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WEEK OF APRIL 26, 1993

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Sumo wrestling was one of the events last week as part of RIC-End.

Infected teen tells of life with AIDS

by John Valerio
Anchor News Editor

"Many people our age seem to think that AIDS is only a problem for gay men or I.V. drug users. A lot of us seem to think that 'If we're not gay or we don't shoot up, it wouldn't happen to us. It couldn't happen to us. So we don't have to protect ourselves.' They're wrong."

According to Henry Nicols, this is why he travels to high schools and colleges speaking about HIV, AIDS and his life. Nicols, 19, was diagnosed as having AIDS two and a half years ago.

Nicols spoke to about 40 people gathered in the Student Union Ballroom last Tuesday afternoon.

He said that people with AIDS don't necessarily look sick. He added that he does the same things as everyone else.

"I swim, fly glider planes, snorkel, scuba dive in the Florida Keys, [and] torture my sisters now that I have gotten bigger than they are. I've hiked over a hundred miles in the Grand Canyon, in 100 degree heat, carrying a 50-pound pack, sleeping under trees and on rocks; where the nearest shower, or even a cold drink, was a two-day hike away." Add to this knee-boarding, karate, and extensive mountain climbing, including the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

He explained that he was a hemophiliac, which means that his body does not produce enough of the protein necessary to clot blood. This means that every time he gets a cut, he needs to receive an infusion of the protein.

"To get enough of the protein that I am missing, the blood companies had to pool the blood of more than 20,000 different

donors... I was exposed to more than 6 million different donors, before we even realized the risk," of contracting the disease, he said.

Nicols noted that he has had close to 350 infusions during his lifetime. In 1985, at the age of 12, one of these infusions infected him with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

That time period, according to Nicols, was a volatile one for children with AIDS. He mentioned Ryan White and the Ray brothers, who all had to fight their communities to be allowed to attend school. The Ray brothers also had their house burned down and their dog was found shot.

"Children with HIV were making national news... terrible things were happening to people with HIV all across the country,"

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Educators speak on school violence

Teachers "don't know what to do"

by Marcella Astudillo
Anchor Staff

A series of recent acts of violence in the public school systems, including one last week in Coventry where a student threatened to shoot a teacher with a pellet rifle, have prompted heated discussions in the classrooms of education majors.

Some students who are considering a career in education are realizing that they may be faced with more than they can handle while standing in front of a classroom.

Education professors on campus

see this recent surface of violence in suburban schools as extremely unfortunate and almost impossible to prepare for.

"School districts don't know what to do" with this situation, said Dr. David E. Nelson, Dean of School of Education and Human Development. Nelson, who had just arrived from a meeting with Cranston school principles on the very same issue, expressed much concern about the situation and referred to it as a problem that there really are no answers for.

"We can't deal with problems that come from home," stated Nelson.

Dr. Mary Alice Grellner, who

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Role of teachers in multi-cultural classroom topic of lecture

To ensure that students who aspire to become successful members of the teaching profession in a changing world, Ira Kincade Blake says that schools of education must offer "first-hand experience in a culturally diverse environment, not just through observation. They must be more sensitive to networking between teachers and families."

Blake, adjunct professor of psychology and education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, will be the speaker on "The Cultural Construction of Language and Learning: Implications for Schooling," on Thursday, April 29 at 4 p.m. in Clark Science 125.

"We must put our personal stamp on cultural diversity... and understand that each child that [we're] teaching comes from a distinctive culture that makes that child who he or she is," she says.

Blake is a specialist in cross-cultural developmental psychology and the education of African American, Hispanic and Native American students.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Committee on Cultural Diversity and Minority Recruitment of the School of Education and Human Development, with funding from the Rhode Island College Committee on Lectures and Films. All the faculty, staff

Support personnel briefed on Hepatitis prevention

Program part of state-wide mandate

by John Valerio
Anchor News Editor

Personnel from the Donovan Dining Center, housekeeping, security and Physical Plant staffs all attended an information session on the prevention of hepatitis B last week.

According to Brian Allen, Director of the Campus Center, the information session was part of a mandatory, state-wide program for agencies with more than 25 employees. He said the program was not in response to a

problem on campus.

Allen said any personnel who come in contact with bodily fluids while working were required to attend. He added that about 470 of the college's employees fell into that category.

According to the national Center for Disease Control (CDC), hepatitis B "is a serious public health problem that affects people of all ages in the United States and around the world. Each year, more than 240,000 persons get hepatitis B in the United States."

The CDC says the hepatitis virus can be contracted through exposure to human blood and through sex. The CDC noted that the virus is not spread through food or water.



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Henry Nicols talks with student Jason Walker after last week's presentation.

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RIC-End Airball

One player makes a sacrificing dive to save the game for his teammates.

Educators speak on school violence

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teaches secondary school-level English, said the situation was a very popular discussion topic in her class lately.

While the topic has fueled lengthy discussion in her

classroom, she said there was very little hope for an effective solution. However, she mentioned that in talking with other teachers, these recent events as rare and "not reflecting the general tone of the schools."

According to Grellner, video games have been discussed by educators as playing a big part

in young people's violent acts. "Video games like Nintendo," said Grellner, "create an unreality about life." In these games, she explained, children shoot down a character and then the character gets right back up again. This, in turn, causes young people to have a fictional idea about the reality of life and death, she said.

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Infected teen tells of life with AIDS

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he said.

Because of this, Nicols' immediate family swore themselves to secrecy and the rest of his family, friends and others in the community did not know he was carrying the disease. To further conceal his disease, his father drove him five hours away to New York City for his treatments.

"For more than five years we lived like this, afraid that someone would discover our secret. As if being infected with this virus was some terrible thing we had done wrong."

Two years ago, his disease took a turn for the worse.

"Over the past ten years, HIV has slowly destroyed my immune system. It got to the point two years ago, when my immune system was so compromised, it could no longer protect me. I got my first opportunistic infection. I was diagnosed as having full-blown AIDS," he said.

"Physically, getting full-blown AIDS wasn't that big a deal. The opportunistic infection that I got was a minor throat infection." One thing that did change was that he now qualified for drug treatment for the disease.

At this point, Nicols decided to use his community service project

as part of the Eagle Scout merit badge to inform people about AIDS and to acknowledge that he had the disease.

In March of 1991, after contacting his school principal, the school committee and other community leaders, Nicols went public with his disease. But unlike the other children who faced public outcries, Nicols' community supported him. This support encouraged him to bring his message to others.

Nicols, whose sister Jennifer travels with him, has made speaking a full time job. "We spend almost all our time traveling around the country, speaking to groups of teenagers, trying to make people our age understand the facts and the risks we are facing," he said.

Nicols presentation ended with a question and answer session. Students asked about drug treatments and contracting the disease, among other things. "There is no such thing as safe sex. Only abstinence is 100 percent safe. If you do make the decision to become or to stay sexually active, you need to practice safer sex," he said.

According to Nicols, 150,000 people have died from AIDS in this country and between one and two million either have AIDS or carry the HIV virus. He said that the rate at which people in the 16-

to 25-year-old age group get AIDS doubles every year.

"AIDS isn't a gay disease. It isn't a drug addict's disease... I did nothing to deserve AIDS. No one ever does. There is no such thing as a guilty or an innocent victim. Nobody could ever deserve AIDS.

"But people are dying anyway. Good people. Smart people. Young people," he said.

Nicols still remains optimistic. "Some days I just feel strong, so alive, that it seems impossible that I could ever die. I want to believe that I am going to live forever."

But, he added, "I can't escape the fact that this disease will probably end my life. AIDS kills people. It will most certainly kill me if I sit back and let it. And maybe, if I fight as long and as hard as I can, it still won't be enough and I'll die anyway."

One question seems to come up everywhere he goes, Nicols said. "What do you want to do before you die?" His answer, he says, has stayed the same since he was a child: to be President of the United States.

In the year 2008, a presidential election year, Nicols will be 35 years old (the minimum age required to run for President).

As he ended his presentation, he smiled, saying "Henry for President in 2008."

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Inquiring Photographer asks...

With the recent violence in public schools, do you think that higher education is preparing teachers for today's society?

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Nicole Lore (junior, Education): No, there should be more education to prepare teachers for possible violence. There should be a class or seminar that deals with classroom discipline.



Melissa Jerrett (sophomore, Elem. Education/Psych): Yes. With guidance and kindness, teachers must learn to be an accessible ear to the students if they feel they cannot talk to their parents.



Cliff Wieland (senior, English): They can't prepare them. What can they do, give a law enforcement class? The problem lies with the parents and the family environment.



Alison Woodman (junior, Elementary Education): They should have classes that prepare teachers for the safety of themselves, and their students.



Ted Lyons (junior, Accounting): No, they should prepare them more with real life situations or seminars on classroom safety.



Rachel Proulx (junior, Psychology): No, they should teach them to treat students with respect and have high expectations for them.

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Saturday, May 22

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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

SENIOR WEEK 1993
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Frank Santos performs as part of RIC-End



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Above: Frank Santos hypnotizes his subjects, making them believe that they are drunk.

Left: Damon Popella loses control of his tongue under Santos' direction.

Below: Two hypnotized subjects have their every move dictated to them.



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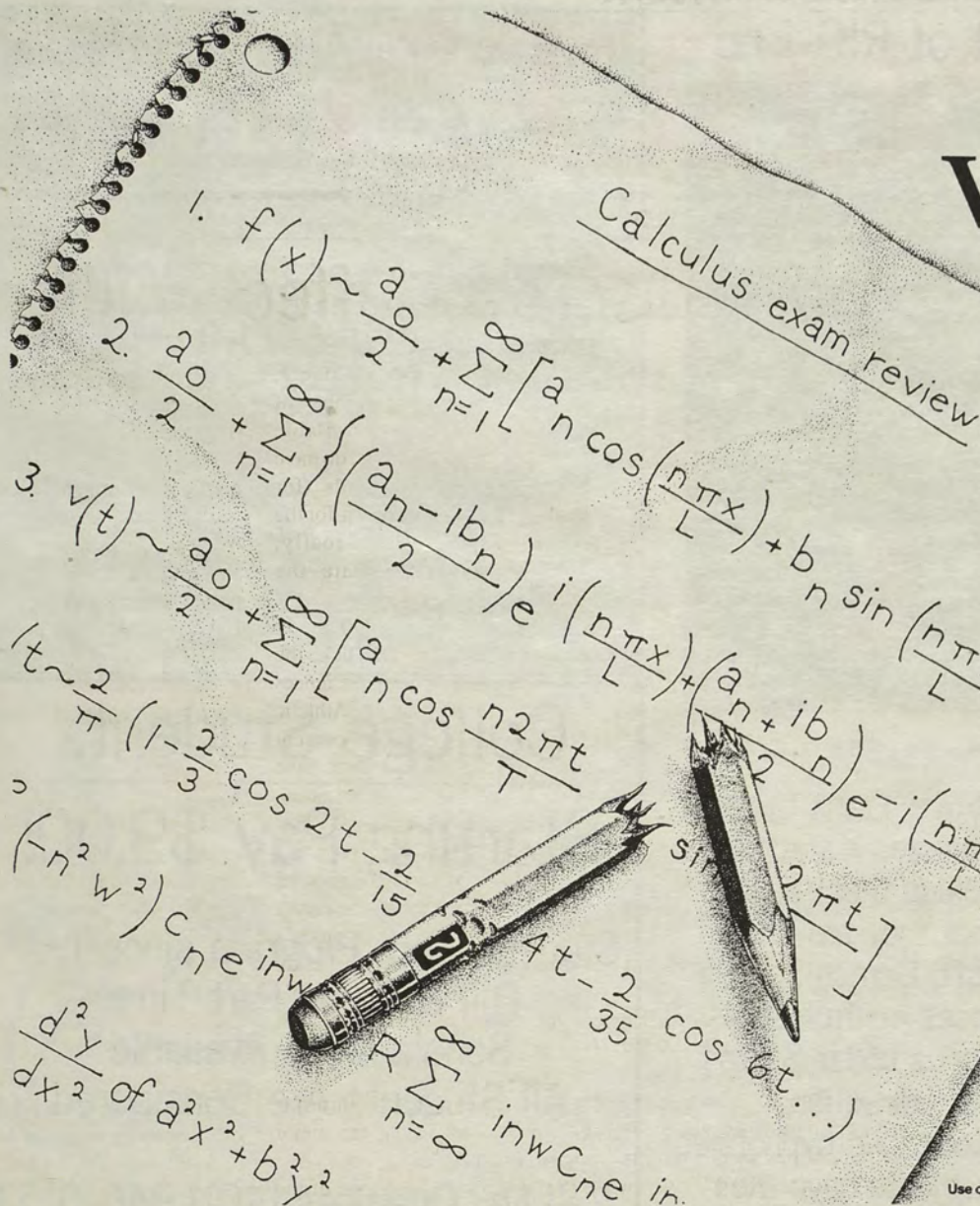
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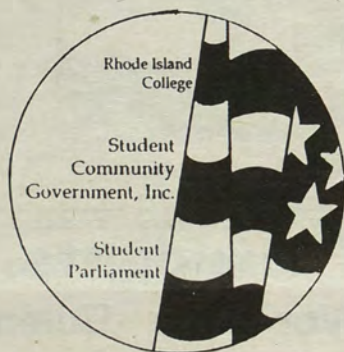
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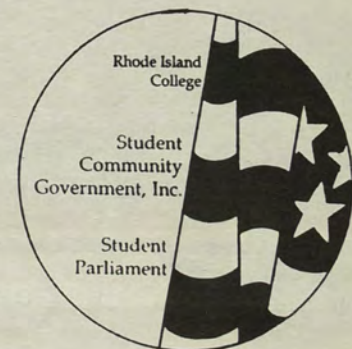


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THE ANCHOR SPORTS

WEEK OF APRIL 26, 1993

Branchaud named captain of men's tennis

by Ed Vaillancourt
Sports Information Desk

Head Men's Tennis Coach Richard Ernst has announced that senior Jacques Branchaud (North Smithfield, RI) has been selected as captain of the 1993 Men's Tennis Team at Rhode Island College.

Branchaud hails from North Smithfield High School where he was honored after his junior year with the team's "Most Improved Player" award as he advanced from the number five to the number three man on the team. His senior season ended with him capturing the "Most Valuable Player" award for the Northmen as he performed as their top rated player.

Branchaud has improved with each passing season for the Anchorwomen at Rhode Island College. His freshmen year (1990) he appeared in only one singles match

and three doubles matches. Moving into the number six seed for the program in 1991 he compiled a 4-6 singles record which combined with an impressive 8-3 doubles showing. Last season in 1992 he captured the Little East Conference Championship title at the number four seeded singles as well as the title at number three doubles. His numbers went 8-4 in singles and 8-2 in doubles competition on the season.

Over the winter, Branchaud experienced a knee injury while skiing. The injury isn't too severe and will only sideline Branchaud from playing singles matches for the first week of the season. Ernst comments "His doubles play shouldn't be effected...he'll (Branchaud) be back playing singles next week."

Branchaud currently seeks a double major in Mathematics and Psychology.

Eating disorders affect millions

Although eating disorders like bulimia and anorexia caught our attention in the 80's, their prevalence is still too high, still claiming lives.

by Amy Reynolds
Generation X Press

(GXP) Self starvation. Binge eating followed by purging. Compulsive eating. Compulsive exercise.

The stories are amazing but true.

One woman, exhibiting signs of compulsive exercising, performed situps in the back seat of car during the entire length of a five hour car trip.

Another, suffering a broken leg, still tried to constantly run in place.

At the University of Florida a few weeks ago, 21-year-old cheerleader Jennifer Hines died in her sleep. Although the medical examiners' report has yet to be filed, authorities in Gainesville believe Hines died from a complication relating to bulimia.

Family and friends say she suffered from eating disorder for years.

Currently, an estimated seven million women and one million men suffer from an eating disorder in the United States alone.

"In this country, eating disorders are still where alcoholism was 40 years ago," says Christopher Athas, vice president of the National Association of anorexia nervosa and Associate Disorders in Highland Park, Ill.

ANAD offers free counseling and information about eating disorders as well as provides information about national support groups and listings of therapists and hospitals that treat eating disorders. The group also promotes research about eating disorders.

"The illness strikes every level of our society from age five to 70, from the rich to the dirt poor, from intelligent people to people who aren't very bright," Athas says.

Several different organizations have put forth the following statistics:

- According to the National Institute for Mental Health, about one percent of adolescent girls develop anorexia nervosa, about 2 to 3 percent develop bulimia and an estimated one in 10 cases leads to death most commonly by starvation or heart attack.

- According to ANAD, an estimated eight million people suffer from an eating disorder. An estimated six percent of the serious cases will die.

- ANAD also estimates that 10 percent of college women suffer from an eating disorder and 11 percent of all high school students suffer from an eating disorder.

- According to the National Center for Health Statistics and

the Centers for Disease Control, no figures about the number of people affected are available because "the numbers we do have don't meet our standards (for validity)," a spokeswoman for the NCHS says. "They really, probably, underestimate the problem."

- According to a 1990 study conducted by Randall Dick, the assistant director of sports sciences for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, "at least 40 percent of NCAA athletic programs have had an athlete with an eating disorder in the last two years (1988-90), primarily in women's sports."

- The same NCAA study showed that 93 percent of all of the eating disorder reports were in women's sports categories. Still, the study emphasized that 11 of 20 men's sports categories reported at least one occurrence of an eating disorder.

That concept-being thin-has been touted as one of the major causes of eating disorders.

Says Athas, "That's one of the reasons I think more women are affected than men. There's this media blizzard that women should look a certain way."

Some signs a person is suffering from anorexia include:

- Refusal to eat except for tiny portions

- Continuous dieting
- Compulsive exercise
- Excessive facial and body hair
- Absent or irregular menstruation

Some signs a person is suffering from bulimia include:

- A preoccupation with food
- Secretive binge eating

- Vomiting after bingeing
- Abuse of diet pills, laxatives, diuretics or emetics

Some psychological signs of any eating disorder include depression, guilt, mood swings, low self esteem, withdrawal, impaired social and family relationships, and perfectionism.

The way to really perceive this illness is that people use (eating) to cope with problems just like they might use drugs and alcohol," Athas says.

According to Boyd Kellett, Infirmary Director at the University of Florida, a continuing cycle of bingeing and purging can have the same effects on the body as the starvation associated with anorexia nervosa.

Dieters who induce vomiting or use laxatives to lose weight are disturbing their bodies' balance of hormones and chemicals, he says.

Perhaps the only good news about eating disorders is that they can be cured.

Athas says the biggest step in curing someone is getting her to admit she has a problem, similar to the way alcoholics need to recognize their problem before it can be treated.

The rehabilitation process usually involves counseling, support groups and medical attention.

ANAD is also available to help-it offers a hotline service for people seeking both help and information. The phone number is 708-831-3438. Or, you can write to ANAD at Box 7, Highland Park, IL, 60035.

Editor's Note: Fonda Berosini and Dana Heiss of the Independent Florida Alligator contributed to this story.

The RIC Round-Up

by Cassie Toshack
Sports Information Desk

Women's Softball (2-6)

The only games of the week were two games against the Huskies of the University of Southern Maine. Unfortunately, the Anchorwomen suffered two losses during this double-header with scores of 1-11 and 7-12. Heather Skorski scored the only run in the first game for the Anchorwomen.

In the second game, the women's softball team rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning and managed to score five runs. Newcomer Cheri Almeida had a single and two RBI's, while Sophomore Beth Breslin also played well, adding an RBI and a stolen base.

Men's Baseball (3-3)

The men's baseball team went 1-1 this week with a win over Roger Williams University by a score of 14-7. Leadoff batter John Bouley had two hits and three RBI's. During the only other competition of the week, the Anchorwomen lost to Salem State College by the score of 1-5. Starting pitcher Ron Caprano kept the game within reach, but the Anchorwomen were unable to figure out Salem State's top pitcher as they scattered only three hits over nine innings.

Men's Tennis (7-1)

The men's tennis team compiled a 2-1 week, but their only loss ended their seven-game winning streak. This loss was to the Panthers of Plymouth State College by a score of 3-6.

Athletes participate in youth reading program

A campaign to promote positive experiences for all youngsters participating in youth sports has been taking place throughout Rhode Island during the month of April.

This campaign - Winning Ways with Young Athletes - is being coordinated by the Rhode Island Chapter, National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse and the Family and Children Trust Fund.

This past Wednesday a Rhode Island College Wrestling team member participated in a story hour

at the Mt. Pleasant Library. On Thursday a baseball team member lead story hour by reading and singing songs to the children at Wanskuck Library, as well as inviting them to one of the games.

Winning Ways with Young Athletes encourages athletic competition in which children learn cooperation, develop skills and

feel proud of their personal accomplishments. For most kids, sports provide a positive outlet for the abundance of energy which is the hallmark of youth.



Sports this week...

Men's and Women's Track and Field

Sat. May 1 @ Brown University 10:00 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Wed. April 28, ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY 3:30 p.m.

Thu. April 29, BRYANT COLLEGE 3:00 p.m.

Sat. May 1, Little East Conference Championships @ U. Mass Dartmouth 1:00 p.m.

Women's Softball

Mon. April 26, Worcester State College* 3:30 p.m.

Tue. April 27, RIAIAW All Star Game 4:00 p.m.

Sat. May 1, Salem State College* 1:00 p.m.

Men's Baseball

Wed. April 28 @ Framingham State University 3:30 p.m.

Thu. April 29, NICHOLS COLLEGE 3:30 p.m.

Sat. May 1, ALBERTUS MAGNUS* 1 p.m.

Men's Rugby

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Oven Brown Potatoes	Fried Clams	Meatballs	Oven RSTD Red Potatc		
RIC Chicken	Grilled Cheese	French Dip	Taco Bar		

Higher education needs to evaluate how it prepares tomorrow's teachers

The recent acts of violence at local schools should prompt a closer look at how higher education is preparing tomorrow's teachers.

Editorial

These problems, ever present in inner city schools, are now becoming more prevalent to suburban schools

While the violent acts are making headlines, the real problems with today's teens may rest with the family (or lack thereof). Many high school students have grown up in single parent households, where often times there is a lack of discipline. While the school systems cannot be expected to be surrogate families, teachers must be able to identify with students from a variety of family backgrounds.

Teachers must now also be able

to interact with students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds as well. In some of the Providence area high schools, as many six languages are prevalent among the student body (often times, many more). Teachers need to be able to understand their students cultural background in order to effectively communicate with them.

On Thursday of this week, Dr. Ira Kincade Blake will speak on "The Cultural Construction of Language and Learning: Implications for Schooling," in Clark Science, 125, at 4 p.m.

Dr. Blake has said the teachers must "understand that each child that [we're] teaching comes from a distinctive culture that makes that child who he or she is."

It is only through understanding will tomorrow's teachers be able to effectively teach an ever changing and diverse student population.

Dark Humor's special editorial version! by Al Gunther

HEY JANE, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE NEW BILL CLINTON BICYCLE?

NO. WHAT'S UP?

IT ONLY BACK-PEDALS!

How FITTING!

Issue of gays cannot be explained by "scientific facts"

Editor,

In the previous two editions of the *Anchor*, Emmett Glenn has discussed what he sees as simple issues that get debated over too much. He says that such complex issues as abortion, gun control, and most extensively, gays in the military can be solved if we only

look at the "simple scientific facts."

Are these "simple scientific facts" really simple, really scientific, and really facts? Let's not forget some of the "simple scientific facts" we have learned before:

Remember the Nazis? They did tests, conducted studies, performed

experiments, did chemical analysis and even biopsies, and do you know what their science told them? You guessed it, that it was a "simple scientific fact" that the Jews were inferior and thus should be eliminated as a race.

Remember the American Depression? Oddly enough, when American citizens were dirt poor and fiercely competing for the few jobs available, "simple scientific facts" emerged again. These facts were based on I.Q. tests and other evidence. And wouldn't you know that the immigrants who were competing for jobs were then told that they couldn't come to our country because they were inferior? After all it was a "simple scientific fact"!

How about racism? It was "proven" by scientist for decades that African-Americans were a scientifically inferior race. They measured foreheads, cranial capacity, noses and feet. They conducted extremely biased intelligence tests and performed sociological tests. What did these results show? By now you guessed it, that "simple scientific fact" clearly indicated that African-Americans were an inherently lesser race and deserved the discrimination that they were under.

Now Mr. Glenn tells us of new "simple scientific fact"? Don't buy it for a second! Science can't answer questions that deal with the souls of women and men. The issues of gays in the military is a complex issue, but let's examine the right of citizens to protect and defend that which they hold dear. A gay life on the battlefield is as valuable to our country as a straight life. Abortion is a scientific process but the decisions cannot be made by science. Abortion is an individual decision that has an effect on everyone involved and to say it is a simple one is to make a tremendous and mistaken assumption. Mr. Glenn concedes that the right to bear arms has nothing to do with science, calling

into question why it was included in his article in the first place.

In conclusion, I think it is necessary for our college community to question simple solutions, investigate our past, and take an active part in our future. Let's not blindly follow what is given to us fact. And most of all, let's raise our voices when articles like Mr. Glenn's oppose what we believe to be right.

Sean P. Wheeler
Class of '95

Editor's Note: Mr. Glenn responds: "Mr. Wheeler's comments pertaining to my 'scientific' approach to many of today's societal ills were well-received. It is indeed true that issues about gays, guns, abortion, and others certainly do not warrant a "simple scientific fact" analysis. In a society (or civilization or era or epoch) such as the one in which we live, no analysis is simple. It is a shame that humans have taken the subject of science and shrouded it in emotionalism to suit selfish purposes. If a truly scientific analysis had been made, there

would have been no room for subjective interpretation in studies of African-Americans, Jews and gays. Scientific simplicity is only as simple as its criteria. Although my approach is certainly dangerous in the hands of those whose intentions are "evil," it does have its merits: Since Robert Hooke coined the term "cell" in 1665, and Matthias Schleiden described how all plants are composed of individual cells in 1838, and Theodor Schwann found that cells were the basis of all animal tissue as well, it did not take long for scientists like Louis Pasteur to demonstrate conclusively that all cells, even the smallest bacteria, are the product of cells, leading inevitably to the conclusion that the origin of life has its basis in the cell. With such a simple and humble beginning, one cannot help but observe how all of society's woes and all its complex issues are a recent by-product of civilization. Although this theory does not directly address issues derivative of man's adaptation toward emotionalism, it does level the field: all living creatures really are created equal—it's a simple scientific fact!"

'Cartoon of the crucified Easter bunny very offensive and insulting'

Editor,

As a Christian, I found your cartoon of the crucified Easter bunny very offensive and insulting (April 12, 1993; entertainment section).

I think I have a good sense of humor and I strongly believe in freedom of the press. I spent most of my life in a country where this right was denied by the government. At the same time, I also believe that we should not make fun of religious ideas or religious symbols. I consider the headline "He is risen" over the

picture of Mr. Nazarian quite offensive as well.

I would presume that the majority of students, faculty members and other employees of our school are Christians. I would further presume that they too were offended by these items. These days we talk a lot about the rights of minorities. We should also be concerned with the rights and feelings of the majority... even if most of them are silent.

Sincerely,
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Guns serve one cause: To put a bullet in a person's head

by Robert J. Warren
Generation X Press

No one buys a handgun unless he plans at some point to put a hole in somebody's head.

Oh no, people claim, we buy guns for protection.

Well, a gun certainly cannot be used in place of a condom, so protection means putting a bullet inside somebody else's body.

It takes a lot of intestinal fortitude to spill the intestines of someone else. I don't think most gun owners really plan to shoot someone.

They get a gun with that same reckless abandon that people who buy baby alligators possess, not realizing that there is a dormant dangerousness just waiting to grow.

My ex-stepfather had guns. Lots of guns. He said they were for protection because he was a business owner, et al.

I always kept it in my mind that he was a gun owner. I never sneaked into the house late at night. I would rather blatantly enter at 4 a.m. and get chewed out for curfew violations than sneak in and

get snuffed by the family .45.

His son forgot his key and tried sneaking in once. He was not in trouble or anything, but he just did not want to wake the folks.

He woke the dog. The dog woke the folks. Still in a sleeping daze, the stepfather saw a dark figure at the sliding glass door. He reached for his gun, but it was across the room.

He charged the door, but the dark figure didn't move. Before he could get his gun, his son identified himself.

If the figure had been an escaped serial murderer, the stepfather would have been dead. If he had had his gun immediately handy, thus able to fend off the homicidal shadow, his son would have been dead.

Everyone, get a gun today.

Your family needs it.

If the father doesn't get the kids, they might just do it themselves. Better yet, they will probably shoot their friends.

Hey, Mr. T. shoots at the bad guys and nobody dies. Why not pop Billy? Dad said don't play with the gun, but he also said don't play with Fido's food, and we all know how much fun that is.

So there we are, one dead Billy, one emotionally shredded child with a smoking gun, a father who wishes he never had purchased that panacea for societal fear, and a horde of murderous bad guys unscathed.

Clint Eastwood may be fun, but the Wild West is over and we need to get wise to that fact. It is easier to get a gun than a driver's license, although both are pretty dangerous in the wrong hands.

I would never suggest that guns

They get a gun with that same reckless abandon that people who buy baby alligators possess, not realizing that there is a dormant dangerousness just waiting to grow.

The only practical use I can think of for an AK-47 is to mow down a schoolyard full of children, or a McDonald's full of people. However, I am told, they should not be banned because everyone has a right to bear arms, and there is a macho redneck contingent that likes to collect paramilitary weapons.

Fine.

I could use a hobby.

I think I will collect Stinger ground to air missiles. Better yet, I wouldn't mind developing my own nuclear arsenal. How historic. I could start with the simple Atom Bomb, circa 1945, and move up through the years to a fine Polaris.

be made unavailable to the public. I support everyone's right to get drunk and angry and shoot it out in a bar. I am just saying that you should not be able to buy a gun while drunk and angry and on the way to shoot it out in a bar.

To own a gun, a person should have to wait until his background has been thoroughly checked. Things like past armed robbery convictions or a belief that a person is the anti-Christ here to start Armageddon should exclude someone from being the proud owner of a gun or two.

Gun owners should be held responsible, within reason, for what-

ever happens if the trigger of that new toy gets pulled, no matter who pulled it, including the kids.

A gun should be treated as a big responsibility, not a frivolous privilege.

Owners should have to take a stringent training class that teaches them that the weapon they are purchasing is produced solely for the purpose of putting a hole in another person's head.

Do not buy it if you are unable to do so. Be very careful with it if you are.

The class should also teach potential gun owners how to avoid their own heads, as well as the noggins of friends, family and innocent passersby.

Better yet, the class should teach them that if they pull a gun on a criminal, they are just as likely to be shot by that gun as to nail the bad guy.

All gun salesmen should be required to tell prospective customers that their money could be better spent on a Nintendo.

A video game is cheaper, a better way to interact with the family and allows one to shoot all the bad guys a male ego could desire without the guilt or mess.

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A profile of America's "anti-hero" generation

by Pat Kelly
Anchor Staff

It is 1993, and Superman is dead. Yes, that man of steel who was able to leap tall buildings in a single bound as well as perform other inhuman feats of strength; the man who was more powerful than the local police force in the fight to stop crime; the man who was honored by his entire community and in turn won the admiration of a generation of young people in the U.S.; Superman, a beloved American hero, has passed away.

Perhaps if this tragedy had taken place 30 or 40 years ago, the nation would be mourning the loss of this animated role model of its youth. However, it is 1993 and no one is weeping.

Today's young people have a variety of fictitious heroes. In many instances, these figures are already dead and therefore cannot be killed (at least permanently). "Freddy" from the *Nightmare on Elm Street* saga is one such hero. "Jason" from the *Friday the 13th* series is another. Basically, their acts of murder and violence are admired as long as they are performed creatively, and the perpetrator maintains his "hip" persona. In the world of entertainment, a strange twist of values seems to have taken place. It appears that the traditional im-

age of the "villain" has been reversed in cast positioning.

In effect, people my age and younger are part of a unique generation of "anti-heroes."

Those of us who were born in the U.S. during the '70s or late '60s were never exposed to a trustworthy establishment. We never experienced the disillusionment and betrayal felt by those who watched as the Kennedys and Martin Luther King, Jr. were shot, and we were too young to be alarmed by the Watergate hearings. We were taking our first steps at a time when corruption was constantly being revealed to the public. In turn, older folks were beginning to lose their faith in the system, though our generation was not the least bit dismayed. We never had the faith to lose. We were witnesses to the fact that so many of the role models of our parents--the politicians, business persons, doctors, lawyers, police, and religious leaders--were actually some of the most corrupt individuals in our society. Therefore, it should not be surprising that we reached out to other sources for guidance, nor that we developed an enormous sense of mistrust and resentment for authority.

The social group which serves as the prime target for our anger is the baby boomers. When they were younger, they dared to grow their

hair long and challenge authority. However, as they grew older and became parts of the machine, they let their greed pave the way for them.

They lived it up when they were younger, yet during the '80's, they turned around and preached conservation to us. At the same time, they had the nerve to imply that "we owed them" because they were

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responsible for winning many of our civil rights. We face constant criticism for our reluctance to become active in our political communities. Perhaps this is the foremost distinguishing factor that sets us apart from previous generations. The fact that the baby boomers cared enough to protest many of the government's injustices indicates that although they were angered by the establishment, they had never stopped believing that their efforts to change their world

could make a difference.

We, on the other hand, have an inner sense of hopelessness. Perhaps this may be one of the reasons why our heroes are those who "beat the system."

A common trait that many of today's motion picture and television criminals share is a keen sense of awareness and the ability to deceive. The serial killer, whether fictitious or real, is often an individual who derives the most pleasure from his/her actions when "outsmarting" investigators and paralyzing communities with fear. Most often, this person has these "accomplishments." This distorted way of thinking is in no way discouraged by the media, which consistently portrays these sociopaths as celebrities, playing upon our youth's fascination with such individuals.

Time/Life Books has recently released a series focusing upon the nation's most notorious serial killers. A board game based upon this theme is in distribution, and now there are even serial killer trading cards. A sharp contrast to the baseball cards of thirty years ago, when baseball players were looked upon as role models, and our friend Superman was in his glory. However, as any yuppie business man (or woman) will inform you, the supply must increase if there is a high demand, and we don't need

Pavlov to remind us that rewarded behavior is imitated. So, as violence is becoming a profitable market, it is also being promoted as the "in" thing. Meanwhile, our prisons are overcrowded, and now schoolteachers outside the inner city are considering wearing bulletproof vests to class.

Many sociologists suggest that reinstating the value of the traditional American family will turn this situation around. They theorize that this will break the cycle of poverty which has caused so many children to be neglected, and they claim that the presence of the father in the family unit as a role model for young males will prevent young people from feeling "detached" and desensitized. Moreover, there are many individuals that would like to see Superman resurrected.

Personally, I feel that there is little that can be done to restore people's faith in the system. Trying to move backwards by placing the blindfold back over the eyes of the public will only worsen the situation.

I cannot pose any solution to the problems of my generation, yet I do have one suggestion. Please, don't give us anymore "heroes." It is 1993 and we can accept our role models for what they are.

Superman is dead. Let him rest in peace.

Gun control: an owner's point of view

by Bob Neilson
Anchor Editor

I did not purchase my weapons to kill someone.

I also believe that 90 percent of gun owners did not purchase their weapons to kill people. I consider gun owners to be people who have legally purchased their weapons, not the gun-toting criminals out to rob and kill.

As for the idea of a background check, it is already in existence in parts of the country. Rhode Island and Delaware have a mandatory seven-day waiting period with a background check. States such as Connecticut have a seven-day "cooling off" period for gun purchasers. Connecticut also requires the gun purchaser to have a hunting license or a federal firearm license.

Being an owner of guns, I support the National Rifle Association. The N.R.A. is not a

bunch of gun-toting rednecks who want weapons to be available to everyone. The N.R.A. does not want a ban placed on hunting weaponry or collectible weapons.

If I want to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or .22 caliber weapon I should have the right to do so. The state legislature of Rhode Island is considering banning any clip capable of holding more than twenty rounds of ammunition. If this passes, I could be arrested for using my thirty-round ammunition clip at the range this summer. This will hurt target shooters such as myself who like to sit and shoot off numerous rounds without having to reload every thirty seconds.

The federal government seems to have some new law trying to get passed that is utterly ridiculous. Senator Chaffee wanted to recall all handguns and give the owner

ten dollars a gun. I know someone who owns a three-hundred dollar handgun who said he would not give up his gun. The government seems to be trying to put all these stupid bans on our constitutional right to bear arms.

The media portrays guns as being useless and used by criminals exclusively. The media rarely cover sanctioned shooting events. These events are held about six times a year in this state alone and attract shooters from all around the region and are very competitive.

Shooting is a fun and relaxing hobby for the shooting enthusiast. The person, such as myself and many other gun owners, who sees the government trying to ban guns and the anti-gunners looking for government support, really gets upset. The people who fight for gun rights are the legal gun owners who do not want to see their sport exterminated.

The government should crack down on the illegal weapon sales and drug selling instead of hassling the legal gun owners.

The "code of honor" at Dartmouth High School

by Todd Gaskell
and Emmett Glenn
Anchor Staff

This is a message to the three boys who killed 16-year-old Jason Robinson. Jason was an innocent victim of a senseless murder at Dartmouth High School recently. The three boys indicted in the murder have acknowledged no sense of remorse, claiming the incident stemmed from an argument they had the night before with a classmate in Jason's Social Studies class. Jason is dead, and the Code of Honor which caused his death is still in effect.

To the Heroes of Dartmouth High:

So Jason Robinson is dead. Well. Undoubtedly you felt your honor was compromised by this boy. Only one course of action was available to you, and you did what you had to do. And we commend you for it.

Most people, however, will not see it this way. They'll call you murderers and destroyers of innocence. Don't be afraid. They don't understand honor the way we do.

Honor. It's a fragile thing. It is

as delicate as a fine china vase.

Honor. It cannot be redeemed with mere words or by peaceful means.

You are people generously gifted with this higher sense of honor. Never allow others to force you to cower ashamedly. Walk proudly, with honor.

You did what you knew you had an obligation to do. Jason Robinson made you angry. Remaining the consummate in calm rationalism, you knifed him in front of an entire classroom of young students. But what else could you have done? You had your honor to think about.

It is refreshing to know that there are still youngsters who believe in a Code of Honor. These are chaotic times, and we are in desperate need for those who can display the courage and clear-mindedness needed to lead our country into the 21st century.

The three youths responsible for the death of young Jason Robinson acted in accordance to a code of honor that too many of us refuse to recognize. Our continual ignorance will only perpetuate its horrifying consequences: the loss of innocent lives.

**Bob
Neilson**

Commentary

Seniors: The Anchor needs you

**We need pictures and written reflections of how
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to one or all of your
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What are we talking
about?

Here's the scoop: For the first time, The Anchor is publishing a color Commencement Day Magazine. It will include reflections from seniors, a look back at the events at RIC and around the world that shaped the last 4 (or so) years and all kinds of other fun stuff.

Now for the cool part: every graduate at the commencement ceremonies will get one absolutely free! That's right, available right there, on the spot, for the bubble! So what are you waiting for? Get us your pictures, funny stories, and other tidbits today!

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