

# The Anchor

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## One Dance - A lot of Controversy



By: Zdenko Juskuv  
Anchor Editor

All who attended the Fall Classic felt that the dance

went off without a hitch. But, if everything may have seemed well on the surface, just getting the dance going and selling the tickets was

fraught with miscommunication, complications, and confusion between the class of 2005 and 2006, who co-sponsored the event.

The Fall Classic cost SCG and the class of 2005-06 \$10,000, after revenues. The figure is calculated by adding the amount of money the class requested from Student Community Government and then subtracting the anticipated amount of revenue which, in the case of the Fall Classic, was ticket sales. The class of 2005 chose the ticket costs while SCG approved that and their entire proposal, which was submitted in September.

The Class of 2005 made \$1,800 in ticket sales, failing to meet their target of \$3,500. According to Ainsley Morriseau, the student gov-

ernment treasurer, "It's not unusual this time of year." Half way through the year, most organizations have only half their revenue and anticipate plugging any shortfalls by the end of the school year.

Normally, this process goes on without too many problems, but in the case of the Fall Classic, a complication occurred. The class of 2005 submitted the monetary request in accordance with requirements set in the constitution and by-laws. But, a few weeks before the dance, they realized that the tickets, originally \$30 each, were not selling well. They asked SCG to lower the tickets to \$20.

This is where the confusion began. After SCG and President Perreira agreed to

the lower the price, the ticket sales continued. The problem was that there is a three day "veto period" where no decisions can be put into effect. This gives time for a student to take issue with anything passed by SCG. If students have a complaint, then they can have the measure vetoed or reviewed.

Another source of miscommunication and controversy was ticket refunds for those who originally bought the tickets at the higher price. Ainsley Morriseau wasn't sure if the students could get the cash refunds they were receiving. According to Mr. Mark Paolucci, Assistant Director of

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## EDITORIAL

This has been a momentous semester for the *Anchor*. These few months have been a trial of fire for the staff, both editors and contributors. For many of us, this has been our first time working at our positions. For some, it was the first time working at a newspaper. Some brave souls had the test of being thrust into the position of editor.

The results can be measured by the output of the paper and the response of our readership. You readers who talked to us on campus, wrote us letters, and emailed the *Anchor* about how much you appreciated our work: we thank you. The tremendous positive response we got back from both faculty and students encouraged us to persevere despite busy school and personal schedules. This meant more to us than anything else, a response that the *Anchor* tapped the pulse of the student body.

The *Anchor* acknowledges and understands that there is a great deal of work to do and learn running a newspaper. We will continue to put every effort into producing a newspaper of quality and integrity.

The *Anchor* would also like to thank our professional advisors, Rudy Cheeks and Steven Stycos, who gave us strong and constructive criticism. Guys, we are listening to you. Dr. Matsumoto, we appreciate the help you give us and are always amazed at how you put up with all our shenanigans.

Last but not least, we editors would like to thank our staff. As we entered this semester, we had nothing, but a bare bones skeleton crew. Then the first meeting in September changed all that. Freshmen, seniors, and returning students filled the offices. Every submission made a difference. Every effort will be remembered; from articles, photographs, graphics, and even simply picking up a piece of trash. Your name may be in small type, but the *Anchor* could not be what it is without you.

The *Anchor* wishes you all happy holidays, assuring you that we will keep up the work, even over the break.

Thank you.

## The Binge:

Locked, Loaded, and Ready

By: Forrester G. Safford  
Anchor Editor

There's a war and controversy brewing in Rhode Island that involves two of 90.7 WXIN's DJs and two of 95.5 WBRU's DJ's. Ironically who ever wins, Trey and Cooper will win, because everyone involved either has the DJ name of Cooper or Trey.

Friends for about six years Trey and Cooper from WXIN, who started the controversial "The Binge" radio show do not consider themselves to be your "typical" shock jocks and would hardly compare themselves to nationally known shock jock Howard Stern. "We want people to think and laugh at the same time," says Cooper.

"The Binge" is comprised of playing music and comedy relief. Trey remarked, "We are selfish, are doing it for ourselves, to make ourselves laugh...if we offend you, it's not our problem, we are not about to hold back our opin-



ion." The name of the show caused enough of a controversy when they first started putting up flyers on campus. Some felt that "binge" is in reference to drinking a lot of alcohol; however Trey and Cooper are quick to dispel that rumor. "The Binge refers to the over indulgence of things like laughter, it has nothing to do with beer at all," said Cooper.

The duo likes to find the line of what is "accepted" and what is not, and then cross

over that line just a little. If you have yet to hear on of their show live, their self made website: [www.wxinthebinge.com](http://www.wxinthebinge.com) (which offers show info and a forum for posting messages amongst other things), gives you a little inkling about the lines that they are willing to cross on their show. For example, on their last show according to the web-

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Shani Carter

**Audio Loans Due** This is to remind all faculty and staff that all audiovisual equipment on fall semester loans must be returned no later than Wednesday, Dec. 22. This is for inventory and security purposes. If we can assist you in any way, please call us at ext. 8404. Tony Carlino

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The Department of Music Theatre and Dance will present a free holiday concert on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m., in Sapinsley Hall in the Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts. An assortment of faculty and student ensembles will perform. Donations are encouraged and will benefit two struggling Providence elementary school music programs.

Mike Hassell

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## Controversy, from cover

Operations and Services at the Campus Center, everything was handled according to the school's rules and procedures.

Because the class of 2005 decided to change the price at the last minute, Ainsly Morrisseau decided to take a phone vote on the matter. This led to a lot of confusion because the class of 2005 wasn't aware that the vote had taken place and were not informed about the veto period, so they sold several tickets during that period. Morrisseau admitted that, "In the future, I will be more careful with phone votes." She also admitted that phone votes "limit discussion." Still, Morrisseau feels that, "I am not going to send out a letter after every time we vote."

President Perreira felt that SCG had done its part, and that it can't be held to blame for mistakes made by a student organization. He said that SCG always followed rules and procedures, and that it was the class of 2005 who failed to do so repeatedly.

On their part, the class of 2005 would have liked written notification of the vote's results. They felt that SCG rushed things a bit and didn't take the class of 2005's concerns into consideration. Dave Cranshaw, the class

treasurer, conceded that in the future, the class of 2005 will try to make requests earlier so that phone votes won't be necessary; though he points out that the plan itself was proposed in a timely fashion, but the changes were a bit abrupt.

Miss Morrisseau emphasizes students can easily get information concerning student government's agenda and decisions. Votes and minutes are usually posted in the Student Government office at the top of the Student Union building a day or two after the meeting. If the information is not posted, students are welcome to go inside and ask for information.

The controversy sparked a lot of fighting between SCG and the class of 2005. Both sides blamed the other side. Many people on the class of 2005, including their advisor Shana Murrell, the assistant director of alumni affairs, felt that they had been treated disrespectfully. Mrs. Murrell was especially displeased with the letter sent to her by Mrs. Morrisseau. Mrs. Murrell admits that Ainsley was probably trying to be succinct in the letter and didn't mean to be rude. Mrs. Murrell felt that the class of 2005 and 2006 didn't do anything wrong. Suzy Alba, the president of the Class of 2005,

was displeased with the constant short notice they were being given, and she too felt that the letter was less than kind.

The problems between the two groups were brought up at the Nov. 17th parliament meeting. The problems were originally scheduled to be discussed at a meeting on the 24th. Little notice was given, and the issue was tabled until everyone could get together. Morrisseau sent out a letter demanding that all the officers and from the class of 2005 would come to a finance meeting on Dec. 8th.

Suzy Alba has not always had the best of relations with Student Community government, but she and David Cranshaw were pleased with the outcome of the meeting. Both sides came into the meeting acting very defensively, but now both sides feel that the controversy is done with and can be left in the past. The Class of 2005 was happy that a student organization was able to stand up for its self and make its voice heard. But more importantly, Alba and Cranshaw are pleased that steps were taken to prevent future conflicts and that meaningful communication took place.

# NEWS

## WXIN from cover

page they had a Helen , biography parody and aired "the interview Chief Sachem doesn't want you to hear."

Where WXIN's Trey and Cooper, don't mind politically incorrect on their show they also are not afraid to stir things up with local corporate radio stations, as well. Their prime target is WBRU, but more specifically WBRU's DJs Trey and Cooper because apparently they (WBRU's Trey and Cooper), have a problem with two guys at a college radio station using the same names that they do for their show. "Trey and Cooper from WBRU have been cracking on us on the air...we don't have anything to lose though firing back and we aren't out to hurt anyone physically, just hurt them spiritually and emotionally," said WXIN's Cooper. And if some people during this "war of the DJs"

grow to hate them, Trey and Cooper from RIC don't care. "They would just be casualties of war, and love or hate us we are going to get listeners," says Trey.

Trey and Cooper who aren't shy when it comes to stating what they call their "selfish reasons" for doing their show, also aren't shy when it comes to what they think about how their show is going. "The Binge is the best thing to happen to college radio...ever," proclaims Trey.

Those interested in hearing their show "The Binge," should tune into 90.7 Friday nights from 8-10PM.

## Human Rights in Sudan

By: Zdenko Juskuv  
Anchor Editor

Recently, Dr. Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban had to fly out to Chicago to give testimony at an asylum hearing for a 23 year old man who had fled the Sudan, a large nation in North-Central Africa. A student at the University of Khartoum, Sudan's capital, he allied himself with movements and groups seeking human rights and an end to the conflict between the north and the south of the country.

As a result of trying to organize a protest and his affiliations with these groups, he suffered verbal harassment, police surveillance, multiple arrests, and was even tortured. As Dr. Fluehr-Lobban described it, the police in the Sudan told him to stop helping, "Blacks, inferiors, those not your kind."

Fearing his life, the man eventually made his way to the United States. But he needed the help of Dr. Fluehr-Lobban. She was cross examined for half an hour by the attorneys and the judge, as she explained the tragedy that is Sudan.

Dr. Fluehr-Lobban is a Professor of Anthropology and has her PHD in Sudan studies. She and her husband have visited and lived in the country, and next year she will be returning to the country.

On Dec. 3rd, students at RIC got the benefit of listening to Dr. Fluehr-Lobban talk about the crisis at a dinner sponsored by RIC chapter of Amnesty International. The Sudan is a nation wracked by war and tragedy. According to Dr. Fluehr-Lobban, the conflicts in Sudan are, "The worst human crisis the world is paying attention to right now."

Sudan has had 50 years of independence, but only 10 years of peace. For decades the Muslim north has fought the rebellious non-Muslim south, the result being over 2 million people to have dead or displaced. But even as one conflict winds down, another begins. Now another large province, Darfur, is fighting the government for autonomy.

She tried to clarify some of the misconceptions concerning the war that have been perpetuated by media.

The one big myth is that the people of northern Sudan are "Arabs" and the people of the southern Sudan are "blacks". But in reality, it's almost impossible to tell the two apart. She showed pictures of some of the leaders in the Islamic Government in Khartoum, men like Omar Al-Bashir, the countries dictator, and Dr. Hasan al-Turabi, the founder of the National Islamic Front, which dominates the government. Contrary to popular opinion, the men looked very African.

The second myth is the cause of the war. For decades, the wars in Sudan went unnoticed by the rest of the world. As Dr. Fluehr-Lobban said, "We need to analyze this and understand why the Sudan is getting this attention and why other conflicts are not."

Her main theory is that recently large amounts of oil have been discovered in Sudan. The government in the North is working with oil companies from China, India, and South-east Asia to finance exploration. The wealth or the hopes of wealth have caused the north and the south to come

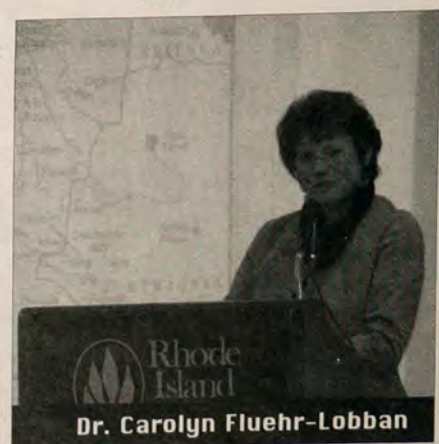
to a truce, while it has at the same time financed the government's genocide in Darfur. She also thinks that the U.S., trying to rid itself of the bad reputation, gained from the war in Iraq, is "Desperately trying to look like a good guy."

Dr. Fluehr-Lobban advised the attendees to become informed and active, "Never sell short these issues of human rights." She told the people involved to write letters and to inform others about the human rights violation that occur around the world. She hopes to see a "Comprehensive, stable, unified peace accord." in the Sudan.

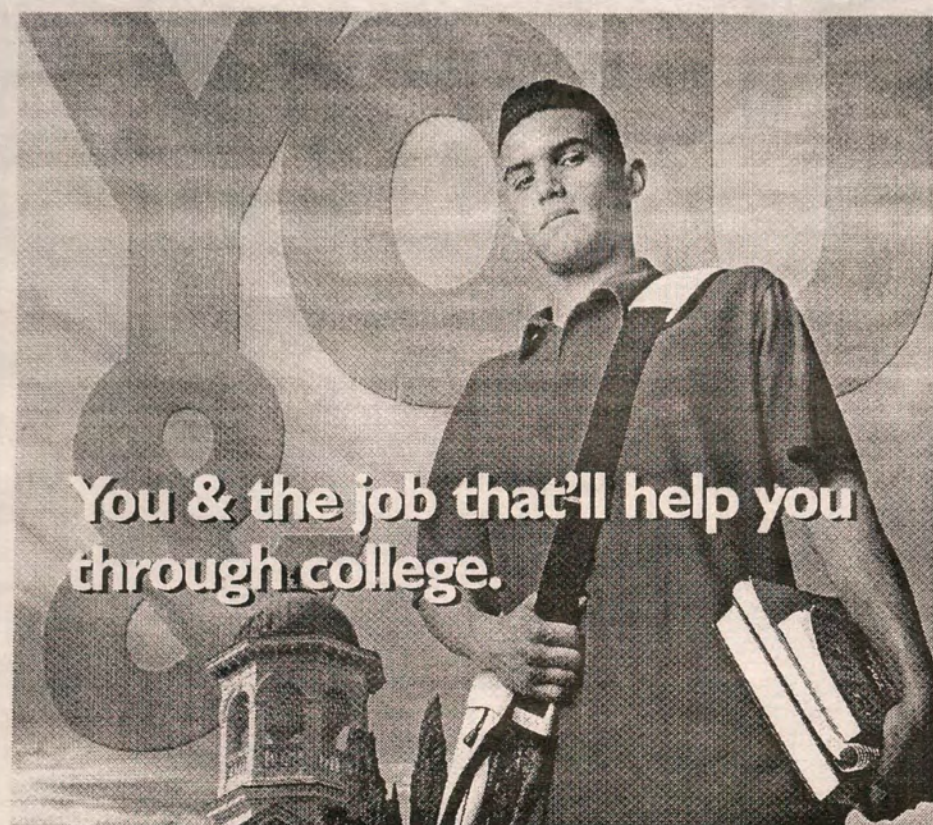
Michael Philbin, a Junior at RIC and President of Amnesty International, shared Dr. Fluehr-Lobban's sentiments. He hoped that the dinner would promote more awareness. He was very happy with the turnout for the event and has said that interest on

campus has been on the rise, though he cannot provide exact numbers.

"If more students were aware of human right's issues," Philbin said, "They would be more involved with the organization." To promote awareness he said that Amnesty will hold more events like the Sudan dinner, as well as show movies, and hold events like "Jamnesty", where local bands come and play. He also said that Amnesty would try to work together with other organizations on campus. Some issues Amnesty will be discussing in the spring are Children's rights, the death penalty, and the prison system.



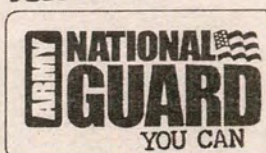




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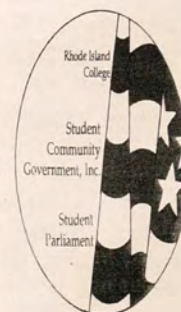
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## Rhode Island College Announces 2004 Fall Sports MVPs

By: Scott Gibbons  
Sports Information  
Director

The Rhode Island College Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation held its annual Fall Banquet at RIC's Donovan Dining Center on Monday, Dec. 6 to honor those student-athletes who participate in varsity fall athletics. Each sport gave out their Most Valuable Player Award.

**Men's Soccer-** Sophomore forward Kyle Teixeira (Warren, RI) was named the men's soccer team's MVP for the second consecutive season. He was named the Little East Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second time in his career and was selected First Team All-LEC for the third consecutive season. He played in 20 games, starting all of them. He had 21 goals and five assists for 47 points on the season. He broke Domenico Petrarca's '78 27-year old record for career goals when he scored his 21st goal of the season and the 63rd of his career in the Little East Conference Men's Soccer Tournament Semi-Final win over Plymouth State (3-1). Teixeira also has 16 career assists, 142 career points and trails Petrarca's record for

career points (147) by five heading into next fall. Teixeira is a physical education major and a 2002 graduate of Mt. Hope High School.

**Women's Soccer-** Freshman defender Mallary B i l e a u (Woonsocket, RI) was named the women's soccer team's MVP. She was one of the top sweepers in the Little East in 2004. She played in 18 games, starting 17 of them. Bileau is a 2004 graduate of Woonsocket High School.

**Women's Tennis-** Senior Meghan Mooney (North Scituate, RI) was named the women's tennis team's MVP. Mooney was 11-4 (.733) at number two singles and 9-5 (.643) at number one doubles for 15.5 points helping RIC to an undefeated, 13-0, season. She was second on the team in singles wins and points, and was tied for third in doubles wins. She leaves RIC with a 42-16 (.724) career singles record and a 39-18 (.684) career doubles mark for 61.5 career points. Mooney is third all-time at RIC in career singles



wins, is fourth in points and doubles wins, and is 10th in singles winning percentage and 12th in doubles winning percentage. She is a communications major and a 2001 graduate of Scituate High School.

**Women's Volleyball-** Junior outside hitter Kristy Nix (East Setauket, NY) was named the women's volleyball team's MVP. She was named Second Team All-Little East Conference. Nix played in 125 games in 33 matches. She had 355 kills (2.84/game), a .251 hitting percentage, 36 service aces (0.29/game), 14 assists (0.11/game), 269 digs

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# SPORTS

## FEATURED GAME OF THE WEEK

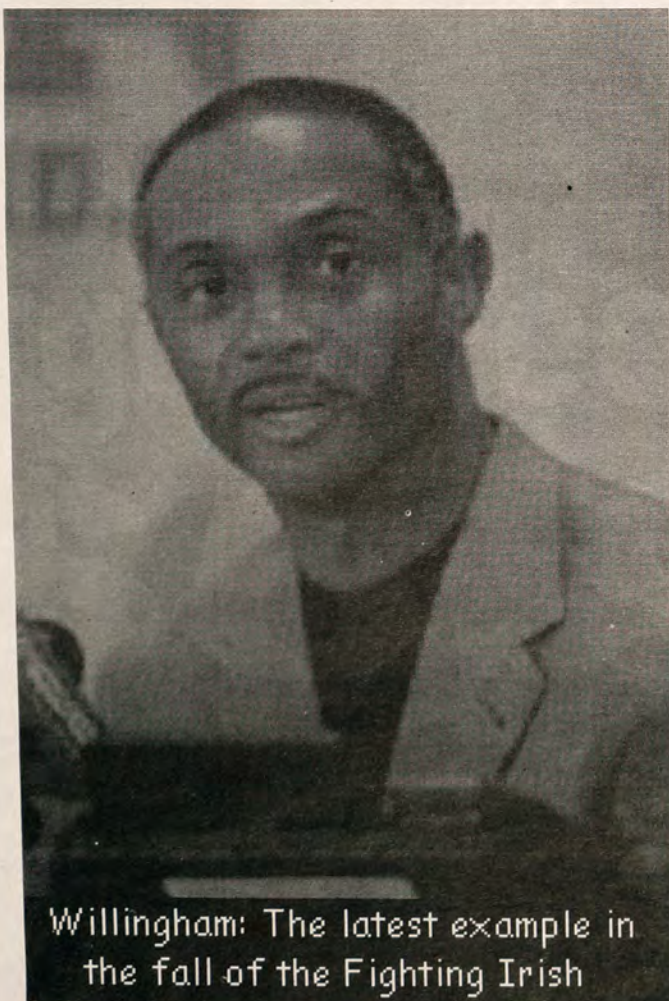
### Women's Basketball

It's always said that it doesn't matter how you start, it's hoe you finish that is important. For Spencer Manning and the RIC Women's Basketball Team, that leaves a glimmer of hope. After starting the season with a disappointing 1-4 record, the Anchorwomen have won two straight and had the chance to even their record over the weekend in a game against Eastern Connecticut State. After this Saturday's game, however, the team has some much needed time off to get things straightened out. They don't play again until January 2nd, with the bulk of their season coming immediately after. It's do or die time for the Anchorwomen.

Plymouth State University at Rhode Island College  
January 22nd, 2005: 1:00PM

ayers to Watch: In an early season road loss to division rival Plymouth state, RIC got some decent performances from Junior guard Jamie Angell (13 points, 3 assists), and sophomore Kari Geisler (134 points, 9 rebounds). The duo is going to have to step up even more for RIC to have a shot at being competitive in the Little East, with their biggest team coming against that same Plymouth team.

## The Golden Dome No More



Willingham: The latest example in  
the fall of the Fighting Irish

The Golden Dome No  
More

By: Eric Young  
Anchor Staff

As a young teenager, I can recall my typical Saturday

afternoons as they ran like clockwork. Same routine: getting up and playing basketball, going to the mall, talking to girls, and watching college football, specifically Notre Dame Fighting Irish

football on national television. The tailgates, the student body coming together as one, the tradition, the fight song and of course the great players, all on display for the world to see every Saturday through the fall and into the winter.

How times have changed. I am no longer that young teenager at the mall flirting with girls. I barely play basketball anymore, and watching college football is a thing of the past. And as for Notre Dame, well let's just say their football program is a thing of the past, as well.

Gone are the days when Notre Dame's name alone would command the top high school players in the country to attend the school. The Fighting Irish have not won a national championship since 1988, and the program has not produced many notable NFL players in recent years, outside of David Givens (New England Patriots) and Julius Jones (Dallas Cowboys).

It is no secret that the state of Florida is a hotbed for producing the best high school football prospects. Nowadays, it is tough for Notre Dame to sell its pro-

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## A Thank You Letter To Charlie Weis

By Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Editor

Rumors are beginning to circulate that New England Patriots Offensive Coordinator Charlie Weis is on the verge of becoming the head coach of The Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team. While it is extremely saddening to see Weis go, as a long time Patriot fan, I am glad that he is finally getting the

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chance to prove himself. When his players take the field for the first time next year, I will be the newest fan of the Fighting Irish. It's not because I always agreed with Weis' coaching moves. It is because this man, along with head coach Bill Belichick and defensive coordinator Romeo Crenell, helped accomplish something I only thought was a dream. This year will hopefully be the third championship title that the trio has brought to New England. Without Weis, this would not have been possible. Though it is not entirely official, the mere prospect that Weis is going has allowed me to reflect back on the time he has spent with this club, and I believe that a thank you is in order.

I would like to thank Charlie Weis for many things. In his time with the Patriots, things haven't always been great. In his first run in Foxboro, from 1993-1996, there were some terrible years. The offense couldn't click, the defense was shredded by every back in the league, and the team seemed like a high school squad many times, as opposed to it's current image of elite stature. Weis was there, coaching tight ends, running backs and receivers, when the Pats let Brett Favre become a legend in Super bowl XXXI. Despite being one of the many people that jumped ship after that, Weis redeemed himself by coming back with Belichick and proving to Pats fans that he could get the job done.

This season has been a fairly good one for Weis and the gang. Even with a large list of injuries sidelining many of the most talented players on the roster, Weis found a way to win, and I thank him for that. There were times this season that I sat back and scratched my head, wondering how the Patriots were able to pull things out. Remember the game against St. Louis? Who do you think called for Adam Vinatieri to fake the field goal and catch the opposition completely off guard? It was moves like this that allowed Weis to turn the Patriots into the most chameleon-like offense in the NFL. Whatever the situation, the Patriots' offense could adapt and thrive. Sometimes beautiful, sometimes surprising, but always victorious, and that's what mattered most.

Weis and the Patriots were able to disguise so many looks and come after their opposition in so many different ways because they had a utility this year that they didn't have before: a consistent

running back. I won't go back on my word. I was not pleased when the Patriots took Corey Dillon in a surprise trade over the off season. I thought Dillon was going to send the wrong message to the rest of the team, and get them away from their goal of becoming a formidable dynasty. Surprisingly, he did the exact opposite. He has had an incredible year for the Patriots, and could be the missing piece come playoff time. The Patriots have had hung their hopes on some miraculous games. If Dillon plays like he has all year long, those games won't even be close, and the Pats should dominate. It all falls back on Weis, the man that believed in Dillon so much that he gave him a prominent role in his championship offense. It was a move that would sink many clubs. It helped improve this one. So, Weis proved me wrong about Corey, but I don't mind. As long as the Patriots are hoisting another title, I don't care who brings it to them.

Now, allow me to come clean for a moment. I'm going to tell you the truth as to why I like Weis so much. It wasn't really a single play he called, or a coaching strategy. No, instead, it was his faith in a particular wide receiver that turned me into a huge fan. Deion Branch is quickly becoming one of the most reliable receivers in the NFL. Not garnering nearly any of the spotlight when compared to someone like Randy Moss, all Branch does is come up HUGE in big games. In last year's Super bowl victory over the Carolina Panthers, Branch had 10 receptions. Think about that. Ten receptions against the NFC's best team in the biggest game of the year. Branch played through injuries this year, so his numbers aren't as great as one would hope, but he is still young, and has the potential to be one of the greats in New England if he continues to play the way he has thus far.

Speaking of young players, how can anyone not commend Weis for the way he has helped Tom Brady along? You all know the story, there's no need to repeat it here. Brady, the Cinderella story of the NFL and now a two time super bowl MVP, has benefited remarkably by the lessons of Weis and his other offensive coaches. Brady is patient in the pocket, rarely makes mistakes, and is the one quarterback that can almost always bring a team back, despite the situation. Regardless of the pressure, Brady thrives in the New England Patriots system. Coaches like Weis helped him

get there, and when #12 finds himself in Canton, he'll have ol' Charlie to thank for it.

Charlie Weis has led the New England Patriots into one of the best situations of any club in the league. While Crenell has ensured that the defenses will hold, and Belichick keeps everyone on their toes, Weis is constantly changing things up and always bring about success. Charlie Weis has turned the Patriots into such a complex offensive team that they can beat you in just about any situation they face. They can beat you deep (with David Patten hauling in monstrous catches on a nearly regular basis). They can beat you with their ground game (The aforementioned Dillon and reliable back Kevin Faulk are always there when needed). They can beat you with short passes, they can beat you with trick plays. The simple fact is that, because of Weis' genius, they can just beat you. Weis has turned this offensive squad from a liability into a serious threat whenever they have the ball, and you can't put any merit into those kind of statistics. While they may not get the stats and media hoopla of a team like the Philadelphia Eagles, they just get super bowl rings, and you really can't ask for much more.

The last thing I want to thank Charlie Weis for is the way he handles himself. Weis is always a class act and has helped bring a respectability to this Patriots organization in a way that few teams have seen before. All across the league, teams generally respect the Patriots for their workmanship, winning attitude, and refusal to gloat. Weis has been a huge part of that. When a deep playoff run cost Weis the chance to become a head coach last year, he didn't cry about it. He didn't say anything. He knew his chance would come, and it appears that it has with the Fighting Irish. If Charlie Weis does even half of the things with that squad that he did with the Patriots, it won't be long before the school song is blasting at the national championship level. I want to thank Charlie Weis for his time in New England. While it appears to be at an end, it's only really the beginning for him. He has done a lot for fans of the Patriots, and helped bring home two titles. This year will hopefully be the third trophy in the case for that team from Foxboro. While it's hard to say goodbye, it's a lot easier to wish good luck. Good luck Charlie Weis. You've done a hell of a lot for New England, and we'll never forget it.

# SPORTS

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(2.15/game), and 49 blocks (0.39/game). Her 355 kills are a new RIC record for a single-season. She currently ranks sixth all-time at RIC with 554 career kills and a .233 career hitting percentage. She is a business management major and a 2002 graduate of Ward Melville High School.

**Men's Cross Country-** Junior Tim Goodwin (Warwick, RI) was named the men's cross country team's MVP. He placed 35th with a season-best time of 28:01 at the Alliance Championships on Oct. 30. Goodwin placed 61st with a time of 21:52 at the Plinsky Invitational on Oct. 23. He placed sixth at the RWU Invitational with a time of 29:58 on Oct. 9. He finished fourth at the Ray Dwyer Invitational with a time of 30:06 on Sept. 25. He finished 133rd at the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational with a time of 28:47 on Sept. 18. He was the Anchormen's top runner placing fourth with a time of 30:07 at the Rhode Island Collegiate Invitational on Sept. 9. He is a health/physical education major and a 2001 graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School.

**Women's Cross Country-** Freshman Michelle Batchelder (Vernon, CT) was named the women's cross country team's MVP. She was RIC's top runner at the New England Div. III Championships, placing 163rd with a time of 26:12. She was RIC's top runner at the ECAC Championships, placing 93rd with a time of 26:16 on Nov. 6. She placed 25th with a season-best time of 20:53 at the Alliance Championships on Oct. 30. Batchelder placed 46th with a time of 17:32 at the Plinsky Invitational (shortened course) on Oct. 23. She placed 24th at the RWU Invitational with a time of 21:57 on Oct. 9. She finished 35th at the Ray Dwyer Invitational with a time of 22:08 on Sept. 25. She was the Anchorwomen's lone runner, placing 10th overall with a time of 23:20 at the Ocean State Invitational on Sept. 9. She is a 2003 graduate of Rockville High School.

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gram's top players who are almost a generation removed from Notre Dame's last championship. While football programs, such as the Miami Hurricanes, Florida Gators, and Florida State Seminoles are constantly jockeying for the national championship, for the past ten years Notre Dame has been mired in mediocrity. Why on earth would a kid from Florida choose Notre Dame over the aforementioned schools in Florida? The weather is better, the teams are winning more consistently, and the opportunity to go pro is enhanced by attending these schools. On top of all of this, you also get to stay close to home and play in front of friends and family.

Notre Dame also has another major problem while competing with the Florida schools for top recruits. The team does not have a head coach. Notre Dame fired Tyrone Willingham, who was the school's first African-American head coach, two weeks ago after three years on the job. He was the first coach in Notre Dame's history who was not allowed to finish his first contract, which was for five years. Willingham replaced George O'Leary, who was fired immediately after it was revealed that O'Leary had lied on his resume. It was recently assumed that Utah Utes head coach Urban Meyer was going to be named the new head coach at Notre Dame. Meyer was a former assistant coach at Notre Dame for five years and was the school's top choice to replace Willingham after his success at Utah.

But, Meyer spurned Notre Dame's offer to accept the head coaching position at Florida. Since then, other known candidates like Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Jon Gruden have declined the job, as well. The Irish now find themselves in the unenviable position of scrambling around to find a quality coach.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are in the land of instability, a far cry from where they used to be. They don't have a head coach, they can't recruit great players, they don't win anymore, and therefore the tradition they had simply does not exist. The firing of Willingham along with the O'Leary debacle and losing have appeared to tarnish and curse the "golden dome", and it seems as if only a miracle can save them.



# OPINIONS

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## Are All Women Created Equal? I Hope Not.

By: Paul J. Spetrini  
Anchor Editor

As we begin to put a cap on the year 2004 and plot our New Year resolutions, I've finally figured something out. There is really something wrong with our human race. Why is it that men and women see the world so differently?

How come it is so difficult to get over gender differences and find a loving, yet meaningful relationship? Oh, and while we're at it...why does it appear that all 5,000 or so women on this campus are completely nuts? I wish I could answer these questions, but I know it's not going to happen. All I can really ask is that you sit back,

enjoy this rant, and let me know if there really is a way to make the dating scene at R.I.C. any better.

Now, I don't consider myself the Hercules of the dating world. I'm not the strongest, best looking, or brightest fish in the sea. At the same time, I'm definitely not Quasimodo either. I'm just

your average college student with average grades, average confidence, and an average ego. I've been told by many potential girlfriends that I am the nicest, most polite, sweetest, romantic guy with a "good head on my shoulders" and a good heart. But, as I sit in my Thursday afternoon class, penciling this article in, every one of those potential girlfriends becomes images of the past. Things didn't work out, she had a boyfriend, or "we're better off as friends". What is it about me that make it so hard to find a quality girlfriend? Why can't I find someone who isn't going to use me or move on to someone else like I missed my turn in a deli line?

It took me a handful of personal experiences to finally figure out the problem. For too long, I placed the blame on myself. I've since come to the realization that I am not at fault, or at least not entirely. In my three + years of trying to find Ms. Right, I have bent over backwards many times trying to make things work. I either acted like someone else, put too much faith in her, or let myself be walked all over. I was looking for something completely different, and it was not going to happen. Thankfully, I've found out the truth; it's not my fault. Women are the pushers of the gender gap, and until I can find one who knows what she wants, it appears that I'll be alone, waiting for princess charming.

That brings up the question of what women want. Do they want someone that is going to view them as an equal and treat them with respect and dignity? Apparently not. It is really hard to tell sometimes. Everyday I see women that are in horrific relationships and want to get out. Either their man is an asshole or he just doesn't care enough. But, these are the same women who wouldn't give a guy like me the time of day, regardless of my tendency to treat them like royalty. It's said that nice guys finish last, and that's unfortunate. Some of the nicest guys out there are single because of these confused girls. Similarly, some of the worst guys are in so many relationships that they lose track of them all.

I've come to the conclusion that I may always finish last. I'll be the one consoling the girl of my dreams right before she goes back to the guy who doesn't care about her and treats her like a rusty screwdriver in his tool box, only using her when he wants

to. What is it about being a nice guy that gets me walked all over constantly? Does caring about how someone actually feels and going out of my way to cheer them up when they feel bad make me a bad person? I think women believe me to be a safety net, the rock that will always be there. I don't mind being a phone call away when my friends need me for advice, but having to justify the actions of the assholes of my gender is something I've had enough of. I like to help people out with their problems, but just once it would be nice to know that there is a girl out there for me. I'm not asking for Mariah Carey or Jennifer Love Hewitt. I'm just asking for the average girl, someone that can be my second half. I don't think that that's asking for too much.

For the people that have met me, this article may come as a complete surprise. I'm not the type of guy that initially looks like he is searching for a relationship. I hope that once you get to know me, you can relate to what I've said above. I'm just a good guy trying to figure out the opposite sex. Though I may sometimes do things that make you scratch your head, it's only human. You live and you learn. I've learned a lot from my past experiences. I've learned not to be so trusting, never to let my guard down, and never take anything for granted.

All of those negative ideas are things that I hate about relationships. Having a girlfriend is supposed to be fun. It's supposed to be enjoyable when you're with a member of the opposite sex that compliments you and makes you feel good about yourself. It's just not worth the stress. My friends tell me that there is someone out there for me. I hope that is true, but I've learned to live with the possibility that it might not be. As I've stated before, men and women are unique creatures. We all want different things. Some of us want to have fun and relax. Some of us want to meet someone we can trust in. Some of us just want to find that perfect person that makes every day enjoyable. When I can find a woman that wants all of the above, maybe I'll become closer to doing my part in the closing of that gender gap. Until then, I'll live by the motto "Nice Guys Finish Last". But, maybe it's because when a woman finally finds that nice guy...she stops looking.

## Letter to the Editor

By: Amanda Sagarin

Horried. That is how I feel right now because of the mind set that a large amount of Americans have. In the November 23rd issue, an article was written entitled "A Conservative Perspective on why the Democrats lost...and why they'll keep losing." This article perfectly emulated the horrifying and devastating "mind set" that I feel will lead to the destruction of this country and that will have global ramifications. The author of the article, Kenneth Bryant apparently felt he knew the exact situation of the Democratic Party. Once I got over the fact that was reading an article written by a person who felt he knew everything there is to know about politics, I began to examine its contents. And that is when I felt sick to my stomach. The article states that Democrats feel that they should "damn the people, save the trees," and "continually protect a woman's right to murder." Mr. Bryant had something to say for every political stand and the stands that the Democratic Party will lead to "doom and gloom forecasts...needless to say their (Democrats) agenda is not that of which will better the lives of the American public, hence their defeat on November 2nd."

The article then goes on to give advice on what the Democrats should do if they ever want a glimmer of political control again. Mr. Bryant says that they shouldn't protest but rather get rid of their "old fashioned, tired and flawed" polices, wake up and re-group. The article concludes with a bashing of Democratic candidates. Well, Mr. Bryant's article was in response to a prior article regarding "American stupidity." The ONE thing Mr. Bryant and I agree on is that I do not think that southerners are "morons." I think they live in a culture that runs on fear, negative tradition and that they are misled. It is a fact (and for all you "I need a source" people, I'll back to you) that the Kerry/"blue states" have higher IQs. Now that I have summarized the take the article has on what the Democrats need to do, I will give you my opinion on what I think the democrats need to do to regain political control and why. Please note that this is only my opinion. I strongly think the democrats need to continue in their fight to gain back control. Not because their goal is to further divide the country, as the great Mr. Kerry dignifiedly stated that he didn't want any further division in this country. They need to have control back so that they can: stop needless wars, allow education for all to be taken as a serious goal, make it so that the wealthy are not the only people who are able to experience economic prosperity, allow for the poor and forgotten about citizens to have a chance to succeed, allow for the environment to have a shot at surviving, make it so that equality rings as wedding bells ring for homosexuals, affirmative action and abortion are kept in tact, abstinence only is taught in addition to safe sex and a separation of Church and State can exist.

The Republican view is to make abortions illegal, but then not teach safe sex. They believe in allocating money to allow one student to go to private school instead of giving tools to a teacher who will better educate thirty students. They believe in getting rid of Affirmative Action, and yet allow a system that keeps oppressing minorities. They believe in fixing the problem of homeless people committing crimes to get a roof over their head in jail, instead of fixing the problem of homelessness. The list could go on and on. Furthermore, I wonder why it is that people were praising Bush's sense of morals. In most religions, it is sin to let your neighbor be in poverty. Bush is not attempting to fix poverty; he is sending our kids off to die in war. In a film entitled "Religion in the White House: George W. Bush" (a pro-Bush film put out by a private organization) it said that Bush went for a jog one night and came back and promised his wife he would never drink alcohol again. They conclude that because he kept that promise that makes him a man with morals worthy of being the President.

To all those people buzzing about Bush's morals-do the research, and you will find that him and his Republican buddies don't really have any! So, back to the idea of the destructive "mind set" Mr. Bryant holds. He believes that it is the Republicans who will "save the world", when in fact, the Democrats are the ones who want to work for the better of ALL American people, and not just the rich. And that is proven in that the more educated blue states that are aware of this and the minorities voted for Kerry. The Democrats are doing the best they can with the limited resources they have, so get off their backs! So, please Mr. Bryant, do not pretend that you know what is best for the Democratic Party or that it is the republicans who are working for the good of the American people. It is the Democrat's commitment to better the lives of ALL people that will lead to their come back. You just watch!

To all you readers, gather as much information as you can and believe what ever you want to, but please keep in mind this one statement: Equal Opportunity does not exist in this country, without it we are barbarians who will never truly prosper, and it is the Democrats NOT the Republicans who can achieve this and all other forms of justice!



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## Strong Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

By: Nate Nelson  
Anchor Contributor

With international relations being strained by terror, the world needs good leaders. And, the people need to be able to distinguish between good and bad leaders.

In his latest book, *The Case for Democracy*, Natan Sharansky identifies Democratic Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson and President Ronald Reagan as good leaders. He also identifies them as being of the "evil empire school" of thought. Sharansky writes that without Reagan and Jackson, totalitarianism would still lead the lives of hundreds of millions. For Sharansky, "it was never about Right or Left, but about right and wrong."

Leaders, such as Sen. Jackson and Reagan, are needed again. Instead, we have had leaders such as Yasser Arafat and Kofi Annan.

Concerning Arafat, Middle-eastern analyst James Phillips says that because of his pride, Arafat left the Palestinians "mired in growing violence, anarchy, and misery." As Israelis emerged from their refugee camps, the Palestinians, under Arafat, continued to bury themselves in terror and economic upheaval. Arafat misled his own people, lived in palaces, and accumulated billions. While extending the olive branch to the world, Arafat went back to his people and called for  *Jihad*  and "martyrdom." Not only did he mislead his people, he misled the world.

Arafat is praised for striving for advancements for the Palestinians, but the only thing advanced was Arafat's hatred of Israel and America, lived out through his betrayal of the Palestinian people. Pretending to seek reconciliation, Arafat rejected such compromises as the Oslo Peace Process and the Camp David Summit. Arafat therefore rejected a plan for peace, as seen in his call for the Second Intifada. As a result of his terror tactics, the Israelis have had to defend themselves.

In a similar fashion, the leadership of Kofi Annan has devastated the United Nation's original goals. First and foremost, under Annan, the organization's response to international terrorism is unsettling. With the global rise of terror, the UN has yet to define a "terrorist." Being the globe's leader for promoting peace, one would think that it would be logically sound for them to define and confront those peoples who are an obstacle to that peace (do not forget that the UN has failed to deal with terror, dictators, or numerous acts of genocide). Secondly, because the UN did not uphold their resolutions towards Iraq, the US had to step in and make Iraq accountable. As a result, even being criticized and embarrassed by Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, Secretary General Kofi Annan has continually criticized the US efforts in Iraq. All of this, not including the biggest issue—the Oil-for-Food scandal (which involved Kofi's son, Kojo)—has deeply hurt the UN's reputation.

Despite all of this, Arafat and Annan have achieved status of good world leaders. On the other hand, President George W. Bush—due to his policy of unilateral preemption—is criticized as being a nationalistic warmonger. This is ironic, since Arafat, having received world recognition through a Nobel Peace prize, was an extreme nationalist.

We need leaders, such as Sen. Jackson, President Reagan and President Bush—leaders who will stand up for what is right and wrong. We also need people to condemn those who detract from peace—no praise them.

## Letter to the Editor

By: Carol Monahan

What ever happened to advocating for a little self-control in the form of abstinence? Commonly viewed upon by the secular world as a practice imposed by religious fanatics who fear damnation, the decision to refrain from premarital sex is based on more than just church laws. Young men and women who take a vow of chastity until marriage are subject to many of the same temptations and weaknesses as their peers who consent to engage in sex. However, their value systems are based on decisions to respect their bodies and maintain a balance between their emotional, social, physical, and often spiritual beings.

By refraining from a promiscuous lifestyle, their chances of becoming infected with a potentially serious, sexually transmitted disease are greatly reduced, and they are less likely to experience the emotional upheaval that can be associated with sharing a loveless, sexual relationship. Are these old-fashioned ideas that are outdated and unrealistic? On the contrary, just as abstinence has its place in the history of men and women, so does premarital sex. One only needs to recount the love affairs of the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra, to realize that promiscuity has long been the cause of

chaos.

As a journalist and returning student here at RIC, I would like to see *The Anchor* publish more free expression supporting abstinence. Of course, the overall media has jumped on the band wagon of "sex sells," and refraining from premarital sex isn't a topic that has the erotic appeal of "Masturbation: The Forgotten Sport," which was published in your December 7 issue, but *The Anchor* is a free publication. If your readers don't appreciate a more balanced approach to sex, tell them you'll be happy to reimburse them for any subscription costs.

## A Response to Ms. Durniok

By: Forrester G. Safford  
Anchor Editor

In last week's issue of *The Anchor*, one piece caught my eye...even more than Mike Romano's column on the forgotten sport: masturbation. The piece was "Justice for All?", and it was written by Ms. Laura Durniok.

In her piece, Durniok complains about two things: getting her car broken into and getting a \$100 parking ticket. Now, I do feel bad that last year she had her car broken into...that does suck, however to blame security for not catching the thief in the act is a bit much. This is a fairly large campus with several parking lots. It would be impossible for RIC's security to cover every parking lot, as well as patrol the parts of campus that are inaccessible to cars all at the same time. In the real world, do the police catch all criminals in the act? I think not. Most of the time a crime is committed, then the police come into the picture to fit the pieces of the puzzle together in order to catch the crook. Just be happy that we have a team of security guards to call when a problem does arise.

Now, onto the parking tickets... After reading Durniok's piece and before writing this, I took a stroll, in the rain, around Willard Hall. The curb that surrounds Willard is painted yellow...now everyone think back for a moment to your time sitting in your boring driver's ed. class. What does

a yellow curb signify? NO PARKING. If you, Ms. Durniok, are color blind, please accept my condolences (I am partially color-blind, too). However, if you're not color blind...suck it up and deal with it. You parked in a "no parking" area; you got caught and received a ticket. In defense of her actions, Durniok says, "I've done this numerous times without repercussion, as I know most of us have." Basically, because she has broken the law on "numerous" occasions without being caught, the police should just let her keep on doing it. Using Durniok's "logic," serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer when apprehended could have said "Yea, you caught me nibbling on this guy, but I have done this numerous times before, and wasn't arrested, so the cops should let me go."

The security force on this campus is fine. Some days, an officer might be having a bad day and be a little crabby, but don't we all have days like that? For all of you who still think that our security officers at RIC suck, here's a little story that hopefully will change your mind: About two weeks ago my friend dropped his car's keys in one of the storm drains in

loop. After trying to get them out ourselves by using a coat hanger attached to a broomstick, we called security. Two security officers and a member of the Physical Plant stayed outside with us, in the rain, until we were able to retrieve the keys, which took over an hour. How did we get them out you ask? We took off the iron grate and two security officers lowered me into the drain by my ankles. Without their help, my friend would probably still be outside in the loop trying to figure out a way to get his keys out of the drain. They didn't have to be out there with us, but they were, and for that, I owe them many thanks.

So, in the end, Ms. Durniok, the security is here to enforce all laws, not just the ones you want them to, and they will be there when you need them.





# roving reporter

**Are you looking forward taking exams?  
What exam do you fear the most?**

**Clyant Sirois**  
Freshman  
Undecided

"I am looking forward to getting them done with. I hate Western History, so I am going to have to say that one. There is so much information to learn that, I am going to go crazy."



**Cathryn Arruda**  
Freshman  
El. Ed.

"No I am definately not. Western Lit. with Susan Lawler. I didn't read and of the books, but that is my own fault. I am sure i'll do a decent job."



**Becky Knowlton**  
Freshman  
Nursing

"Definately Not, not enough preporation. I am not looking forward to taking my bio exam. It's a had class, and I never go to it."



**Amy Parise**  
Junior  
Graphic  
Communications

"Umm...yeah. I get to go home after they are all done, so that is a major reason why. I am not looking forward to taking my Fundamentals exam. I do not really pay attention, so its going to be hard."



**Sarah Combardi**  
Freshman  
Nursing

"Yes, I am looking forward to it. I am so going away on vacation, so I am ready to be done. My biology exam, it's my only one, but its tough."



**Tim Allison**  
Junior  
Criminal Justice

"Yes, but I am not looking forward in studying for them. I fear American Government. There is going to be a great deal of questions, so its hard."



**Scott Jacobs**  
Junior  
Philosophy

"I certainly am, I love takig tests because they make you think. I fear no exam, ther are just pieces of paper."



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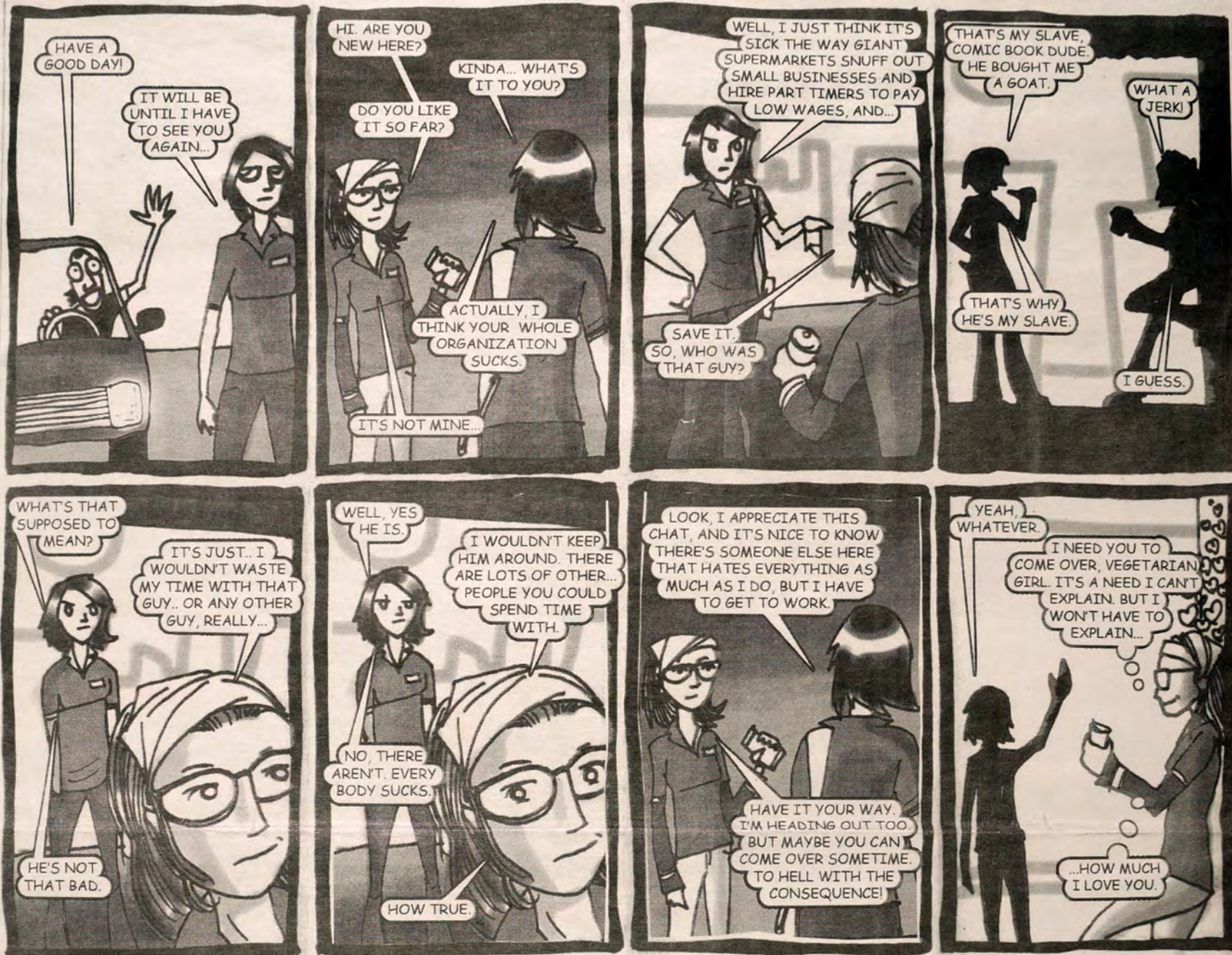




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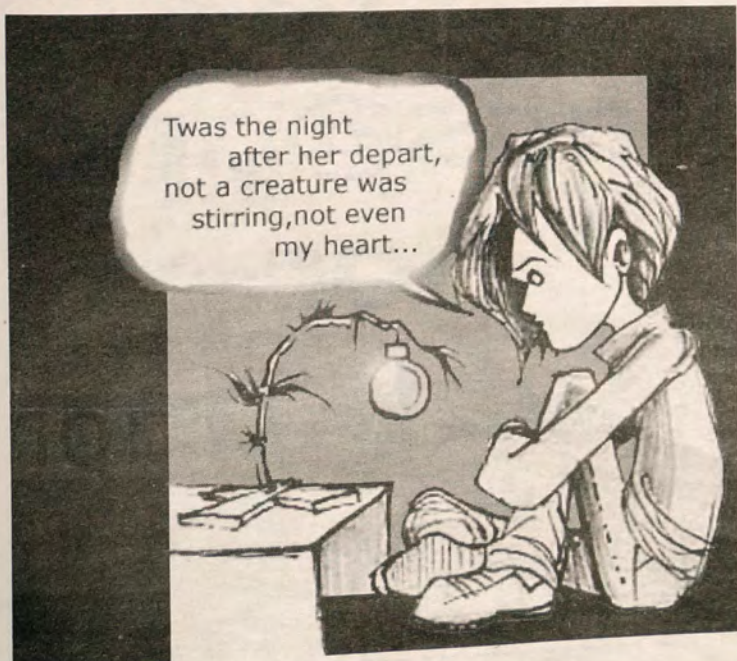
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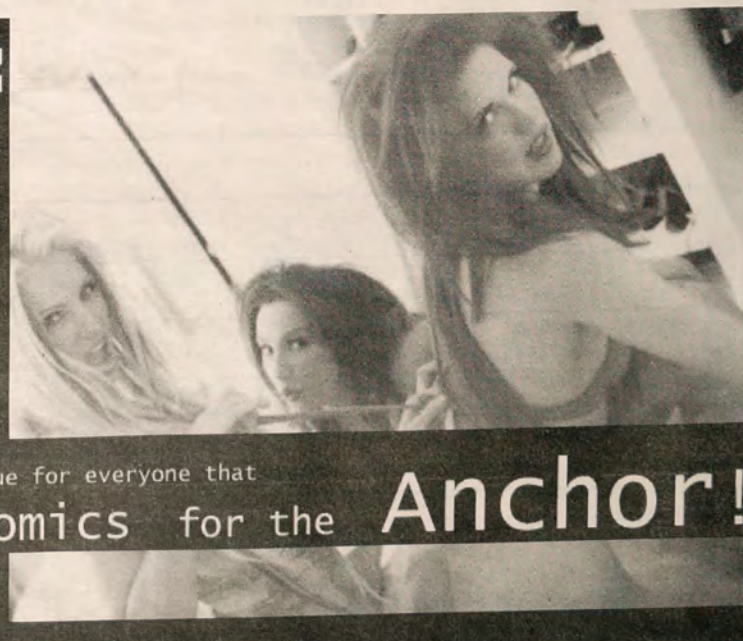


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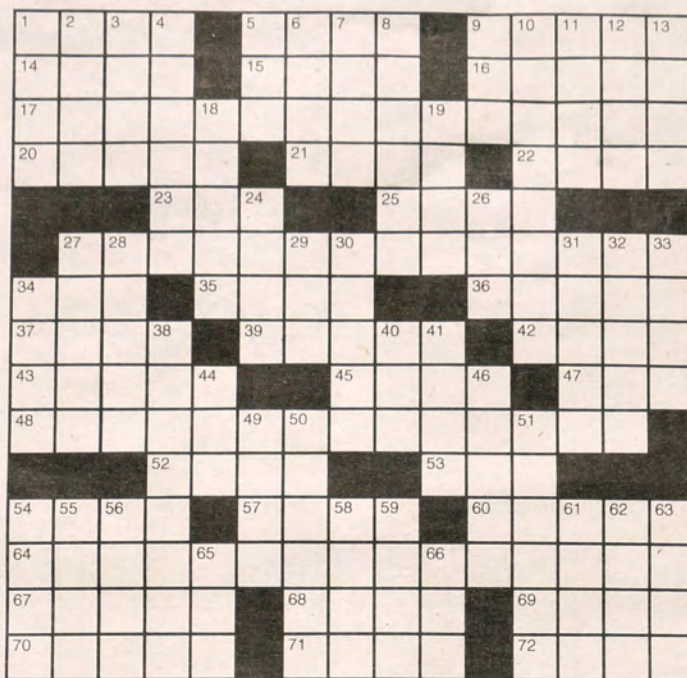


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**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Personal reflection will captivate your attention over the next 4 days. Unproductive patterns between loved ones can now be easily identified and dispelled. Use this time to accept yesterday's disappointments and acknowledge today's positive influences. After Thursday a new era of emotional growth arrives: stay open and watch for meaningful change. Friday through Sunday financial restrictions may be bothersome. Remain patient: options will soon expand.



**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) Before mid-week close friends and relatives may be unexpectedly moody. Long-term relationships will now begin a brief but intense phase of lost ambition or indecision. Don't be unnerved: loved ones may now need to evaluate their own attitudes, habits or behaviors. Encourage privacy and deep thought: your empathy will be appreciated. After Thursday group social invitations increase: expect colleagues or new friends to openly seek your attention.



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Workplace discussions this week provide a glimpse into the private agendas of officials. Office policy, long-term funding and team planning are all accented. Remain silent and gather important facts: revised duties and fresh assignments will soon arrive. Wednesday through Saturday accent romance, sensuality and



sultry displays of affection. Many Gemini's may soon choose between long-term security and exotic attraction. Stay balanced: there's much to consider.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Over the next few days, a close friend or relative may outline an elaborate plan for increased education, revised workplace skills or a fast career change. Much of this is positive but will also be delayed: expect meaningful action to begin after mid-January. Thursday through Saturday new social invitations may quickly lead to lasting romance: pay special attention to returning friends, visiting relatives and unique group events. Avoid controversy: passions will be high.



**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Financial planning will require special attention over the next 4 days. Long-term goals, although positive, may be temporarily unreachable. Don't be dismayed: at present, added home and family expenses are both necessary and productive. Flexibility and creative thinking will bring meaningful results. Later this week, younger friends or relatives may request family advice. Remain diplomatic: traditional roles in the home and private jealousies may be on the agenda.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This week, lovers and marital partners ask for emotional clarity, long-term commitments or renewed promises. Listen closely to the needs of others: proposed lifestyle changes, social expansion and family acceptance may now

be more important than anticipated. After Friday, work officials may announce improved schedules, shared duties or revised payment plans. Minor details and legal requirements prove misleading: thoroughly study all facts and numbers.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Co-workers and business partners are unusually cheerful over the next few days. Close colleagues, however, may be masking insecurity with optimism, zany antics or humor. Offer genuine but subtle signals of acceptance: before next week your empathy and social awareness will be greatly appreciated. After Thursday, friends and lovers may press for renewed public commitments in long-term relationships. Don't hesitate: your reaction will be carefully scrutinized.



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nostalgic reflection will now captivate the thoughts of loved ones. Before mid-week, yesterday's romantic ideals and postponed home plans demand discussion. Join in and explore positive memories: your participation will not be forgotten. Thursday through Saturday also highlight renewed employment contracts and rare business opportunities. Over the next 18 weeks, career luck is extremely high: pay special attention to the financial or communications industries.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Older friends or relatives may this week propose unexpected family gatherings, improved home plans or creative social activities. Restlessness and low self-esteem are now a strong influ-

ence. Shared goals or revised lifestyles will soon be a priority: encourage fresh ideas, no matter how small or unrealistic. After Thursday, new business ventures work to your advantage. Respond quickly to all proposals: in the coming weeks potential work partners will bring powerful rewards.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Renovations, home planning and costly repairs may cause minor family tensions over the next 4 days. Refuse to be derailed by criticism or small delays: before next week loved ones may be more doubtful than is necessary. After Wednesday, powerful dreams and vivid impressions are highlighted. Quick, personal revelations may soon lead to important improvements: expect friends or lovers to push for renewed commitments, bold public statements or lasting decisions.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Social discussions may be misleading this week. After Tuesday, someone close may present surprising information concerning the past behavior and habits of a mutual friend or relative. Remain cautious and avoid impulse reactions: patience, added insights and accurate details will soon provide clarity. Thursday through Saturday a new friend or colleague may announce unexpected feelings of attraction. Remain cautious: a diplomatic or sensitive approach is best.



March 20) Several weeks of minor disagreements between friends or lovers will now fade. Pay special attention to a renewed sense of group acceptance. Loved ones will no longer question the sincerity of new acquaintances. After mid-week plan new financial strategies. Long-term business changes may soon demand attention: before mid-January complex decisions from key officials will require serious discussion. Trust your instincts: unproductive contracts need to end.

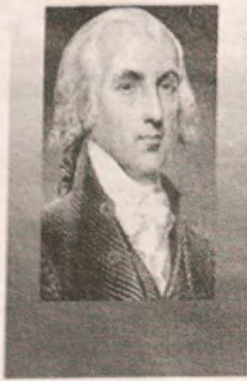


**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK:** Lovers and long-term friends may ask for greater access to your private thoughts and family life over the next 2 to 3 months. Intimate relationships will now begin an intense phase of emotional decision: use this time to evaluate long-term goals and challenge unacceptable behaviors in key relationships. Vital decisions will be necessary before mid-March: stay focused and watch for subtle changes. April through early June also highlight controversial financial decisions from older relatives, employers or mentors. If so, expect a powerful wave of job improvement and career advancement to arrive throughout the summer months. Although business decisions are presently disjointed, fast promotions will soon bring renewed job and financial security.

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## Trilogy, from back

why someone would want to sit through that long a feature. There are several reasons why this is something to look forward to, and not view merely as a waste of time.

The Lord of the Rings is quite possibly one of the best movie trilogies ever. That's it. It's over and done with. While not everybody is embedded into the world of fantasy, there is something in this series for even the most casual fan to get hooked. The movies constantly build around the ideas of bravery, courage, love, loyalty, and friendship to make a tale so great that it's hard not to want to see more. Even now, some three years after seeing the first film, I find myself eagerly anticipating the adaptation of the Hobbit onto the big screen. (The Hobbit is the prequel to the Lord of the Rings and what any would consider the best in the series).

Simply put, LOTR is the new Star Wars for people that didn't grow up in the seventies. It has all the makings of a great epic, and is one of those films that people are going to be able to look back on in the future and relate to others their first experiences with it. I can already picture myself, fifteen or so years from now having to hear this from my child: "What's that? You waited in line for two hours, in the cold, with some of your best friends to go into a theatre and waste another nine hours? Unbelievable." Why would I do it? Because it was one of the most mem-

orable moments and something I will always remember and cherish.

Of course, for those ill informed, what I am referring to is the brief preview of the trilogy watch that I got to partake in last December. Armed with determination and some candy from the supermarket, I braved the elements to watch the Fellowship of the Ring, Two Towers (both extended) and the premiere of the Return of the King in theatres. It was well over ten hours of footage, resulted in a lot of weariness, but good memories overall. With that in mind, I've decided to write a guide to how you, and as many of your friends as you can convince to do so, can survive watching the extended marathon. While this guide is not meant for everyone, it can help you plan your day long movie watch in an enjoyable and fun way.

The first thing to planning an extended trilogy watch is picking who you will invite and who you will causally let slip your mind. While it may not seem like the right thing to do, you need to accept the fact that you're going to be locked down for close to thirteen hours (factoring in breaks and whatnot), and not everyone is going to want to participate. Also, because it is such a long time, you're going to want to only have a small group of people with you, unless you happen to live in a mansion and everyone can find comfortable seating. If this is not the case, and you don't want to stand

up for a long portion of the day, invite only those closest to you, the people you know will be the most excited about coming.

This brings up my next point. In order to successfully accomplish your goal of witnessing the battle for middle earth, you need to make sure that everyone in your company knows your intentions going in. If Larry has a girlfriend that needs to be at his side and is a whiny type of person, make sure he leaves her at the bus stop. The only thing worse than sitting in one place for thirteen hours is hearing someone nag for that long.

Now that you have your guest list, you need to plan things out accordingly. Besides the usual necessities for any long period of hanging out (I.E. food, games, dodgeballs), you're going to need to spice things up with some excitement. This is not the time for grandma to come out and show the family album. In those moments of occasion boredom, and yes there are some, start up a conversation or two about how things are going with some friends. Just because you're in for a movie marathon doesn't mean you're barred from talking about the outside world. I mean, come on. There's only so many minutes you can watch of Frodo and Sam walking down the same hill without needing a break. Plan some time away from the screen, stretch, make something to eat, do whatever you have to do to keep your attention on the screen

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and not on that foot of yours that is falling asleep.

Because these movies are so long, it's good to have a game plan going in. Starting the movie at 4pm isn't going to make anything easy when you're struggling through Shelob's Lair at 3am. You're going to want to start early to make sure it doesn't run to late. Sometime around 10am should do it. If you can start the films by 10am, you'll be done by 11pm, and out cold by midnight. I guarantee it. This means you're going to need to plan accordingly. Don't schedule your trilogy watch on a day you've gotta work. Doing something like this on the weekend (Like I plan on doing this Saturday in the anchor office) will help eliminate the need of a pressing schedule, and allow you focus on the deed at hand.

Now, because I'm a bit of a film buff myself, here's a unique idea to help break up the films nicely. In between films (such as when fellowship ends), it's time to break out the theatrical versions of the movies. For some unknown reason, the extended versions don't include the theatrical trailers of the movies. This is just not fair. It's nice to watch the trailer of the next movie (such as the two towers) before you actually watch it to get your anticipation up. This is what they did on tril-

ogy Tuesday, and I personally enjoyed it a lot. It helped keep things fresh and fun for everyone.

For those of you with the theatrical release of Return of the King, you can view the trilogy super trailer on the second disk. This makes for good entertainment as you start your marathon watch. There are plenty of other ideas on how to make your trilogy watch as memorable as possible, but when it all comes down to it, it's up to you to do your best. If you are going to brave it out for this near day-long journey, then you are embarking on a great quest that is going to be loads of fun. It may not sound like fun to someone who hasn't been captivated by Jackson's brilliant piece of work, but it really is. Even the casual fan can have a great time testing their endurance in this watching of the movies, uncut and as they were meant to be seen. The extended versions add a lot to what is already an overwhelmingly masterful tale. The trilogy watch is just our way of saying how much we appreciate this story. It takes a lot to watch thirteen hours of footage. But, with a story as great as LOTR, you'll find yourself wishing there was thirteen hours more when it's all over.

## Evanescence, from back

the album, all the while leaving true fans hungry for more.

The reason that Fallen was such a successful debut album is because of it's ability to defy categorization and it's appeal to a wide variety of audiences. The beautiful, heart felt lyrics were unlike anything else on the radio at the time. Their music was too meaningful to be thrown together with the metal junk of groups like Linkin Park, Papa Roach or Smile Empty Soul, yet so hard hitting that it couldn't be called pure pop smut. It was something new that had hit our eardrums, and we couldn't get enough of it. After a nearly two year hiatus.. EVANESCENCE RETURNS! Well, I guess you can call this a return.

"Anywhere But Home", the latest CD release by the group, is a live music album of their performance in France. With the exception of the studio recorded track "Missing", there's really nothing new on this effort. It's just Fallen, live. While I will admit that, yes, anything new by this group is a step forward, I am still a little disappointed that its been so long since they broke new ground. In a way similar to that of Linkin Park, it seems

that Evanescence is destined to releases as much as they can by doing as little work as possible. What's next? An acoustic album of Fallen? The Fallen remix album with Rod Stewart? Fallen was a great CD, but if this group continues to constantly dwell over it, it's going to lose some of it's meaning.

As for this album, it's not that bad. One of the biggest gripes that people have had with Evanescence is their supposedly horrible live performance abilities. In this release, Amy lee and company show off their skill masterfully, and the crowd noise adds depth to their song and almost makes it feel as if it's something completely different. Songs such as "Going Under" and "Tourniquet", which are as great as they come as far as hard rocking music go, are enhanced by this. When listening to the album, or even watching the full length concert on the included DVD, it makes you feel as if you are right there in the mosh pit while they are performing. This is something that a lot of bands fail to do with live album releases, something that is both unfortunate and saddening. On their first attempt, Evanescence gets it right,

something that should make them confident heading into the studio to record the follow up.

As I mentioned earlier, the presence of some ten thousand screaming fans really makes these tracks much better. Now where can it be seen clearer than on the tracks "Bring Me To Life" and "My Immortal". When Amy begins the instrumental piano beats of "My Immortal", it sounds so much different than the radio version. There seems to be a general anticipation building up to each chorus. As the crowd overtakes the singing of the song, with Lee just pitching in, it seems like a small group project rather than the heart felt work of a person hurt painfully by a relationship. The lyrics of the song, particularly the phrase "I've tried so hard to tell myself that you're gone, but though you're still with me, I've been along long ago." are capable of giving even the biggest hater of this group shivers when they hear the drum work of Rocky Grey take the song to a new level. You can feel the groups pain with every verse, something much more difficult to do while listening to the prerecorded studio version.

The song "Bring Me To Life", which was featured on the Daredevil soundtrack and really launched this group into the mainstream, is given a whole new makeover in live form. Much like "My immortal", there is an anticipation as each chord is played. It seems like something special is coming and by the time Lee is mouthing the first line, the crowd is going crazy. It is something that every person who liked their first work, even if they will not admit it, should check out. Anywhere but Home is nearly redeemed by these two songs alone, but it's when the group stretches their abilities that the album becomes a must have. On the song "Thoughtless", a track originally done by legends in the making Korn, sounds completely different minus Jonathon Davis. This version of the song, while not something that everyone will like, is great to listen to repeatedly, especially by someone who likes both groups. Evanescence does Korn justice with this performance, and manage to walk the very thin line between touching tribute and pathetic show for attention.

When I found out that "Anywhere but Home" was-

n't a new album, but merely a live concert version of Fallen, I was a little disappointed. It was the equivalent of waking up Christmas morning as a child, catching Santa Claus in your house and expecting a great gift. Instead of getting what you want, however, Santa smiles at you, tells you "you've been Punk'd", and leaves with all the toys, leaving you gift less and in tears. While not as emotionally scarring, it is a good example of how i originally felt towards this release. But, after I gave it the benefit of the doubt and tried it out, I can admit to being satisfied. As a long time Evanescence fan, I am eagerly waiting their new studio album, hoping it comes before I turn 50. In the meantime, I will have to keep this in the radio, as to not forget how much talent they really do have. I guess a little Evanescence is better than nothing at all. Anywhere But Home, while not what I would want from a band that changed the way i listened to music, has the potential to tide me over until then. If it doesn't, at least I feel better knowing that the group at least tried.



# arts

## Julie Heffernan: Paintings now at Bannister



"May Day" by Julie Heffernan (1997)



"Self Portrait as Infanta Maria Theresa Dreaming Madame de Sade" by Julie Heffernan (1999)



"Climbers" by Julie Heffernan (1996-1999)

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Closing out this semester with a bang, Bannister Art Gallery brought in New York artist, Julie Heffernan for the final art show of the year. On display from December second through the twenty third, Heffernan combines gender and myth. Within her paintings, she concentrates on the self, whether it is portrayed overtly or referentially.

The Self is a carri-

er of symbolic representation concerning human experience. Heffernan's paintings are filled with meaning and the masterly crafted images scream out to the viewer. They are admirable and show a lot of beauty, yet, at the same time, they break down the different levels of symbolism used to show the issues of human nature.

Heffernan cross-references several historical art subtexts. Her paintings are grounded in Post-Modern concern. Her exquisitely, lush painted imagery is reminiscent of

the late Renaissance as well as the grandness of the Baroque periods. She relies mainly on Oil on Canvas to create her fairy tale imagery in the paintings.

"Climbers" was created between 1996 and 1999. Using a lot of darker colors, Heffernan creates an image showing a group of men that seem to be playing a game of King of the Hill. "May Day" was created in 1997 and is by far my favorite piece in the exhibit. Depicting a battle scene of office workers, it reminds me a little of the

movie *Office Space*. The most unusual piece in the exhibit is her "Self Portrait as Infanta Maria Theresa Dreaming Madame de Sade." Created in 1999, this piece combines bright and dark colors to create her well known fairy tale imagery and depicts Heffernan wearing a Peacock Feather Skirt.

The entire exhibit is well done and shows great use of color. Also, it shows the combination of fairy tale and real life. Julie Heffernan: Paintings is a great exhibit to close out the year for Bannister. I

highly recommend the viewing pleasure of Heffernan's paintings to anyone.

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/](http://www.ric.edu/Bannister/) or call 401-456-9765

## Evanesence Returns! Well, sort of...



Amy Lee, the beautiful and talented singer of Evanescence

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The term Evanescence refers to something that quickly disappears. For this rock influenced band from Arkansas, it couldn't be more appropriate. Their major debut CD *Fallen*, which was released in early 2003, did just that. It flew off of the shelves across the country, on route to selling over 40 million copies, and skyrocketing these debut artists into fame. Even today, close to two years from its release, it still remains popular and maintains a decent position on the charts. As for the band itself, they seemed to have also quickly disappeared.

With the exception of Amy Lee's cameo on the song "Broken", which was featured in the motion picture *The Punisher*, not a lot had been heard from these guys. The group was touring nonstop, all across the world, and just didn't have time to do anything new. Seeming to want to capitalize on everything that *Fallen* could bring them, they continued to promote

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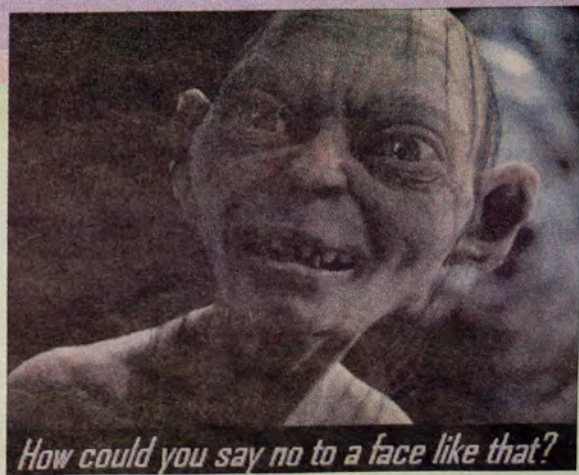
## A Geek's Guide To Watching the Trilogy

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So, you've waited for this moment for over seven years, and it's finally going to happen. You've been telling yourself to wait until it's all over, but now that's it's here, you don't want to blow it right? For fans like myself, the wait is finally over. With the release of *The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King*, Special Extended Edition, fans finally have a chance to watch the trilogy of LOTR, interruption free and the way Peter Jackson intended for it to be viewed.

When it's all said and done, the theatrical versions of these movies accounts for an amazing 9 hours and 17 minutes of footage. While that's no walk in the park, considering the extended versions of the films accounts for over two hours more than that (clocking in at 11 hours, 21 minutes), there's no doubt that it has a lot of added material that really enhances the story and helps bring the world of Tolkien onto the screen in much more detail. If you're not really a big Lord of the Rings fan, you may be asking your-

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How could you say no to a face like that?