIQA@yahoo.com. To contact them, call Miss Louton at 941-8183 or Danny at 226-8158. There will be a meeting of RIQA at the unity center on Wednesday November 24th at 12:30 p.m. Amnesty International will be there, as well.

Aaron Bruce, Director of the Unity Center, said of the event on the 10th, "Exploring diversity on a global scale is an important piece to the development of our campus community. I'm glad the Unity Center is being utilized by a wide variety of individuals and organizations. The opportunity to learn about Qalqilya and what we can do to assist on a local level is an essential step towards peace and understanding."



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NEWS

The NAACP Attempts to Diversify Donovan

By: Katharine Ricci
Anchor Staff

The Rhode Island College chapter of the NAACP, a national student-run organization that promotes racial awareness and equality around college campuses, held a "Donovan Diversity Day" during lunch hours in the Donovan Dining Center this past Tuesday and Wednesday. The purpose behind Donovan Diversity Day was to celebrate the anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education, and along with that celebration, to urge and aid RIC students into discussing touchy issues dealing with race. Marco McWilliams, RIC's NAACP president said, "Today we wanted to do something that would promote discussions surrounding diversity and aid understanding about multi-culturalism. We want everyone to feel that it's OK to approach it with someone who seems different than you." Elizabeth Polley, RIC's NAACP Vice President, agreed, adding: "These two days we want to give people a safe haven where they can openly discuss race, openly discuss how they feel about it on campus, what kinds of problems there are, and how we can change them."

With NAACP's ideals aside, it was no secret that most of the students in the cafeteria seemed unfazed and unconcerned about the NAACP's presence on Tuesday and Wednesday. "I don't think the average student really cares," said Polley sadly, "and in order to get people to come over here, we are raffling things off, such as movies tickets and mall certificates. Nevertheless, it's a good incentive to get positive discussions among students going about race." Although the average student did not care, the students who were paying attention and participating in Donovan Diversity Day were really excited about it, such as Timothy Perry, a black RIC student. He said,

"This is a good start for racial discussions on campus, and I hope it continues!"

A common problem the NAACP recognized and chose to address during their awareness drive, and a large reason why they chose to focus their event in the cafeteria, was the self-segregation of students in the Donovan Dining Center. "We've noticed that students are self-segregating, and we want to get down to the root of the problem," said Polley, "I've noticed that there's a direct flip if you look down the room here. There's a minority wall." Polley is right. Anyone can plainly see that most of the minorities sit along the windows on the left side of the cafeteria while white students hover in the middle and towards the right. "This paints a picture of our society in general - it's probably not even a conscious thing," observed Eric Fallon, one of the white students participating in the event. "It's not anybody's particular fault because it's society as a whole that does this. It's really how you grow up - you adhere to people of your own racial group. I think this event is great, to help promote awareness like it is."

But will this event succeed in promoting awareness and help eliminate the Donovan "minority wall"? Only time can tell. When asked about this, McWilliams smiled and said, "Somebody once said that a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. This is another single, small step so that one day we can all live together as brothers."

The small step the NAACP took with Donovan Diversity Day is not the last time Rhode Island College will be exposed to the NAACP. There are leaps and bounds to be made. "The NAACP has a lot of goals this year," says Polley, "This is just our first big event. The student body needs to know that we'll be coming on strong continually through the semester and even more so in the spring."

Decision from front

George Bush because of his stances on abortion, same sex marriage, and stem cell research. They voted against Kerry for the same reasons.

Of course, there were some facets of this election that no one could have seen coming, such as the arrival of the 527 groups like Swift Boat Veterans, POW's for Truth, Move On.org, and the seemingly unlimited amount of cash that they poured into seeing one candidate or the other, not just defeated but totally destroyed, ground into powder, and scattered to the four winds so that they could never rise again.

What about Rhode Island? Was Rhode Island one of the predictable facets of the election? Have we always been predictable? In the electoral history of our state, there have been long stretches of loyalty to one party or another followed by periods of indecision, followed by another long trend of one party voting. In the period from 1860 to 1908, we were the reddest of the red states. But in recent history, since the 1930s, we have been one of the bluest of the blue states, this year giving sixty percent of the total votes cast to the Kerry Edwards. Put another way, in sixteen of the last twenty presidential elections, Rhode Island has given its four electoral votes to the Democratic candidate, voting Republican only in 1952, 1956, 1972, and 1984.

This year, the RIC Political Science Club became interested in determining if student sentiment here followed the general opinion in the state. Last spring, after the democratic primary season wound down, the club conducted a mock election, asking students and faculty who they would have voted for if the election were held that day. It also polled how they felt about various issues such as abortion, gun control, the war in Iraq and whether the phrase "under God" should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, they were asked who they felt could better handle the troubled economy and terrorism.

Rhode Island College had little to no trouble on deciding who they wanted for president. Coincidentally, the percentage of the results from student and faculty were almost identical with the results the state produced. Students and faculty voted 60% in favor of Senator Kerry for President, 28% voted for President Bush, 9% voted for Ralph Nader, and 3% were undecided.

-On the questions concerning the issues, other than the pledge of allegiance, student and faculty opinion was clear one way or the other.

-On the issue of same sex marriage, 65% said that they were in favor of Same Sex marriage, only 31% disagreed with issue, and 3% were unsure.

-On the topic of a woman's right to an abortion, 55% said that they favored abortion rights, 38% opposed, and 7% were undecided.

-On the issue of possible stricter gun control, 21% opposed the idea, while a whopping 76% favored the idea, and only 3% remained undecided.

The only problem that appeared was when students and faculty were asked about their stance on whether the phrase "Under God" should be kept in the pledge of allegiance or taken out. On this issue 82% did not know how they felt, and only a small 14% believed that the phrase should be kept in the pledge, and an even smaller 4% believed that the phrase should be removed.

Perhaps the most shocking result, given the seemingly liberal streak running through the prior responses was the response to the question: *Are you for or against the war in Iraq?* Surprisingly, 64% favored the war, 25% opposed the war, and 11% remained unsure.

Adding to the inconsistency, 55% believed that Senator Kerry would handle the war on terror better than President Bush, who received 39%. Senator Kerry was also believed to be the person better suited to handling the economy. He received a whopping 72% of the vote, President Bush received an embarrassing 24%, while the remaining 4% were unsure.

As the election drew closer, the Political Science Club began to wonder whether or not people had changed their minds since the time of the spring survey, so they decided to conduct another mock election. Like the previous mock election, students and faculty had no trouble in deciding who they wanted for president. 72% voted John Kerry, while President George Bush received only 23%; and Ralph Nader received only 5%. That was a 12% increase for John Kerry, a 5% drop for President Bush, and a 4% drop for Ralph Nader.

-On the issue of same sex marriage, the students and faculty were asked if they were for or against the proposed constitutional amendment to ban same sex marriage. Keeping the same views from the previous election survey, 82% of students and faculty were opposed to the amendment, while a small 18% favored the amendment.

-On the issue of abortion rights, the students reached the same conclusions from the previous issues. 82% favored abortion rights, while a small 18% chose a pro life stance. That was a 27% increase for abortion rights, and a 20% drop on those who chose a pro-life stance last spring.

-When asked should "Under God" be left in or taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance, 73% agreed that the "Under God" Should be left in the pledge. 27% believed that "Under God" should be taken out. That resulted in a whopping 59% increase for those who were for the Pledge remaining the same. A drop of 22% occurred for those who wanted the pledge amended.

-On the issue concerning a possible stricter gun control, 72% favored the proposed idea, while 22% were against the idea. That was a 3% drop on those who favored stricter gun laws and a 2% increase on those who were against the idea.

-On the issue concerning favoring the War on Terror, 80% were for the war, while a small 20% were opposed to the war. That meant a 41% increase for those who favored the war on terror and a whopping drop of 35% for those who were opposed to the war.

-On the issue of the Iraq War, a strong 73% opposed the United States going to war in Iraq, while a only 27% favored American involvement. This posed a rise of 48% increase for those who were against the war, while those who favored the war dropped a whopping 37%.

-In the spring, When asked who they thought could better handle the economy, 71% said they thought that Senator Kerry could handle the economy better. In the week preceding the election, that number had gone to 72%. President Bush went from 23% to 28%.

-When asked which candidate they thought would better handle terrorism more effectively, Kerry was favored with a 54% rating in the spring and 55% in the fall. In the spring, President Bush received a support rating of 39% in the spring which had increased to 45% the week before the election.

On the original election ballot, the question was asked: *Are you for or against "Operation Iraqi Freedom" (the name given to the war)?* The change in question could have resulted in the change of percentages.

The Rhode Island College Theatre Organization's Growing Stage Presents...



GREATER TUNA

By Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard

Directed by Pat Hetu

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**December 2-4 at 8pm
December 5 at 2pm**

The Little Theatre in the John Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts

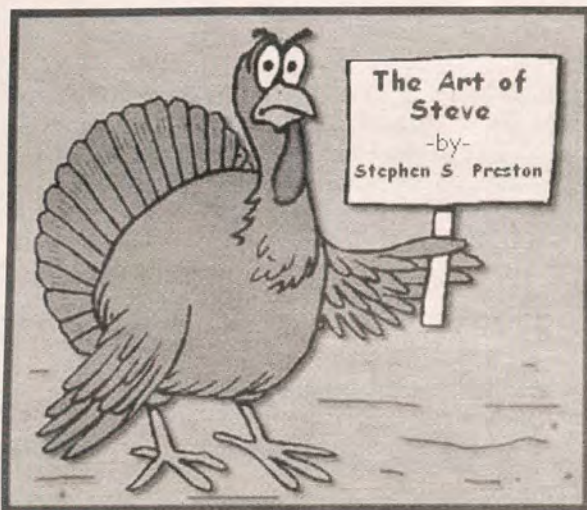
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SPORTS

The Art of Steve: Turkey Day Madness

By: Stephen S. Preston
Anchor Staff



Thanksgiving, the holy grail of holidays, is almost here. A day that revolves entirely around eating until you want to spew; lying down and watching TV couldn't get much better. Oh, and of course, there's football! Yes, football. Sixty minutes of uninterrupted violence. With the exception of Friday Night's Pistons/Pacers fiasco, football is the only sport where you never know how hard someone is going to get hit. Thanksgiving football has always had a special place in my heart, and for good reason. There's nothing that can unite a family more than sitting back and watching a quarterback eat grass for the holiday.

This year's Turkey Day

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Come celebrate the end of
the fall semester and the
beginning of the festive
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**Sociology/Justice Studies
Club**

Winter Solstice Party



December 1st 12:30pm
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-UPCOMING GAMES-

Men's Basketball

November 23 Eastern Nazarene College 7:30 PM
November 29 Fitchburg State College 7:00 PM
December 2 Roger Williams University 7:00 PM

Men's Indoor Track

December 4 at Brown Invitational TBA
December 11 at Harvard Invitational TBA
January 15 at Wesleyan (CT) Invitational TBA

Women's Basketball

November 23 Bridgewater State College 5:30 PM
November 27 at Connecticut College 2:00 PM
November 30 at Wellesley College 7:00 PM

Women's Indoor Track

December 4 at Brown Invitational TBA
December 11 at Harvard Invitational TBA
January 15 at Wesleyan (CT) Invitational TBA

Gymnastics

January 15 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2:00 PM
January 22 at Wilson College 1:00 PM
January 29 at SUNY-Brockport 1:00 PM

Wrestling

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-NEWS AND NOTES-

Rhode Island College has named Dwayne Pina as an assistant men's basketball coach. He will assist Head Coach Jack Perri with all phases of the RIC men's basketball program including recruiting, scouting, administering practice and game coaching. As an undergraduate, Pina joined the Boston College men's basketball team as a walk-on, prior to the 1997-98 season, and earned an athletic scholarship midway through that year. He played in 78 games for the Eagles' during his career, making 38 starts, as a guard. In 1998-99, he played in and started all 27 of the Eagles' games, averaging 4.5 assists per game, which ranked him seventh in the Big East Conference. Pina was named Team Defensive MVP in 1998 and earned the Top Playmaker honor in 1999. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Boston College in 2001. He resides in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Expect the Unexpected

By: Michael A. Romano
Anchor Staff

Throughout the years, I've noticed that the NFL is a league full of surprises. No, I'm not referring to the little, individual, blown-out-of-proportion events that have nothing to do with football, like a drunken Joe Namath trying to get to first base with Suzy Kolber or Terrell Owens staring at a "nude" Nicolette Sheridan. Of course, I'm talking about the abilities of some NFL teams to either raise eyebrows or turn stomachs.

This year is definitely no exception to what I'm talking about. Some of what used to be the NFL's finest franchises are now looking in the mirror only to see mere shadows of themselves. On the other end of the spectrum, teams that were on the bottom of the barrel for years now appear to be crawling towards the light of success. Sure, the season isn't over yet, and anything can happen in the remaining 5-6 weeks of the schedule. Despite that, it's hard to neglect the surprises and disappointments in the NFL.

Here are some examples from the AFC alone. Because of this author's really annoying deadlines, please note that all records, standings, and statistics are as of November 19, 2004:

Miami Dolphins (1-8)...Dave Wannstedt probably feels like he's back in Chicago, minus the cold weather. The Fins have managed to score a pathetic 123 points this season (worst in NFL). Yet, they constantly won-

der what they can do to win. Perhaps getting a quarterback that doesn't turn the ball over every single play could help. Jay Fielder and new starter A.J. Feeley have combined for 14 interceptions and 5 lost fumbles. A decent running back might also help keep the clock moving and allow Miami's underachieving

defense has allowed only 147 points this season (2nd best in NFL)?

Jacksonville Jaguars (6-3)...These guys are the real cardiac cats! Knowing how to win the close games is probably one of the most important things in the NFL, and Jacksonville can do just that, no matter how much time is

left on the clock. Hopefully, Byron Leftwich (1,891 passing yards, 9 touchdowns) will make a return sooner than later from his knee injury, and that could possibly help them get to the playoffs. The Jags are stingy when it comes to opponents running the football, allowing a league-best 73.6 yards per game. But, I don't think that sat too well with Shaun Alexander this past Sunday.

San Diego Chargers (6-3)...When was the last time we saw the San Diego Chargers atop the AFC West? The only thing I think about is the 1995 AFC



Teams like San Diego have surprised many

defense to rest on the sidelines.

Pittsburgh Steelers (8-1)...Even though I'm not a big fan of the Steelers, I think that Bill Cowher's team has given new meaning to smash-mouth football; a fitting gridiron equivalent for the blue-collar city of Pittsburgh. The double-barrel action of Duce Staley (707 rushing yards, 1 touchdown) and Jerome Bettis (381 rushing yards, 10 touchdowns) are enough to make any front seven cringe. Let's not forget about rookie sensation Ben Roethlisberger, who has thrown for 1,450 yards and 11 touchdowns. Give thanks to wide receivers Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress for physicality and reliability, respectively. Did I mention that the

Champion version, with Stan Humphries at Quarterback, Natrone Means in the backfield, and Junior Seau doing some heavy hitting at the linebacker spot. Let's fast forward almost ten years. It's all about the offense; Drew Brees has thrown an astounding 18 touchdown passes this season. Tight End Antonio Gates is his favorite target, with 8 of those receptions. Don't forget about LaDainian Tomlinson, who also has 8 TD's (but, all are from on the ground). I guess the concept of "Marty Ball" seems to be working.

Kansas City Chiefs (3-6)...I

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PawSox Looking to Ride The Championship Momentum

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor

Coming off of a season where their major league counterparts took home their first championship in nearly a century, the Pawtucket Red Sox have made some changes in the managerial reigns. Hoping to rebound after a disappointing 73-71 season where they missed the playoffs, the Pawsox have hired new manager Ron Johnson to replace Buddy Bailey, a skipper who compiled 502 wins with the club. Johnson, who coached well in AA affiliate Portland, led the Sea Dogs to a 69-73 record and a tie for 4th place in the league's Eastern Division.

make a leap at the big leagues sometime soon. Ramirez is on a short list of players expected to breeze through Triple-A this season and find their way onto major league rosters. In the meantime, however, he is ready to give the Pawsox a much needed heavy hitter. A lifetime .313 hitter, he 40 hits

Portland, we knew he was ready. We have these levels for a reason. It's unfair for me to say that he is going to blow everyone away, but I think he is ready."

Johnson adds a bit of enthusiasm to a club that has long been one of the brightest in the minor leagues. He stated, "I'm going to be myself and run this club with the personality that I have...I've been hearing about Pawtucket for years. When you go to spring training that's all you hear about. Portland is a great place and I have nothing but kind words for those people, but this place is elite. Until the fans start to boo me, I'm going to enjoy it."



Ron Johnson looks to take the Pawsox to the next level.

What Johnson brings to the team is more than just knowledge of the game. Sitting as if he's been the coach for years, Johnson was very comfortable this past Friday at a press conference inside McCoy Stadium. "I don't want to say this too loudly with my boss right here, but I don't believe I work for a living. This is fun to do. I don't wake up every day thinking I have to go to work because I enjoy doing this." Johnson inherits a team that has had some success over the past couple of years, but has been unable to nail it down when it mattered the most...with a trophy.

This year's Pawtucket Red Sox should fare pretty well. One of baseball's hot prospects, SS Hanley Ramirez, is expected to

in only 129 at bats with Portland last year, a statistic that bodes well for him as he gains experience.

Not wanting to focus on the future for fear of neglecting the present, Johnson was quick to dismiss talk of Ramirez hoping on a one way ticket to the majors. When asked about what he felt his role was in the development of potential superstars, Johnson stated, "My job is to create a place where guys can come and play up to the level that we think they can play at...hopefully we'll be able to create that here." As for Ramirez specifically, a player Johnson coached this season, he had nothing but kind words. Johnson stated, "I'm happy that I'd have had the opportunity to help him develop. When he came up from

Judging by first impressions and getting a true sense of the guy, it seems that Johnson is a man of his word. By taking the job with the Pawsox, Johnson has pledged to do his best to help lead this team into the playoffs and beyond. Now that the first step is complete, all that is left is for the team to take the field, play ball, and hope for the best. After all, their big league counterparts were on the door step for many years before finally sealing the deal this past season. All it took for Boston was one key player (Curt Schilling) and a new coach that knew how to win (Terry Francona). Maybe, it's time that momentum trickled down into the system. Ron Johnson and the rest of Pawtucket sure hope so.

It's Awesome, Baby...with a Capital "A"

By: Eric Young
Anchor Staff

The excitement of another exciting season of college basketball has come upon us.

Long, grueling practices against the same teammates everyday for months is over for the players and the anticipation of hearing the frantic, raving voice of Dick Vitale signifies the beginning of a wonderful journey that precedes March Madness. March Madness, of course, is the NCAA tournament that captivates our country's interest perennially, with a host of teams vying for the National Championship and fans cheering constantly with the hopes that they will be the lucky winner in their company's office pool.

Being a student-athlete is a very demanding job that involves juggling a full-time school schedule with study time and practice everyday for 2 hours. This time of year is marked on

every college basketball player's schedule. November is the time of year for every player to rejoice. The hard work put in over the



College Basketball: Unlike Anything Else

summer and fall when nobody is watching finally pays off. The games are a reward for all the work put in. This is the reason

why college basketball is so exciting.

The players play hard for every second of every game because they don't know of any other way to play. Although Division I and II players receive scholarships, they are not paid to play and therefore, their motivation to play is not tainted, unlike some players in the NBA who only play for their next contract. College players, instead, are motivated by their allegiance to their teammates, coaches, family, and most importantly, the school. Great annual events, such as Midnight Madness, around campuses across the country are possible because of the relationship between the schools, students and athletes.

Locally, we have some young talented teams awaiting their chance to shine. Here at Rhode Island College, the Men's Basketball team has a new coaching

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SPORTS

FEATURED GAME OF THE WEEK

Women's Basketball

Spencer Manning has brought the RIC Women's Basketball Team a long way since taking over the coaching role last season. Coming off of a 16-11 season and a third place finish in the Little East, the Anchorwomen are back and looking to compete in a division that, not too long ago, they were outclassed in. This year's team is a lot younger, with only one senior on the roster. Regardless of their lack of experience, the Anchorwomen are poised to play well all season long and ready to prove that last year was no fluke.

Bridgewater State College vs. Rhode Island College
Tuesday, November 23rd, 5:30PM

Key Player to Watch: Freshman forward Kari Geisler (Derry, NH) was named the Little East Conference's Rookie of the Year last season. She led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.7 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. This year, Geisler is playing a new role: Co-Captain. Along with Junior Guard Kristy Nix, Geisler looks to have a tremendous season and lead RIC even further in their quest from an LEC trophy.

Mike Morrison Joins RIC as Assistant Athletic Director

By: Scott Gibbons
Sports Information Director



Rhode Island College has named Mike Morrison the Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Development. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the department's development initiatives including fundraising and marketing activities.

"I am very excited about joining the Rhode Island College athletic department," Morrison says. "I am looking forward to working with RIC Athletic Director Don Tencher and Anchor Club Executive Director

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expected the Chiefs to win at least 11 games this year. AT LEAST. Obviously, that's not going to happen. They have already doubled their loss total from last year, and the season is halfway over! Whatever happened to Dante Hall? Was he a fluke? Probably the most disappointing facet of this team is the defense, as they have allowed an average of 26.4 points per game (2nd worst in AFC, 5th worst in NFL). Defensive Coordinator Gunther Cunningham better do something fast before Trent Green strangles him. This team scores an average of 28.6 points per game and only wins once every three games. What up, defense!?

Don't worry. I'm not done yet. I still have to bring the NFC down to size (or up, depending upon who deserves it). Like I said, even though the season is only a little more than half over, anything can happen, so this article might become toilet paper after the end of the month. With that said, I'll be back next week for part two.

Oh, and I'd like to mention a couple of other things: In my last article, I gave an erroneous date for Enos Slaughter's "Mad Dash." It took place in the 1940's, not the 1960's. Just clearing that up. Also, I agree with my colleague, Stephen S. Preston, that Terrell Owens should shut the hell up.

RIC OPENS SEASON WITH, 67-41, WIN OVER HAWKS



Rhode Island College (1-0) capitalized on 32 turnovers by Roger Williams (0-1) and defeated the Hawks, 67-41, to open the 2004-05 women's basketball season.

RIC had three players score in double figures, led by junior Jaime Angell (Cranston, RI) who had 17

points, four assists and three steals. In addition to Angell's game-high effort, sophomores Caitlyn Ryan (Chepachet, RI) and Kari Geisler (Deerfield, NH) scored 15 and 11 points, respectively. Sophomore Brittany Rosen (Derry, NH) pulled down a game-high ten rebounds, including six offensive boards. Junior Kristy Nix (East Setauket, NY) had five points and a game-high five steals.

Sophomore Jamie Hanak (Hudson, NH) had 11 points, four boards and two assists in a losing effort for the Hawks.

In upcoming action, RIC will host Bridgewater State College on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m.

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staff to go along with a mix of freshman and upperclassmen who are eager to showcase their abilities. You may have caught a glimpse of that potential at the November Madness event held at the Murray Center on campus this past Wednesday. Elsewhere, Providence College senior Ryan Gomes is one of the top five players in the country. He returns to PC in hopes of improving his team's chances of returning to the NCAA Tournament and his stock in next year's NBA draft held in June.

The parity in college basketball is unmatched by any sport, amateur or professional, except for the National Football League. Blue-chip prospects are now leaving college early in pursuit of greener pastures in the NBA. And high school kids are declaring themselves eligible for the NBA Draft more and more each year. This only weakens powerhouse teams, such as the Duke Blue Devils, Arizona Wildcats, and Kansas Jayhawks; but, it strengthens mid-major programs like the Manhattan Jaspers, the Vermont Catamounts, and Richmond Spiders, who don't recruit blue-chip prospects and who mostly have rosters made up of players who stay in college for four years making for an even playing field when these teams match up, particularly in the NCAA Tournament. Well, I for one, cannot wait for the season to pick up steam and head towards March Madness because as Dick Vitale would say, "It is gonna be awesome, baby, with a capital 'A.'"

match-ups have the potential to be very memorable indeed. In the 12:30p.m. game, right around the time I'll be getting up, you get to watch Indianapolis square off against a suddenly good Detroit Lions team. Baring a huge let-down, you've got the potential for a gigantic upset. The lions play tough all year, especially at home, especially on Thanksgiving. The colts, on the other hand, can't win a big game. They've proved that for years, and nothing has changed despite the fact that the team has one of the best quarterbacks in the game. They couldn't win when it counted last year (AFC Championship game, anyone?), and things don't get any bigger than Thanksgiving Day football in Detroit.

Thanksgiving day football is also a game that can change a team's season, for the good or the bad. Anyone remember a couple of years ago when the Lions and Steelers went at it? After a very bad coin toss decided the outcome of the game in favor of Detroit, the Steelers went on to play horribly for the rest of the year and got spanked in the playoffs. Hoping to avoid a repeat of this, the Colts are going to want to end this one fast. Hopefully, by the time the turkey is going into the oven, Payton will have thrown for over three hundred yards. Otherwise, if the game gets close, look for the Colts defense to give up faster than your Uncle Larry's Atkins diet for the holidays.

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I give the Lions the advantage in this one is for the following reason: They are a young team with a very young quarterback (Joey Harrington). Though young, Harrington is showing the potential to be a bright star soon. Coming into this Sunday's game against the Vikings, Detroit was one game out of first place in their division. Considering they were one of the worst teams in football last year, that is a remarkable accomplishment. Regardless of the outcome of that game, they are a hungry team looking to win. I see them being a team that has the potential to make the playoffs, possibly as a wild card. If they can get there, they will be very dangerous. No self proclaimed football expert expects anything from there, and with nothing to lose, this team could play the role of spoiler, and it all starts with Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, that's where the competition ends this Thanksgiving. The second game of the doubleheader doesn't offer much for the die hard football fan. Sure, if you read a press release or two, this game sounds great. Two teams, rich in tradition, do battle in front of the entire nation. But, in reality, the truth is that these two teams are horrible. Yes, I said it; the Cowboys and Bears aren't worth watching anymore. Not since the days of the Super Bowl shuffle have the Bears been anything special. In fact, the only thing that still makes that town a big sports place is the fact that

their baseball team hasn't won a trophy in almost a century.

As for the Cowboys, they are a team capable of multi tasking like no other. In one game, last week against Philadelphia, they managed to embarrass their team, owners, and fans, while simultaneously burying Bill Parcells' legacy into the ground. A team that somehow made the playoffs last year, Dallas has been abysmal this season. They have fans around the country scratching their heads, wondering what went wrong. I'll tell you what went wrong. The team got too old, too quick. With Vinny behind center, they may as well change the team name to the Dallas Texas Senior Center for the Retired. While not nearly as catchy, the hospital gowns the team uses as a uniform would certainly be hilarious for the first season or two.

When the game is over, and hopefully it will be quick and painless, expect the Cowboys to blow it. The year has been one of constant disappointment for Jerry Jones and company, and losing at home on Thanksgiving is only another blow to an already defeated legend. Luckily for many of us, by the time the game starts, the turkey will have put us to sleep and we won't have to suffer through it. On that note, have a happy holiday season. Just remember, despite the lack of flare that these two games have, the playoffs are just around the corner, and everyone loves a good playoff game.

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Art Pontarelli and hope to continue the success that they've had over the past five years."

RIC Athletic Director Don Tencher says, "We are extremely glad to have Mike Morrison joining our athletic family. Mike brings successful experience, energy, and a strong work ethic to the fundraising side of our house. I am confident that Mike's efforts will result in positive results that will benefit the athletic program, our student-athletes and our alumni."

Prior to joining the RIC staff, Morrison served as the Assistant Director of the University of New Mexico's Lobo Club. He oversaw the Hotel Program, The Gift-In-Kind Program, and was part of a development team that raised over \$3 million dollars of funding from alumni dollars and gifts from various businesses. Morrison was also responsible for writing various Lobo Club publications including the Inside the Pack quarterly newsletter and Lobo Tracks, an e-newsletter sent to the entire UNM constituency.

Prior to joining the Lobos,

Morrison served as an Athletic Development Intern at Boston College in 2002-03. He was responsible for building strong relationships with prospects, donors, and volunteers, while providing customer service to a group of 4,500 people who provided the BC Athletic department with nearly \$7 million in financial support.

Morrison's career in athletics began at the University of Connecticut as an Athletic Development Assistant from 1996-2002. While at UConn, he was part of a staff that raised \$10 million for consecutive years. He was also responsible for assisting and executing donor trips, providing customer support to donors, and being heavily involved in all aspects of fundraising maintenance in the development office.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in sport management from the University of Connecticut in 2000 and 2002, respectively. A native of Putnam, Connecticut, he resides in Pawcatuck, Connecticut with his wife Nicole.



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Post-Election Reflection

By: Jon Morris
Anchor Contributor

So, the election is over. Back to your regularly scheduled programming, right? Well, this author has finally boiled over. There are too many topics in circulation to address them all here, but here are some that are really bothering me. I will proceed by summarizing a concept that is floating around our airwaves and our campus, and then commenting on it. By the way, I am a registered Independent, have never seen Fahrenheit 9-11, and voted for members of three parties on this year's RI ballot....

Regarding Bush's second term:

George Bush did in fact win the election. I don't believe he stole it, and no recount is necessary. However, I do believe that in a sense, he gained votes by misrepresenting his true intentions and convincing people he was something he isn't. Of course, I can't really blame him for this; it is the voters who are to blame for falling for it. To illustrate this idea, I will list several beliefs that many Bush supporters hold, and then comment on them.

1. We need to return to conservative values.

What about the traditional conservative value of fiscal responsibility? In addition to the huge deficit we are already facing, the Congress today approved an 800 billion dollar increase on our spending cap at Bush's urging. This represents the third increase of our debt ceiling since Bush took office. Where will all this money we are spending come from? What is worse, tax and spend...or don't tax and spend? One way or another, this will all be paid for by, you guessed it, taxpayers. Enjoy your "tax cut". Of course, people will no doubt respond to this and many other criticisms of administration policy by citing the fact that we are at war. War, besides being self-justifying, is apparently also an ironclad reason for accepting limitless spending and zero accountability. To everyone who didn't want to change horses mid-war: does perpetual war guarantee perpetual support?

2. National Security is our priority.

There are a lot of things right now that could threaten our National Security. Unfortunately, since a huge portion of our Army is in Iraq and will be for a long time, we are now one major incident away from

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defend ourselves with a) whatever troops we have left that are not in or on their way to Iraq, and/or b) nuclear weapons. Not a very strong strategic position. By the way, the TSA, responsible for our safety at airports, is a joke. Its rampant spending has been well documented, and I have heard of many instances of people inadvertently getting on the plane with items in their carry-on luggage that should not be in the passenger compartment. No post-election mentions of Bin Laden either. Then again, almost all pre-election questions regarding Osama were answered with "Saddam Hussein (insert platitude here)."

The National Security Advisor, who did not deem a report detailing the idea that terrorists would attack the U.S. with planes important and wants to "punish France, ignore Germany, and forgive Russia", is going to be our nation's chief diplomat. The man who wrote the well-publicized memo condoning torture as a tactic is going to be our new Attorney General. Now, it is true that we were attacked, and there are clearly still people in this world that want to kill us. But, if we are to maintain the moral high ground that is so important to us, as we are

Shabazz Part 2

By: Harry Grigsby
Anchor Contributor

Last week, I submitted an opinion article about activist Malik Zulu Shabazz. He spoke at the Brother to Brother Conference that took place a month ago. While I still hold the same views and opinions as before, I want to make clear that the Brother to Brother Conference was a complete success. In fact, I feel that the conference should be a yearly event. Aaron Bruce and the Unity Center have been nothing short of outstanding with trying to provide a much needed awareness on our campus. Bruce is amongst only a few who take an active role in trying to diversify and embrace all, no matter what race, color, gender, or sexual orientation.

Malik Zulu Shabazz and the New Black Panther

Organization are by no means a reflection of Aaron Bruce and The Unity Center. I just feel that his rhetoric was not consistent with the mission of the Unity Center and Rhode Island College as a whole. One individual should not work alone in trying to make change. I believe we can have a greater impact if there is a coalition amongst different people from different walks of life. I know I may be blinded by my optimism, but let us at least move in unison towards a utopian society. We must ALL play a part in trying to educate and assimilate those who are different from us. Shabazz represents a different end of the spectrum on the topic of race relations. I have my views, as well. One perspective is not better than the other; I was merely exercising my freedom of speech.

Some Fresh Air PLEASE?

By: Anita Israelyan
Anchor Editor

This one is for all of the Communication majors out there. And of course, any other student that has the privilege of having classes at Whipple.

Think about the smell of dirty feet that haven't been washed in over a week, with Fungus, Athletes foot and whatever else you can imagine that can make feet stink. Now, cross that smell with the smell of wet dog, and I'm referring to a hairy dog like a German Shepard, not a hairless Chihuahua. That is what I smell walking through the hallway to the second floor of Whipple, every day. It's a pretty large hallway, as opposed to the ones in Gaige, for example. The part that kills me is that there are two windows in that hallway! The two windows, conveniently of course, do not open and the stuffy air seems to linger and grow stronger as the day progresses.

I first discovered the odor when I started my communication classes at Whipple about 3 years ago. I pondered if it was because some students just didn't shower, since it smelled like body odor and all. Then I noticed that the odor would occasionally morph from the whole dog/feet odor, to a construction/basement odor. Since then, it has been bothering me for so long that at times, I find myself talking out loud in the actual hallway to people I don't know, about how bad it is! Am I crazy? Or should we have some sort of air circulation happening in there? My professors must think I'm a nutcase, walking into class with a grimace on my face. When I have an iced coffee in my hand and have to walk through the odor chamber, I tend to cover the straw area, thinking the odor might have invisible stink molecules that will latch onto my straw. This bothers me so much, and I'm curious to know if anyone else feels my pain? Or am I simply neurotic?

I like to think of myself as a sensible person, that when I see windows in a confined hallway, I assume that they are like any other window I know, ones that open. Is it cheaper to have windows that don't open? What purpose do windows like that serve, anyway? I doubt anyone stops in the hallway on their way to class to gaze at the pigeons and parking lot. Am I just going to have to invest in some travel sized room spray? I feel the need to address the issue, now that winter is on its way. The stench will worsen once every wet, snow and mud covered boot steps into that hallway. If anyone agrees with me, feel free to contact me at the Anchor office, or stop me in the smelly hallway...I'll be the one with the Michael Jackson-like facemask, gasping for some fresh air.

A Conservative Perspective on why the Democrats lost... and why they'll keep losing.

By: Kenneth Bryant
Anchor Staff

Shocked and appalled are the words to describe my reaction to Brett Broesder's *In the wake of American Stupidity...* opinion article last week. Wow. I was floored at some of the accusations and flat-out superfluous insults hurled at the American people. At one point, he attacked southerners by calling them "morons" because they voted for Bush. Is this the way the Democrats are intending to court independents and the much sought after southern electorate (to which they insult)? This attitude by the Democratic elite (who like to call themselves "intellectuals") is exactly what is killing the Democratic Party, and the course they're taking today will eventually lead to its demise.

The Democrats are in serious trouble (stating the obvious). They are quickly losing ground to Republicans on all issues, ranging from national security to the economy (once a Democratic stronghold). They have continually run on tired

old liberal rhetoric that is not connecting with the American people. On healthcare: They propose a massive government takeover. On taxes: They want to raise them. On national security: They want to roll-back the "Patriot Act" in order to halt the progression our government agencies have made in order to find in-land terrorist cells. On abortion: They want to continually protect a woman's right to murder. On gay marriage: Well... they don't know what they want to do about this, seeing as how they play both sides of the fence. On the environment: It's the "damn the people, save the trees" mentality. On foreign policy: They want America to pass a "global test," in other words: America should not have a say in its own defense. On Iraq: They have been all over the place (which was reflected in the candidate they eventually nominated to be President). On education: They want to continue throwing money into failing schools. On social security: They choose to take the position that it'll fix

itself. On Affirmative action: They want to continue telling schools who to enroll and employers who to hire. And on the economy: They continue to offer a doom and gloom forecast. Needless to say, their agenda is not that of which will better the lives of the American public, hence their defeat on November 2nd.

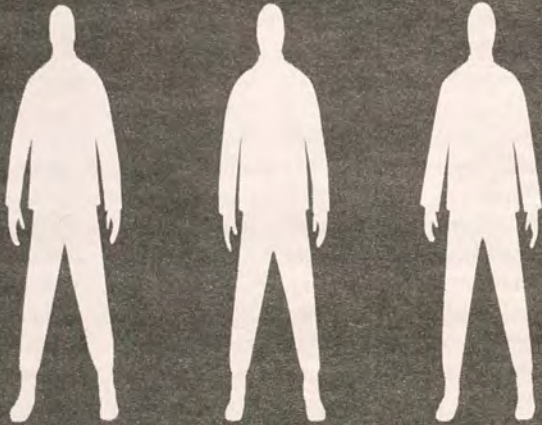
Exit Polls showed that a surprising 20% of Americans regarded "moral values" as their top priority at the voting booth. Of course, now the Democrats are up in arms about this and are accusing these people of being "illogical and feble-minded." Could it be possible that if the Democrats would actually represent what the majority of the American people want, instead of catering to special interest groups, they'd have a better shot at connecting with those "moral values?" The Democrats further attack Americans who only visit the polls to address one issue alone. Even Mr. Broesder claims that that is "completely and utterly idiotic." He also

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My Thoughts on the Brother to Brother Conference

By: Timothy Perry
Anchor Contributor

The Brother to Brother and Sister to Sister conference held on October 23, 2004 was a solid event. Most of the students felt empowered and inspired to continue to be or become leaders on their campuses and in their communities. It should not be taken for granted that this was a historical event because it was the first time that such an organized conference was held at Rhode Island College. This college is 150 years old and this is the first time something like this happened on campus? What does this college have to say to that if it prides itself on such a reputation of high excellence for students of all races?

The sad part about this whole event is that the efforts of all the coordinators to plan this monumental event will go unnoticed. Granted, it wasn't the most extravagant conference, but that's okay. I thought it was very beneficial. This was the first annual conference held. Hopefully it will continue for many years to give students what they need for lead-

ership. I got just what I was looking for out of this conference: a chance to be inspired, a chance to network, and most importantly I received a better understanding of what brotherhood and sisterhood is all about. I'm speaking on my own behalf; everybody had different things that they were looking for during the conference.

This conference should be celebrated, but some students and administration fail to see that. Unfortunately, Harrison Grisby's comments were the first response to this event which left many students divided on the whole significance of the conference. In no way am I attacking Mr. Grisby for his opinion, because we are entitled to our own. In fact, I respect Harrison even more because he stepped up first to write his thoughts about this conference when nobody else would.

The only thing I'm concerned about is the aftermath of Harrison's comments. Malik Zulu Shabazz's speech may have seemed extreme during his keynote address and during his session (even to the point of offending some students), but his

words opened my eyes. He told us what we needed to hear and what we did not want to hear in terms of our black movement. I can only assume that Harrison wrote his comments based on the way he felt. Shabazz impacted him. Personally, I thought Shabazz was great. I left the conference with a feeling of uniting with my brothers and sisters instead of wanting to fight one another and destroy our race.

The black agenda on campus is not to "kill the white person." Our purpose is to celebrate diversity, develop leaders, retain students of color, and make sure students of color graduate school and beyond. The significance of the conference was all about pushing the black agenda to the students, so that they can be aware of their purpose for being in college in the first place.

To refute Harrison's comments, Shabazz was not a waste of time and money. Rather, I would encourage more speakers like that on our campus. This situation comes rather timely because students need a wake-up call to force us towards change.

Scrutiny of "Unity"

By: Ronnelle Adams
Anchor Contributor

Well, I'm over my devastated phase of the post-election, so I'm rested and ready to rant again. I seriously doubt that the next four years will leave me without the constant sense of outrage that the past four gave liberally. "Unity", you say? Last week, Nathaniel Nelson suggested in an opinion article that we Americans need to "come to an agreement on some common standards." He timidly bounced around exactly what those standards were but briefly mentioned abortion and gay marriage towards the end. While totally dodging any reason for his argument, he used typical conservative catch terms like "morals" and "principles" to hide the fact that he had none.

"In sports, it is important for the athletes to work together while following the coach's instructions...Those who abandon this principle...bring the whole team down," Nelson wrote. Now, as relating to the NFL or the NBA, that's a pretty intelligent observation. Maybe, he should write for the sports section more often. Nelson then goes on to say

that "this same principle works in a democratic society." Wrong. Did I read that correctly? Did he just compare the dictator coach-run, "No 'I' in team" atmosphere of a sports league to the naturally divided, diversely opinionated democratic society that is America? I think he did. To follow his directions and go along following the coach's instructions, I would have to lower my nature to that of a sheep. Being that I lack the fur and the whiteness and the taste for furniture, I must decline. One can't maintain individuality if he's forced to acquiesce to the ignorance of a "collective whole."

But wait, there's more! Nelson writes, "Society requires certain standards to guide its citizens so as to prevent anarchy." Without explaining these mysterious standards, Nelson insists that the supposedly self interested nature of man will cause "society [to] crumble." So far, I don't really see where he's going with all this doomsday talk, but he sure does paint a really gloomy picture of the nature of man. Is this the Anchor or the Book of Revelation? Or maybe Leviathan? Maybe he could write

for the famed "Left Behind" series.

His answer to this made up problem?—God's standards, of course. According to him, these are the standards from which the founding fathers meant us to live by...fluid as those standards may be. I've already discussed in a previous article ("American Values?") how murky the water gets when you get into the business of biblical review, so I'll just play along for now.

I don't doubt for a second that the founders of this country were God fearing Christians. But, to even hint that they intended to have everyone live by their religious "principles" makes a lie of the following: "Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion." Funny, how they placed that ahead of everything else in Bill of Rights. The fact is, if the founding fathers really wanted their God to be the "decision maker", they wouldn't have wasted their time roasting in that hot Philadelphia summer, arguing over a piece of parchment. The Bible would have sufficed. Luckily, they were well aware of the religious corruption and intolerance that landed their

forefathers in the New World to begin with. They knew better.

Also, this non-progressive "founding fathers" argument as to why we all should be constricted into their way of thinking is ridiculous. Collectively, they plainly didn't think the same way. Yes, Patrick Henry and George Washington supported legislation that would have established the Episcopal Church in Virginia. Maybe, it's a case of selective memory, but Nelson failed to mention what happened to that proposed legislation. It failed. Defeated, largely due to the efforts of whom?—James Madison. Maybe, Mr. Nelson should steer clear of historical writing. Historians hate when you leave out integral parts of a story like that. Anyone who takes Madison's stance on that issue today is widely viewed as anti-Christian and un-American. Picture that; the perfidious James Madison?!

Nelson then goes on about these "ball hogs" who supposedly divide America with their selfish disregard for the rules. Going on the only two examples he mentions, I

Nelson's talking about gays and supporters of abortion. Damn those gay couples who seek equality in the marital protections afforded to their heterosexual counterparts. Damn those selfish whores who do ungodly things like *whispering*, have sex and decide that they don't want to have children. How dare they not buy into the Christian belief that sex without the production of children is sinful. You tell 'em man!! Sex is strictly for heterosexual married couples. For the unmarried, they should maintain their virginity, as I'm sure the virtuous Mr. Nelson has.

My morals and knowledge of right and wrong are well in tact. Example: It's wrong to tell a gay couple of 10-20 years that, based on your own sectarian belief, their relationship in unnatural and incomparable to that of heterosexuals. You can keep that ignorant belief and preach it as you wish, but when you support suppressive laws to exact that belief on other people, this is reprehensible. Get over yourself. That in itself is the epitome of arrogant selfishness.

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claims that type of activity is something "a liberal wouldn't participate in." Huh? It's funny he should mention that, seeing as how millions of liberals went to the polls with one thing on their minds... "anyone but Bush!" People go to vote for what they want to vote for; they shouldn't have to meet the approval of anyone. If they believe the idea of two men marrying each other is the single-most important issue to address, they have the right to vote accordingly.

Should the Democrats protest? According to Mr. Broesder, the answer would be yes. If they ever want to get elected again, the answer would be no. Most Americans just don't buy the argument Democrats are making against the war and the Patriot Act. And with the economy making a come back, as well as the addition of some 327,000 new jobs in October alone, Democrats are going to be hard pressed to find an issue to protest that would have at least an ounce of credibility. Historically, protests haven't worked in favor of liberals (a dirty word in reference to Democrats). In 1968, when Vietnam was a hot-button issue and kids were rioting in the streets (they called it protest), Nixon still won; And in 1972, with US troops still deployed in Vietnam, and protesters parading and rioting (John Kerry included) once again, Nixon still won by a landslide. While most Americans today do not look at the Iraq mess positively, they still support the effort our troops are making; and to see some punk kids looting and storming Washington causing all kinds of chaos is not going to help the "liberal agenda." All that's going to do is turn a lot of people off, and further fire up an already hot conservative base.

To denounce the coming together process is to denounce the stability of America. We need to come together; inner turmoil shows a weakness to foreign enemies, and especially to the terrorists. A partisan divide is not the remedy to strengthen the homeland. And the notion that a Democrat would miraculously mend the differences between liberals and conservatives is naïve. Had Kerry been elected, we would be witnessing just as much hatred and animosity. I think it is irresponsible to say that we shouldn't try to close the partisan gap. I believe George Bush is more than capable of doing this. Now that the Senate's most partisan polarizing figure, Tom Daschle is out (thank God for John Thune), and a new Democratic leader is in, GW can now reach across the aisle without fear of getting his arm chopped off. Fact is, Democrats are in a pretty tight bind. If they can manage to be civil and

cooperate with the President, they may have a shot during the midterm elections in 2006. But, if they continue to play partisan politics, and further halt progressive Senate activity, they will shoot themselves in the foot, and they won't have the Republicans to blame for it.

Here's my advice for the Democratic Party: wake up! Your policies are old fashioned, tired and flawed. You need to take a step back and regroup. You need to dethrone your current leaders. Get rid of Ted Kennedy, Kerry, Clinton (Hillary), Gore, Dean, and all the rest of the old-guard liberals who are pushing you further to the left, instead of back toward the middle. You'll never win the White House with a northern liberal. Stop nominating them! This is not 1960, and you don't have a JFK (even he had trouble winning the election that year). Revamp your platform. Stop smooching with the special interests groups. Blaming the religious-right, Karl Rove, "idiot southerners," and everything else from bad weather to voter fraud is not going to get you elected. Realize that your left wing extremity is just as bad as our right wing extremity. You can't possibly criticize the right for pushing for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, when you still publicly support partial birth abortions (a blatantly brutal act). Both measures are extremes that the Americans do not support. I leave you now, with a quote from the late great Ronald Reagan, "We believe in the uniqueness of each individual. We believe in the sacredness of human life. For some time now, we've all fallen into a pattern of describing our choice as left or right. It's become standard rhetoric in discussions of political philosophy. But is that really an accurate description of the choice before us?"

Go back a few years to the origin of the terms and see where left or right would take us if we continued far enough in either direction. Stalin. Hitler. One would take us to Communist totalitarianism; the other to the totalitarianism of Hitler.

Isn't our choice really not one of left or right, but of up or down? Down through the welfare state to statism, to more and more government largesse accompanied always by more government authority, less individual liberty and, ultimately, totalitarianism, always advanced as for our own good. The alternative is the dream conceived by our Founding Fathers, up to the ultimate in individual freedom consistent with an orderly society. We don't celebrate "Dependence Day" on the Fourth of July. We celebrate Independence Day. Amen, Mr. President, amen.

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How about this one: I think it's wrong for a small group of well-off males to dictate an issue about women that none of them can realistically understand. It's equally wrong when they judge poor women with their "good life" mind frame without consideration to the woman's situation. Furthermore, it's wrong when these same men bend over backwards to block social welfare programs that would help this "precious life" the second the baby is born. Even more wrong still is when they try to prevent able and willing gay couples from adopting these disadvantaged children, effectively robbing them of a home. It's as if they value undeveloped fetal life over actual born humans. And to top it all off, most of these same conservatives support the death penalty!! Right to life? This is hypocrisy at its worst. To the well-off and/or brainwashed women who support these men, I pose this question. Do you think abortion's legality would even be up for debate if men could get pregnant? Absolutely not. Abortion would be a sacrament! There would be church-sponsored abortion clinics open around the clock! Conservative males are using you Stepford-types as tools. But, I

guess some people are into that whole domination thing. While we're on the subject, I've got some laundry that needs washing, so if one of you could come over and take care of that for me, that would be great. Just joking! These days, we liberals need a good frown-breaking laugh every now and then.

Back to Nelson (this one's real funny); he argues that slaveholders "denied the standard of equality in the Declaration of Independence." That's laughable to me. Why? Well, Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson owned a whopping 187 slaves! According to Nelson, TJ denied the standard of equality, based in a document that he himself wrote! The "standard" in the Declaration, only with construction, can take the form that it means today. Deify and sugarcoat the founders as much as you like; their "principles" aren't and shouldn't be the guiding light in modern society. As Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote in his Bicentennial Speech, "Along the way, new constitutional principles have emerged to meet the challenges of a changing society." The credit of attaining these standards "belongs to those

who refused to acquiesce in outdated notions of 'liberty', 'justice' and 'equality', and who strived to better them." That, my friend, is a real, tangible American value.

George W. Bush did stand for principle in the election. He stood for the very Machiavellian principle of diverting public attention away from his miserably failing policies and fostering a false sense of alarm to maintain support. "They'll ban the bible!!" Like many Muslim families who constantly have to defend the goodness of their religion from the lies of Middle Eastern terrorists, liberal Christians are alienated by the illogical fanaticism currently being pushed in the US. Luckily for Bush, the Democrats were forced to rally around an intelligent but utterly unlikable Kerry (Damn you, Iowa). I personally would support any measure to diversify our traditional primary schedule.

In closure, I ask that Mr. Nelson not only consider some of my listed writing tips, but before he decides to write anymore vague, pointless, fear mongering articles, that he do some reading. Then, maybe, he could develop an informed opinion and boldly share it with us all.

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supposed to be the best country on earth, we probably should find people to take our top diplomatic and law enforcement positions that can do better than this. Interestingly, some are claiming that opposition to these two nominees is racially motivated. Sorry, but I don't think so, nor do I think that painting nice pictures of their rise to the top through adverse conditions is a sufficient argument for their holding these offices in light of their divisive, overly aggressive and fundamentally flawed policies.

3. The people have spoken, and the president has been given a mandate.

Sorry, guys. 51 percent is not a mandate. On a side note, even though New York is traditionally Democratic, I find it interesting that in New York City, where "America's Mayor" Rudy Giuliani runs the show and where the people who were directly attacked live, only 25 percent of voters selected Bush. They must be feeling really safe.

4. Moral values are our other chief concern.

Since when did only Republicans have morals? Anyone who seriously attempts to

maintain that Democrats (or for that matter anyone who isn't a strict "conservative") lack(s) morals, has an impossible task. Many of the people spouting off about morals probably go home and watch "Desperate Housewives" or "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss". By the way, I am happily married and am the product of a happily married family of six. No one should be labeled "anti-family" because they disagree with George Bush on some issues. In my opinion, it's disgusting to hear someone like Rush Limbaugh, a three-time divorcee, lecture me about family values or the sanctity of marriage. Also, I hate to break it to some people, but it is entirely possible to be kind, generous, honest, and faithful without adopting a particular religion. I am not anti-religion, but I am against the notion that the only path to moral life is through established religion. And, if I must choose between secular law and someone's version of God's law, I'll take secular. Not that there is no value to what some profess as God's law, but others interpret it in ways that are downright scary. Plus, (and this is not a sarcastic question) if God really did create

the universe and everything in it, why would he specifically bless the USA? Do you honestly believe that lines on a map matter to an omnipotent being?

On another subject, regarding Arafat's death, I feel obliged to say, at the risk of offending some people; I think he does not deserve the treatment he is getting in the media. He is not a hero; he is a fanatic. I find it very hard to take either side in the Israeli-Palestine conflict, but I know I do not advocate suicide bombings or bilking your own people for millions of dollars. I may not be a Bush supporter, but I would be ecstatic if he and other leaders can somehow help stop the madness in that area without severely disenfranchising anyone. Let's see some diplomacy in the wake of Arafat's passing, with cooperation on both sides.

We are at an institute of higher learning, and I hope that no matter who you voted for (I hope you voted!), or what side of the supposed "liberal/conservative" divide (pssst, there really are moderates!) you are on, you explore the opportunity to research current issues, make judgments, discuss and act.

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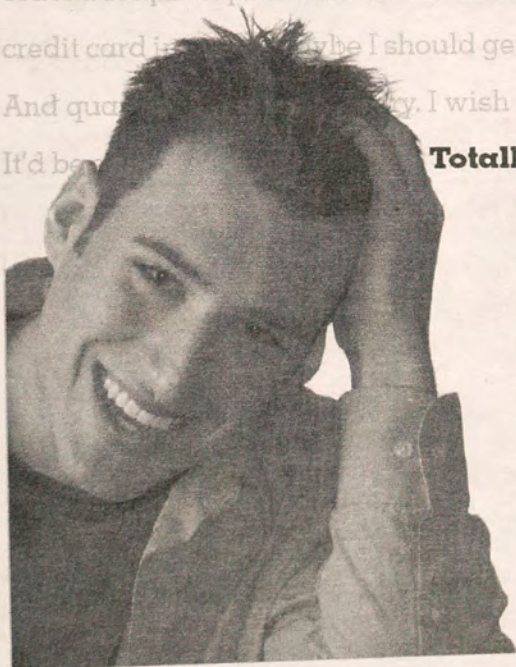
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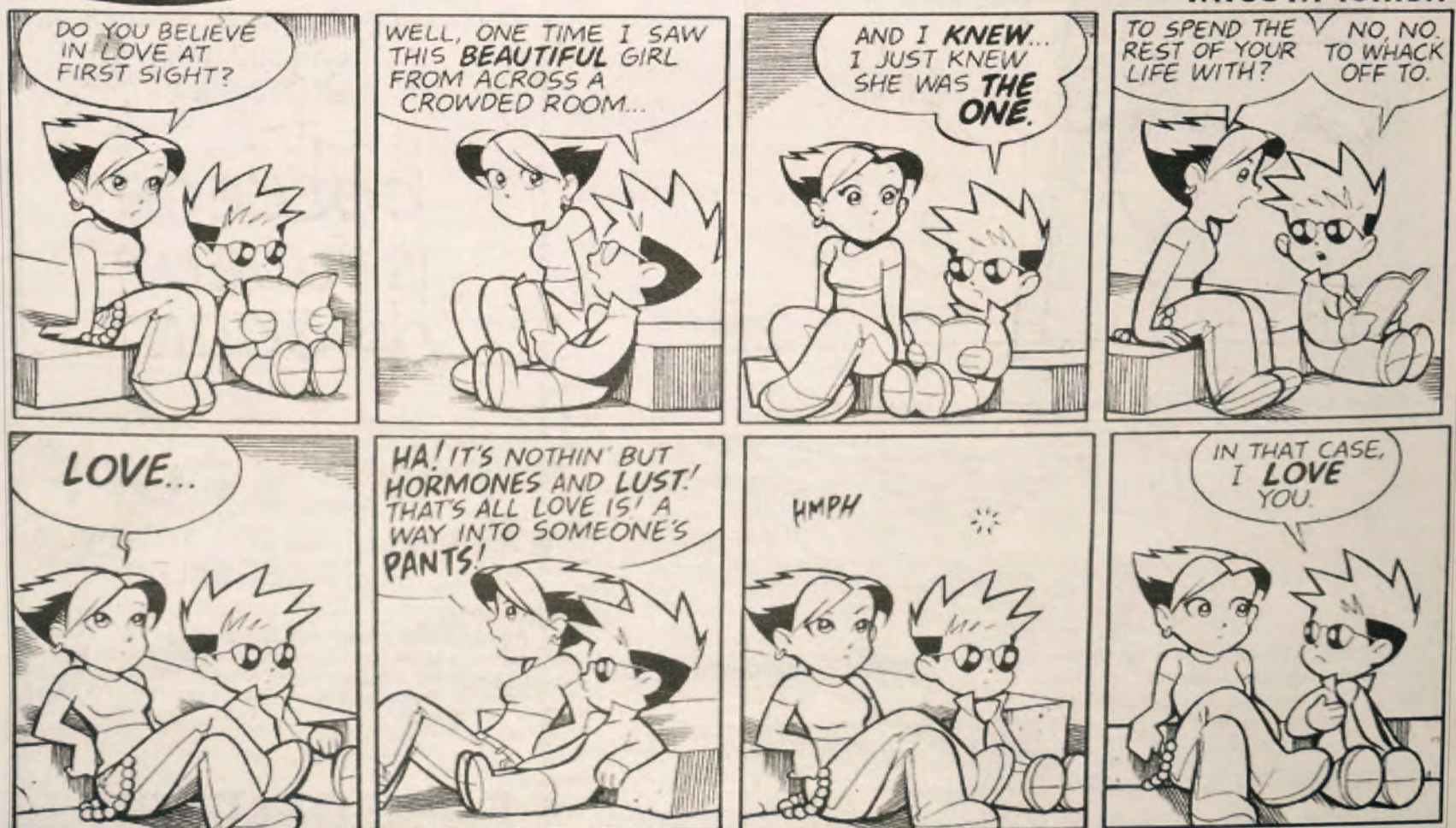
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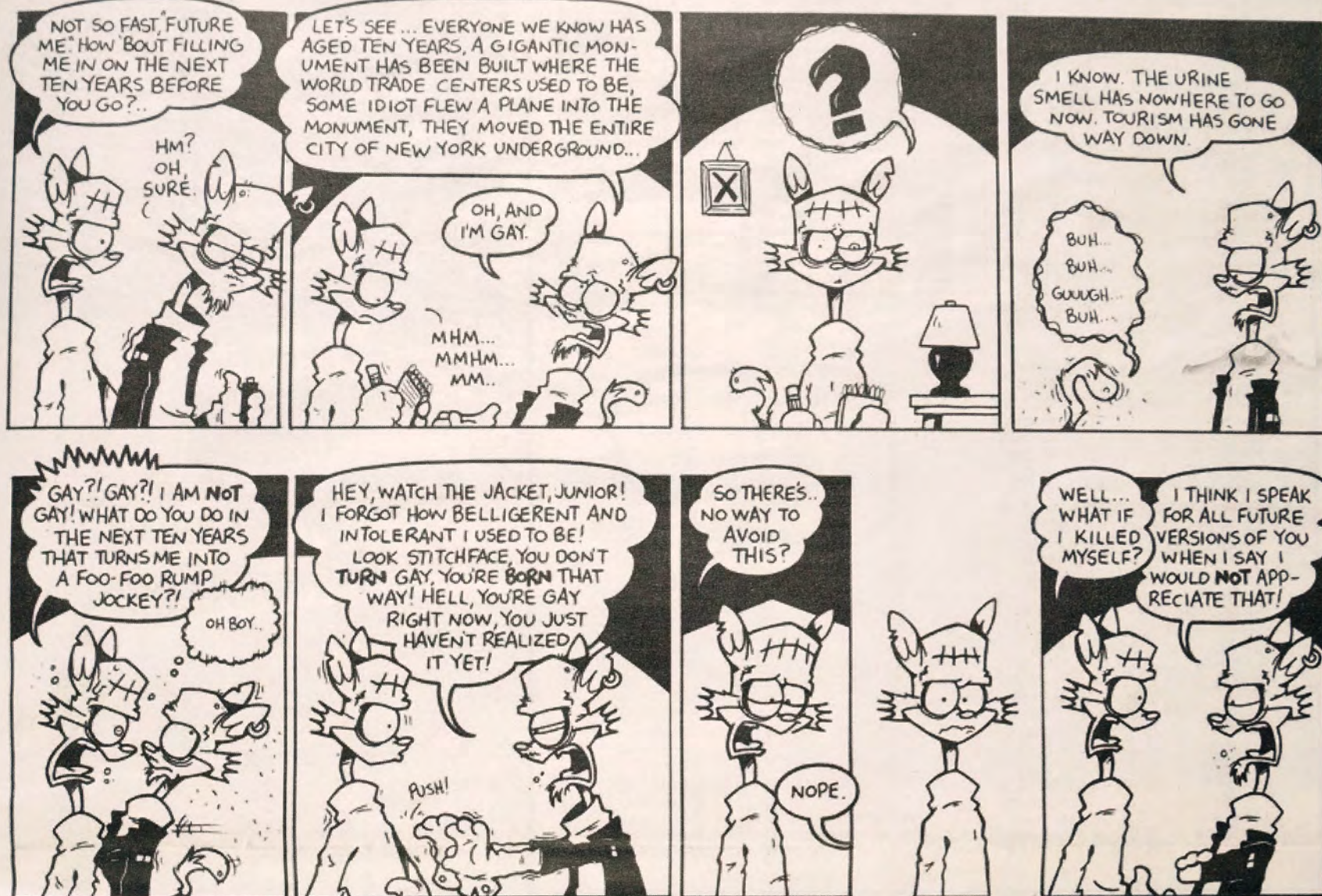
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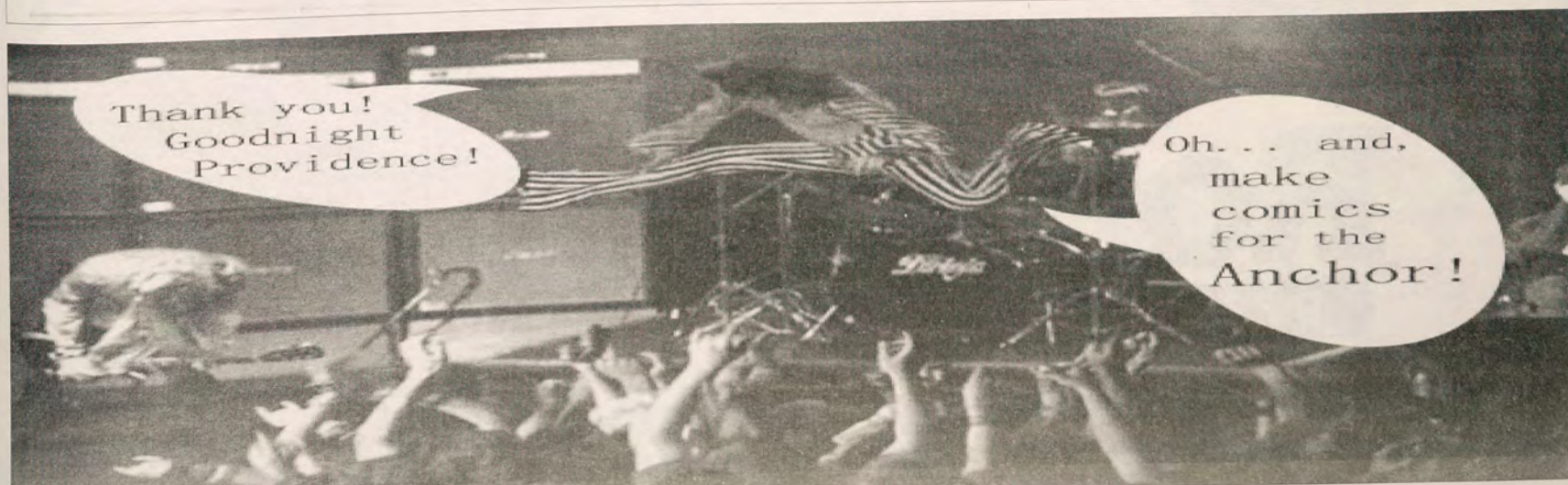


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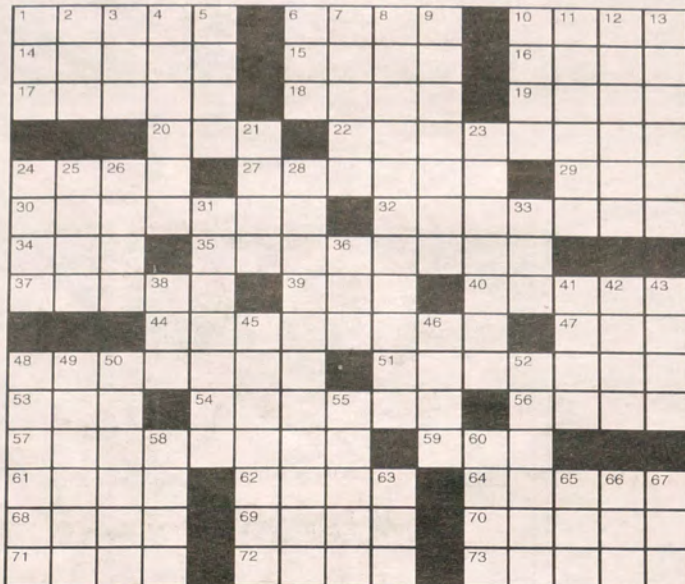
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A&E

Fake from back

gore-met celebration of the ages!

With its anti-thespian acting, staccato, stilted dialogue, preposterous continuity problems, and above all, dime-store gore effects, *Blood Feast* isn't going to please dear Oscar (or even his cousin Razzie.) Despite it all, this movie gets my highest recommendation. For one thing, this movie is cinematic history; director Lewis and producer Freedman, way back in the sick 60's, wanted a sure-fire drive-in sensation that; a) cost very little money and b) showed something that was not seen before. That thing was hard-gore. Legs cut off, brains spattered, all capped off by one poor starlet having her tongue yanked from right out her delicate mouth. It's mostly after the fact, and as previously mentioned, quite shoddy (the blood itself resembles something less nausea inducing and more akin to something tasty you put on a Belgian waffle.) But Hell, it's probably the most (unintentionally, more often than not) influential film for violence ever.

You remember those jabs I took at the crappy production values? Well, they add

considerably to the film's brain dead charm. Terrible acting would normally tank a blockbuster, but in *Feast's* case, it tallies up to a nova of pure cinematic fun; watch how many times Scott Wood reads his lines off his palm! But no, not all the accolades can go to him, because what would *Blood Feast* be without Mal Arnold, Fuad Ramses himself? With his wild, bugged-out eyes, on-and-off gray hair (depending on how much color was left from the budget) and crippled left—or sometimes right-leg, he makes his mark as a formidable bad actor. Yet, how can we forget about Connie Mason, the former Playboy model/actress/end table? Young Mason really chews up her scenes with air-head appeal that augments the fact she is a model, not an actress.

Blood Feast is certainly not the best film you're ever likely to see, but H.G. Lewis himself mentioned many times for interviewers that *Blood Feast* excels thanks to the sick charm it holds over the viewer. See it once to see what the fuss was about, and for Pete's sake, don't eat anything!

Tuna from front

Greater Tuna started off as a political cartoon; then it was a skit, and, eventually, a full length play. It is actually a day in the life of the citizens of Tuna, Texas, the third smallest town in Texas. The day begins and ends at the local radio station; radio plays a very important role in this show - the radio is on in almost every scene. If a character is not part of a radio show (i.e., announcer, commercial, etc.), then they are listening to it.

One other interesting note about this show is it was originally done with two men portraying all the roles (approximately 20). We have expanded that cast to include two women. Each plays several roles.

4. How is the show coming along? Are you proud of your show and your cast?

We're getting close to opening, and I feel it is coming along great. I am extremely proud of my cast - they never cease to amaze me. We have been going through a lot the past couple of weeks, and they have been pushed to the brink. Just when I think they'll throw in the towel, they come back and bring their performance to an even better level, bringing out more nuances about their characters.

You have to understand how tough this show is for actors. I'm always telling them what a difficult show this is to do. Generally, an actor that gets cast in a show works through the rehearsal process to prepare for one role. In this show, they need to prepare to present multiple roles, and each one needs to be distinct. So, it is tough, but they have not just met the challenge, they have surpassed it. I think it's a great show - its funny, its topical, it's just outright enjoyable.

Oh, and the cast (and their roles) are:

Chris Rosenquest ('06) plays Thurston Wheelis, Petey Fiske, Chad Hartford, Leonard Childers, Rev. Spikes and Sheriff Givens.

Jon Brennan ('06) plays Arles Struvis, Harold Dean Lattimer, Elmer Watkins, Stanley Bumiller, Charlene Bumiller, Hank Bumiller and the voice-over for the Coach.

Fallon Healy ('05) plays Didi Snavelly, Bertha Bumiller and Vera Carp.

Carolyn Cole ('05) plays Jody Bumiller, Phinas Blye, Pearl Burras, R.R. Snavelly and Yippy (a dog).

5. When and where is the show going up?

The show dates are December 2-5, with 8 pm performances on December 2-4 and a 2 pm performance on December 5. It will be performed at the Little Theatre in the John Nazarian Center.

Also, this is a Growing Stage Theatre production. The Growing Stage Theatre is made up of students who direct and produce the shows, with the advisement and assistance of the theatre faculty. It gives students an opportunity to learn how to direct. The whole process for being chosen as a director for Growing Stage is complicated, involving an application by a student who is required to have taken the Directing course, complete an application and be reviewed by a Growing Stage committee panel. Two students are chosen each year; I was chosen to direct in the Fall, and Peter Deffet (who will be directing "The Chairs") was chosen to direct in the spring. Dr. Jamie Taylor oversees the Growing Stage theatre group, with Alan Pickart on board as the technical advisor.

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At the Avon Cinema

Sideways

Writer-director Alexander Payne's fourth feature film (following CITIZEN RUTH, ELECTION and ABOUT SCHMIDT) starts with two old friends setting off on a wine-tasting road trip... only to veer dizzily SIDEWAYS into a wry, comedic exploration of the crazy vicissitudes of love and friendship, the damnable persistence of loneliness and dreams and the enduring war between Pinot and Cabernet.

The misadventures begin when Miles (Paul Giamatti), an un-recovered divorcee and would-be novelist with a wine fixation, decides to gift his old college buddy and washed-up actor Jack (Thomas Haden Church) with a celebratory trip to the vineyards of the Central Coast the week before Jack's wedding. The two couldn't be an odder couple. Jack is an over-sexed charmer; Miles is a sad-sack worrier. Jack is looking for his "last taste of freedom"; Miles is just hoping to not get even more depressed. Jack is fine with cheap Merlot; Miles pines for the perfect Pinot. Indeed, the only thing they seem to share in common is the same heady mix of failed ambitions and fading youth.

And yet, as they make their way up the coast, Miles and Jack soon find themselves drowning in wine and women (Sandra Oh and Virginia Madsen). When Jack falls head-over-heels for a local wine pourer and threatens to call off his nuptials, Miles tries to keep his friend on the straight and narrow. But Miles' own romantic encounter with a winesavvy waitress interferes and sends them both careening headlong into reality.

Now, the wedding approaches, and with it the certainty that Miles and Jack won't make it back to Los Angeles unscathed or unchanged... if they get there in one piece at all.

SIDEWAYS is written by the multiple award-winning team of Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor (ABOUT SCHMIDT, ELECTION), based on Rex Pickett's novel of the same name. The film is produced by Michael London (THIRTEEN, HOUSE OF SAND and FOG) and co-produced by George Parra, assistant director on such films as LEGALLY BLONDE 2 and ABOUT SCHMIDT. Shot by director of photography Phedon Papamichael (MOONLIGHT MILE and IDENTITY), the film is set to a soulful score composed by Rolfe Kent. Joining forces with Payne, and following their collaborations on ABOUT SCHMIDT, ELECTION and CITIZEN RUTH, are editor Kevin Tent and production designer Jane Ann Stewart. Running time 123 min MPAA rating R

Feature: Friday thru Thursday at 7:00 and 9:30

Matinee: Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 and 3:30

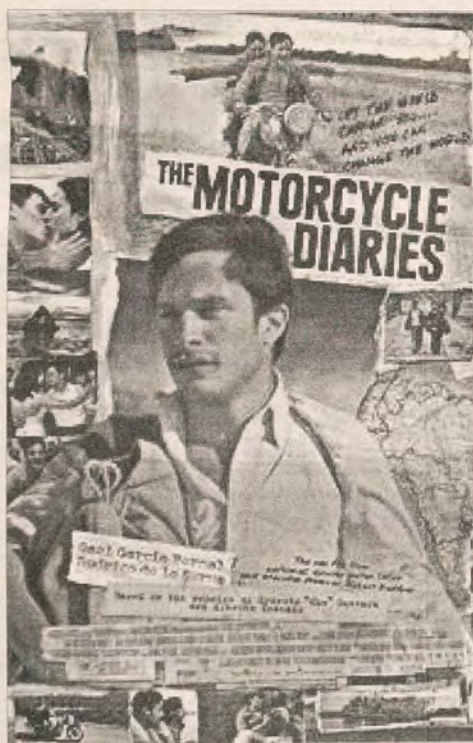


At the Cable Car Cinema

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 *Traveling 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



All evenings at 7:15

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings at 9:30

Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3:00

Running time: 126 minutes

Godzilla

Uncut, uncensored and undubbed, the original Monster of Mass Destruction returns to the big screen like you've never seen him before, fully restored with 40 minutes of unseen footage. See where it all began. This influential classic spawned scores of sequels and imitations, but has never been bested. On a sunny day and calm waters, a Japanese steamer sinks in flames when the sea erupts and the exhausted, incoherent survivors babble of a monster... GODZILLA! Godzilla is first of the Japanese monster movies and one of the great films by sci-fi master Ishiro Honda. The American version you may have seen is an unrelentingly grim film re-cut, re-arranged and atrociously re-dubbed. This original Japanese version is a tour de force of film noir. Don't miss it! (Japan, 1954: In Japanese with English subtitles)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:15

Saturday and Sunday at midnight
Running time: 98 minutes



A&E

Chucky from back

make things seem possible. This one, however, doesn't care about those stupid things that make a film great. No need to take itself seriously. Who cares about good acting and a cohesive storyline when you can get the chucky doll to masturbate in front of a window?

Seed of Chucky is quite possibly one of the worst movies ever made. In one hour and a half, Mancini manages to remove everything you could ever like about a horror movie, and instead, insert countless unfunny little-people jokes and a dead body or two. From what I understand of the unbearable plot, I'll try to summarize. Chucky and his wife Tiffany, who had been killed the last time we saw them, are brought back to life by the child they had. Now you may be asking yourself, "If Chucky and his bride are plastic dolls, without the body parts needed to make a baby, how is it possible?" Well, sit back and realize that you are watching a movie that is the equivalent of Elton John releasing a rap album with 50 Cent. This movie was just not meant to be made, and the director shows it by refusing to answer any key plot questions, instead leaving the viewer scratching their head and wanting a refund.

After their child "Shitface" (No, I'm not making that up) sees his parents on television, filming a mock Chucky movie,

he hops to Hollywood to reunite with them. What he finds out is that his parents aren't your everyday Brady bunch. They are sick, twisted and anatomically correct psychopaths. Being the genius that he is, Chucky decides that, if they can impregnate the movie's star (Jennifer Tilly) and take over their bodies, they can become human again. Or, at least I think that is what they were trying to do. To tell the truth, I was too busy wondering how many threads of fabric were in the seat next to me, which is to say I was extremely bored.

Somehow, or for some stupid reason, Redman gets involved. Perhaps he should have stuck with rapping. Overall, this movie is good for three things. If you're the type of person that likes to see gender confused dolls, recovering addicts, or over the top pointless death, then you might want to see this movie. Oh, and a little professional help. This movie leaves such a bad taste in your mouth that you'll be begging to leave the theater long before Glen becomes Glenda and goes on a killing spree. I guess the only redeeming quality this movie could have would be that it is something you can watch with your friends and laugh at. But, trust me, there are a lot better movies out there, and they don't make you want to gauge your eyes out.

What's Happening at RIC in December

December 2-5

Theatre: *Greater Tuna* by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard
Directed by Pat Hetu
The Growing Stage
December 2, 3 & 4, 8:00 p.m.

December 5, 2:00 p.m.
Little Theatre in the Nazarian Center
Donations? First-Come, First-Served Basis, Limited Seating

December 2-23

Art: Julie Heffernan: Paintings
7:00 p.m. Exhibit Opening
Bannister Gallery
December 9, 5:30 p.m.
Artist Lecture, Little Theatre in the Nazarian Center

December 3

Dance: Rhode Island College Dance Company Winter Concert with Jennifer Nugent and Paul Matteson
8:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall

General Admission \$12

December 3

Music: Bach for Band
Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble
Rob Franzblau, Conductor
8:00 p.m. Auditorium in Roberts Hall
General Admission \$7

December 6

Music: RIC Symphony Orchestra
Edward Markward, Conductor
8:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall
General Admission \$7

December 8

Music: The Borromeo String Quartet*
With Judith Lynn Stillman, Piano
Chamber Music Series
1:00 p.m. Sapinsley Hall
Question/Answer Session Follows

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A Load That Should Have Been Swallowed

By: Paul J. Spetrini
Anchor Editor



Even mass cleavage couldn't save this one...

Great movie series always seem to follow a certain script. No, not literally. I am talking about the progression of characters. First, you meet the main character. Then the main character gets married. Then, they have children. You see? It's just a natural progression. But, when the series involves evil plastic dolls that like to kill, you can see how this might be a little hard to swallow.

As I sat in the theatre watching *Seed of Chucky*, the latest movie in the series, I kept hoping it was all a dream, and that I did not just shell out ten bucks to see something that made me want to hit my head on the back of the wall. *Seed of Chucky*, unlike the first four installments, is director Don Mancini's way of flipping off anyone who has ever sat back and enjoyed the Child's Play series. The first four movies all had an aura of seriousness and actually attempted to

see Chucky on page 23

Cuz you Just Can't Fake It

By: Nick Pensalfini
Anchor Contributor Unreel

Look out! Your eyes have wandered toward *Unreel*, a biweekly (or weekly, hopefully) dedicated to horror/cult/exploitation/weird movies. These sick flicks are sure to have you retching in your seats and gasping in utter and total disbelief. Many of the flicks reviewed can be found on DVD or, at the very least, on VHS at your local video store; on occasion, a few of the titles might require a little more detective work (like calling your local mom-and-pop rental stores or going through gray market dealers.)

A note on reviews: I do not implement a rating system for a couple of reasons. One, it forces you to read the whole article (hey, if I had to sit through some botched kitchen table abortion promoting itself as entertainment, then you should shouldn't get off so easily, now, should ya?) Second, and perhaps paramount, is the definition of a "good" movie, for these types are highly debatable. For example, something like *Blood Freak* or *Burial Ground* are not technically good movies by Hollywood standards, but they're as much fun as federal guidelines allow.

The first film is *Blood Feast*, which could be the most important movie of all time (for the most dubious reasons, of course.) Posh debutant Mrs. Fremont is planning a surprise birthday party for her sweet daughter, Suzette, based on her love of Egyptian culture. When she hires crackpot, Fuad Ramses, as the thoughtful synopsis by *Something Weird* observes, Mrs. Fremont commits the "culinary catastrophe of the century!" You see, Ramses has a nasty compulsion to kill and dismember nubile girls for Ishtar, the Egyptian goddess of love who demands blood sacrifice. Now, he plans on killing even more young ladies into high-class chow for his ritual. And by bringing these ghastly food dishes to Suzette's party, it's tax deductible. It's up to two small time detectives to stop the uncanny Fuad before he makes Suzette his centerpiece in the

see Fake on page 22

The Edge of An Impression on Display at Bannister Art Gallery

By: Christopher Makolandra
Anchor Staff

From November second to the twenty-fourth, Bannister Art Gallery will present "Julie Anand & Damon Sauer: The Edge of an Impression", a set of material investigations that push the boundaries of the artists' primary photographic medium toward the larger issue of relating the subject to its record/impression. Anand and Sauer are recent MFA grads of the University of New Mexico, who studied in the school's nationally noted program in photography. The exhibit was produced in coordination with Paola Ferrario, RIC associate professor of art.

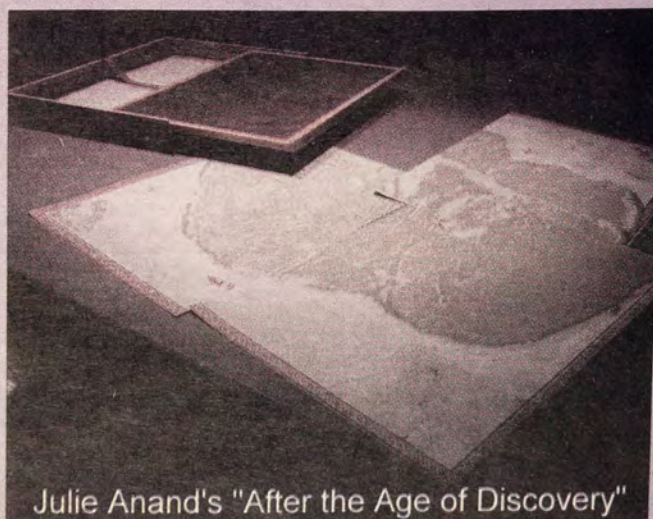
In 'The Act of Violence', Damon Sauer repurposes imagery of murder victims from an information archive. Once categorized by cold facts in a privatized archive, these nameless individuals are pulled from the informational mass grave and given a kind of public reckoning. Their images are paired with the soft sound of 'image code' translated into words by a computer.

Julie Anand's maps of the palm of her hand use different styles and materials to create a dialogue about the relationship between body and land, suggesting that the same information is perceived differently within different systems. Her 'Worm Poem' uses the calligraphic gestures of dried worms to create an incoherent text, the content of which is attention to the syntax that makes meaning.

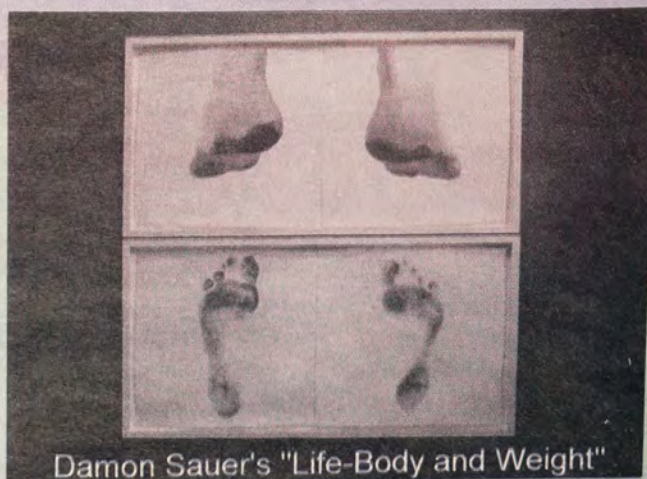
Both opt, in unique ways, to trespass notions that support isolation - understanding what's "inside" and "outside" as being in conversation with one another, defining one another.

The fall exhibit takes place from December second through the twenty third. Heffernan bases her paintings on the late renaissance and the Baroque period. Her paintings are grounded in postmodern concern for cultural constructs and personal narratives that address identity, gender and myth.

Gallery hours during exhibits are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays, noon-9 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays. Exhibits and events are free, and all are welcome to attend. Accessible to persons with disabilities. For information on event dates and exhibit opening receptions, check the web site at www.ric.edu/Bannister/ or call 401-456-9765



Julie Anand's "After the Age of Discovery"



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