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Forum looks at education, G.E.'s environmental record

by Tim MacDonald Contributing Writer

Dr. Clifford Smith, president of the General Electric Foundation, spoke at a Contempo­ rary Forum on Nov. 4. The forum was spon­ sored by the Schools of Engineering and Sci­ ence and Mathematics. Smith has held a number of impressive titles, including director of nuclear science and engineering at Or­ egon State University and chancellor at the University of Connecticut. He was also awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Smith's lecture focused on education in America: what's wrong with it and what needs to be done about it.

He began by present­ing the idea that the U.S., as a nation, is "involved in a global economy" and "the world is our market." He said that this is the "essence of free trade," and what it eventually comes down to is sheer competition. "It's their work force against our work force."

In a Ross Perot comment, Smith said that Americans must manufacture the best stuff in the world; people in other coun­ tries won't buy it unless it is. Smith said Americans need to work "harder and smarter." Explaining that com­ petition is "keen" today, Smith used General Motors as an example of how a strong, estab­ lished company can lose everything to a few miscalculations about this worldwide financial market.

Smith had several dis­ tant statistics to present. Tested in physics, 13 year old students from the U.S. ranked last among 13 countries. Also, the top 13 percent of the U.S.'s 17 year olds, when tested in algebra, scored lower than the top 50 percent of their peers in Hungary.

Smith expressed concern at the graduate school level as well. In 1990, five thousand PhDs were awarded in engineering. Fifty two percent of those went to foreign nationals. Eighty percent were awarded to women, less than one percent to Hispanics and not even three-quarters of one percent to blacks.

Smith explained that G.E. cares about these statistics because "we compete world­ wide in 13 diverse businesses." The company hires two thousand young people each year, 75 percent of whom are in the technical fields.

They need "edu­ cated, adaptable people ready to step into these positions. They need good minds, and if G.E. can't find those minds here, they will be looking in other countries for them."

Smith said G.E. already draws resources from China, India, France and Japan.

Citing the statisti­ c that by the year 2000, only 57 percent of the work force will be comprised of white males, Smith said that the country needs to use the skills of all citizens, regardless of sex and color. He said that the U.S. needs to be serious about im­ proving its math and science education, and creating global aware­ ness in student's minds.

He mentioned that R.W.U., which holds stock in G.E., is an in­ stitution which is finding itself at the right place at the right time to help with these goals.

The problems in these schools, he said, were many. Too many children enter school without adequate, or any, preparation by their parents. Many are in poor health, mal­ nourished or possess behavioral problems.

There are far too many drop-outs, and the ones who graduate do so without a solid base in math, science, and English. He mentioned the commonly known fact that some people actually graduating from high school are functionally illiterates.

In figuring what might be done to help U.S. schools, Smith dipped into memory and used his own schooling as an example.

He grew up and was educated in Wash­ ington, D.C., when it was completely segre­ gated. Seventy-five percent of his graduat­ ing class went on to college. He mentioned various Ivy League schools, MIT and West Point. He added that students were taught from "mixed economic backgrounds."

"The key things, Smith believes, in the successful education of those days, were the high expectations, the demands for excellence from both students and teachers, the support of parents, and the affordability of higher education."

Young people then were regularly told that anyone could achieve whatever one wants, regardless background or color. With hard work, the doors would open. They were told that they could com­ pete with anyone, and nothing less than their very best would suffice.

There was a full curriculum in math and science, the dress code and discipline were rigid, and paren­ tal support was con­ stant. Smith said it was very different to complain about one's teachers then, because they also were backed strongly by parents. Teachers were viewed as "the next to God" in importance and re­ spect.

Another major difference between then and now was that many state universities were tuition-free, or had very low tuition, and were open to students with a C average or above. The encouragement held true: nothing barred a determined student from success.

Smith feels that the country must, as a nation, work to instill self-esteem in children. If demand the best from them, adhere to a solid academic curriculum and lend strong support. Specifying that this view is a personal one and not representa­ tive of G.E., Smith said he also thinks that the government should guarantee the availability of higher educa­ tion to students with good academic perfor­ mances. He referred to Bill Clinton's proposal of student loans in re­ turn for government service. In removing the financial obstacle, only a student's effort and perseverance would keep him from getting an education and a good job.

Smith closed his remarks by reminding the audience of what needs to be done as well as what G.E. and other international compa­ nies are looking for. They need women and minorities. They need technically trained personnel. Young people should be prepared to be assigned outside of this country. That preparation in­ cludes global educa­ tion, foreign language skills and instruction.

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How RWU Voted

The following information was taken from a mock election held at RWU shortly before the election.

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Also receiving votes in the election were humorist P.J. O'Rourke (one vote), musician/activist Frank Zappa (one vote) and Student Senator Renny Ash (one vote). (Ash, who provided the information to The Messenger swears he did not vote for himself.)

The following is a breakdown of how many in each class voted.

675 Freshmen
79 Sophomores
80 Juniors
120 Seniors

Also, 15 faculty and staff members voted, giving a total of 399 people who voted in the election.

Democrat Bill Clinton won the national election on November 3. He will be inaugurated in January.

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Executive review of Bram Stoker's Dracula

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Smith gives his outline for education reform in forum

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in ethics.

The students of the U.S., the "future," must be located, educated, and mentored. The primary and secondary schools need to be restructured.

He said, "I think we need to reaffirm the importance of education and high aspirations."

Smith stated that the U.S. has the resources to compete in the world market, and win. But only if the country begins to act, and not just talk. The country must recognize the "priority of education for [its] future" - all youth, regardless of race of sex.

The first question put to Dr. Smith was presented by Stephen Medeiros, an RUW senior and the president of the Environmental Action Club. Klosen's question was centered around information gleaned from Deadly Deception, an award-winning film put out by the grass-roots group Infact. Klosen agreed that education is very important. He said that environmental concern is also needed for the U.S. to be able to compete in the global economy.

Klosen invited Smith to comment on the information presented in the video, which includes events of G.E. as one of the biggest lobbyists in Washington for the promotion of nuclear weapons, and also notes the company's place as first on the E.P.A.'s list of Superfund Toxic Waste Sites.

Two of these sites are at the Hanford Nuclear Weapons Reservation in Washington, and at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in upstate New York. Klosen asked if at these sites G.E. "knowingly exposed its employees, the neighboring towns, and the environment to extreme amounts of radiation and asbestos poisoning."

Klosen made the accusation that G.E. "refuses to acknowledge this or take responsibility." He mentioned the Infact-sponsored boycott of G.E. products in 1982 as an example of a boycott that defends this country has G.E. behind it, a fact the company is proud to recall.

In reference to the mismanagement of toxic waste, Smith explained that the Hanford site was built barely during the war to provide a quick fix for a weapons demand. He admitted that there were radioactive spills at that site, but went on to say that there were spills in the Savannah River by DuPont, and that Union Carbide has produced other spills.

Mentioning that G.E. has viewed Infact's film, Smith said that it "tackles a few facts and exaggerates them, to make G.E. are "the bad guys." He said the film won an award not for its accuracy, but for its artistry. Again referring to the U.S. defense industries, Smith said that there were G.E. engines and turbines in the planes and ships in the Gulf War, and "We're a very proud company and we'll continue to serve our country as long as they need us."

After saying "I'm very proud to be a G.E. employee," Smith closed his response to Klosen's question by conceding that the environmental question comes up "almost everywhere you go."

Another member of the audience returned the focus to education when he asked Smith if he felt that the country was ready to make the sacrifices necessary to correct its problems.

Smith responded that the country is capable of reaching great heights if it has good leadership. He said the president needs to address the issues, and the concern will "filter down" to the general population. However, he said he feels that the country will have to find itself in an emergency situation before it will act.

Another question addressed the financial obstacles to change. An audience member noted that people like to hold onto their money, and resist paying higher taxes, even for a positive reason.

Smith again referred to Perot and Clinton, agreeing with their ideas that the country is just going to have to make some sacrifices. He said this country must do that, and make use of its "incredible amount of human resources, human capital," which are "being wasted here," to stay ahead of the Germans and the Japanese.

When the questioner stated that it seemed neither of them felt the country had "bottomed out" enough for action yet, Smith responded that he didn't know about that. He said he was optimistic when President George Bush was elected, and then let down, but now with President-Elect Clinton, he is optimistic again.
We remember Nancy, does she resign administration?

When the administration announced that the school would not have a memorial plaque to honor the late Dr. Nancy Harlow, people who donated to her memorial fund asked, "Why?"

The RWU beautification committee, headed by Executive President Robert McKenna, explained that they do not want the campus to look like a cemetery. There is a plaque by a tree in front of the Student Union honoring the late Douglas J. Maronee. The committee doesn't want a whole bunch of trees around the school.

Answer this: what is more beautiful then remembering the contributions of a faculty member? Harlow was a dedicated teacher for 20 years, winning the hearts of students and faculty alike. She also founded the film department here at the school.

The faculty and students have already planted a tree in her honor. Without the plaque, this tree becomes just another tree.

(Incidentally, the money has already been raised for the plaque. Where is this money? Hopefully, it's not in the ditch out front.)

This debacle is frightening. Obviously, McKenna and his committee members have already forgotten a person who spent 40 years of her life trying to make a difference in this school. This is the thanks she gets for her hard work? This hardly suffices. Mr. McKenna. Hope you don't mind us forgetting who you are when you die.

It is disheartening to see people who work so hard to make a difference in students' lives get treated like trash by an administration who, as they have proven consistently, is more concerned with their wallets than common courtesy and human dignity.

Student Senator Greg Casey has written a letter to the beautification committee asking that they put up a plaque. Let's take it one step further. Let's name the Student Union after Dr. Nancy Harlow. Let's show the administration that we care about the people who teach us, even if they don't. Let's make sure that the faculty at RWU gets the respect they deserve.

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A letter from the editor

To the readers:

Oh, if you only knew how glad I was when that damn election ended. I'm so sick of politics that I'm glad I get four years off before having to face the prospect of Dan Quayle running for president.

Now, Bill "Bubba" Clinton is the first Democrat in the nation's highest office (no pun intended) since Ronald Reagan had his "revolution" in 1980. Is he going to bring about the miraculous change that this country needs so badly?

I don't know. I don't think he could be as bad as Bush (I can see the College Republicans cringe). Then again, this government we're talking about, so maybe Bill can find a new and special way to screw things up. We'll see. In his honor, I think we should all light up a joint, but not inhale.

Next, I'd like to thank everyone who has written in to The Messenger. In just two issues, we have received some well-written and fiercely opinionated letters. I like controversy, so you can tell how elated I've been this past weekend.

Right now, I'd like to silence a rumor that has been spreading around campus. A lot of people have been coming up to me and saying, "Is it true that you're resigning as editor?"

Rumors go around campus regularly. In my case, however, it's not a rumor. After the November 23 issue of The Messenger, I will be stepping down as managing editor. Copy Editor Sean Lewis will be taking over the helm for the December 8 issue.

I am not ending my work for the newspaper. I will still do layout and ad design for the paper, because it's fun. I will still do articles. Probably just theater reviews, since we've been largely ignoring the Performing Arts Center for the past year. And I'll still do Lunchtime. Just to aggravate all those people who just don't understand the performing arts.

Since I'm dealing with my "retirement" in this issue rather than the next, I'll spare you a prolonged good-bye two issues in a row and thank some people now.

First, I'd like to thank the staff for doing a good job. I wish there were more people on the staff, but such is life.

I'd especially like to thank the photography staff (Sarah, Cindy and Mark) for their eternal patience. The photo delays are almost over, I promise!

I'd also like to thank Chuck and Lisa for the great job in the business end of things. I don't know. I can't even add that well.

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The reason why I'm stepping down is long and complex, so I'll spare you the gory details. It has nothing to do with Mario Gabelli becoming a trustee. Let's just say it has distracted me from my school work, as well as my secret life as a crime-fighting superhero.

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We are writing in concern of the Senate Report in the last issue of *The Messenger*. Senator Blayney Norton was quoted out of context and was quoted correctly, there would be an explanation of what she was responding to, and she should have been fully quoted. What was written in the article from Senator Blayney Norton's quote was put together in a manner to make her look bad.

Christine’s reporting tactics were poor in this situation. She does not appreciate a cheap shot. She was responding to a number of different comments brought up in a heated debate, and what was printed and what she really said are two totally different things. It is not fair to use only portions of senators’ comments that are taken from debated debates. It does no justice to the individual and it will work as a deterrent for senators speaking their minds in meetings. It would be appreciated if these comments were an retraction was written by Christine in the next issue.

Sincerely,

T. Blayney Norton
Robert Douglas Eigen
Dania Knel
Erin Demtrjan
Justin R. Reyher
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Michael Del Sesto
Jennifer E. Samolyk

Student responds to comment

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Chancellor and Founding Father Phi Tau Chapter RWU

Other reactions

Senator Greg Casey: The fact that only a few senators sign it (the letter) says it all. 1, for instance, was never approached with the letter because it seemed to I stand. This shows clear division in the Senate and until the meeting on Nov. 2, most senators had no idea there was a letter. This was a weak attempt by the select few to give the impression that it is the idea of the whole Senate.

Senator Cathy Barrett: Thinking of myself as the cause of the debate of the Bayroom, I was quite surprised at the re¬actions from my fellow Senators. When we were in debate, it seemed as though the Senate became anti-student and pro-self for just a fleeting moment. I think the reason for the reaction was because the senators were taken off-guard and felt their integritv was being judged. However, Blayney did say what she said and was not taken out of context. Her reaction was the most devastating reaction. I think deep down inside she did not mean it in such a demeaning way.

Senator Peter Mesich: Although Blayney was quoted correctly, I’m sure she didn’t mean it.

Wake up to the Wr epitopes of the 90s, not Animal House

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To the readers:

While we believe Senator Norton did not mean the quote the way she said it, the fact of the matter is the quote was said during an open meeting of the Senate during which anything said can be quoted and held up to scrutiny by not only *The Messenger*, but the student body as well.

The quote, as it appeared in the last issue, read, "My personal opinion is, who gives a whatever what the other students think... that's their problem. They're not responsible, other people." Even though we did cut a small part out of the middle of the quote, the quote was taken exactly as it was spoken, off of a tape we have of that meeting. The players are well aware these meetings are taped.

The quote was cut because of space re¬strictions in that particular report. If this part was essential to the quote, by all means, we would have left it in.

As far as being taken out of context, the article clearly specifies what the quote was in response to: discussion on how Senate student relations would be affected by the fact that there was no regulation of Senator privileges in the Bayroom.

By letting the quote speak for itself, we eliminated the opportunity to twist what Senator Norton said. It's hard to believe that this quote can be taken in any other context.

The suggestion that there was some sort of personal vendetta between Senator Norton and any other member of the Senate is ludicrous and a "cheap shot" in itself. We would not concern

ourselves with such trite and juvenile behavior.

In the Nov. 2 Senate meeting, Senate Presi¬dent Robert Eigen said, "If we know that debates are open, and if you’re going to be quoted, you shouldn’t feel at any point that you should be stymied from what you want to say for any particular reason or have to feel that you have to think before you talk.

We believe that because these meetings are open, Senators should have to think when they talk. As representatives elected by the student body, they should at least appear that they are putting students needs before their own.

We could carry this debate forward; we choose not to. In the end, it is all moot. We, *The Messenger* and the Senate, should be more wor¬ried about representing the students, not who said what and what context it belongs in.

Sincerely,

Christine Medeiros
Chris Zannarelli
LETTERS

Clinton supporter responds to accusations of bias at political rally

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the two editorials that criticized Rob Eigen for what they called “favoritism” during the Political Studies Association. My name is Michele La Chance, and I am a political science student at Eastern Connecticut State University. I was present at the rally, and I believe your coverage was inaccurate.

First of all, let me set the record straight. Michele La Chance is the secretary of the Student Senate, and the Political Studies Association. Each party and support group was notified about the rally at the same time. Each group had the same chance to prepare for the rally. It was just that the Clinton supporters were more organized.

This event was set up as an “open mike” event, meaning anyone could come up and speak. It was not a debate. Furthermore, Rob was not a moderator. He was an emcee, so to speak. His job was to introduce anyone who wanted to speak.

I feel that the Bush supporters lack of organization is the root of their problem. They were totally disorganized. This rally was scheduled to start at 11:00 A.M. The Bush supporters didn’t show up till 10:45 A.M. I myself was one of the organizers of the Clinton side. We arrived to set up for the rally at 10:00 A.M. In addition to that, we had a detailed list of speakers who were going to speak. Governor Clinton. We even arranged it so that David Carlin, a Democratic Congressional candidate, would come and speak. We were organized.

The Bush supporters weren’t ready to send up a speaker until after 11:45 A.M. Rob made every effort to get the Bush people to send up a speaker. At Rob’s request, I went over to the Bush people two or three times throughout the rally to get them to send speakers up. Every time, they were not prepared.

In fact, it wasn’t until no one else from either side wanted to speak that Rob stated his opinion. He didn’t discriminate against or not allow people to speak because they supported Bush. All he did was state his own opinions, something that the rest of the people involved in this rally did as well.

After the rally one of my friends came up to me and said that the rally seemed “a little pro Clinton.” I agree with this statement, but not for only one reason. We (the Clinton organizers) busted our asses for this rally!

Even with this disagreement, I feel we should look at the bigger issue involved. The rally was a great success in getting people’s attention, and hopefully making them more aware of the importance of getting involved. We are very fortunate in this country. We have the right to change things we do not like. We are our own future.

Sincerely,

Remy Ash

Matthew E. Agostinelli

Column wrong about Vietnam

Dear Messenger:

After reading Joshua Clement’s article “The Torture Garden: Let It Burn, Baby, Burn,” I was appalled! You made it clear that his views do not necessarily coincide with that of the newspaper’s, so I will be addressing him.

I read this article to a Vietnam veteran with whom I am friendly. He rejects wholeheartedly that his objective in the war was to “drop napalm on innocent villages (and) shoot women and children down in cold blood.” He also rejects that he and his fellow Marines were indeed doing that. How dare you be so quick to make such a spurious claim as though you were an authority on the matter.

I challenge you to show me any expertise you’ve earned on the Vietnam conflict. If you are going to exploit your column to vomit your own personal political rhetoric, well, I choose not to read any longer, and I encourage others to do the same.

Also, I am still confused as to the relevancy of your long-winded, tedious cigarette smoke. What do you mean by, “I trusted R.J. Reynolds.” How? With what? Your health? If so, it is a proven scientific fact that cigarettes are bad for you; whether George Bush was bad for us or not is hardly a scientific fact, but mere opinion. Therefore, your analogy was poor.

Sincerely,

The Messenger

Career Currents

Interest Pyramid:

Thinking about the answers to these questions can help you choose a career

Is there anything you believe in so strongly that you would work at it full time for no salary?

What organization would you volunteer to help?

Give money to?

What do you feel so strongly about that you would devote time and effort to make it an issue?

If someone gave you an extra week vacation, how would you spend it?

List hobbies, activities you pursue more than two hours every two weeks

What general fields of study have you wanted to learn about?

With three hours of spare time, what would you do?

What part of the newspaper do you read? Why?

If you were to create a TV special, what would it focus on?

What magazine and book subjects do you pick up regularly at the newstand?

What do you dream about? Does this suggest interests?

What do you like best? Why?

Give it an issue?

What five records from the past two years would you choose?

What general fields of study have you wanted to learn about?

What interests do they reflect?

What do you dream about? Does this suggest interests?

What are your favorite classes you have taken in the past two years?

What do you believe so strongly that you would work at it full time for no salary?

If you were to create a TV special, what would it focus on?
by Chris Zammarelli
Liate of Massachusetts

I'd like to begin today's column by apologizing to John Pozzi. He's a teacher I picked at random out of the 1992-1993 RWU course catalog to be in my last column. I heard from a couple of friends of mine that he was confused, and not too pleased, about my reference to him. The Man Behind The M.

I apologize. It was a freak accident that I picked your name. On the other hand, those who know Joel Silverberg know he is the former lead singer for Deep Purple.

Anyway, as you know, Lunchtime has never been known for serious political debate. (Although, some thought I was serious when I said Pat Buchanan used to play Buzz on "The Price is Right".) However, now that the election is over, there is already talk about Election 1996.

Specifically, some members of the media have speculated that Dan Quayle will be running for president as soon as he leaves Vice-Presidential office. As if that's not scary enough, the media speculated that his running mate will be Massachusetts Governor William Weld.

Why is he scary? Soon after taking office in 1990, Weld expressed interest in closing Worcester State College. When asked where the people from Worcester State would go to school, he said, "Holy Cross College isn't too far away."

Worcester State College has a tuition of, oh, I don't know, $6,500 (plus applicable Massachusetts state tax). While Holy Cross is so expensive, Michael Jackson would need a bank loan to get his kid enrolled there. (This is assuming, of course, that Michael Jackson has the capability of spawning.) If people at Worcester State could afford to go to Holy Cross, don't you think they would?

Another gripe against Weld is a bit more complex. During his tenure as king of the Bay Colony, some very strict health care policies have been passed concerning health care. At the time I thought that this was a good idea. However, since September 1992, 10 Massachusetts nursing homes have closed, essentially for not fully complying with these rules. (Each home was different, and had different problems, but I think it is safe to assume that the statement holds water, as well as some Koos-Aid.)

As some of you know, I worked at a nursing home in Massachusetts for about six years. My parents also worked there. My grandmother had also placed herself, it was basically a family business from the Twilight Zone. But, I enjoyed working there, mainly because of the residents.

I needed to understand that these weren't your normal everyday residents. For one thing, they were mentally ill. I'm guessing about a third of the 30 residents had some form of schizophrenia (not to mention a few members of the staff). I risk sounding a bit insensitive, but talking to a schizo- phrenic is a lot of fun, as long as the person you are talking to isn't holding anything sharp or heavy or both.

There was this one lady who told me her husband had cut off her feet and replaced them with someone else's. She also had a habit of regurgitating, and re- eating her supper. She used to lie on her bed with her arms crossing her chest. She said she was practicing for her funeral. Needless to say, when she was found the day she died, she was lying on her bed, with her arms crossing her chest.

Another lady used to run around hitting people and saying things like, "Ohmygod, you son of a bitch of a dirtyoldBum! Can I get something to eat? I...love you!"

Not that is all hilarious. When you realize that these are not comedy movies but humans, you realize how cruel circumstance can be.

One of my favorite residents, who died this past summer, is a former president of a college. (No jokes about our administration here.) He was an alcoholic. Prolonged alcoholism rotted his brain to the point where he was required to ask questions constantly if he could turn on his television (which he couldn't) and if he put on a sweater (which he was wearing).

In order to run a nursing home like this, you need to understand the special needs that are required for people in this condition. The Massachusetts state health inspectors did not. In fact, they avoided spending time with the residents as much as possible, because they made the inspectors, "uncomfortable."

As I said before, 10 nursing homes have been closed in the past 18 months due to this. Nursing home I worked at was deficiency-free in 1991. This year, it's closed. Do we think it was deteriorate that bad in only one year? (Besides the government, of course.)

Lunchtime:

And in the end, they even placed the fish.

Mind and body have been pained to eat our Thanksgiving dinner in the empty building that was Castle Park Nursing Home.

We will be thankful that the hassle of running a business is over and we can relax for really the very first time. Then, my grandparents will retire to their vacation home in New Hampshire.

We will look back at the work that my parents did to get those 28 people new homes.

One refuses to eat. Another, the man who left his pet fish behind, aggravated a brain tumor. They've lost their home. Bill, you've taken their home.

On November 26, 1992, after watching Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on television (because high school football is over-rated anyway), me, my brother and sister, my mom and dad, my grandmother and grandfather are going to...
COMMENTARY

The Torture Garden:
The right choice lies in thorough research

by Joshua Clement
Columnist

Ha ha ha ho ho, you confuse me. I am confused. Confuse. To mislead; mix up. To fail to distinguish between. To make unclear. Blur. I am in a constantly revolving state of confusion, unable to extricate myself in time for the ball. I am continually amazed and confounded by the acts of unadulterated stupidity. To use a familiar but tired cliché, nothing ceases to amaze me.

My girlfriend thinks that I am entirely too critical of people and things. Given the immense scope of her ability to perceive, I am inclined to agree with her. I happen to be a very critical person. With that said, I can now move into the election arena and ramble on with a kind of self-proclaimed pseudo-impunity. Yes, the election is over and I hate to dredge up seldom memories of our deceased commander in chief, but how could anyone, with any compassion for the human species, seriously have voted for Bush?

The flip side, of course, is how could anyone have seriously voted for Bill Clinton and Ross Perot either. There will of course be token changes implemented to quell recent stirrings of the sleeping herd. But beyond that, you can count on politics as usual, especially with the Democratic party's swing to the right.

Back to President Bush. Not! (I know it's old.) The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are two places one can glimpse the reality of George Bush. Walter Russel Mead, writing in the September issue of Harper's magazine, states that "GATT and NAFTA are about more than sending First World factories into the Third World. They are about importing Third World social conditions into the West."

Mead goes on to say that in George Bush's mind, American wages are too high. American regulations are too strict. America is too generous to disabled workers and America is too green. "GATT is George Bush's plan to fix this." Now, I'm certainly not basing my entire analysis of George Bush's tenure as president on one article. I've read enough dope on Herr Bush to get a crystal clear account of his position.

It's just that I get extremely irritated when I listen to him speak about family values, the war on (certain) drugs, his foreign policy atrocities, etc., and then be subjected to his followers' assertions, "Well, if you just look at the facts you'll see that Bush is the man."

Where do these people get their facts from? What are they reading? Do they actually take the time to do research? No way! They couldn't possibly unless they agreed with the way Bush chooses to do business. Are these people aware that Bush is only the head of state to be condemned by the world court for the "unlawful use of force"?

I do not mean to continually harp on Bush as the sole instigator of terror. To quote Noam Chomsky, "I think, legally speaking, there's a very solid case for impeaching every American president since the second World War. They've all been either outright war criminals or involved in serious war crimes."

If we are to make intelligent and healthy choices as to the direction we wish this country to go in, we need to be fully informed about the issues and their proper placement in respective administration.

Forget the tired excuse of "National Security" concerns. That worn-out phrase is used to keep the public in the dark. Think about the files on the Kennedy assassination. It's been 30 years since his brain was exposed and the public still has not been privy to the files.

That upsets and frustrates me to no end. Am I wrong (confused?) but aren't we the government? Of, By and For the people? It seems to me that we have subjected the nations to the masses dominance, of the media, the corporate elite and the self-serving politicians who, for the most part, don't give a damn about the average person on the street.

That last sentence has become almost a cliché of itself. Many people disregard it as alarmist or pure drivel, but look at our existence and especially those of the Third World and tell me if it's the best we can do.

Well, I think I have gone far adrift from my original starting point. I have a nasty habit of getting sidetracked.

"We need to keep an eye on Bill Clinton and the NAFTA and GATT talks. We need to demand information that is important in tracking American policy, both domestic and foreign. Quite a bit of information is already available to the public through alternative journals and magazines. A little exertion and effort would open many pairs of eyes.

But that's just what we say" don't want. "They count on an acquiescent and passive public." Up until now, that's what they've gotten. It's too bad hundreds of thousands of innocent people had to die in the process.

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November 10, 1992
Dear Miss X,

I was hesitant about writing to you, but I said to myself, "What can I lose?" Well, here it goes. This is another one of those boy-girl relationships, but to me, it's forever or "the end."

My boyfriend and I are really close. We've been going our for two and a half years. I get a lot of respect from him. He's fun to be with. We share a lot of interests and still have our own differences.

We have had many arguments/disagreements in the past, but there wasn't anything that we couldn't talk about. These are all pleases. But, there's also one negative aspect that bothers me a lot. It is his grades. I try to tell him to use his time wisely. "You pay so much to go here and you're screwing up with your grades."

He's only taking four classes and as far as I know, he's only keeping up with one class, and it's a general ed. course. He'd rather hang out with his friends in the evening.

He's not stupid. In fact, he's a wiz with computers. Why isn't he trying his max? I don't know how many times I've talked to him about this and that upsets me everyday I talk about it. Sometimes I wish I didn't know him so I don't know his problems either.

I also know it's really none of my business to butt into his social life. What should I do? I'm afraid that one of these days, I'll break up with him because of this. Please give me some helpful advice.

-Extremely Worried

Dear "Extremely Worried."

Why he's not "trying his max" can be due to a variety of different reasons. Has he always gotten bad grades or is this a sudden change? Maybe going away to school has given him a new-found freedom that he is just not disciplined to handle. If this has been an on-going problem, he should look into the possibility that he may have a minor learning problem. The first one that comes to my mind is ADD, which impairs a person's attention span and ability to concentrate. Many extraordinarily intelligent people have this disability, don't even realize it, and end up being below-average students due to their inability to concentrate while reading, taking long exams, etc.

I should tell you that it sounds like you have a pretty good relationship. It's obvious that you care for your boy friend a great deal. Keep in mind that no relationship is perfect. They all have some problems. Just don't drive yourself crazy trying to solve all of his problems.

The only thing you can do is to tell him exactly what you told me and inform him of the consequences of his actions, such as failing out of school, losing you, etc. After all, it's up to him to weigh out his priorities: going out with his buddies to keep up with his social life or studying for his exams to keep up with his classes (and keep you sane).

I recommend that he get a tutor and try to catch up on his classes. (The semester's not over yet!!) You might want to suggest spending at least one night per week just studying. The little rooms on the second floor of the library are great. They are just enclosed enough that you can talk privately, but the windows prevent you from becoming distracted.*

Let's face it. Studying isn't all that fun. Maybe if you did it together it would be a bit more bearable for him.

*You pay for the higher priced Pita.
by Wayne Shulman
Sports Editor

At six years old when most children were getting ready to learn how to write a sentence, Lolo Gutierrez was getting ready to leave home for good.

Gutierrez, a native of Sevilla, Spain, said he was in and out of boarding schools in the different provinces of Spain. Gutierrez said he also spent time in Portugal and London before coming to the United States. He was 14-15 years old while he was in London.

Gutierrez said he attended strict boarding schools. At these schools one of the rules was that the students had to go home every short half. Gutierrez keeps his hair long due to the fact that he couldn't afford to be bald.

His first stay before coming to RWU was in St. Andrews, NV, where he completed his senior year of high school. Gutierrez said when he showed up for school he couldn't speak English.

"I came here with my clothes, shoes, and a twenty in my pocket," said Gutierrez.

When he landed in New York City, he didn't know how to get to his school, which was four blocks away, and asked people where the train station was but the train he took brought him a half an hour away from the school. He then took a bus which brought him to the bus station. After getting two hours at the station, Gutierrez said called the teachers at his school to come get him.

Referring to his English, Gutierrez said, "It was tough in the beginning, people would talk to me and all I would do is just smile, was quite smile your face and say nothing."

Gutierrez is a second year architecture student and a member of the men's soccer team. He said that one of the reasons that he came to RWU was so he could play soccer and study architecture at the same time.

"Even more important than that is representing new people and experience new things," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez who went to school in London three years ago, said he didn't like the atmosphere there, because it was too cold. He said he likes an active life, but not too far away from home, so he went to RWU and gets rid of all my stress. He said the reason he came to RWU was to play soccer and he's an excellent student.

"Soccer is something that helps me with my studies, something that makes me sweat and get's rid of all my anger," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez went on to say that instead of punching the wall when he is angry, he will run around twice as hard because soccer clears his mind.

Gutierrez said it is hard to play soccer and study architecture at the same time. He said he misses practice a lot and that is why he doesn't have the time nor the energy.

One of Lolo Gutierrez's favorite soccer players is Holland's Van Vassen. Gutierrez's favorite soccer player is Van Vassen because he has the time and the passion to support the shop in Spain open at 5 am and stay open till one in the afternoon. He said from one to five the people in Spain have lunch or a late dinner (6-0) and the people close. At five the businesses reopen and then close at eight. He said some business stay open and it gives light to the city.

"Soccer is the sport that makes people come to RWU this year and it is a pity for the seniors who didn't get to win the finals," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez said to him Sevilla is like Boston, very crowded and very busy. He said the thing that makes him miss Van Vassen from Sevilla is how people behave at night.

"In Sevilla people actually go out after eight, where as in Boston it is pretty empty after eight , everything is dark, everything is dead," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez went on to say that the shops in Spain open at 5 am and stay open till one in the afternoon. He said from one to five the people in Spain have lunch or a late dinner (6-0) and the shops close. At five the businesses reopen and then close at eight. He said some business stay open and it gives light to the city.

"I strongly believe that you learn from experience, more than books," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez said he is not a reader and doesn't read that much.

"If I can do what I did in America, then I can do it in any other country."
Sports Roundup

Men's Soccer: Pesce's goal wins in overtime

The Hawks won both of their games last week, including a thrilling 4-3 overtime victory at Nichols College. Freshman Craig Pesce's second goal of the game, in the 13th minute of overtime, won the game. These were the first two goals of Pesce's collegiate career. Junior Curtis Verdi and sophomore Lolo Gutierrez added the other tallies. Freshman Mike Foley and Mike Pego picked up assists along with Gutierrez. Senior goal keeper Tom Arcari made eight saves in earning his third victory of the season. Sophomore stopperback Tom Roach had an outstanding game in the back line.

Women's Volleyball: Capture Rivier Tournament Title

The Lady Spikers defeated Colby-Sawyer College 15-10, 5-15, 15-4, in the championship match to capture the Rivier College Invitation Tournament title. The championship match was played in Nashua, NH. Sophomore Sandra Still had an outstanding tournament. She had several key kills and digs and did an outstanding job from her outside hitter position. The squad started the tournament by defeating Albertus Magnus College two games to none, then lost to Colby-Sawyer in a second round match 15-8, 8-15, 12-15. The Spikers then defeated Albertus Magnus and Daniel Webster College in the consolation round. In the final match the Hawks got their revenge by knocking off Colby-Sawyer in the final match.

Other top performers were junior co-captain Jessie Barnum, senior co-captain Terri Welch and freshman Melissa Dwyer from Nashua, NH, who was able to play in front of some familiar faces.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team posted a 5-0 decision at Bridgewater State College, Thursday Oct. 22. Just 10 minutes into the game, Nikki Fitzgerald was knocked down and had to be taken to the hospital. She suffered a trauma to her neck, but it is unclear how long she will be gone from the team. Keeper Lauren McSweeney made 21 saves for the Hawks.

Co-ed Golf: Final record 4-4-1

The golf team finished the season with a .500 record. They finished Thursday, Oct. 22, with a dual meet against Rhode Island College at Wamnunatomy Country Club in Middletown. Both teams finished with a score of 456 in the contest. Senior Justin Reyher tied with junior Stephen Ackels and freshman Pat Blodreau for the lowest score on the team with a 90. Junior Bruce Manueller fired a 90 and freshman Keith Godin shot a 99.

Co-ed Sailing: Finish third in RWU Regatta

The Hawks finished in third place in the five-team RWU Regatta held Sunday, Nov. 1, on Bristol Harbor. The "B" division boat, skippered by David Lambie and crewed by Cassie Chandler finished a solid second in the event. The "A" boat captured third place, just two points out of second. Nick Voulgaris was the skipper and Doug Erickson served as crew.

Co-ed Equestrian: Place third and fifth in two shows

The RWU riders finished third in the Tekyo Post University Horse Show held Oct. 13 and also placed fifth in the Community College of Rhode Island Show held Oct. 23. Junior Matt Walby captured two honors in the open division at Tekyo. Karen Jorgenson and Lynn Vesceho also captured 1st place honors. In the CCRI Show Amy Ramirez, Vesceho and Jorgenson took top honors.

Co-ed Cross Country

Freshman Stacy Resch placed 15th with a time of 24:00 at the Connecticut College Invitational held Saturday, Oct. 31. Sophomore Greg D'Agostino placed 32nd in the men's five mile race with a time of 34:27.

Congratulations

Female Athlete of the week(10/27): Sophomore Sandra Still (Medway, MA), who is an outside hitter on the volleyball team. She led the team to the championship of the Rivier College Tournament with some outstanding play.

Male Athlete of the week (10/27): Freshman Craig Pesce (Poughkeepsie, NY). Pesce scored the game-winning goal in overtime as the Hawk booters reached the .500 mark with a 4-3 victory over Nichols College. Pesce also added another tally earlier in the game, the first goal of his collegiate career.

Male Athlete of the week(11/3): Freshman skipper Dave Lambie (West Windsor, NJ) is this week's Male Athlete of the Week for his effort in the RWU Regatta.

Female Athlete of the week (11/3): Seniors Laurie Ottoson (Avon, CT) and Stephanie Dardanello (West Caldwell, NJ). They both captured conference singles titles, leading the netwomen to a strong second place finish in the conference championships.

Fay, Patch named Ice Hockey Captains

Head men's ice hockey coach Don Armstrong has announced that seniors Will Fay from Guilford, NH, and Tod Patch of Topsfield, MA, have been named co-captains for the 1992-93. Patch has 24 career points, including seven goals. Patch received the team's "Seventh Player Award" last season at the annual Athletic Department Banquet. He is a Dean's List student majoring in History.

Fay is an outstanding defensive forward who has regularly played on the team's penalty killing unit. A veteran of 54 games, he has managed to find the back of the net on four occasions and hopes to add more scoring to his strong defensive skills this season. A Dean's List student, majoring in Business Management, he was awarded the team's "Unsung Hero Award" at the athletic banquet last spring.
BELIEVE THIS?!? THAT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE, TOO! WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN? THE GAMEKEEPER'S DEATH? THE GAMEKEEPER'S DEATH COULD BE COMING TOO?!?

I head down to the bathroom of the hotel, take out my croines, and listen to a lecture. Jim Davis, the voice of Garfield, raps about drawing the fat cat for fifteen years. I also learn that Jim Davis used to be dormmates with David Letterman. Doodles.

...I learn that the next night, we will be at a press screening of Brian De Palma's DODUI. Also, the screenwriter, Jim Hart, will give a talk about the history of nude stunt men. With Garfield, since I have the meetings, I will get a ticket.

...We all go out to eat and end up at a Thai restaurant. I order the "Thai Duck, since it looks like the only thing that won't make me vomit through my bile..."

...We go to a lecture by Francis Ford Coppola. Also, the screenwriter, Jim Hart, will give a talk about the history of nude stunt men. With Garfield, since I have the meetings, I will get a ticket.

...I go to a lecture and learn all about the history of stunt men in film. In case of any you have forgotten about the story of "9/11"? Coppola says: "Garfield, since I have the meetings, I will get a ticket.

...There is a man in the audience, moaning in pain over the agony in my stomach, waiting for everything else to show up so we can leave. thinking, it was that $6/400 duck..."

...We go to eat some Chicago Pizza. I manage to eat one bite before my stomach wallows in protest. I ask my cronies to wrap up either. I lay in bed and watch cartoons for the morning. I'm sure so much more profound when you're watching them an hour early...

...There's not a chance in hell I'm getting out of bed today. No way, how. The duck has stopped moving and my stomach wallows in protest. I ask my cronies to wrap up either. I lay in bed and watch cartoons for the morning. I'm sure so much more profound when you're watching them an hour early...

...He may be sick, but I'm not. We're OUI! our wake up sickness...

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...Then the plane is delayed...

...Monotonous, isn't it?

...As I wait for the plane. I see two songs from a rock band and I think: Garfield, since I have the meetings, I will get a ticket.

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Copolla rebounds with Bram Stoker's Dracula

by Peter Milan

Entertainment Editor

Last year at this same time, Martin Scorsese (America's greatest director and auteur) released Cape Fear. It quickly became his biggest commercial hit and a reaffirmation in Hollywood that had almost written him off during the eighties when he was doing stuff like After Hours and The Last Temptation of Christ, which, while being good movies, didn't exactly light the box office on fire.

Obviously, Francis Ford Coppola, who is in much the same position as our Garden of Stone? Neither does anyone else, was tempted to follow in his footsteps. For example, since his new one is a big, big regurgitation of Dracula, legend, Bram Stoker's Dracula.

This one stars Gary Oldman as the Count Dracula, as the movie begins, the Dracaster is a school teacher in Transylvania, defending the church against an army of marauding Turks. Bid­ding farewell to his fiancée (Winona Ryder), good­bye, Dracula rides into battle.

Naturally, Drac wins, but when he re­­turns, he learns that the Turks fired a message into the castle claiming that he was dead, and his wife, upon reading selfsame message, took a header into the river. Having been thrown through the mountains, and then being informed by the church vicar and the idiot, that his wife cannot be given holy burial, Drac is understandably upset. He renounces God and vows to serve darkness forevermore.

Cut to about four hundred years later. Jonathan Harker (Keanu Reeves) is sent by Drac to Transylvania to hand the digits of the aged Count Dracula, who is mov­ing to England. Harker's missive is brought to his fiancée, Mina (also portrayed by Winona Ryder) and heads to the frozen North.

Dracula, now old, wanders to his beloved Harker, along with the help of three vam­­pires who are good­bye to Transylvania and Heading off for England.

Mina stays with her friend Lucy (Winona Ryder), who is currently romanced by three men: Arthur, an English dandy (Cary Elwes), Jack Steward, a mor­­phine­­addict agent of an English doctor (Richard E. Grant) and Quine­­cy Morris, an American cowboy (Bill Campbell). Soon there's another man in Mina's life as well, Prince Vlad, lately arrived from the frozen North.

While romancing Mina in a youthful form, Dracula is sucking the blood of Lucy and dealing with his vengeful assistant, Renfield (Tom Waits). Seward is stymied by Lucy's condition and sends for his mentor, Doctor Ab­raham Van Helsing (Anthony Hopkins). Van Helsing learns that there's only one being that could have made the Lord into a vampire. (Thanks for the clue, Abe.)

Meanwhile back at the castle, Harker has been practically sucked dry by the three vampire brides. However, he sends this word on for you what you're thinking, but manages to escape and found his way to a nearby convent. He sends word to Mina to come join him, where they are met to the souls of the three vampire brides good­bye to Dracula, who, being more than a little up­­set, goes on a killing spree.

When everyone is back where they belong, Van Helsing leads a siege on Dracula's home, a siege that soon leads to the heart of Transylvania itself.

No doubt about it: Bram Stoker's Dracula is one of Copolla's strongest works in years. You can see many touches of his own previous films here and there quite a bit is swiped from his Apocalypse Now, but there's no missing the brilliance in his work. Whether going for sick laughs or chills (the killing of a vampire bride) or just plain bizarre­­ness (any scene involving Renfield), Coppola does some brilliant stuff here.

Also, something must be said about the screenwriter, James V. Hart. Hart, whose previous experience was a night­­on­­­­earth. and death of the Lone Ranger. It was funny and tragic at the same time, describing the masked man's last night on earth, and Tony's confusion when he thinks he sees Kemosab's daughter.

Aldebaran is planning another around December 8 or 9. The Creative Writing de­­partment will have more writers read their work throughout the year. I strongly sug­­gest attendance to these, because these events can help stimu­­late attendance in the works of other people, including fellow peers at RWU.

They may also stimulate your own ideas. To hell with the computer, hand me my history book.

The chance to hear writers speak their own words

by Chris Zamarrelli

Managing Editor

I am a writer. I've been doing journalism for the past year and a half, but that is not exactly the writ­­­­­·ing I want to do. I like to write about my own experiences in the form of fiction, and it does not seem like anyone else is interested in reading it.

I had to write a short story for a creative writing class. My professor said I should write about something I care about. So I decided to write about my experience in the army, something I'm very passionate about.

I wrote a story about a soldier who is missing his girlfriend while on duty. He is very sad about it and can't help but think about her all the time. He is trying his best to stay focused on his mission, but it's very hard to do.

After turning in my story, I received very positive feedback from my professor. She said that I did a great job of capturing the emotions of a soldier away from home.

I learned that writing can be a very therapeutic experience. I was able to express my feelings about missing my girlfriend through my writing, and it helped me cope with the stress of being away from home.

I'm excited to continue writing and see where it takes me. It's a great way to express my feelings and connect with others who may be going through similar experiences.

If you're interested in hearing more stories like this, let me know! I'd love to share my writing with others and see what they think.
THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

by Sean Lewis
Copy Editor

Last Saturday, students at RWU were treated to the first major concert since 10,000 Maniacs played on campus during Fall 1990 semester when Campus Entertainment Network's Concert/Major Events Committee presented They Might Be Giants, touring in support of their latest effort Apollo 18, along with special guests Johnathan Greg and The Lonesome Degobinis, about four hundred people in the Paolino Recreation Center.

The Lonesome Degobinis, from five or six songs I heard, were a band that lacked character and originality. They looked as if they were going through a choreographed set, essentially with a plug for the crowd to "check out their new CD on Thayer St.

After a short wait, during which I eyed the $15-shirts in the lobby that exceeded my college budget, They Might Be Giants took to the stage. Although on their recordings, They Might Be Giants consists of singer/accordionist Jack Lukens and singer/guitarist John Flansburgh, they brought a full band with them that featured the likes of Tony Matelli of Pere Ubu/ Bob Mould fame on bass.

The band was greeted by an anxious crowd who let them know that they were ready to be entertained. After a brief introduction, the band catapulted into their most recent single "The Guitar." From there, they wasted no time getting into the "hits" off their previous three offerings: Flood, Lincoln, and 1987's self-titled album.

Songs such as "Anna Fig" and "The Statue Got Me High" got the audience into the spirit of the show. There were even a few friendly pit throughout the show. Also pleasing was the band's decision to play some of the more obscure cuts from their records such as "Close-Fly Away Folk Family," "Narrow Your Eyes," and "Toddler Highway.

The one complaint had was that the group neglected to play much of Lincoln, choosing to play only four out of the eighteen tracks on it and neglecting the entire second side. This caused the notable absence of songs like "They'll Need A Crane" and "Snowball In Hell.

They made up for this neglect, however, in the form of an audience participation segment during entitled "Brooklyn Car Alarm," during which everyone under two hundred pounds were the car alarms and everyone over two hundred pounds were the owners, who got to yell "Hey, get away from my car."

The show ended after almost two hours of music from They Might Be Giants, who ended their set with an instrumental cover of Edgar Winter's "Frankenstein." It was a show worth seeing, especially for the encore alone.

A Happy Journey indeed

by Chris Zammarelli
Managing Editor

Before I begin, I want to apologize to the cast and crew of the play Red Carnations, the second play on last Friday's double bill. I was unable to stay for the show due to prior commitment. However, if it was as good as the performance of Thornton Wilder's The Happy Journey, then I'm sorry I missed it.

I admit the main reason why I went to see the play was because two of my friends acted in it. After sitting through the short (I'd say a half-hour long play, I regret not going to the Performing Arts Center more often.

For those who have never seen a Wilder play before, such as my Town, a little explanation is necessary. There is a bare minimum of props to be used by the cast. The stage is empty, and the actresses and actors simply pretend the props are there. For The Happy Journey, the only props were an armchair and four chairs.

The story is simply about a family (mother, father, daughter, son) on their way to visit the oldest sister. Their mother's baby died soon after birth, but only the parents know this. All the kids know is that their sister Belah has been in the hospital.

The play centers around the drive from their hometown to the town where Beuleh lives. On the way, they stop for hot dogs and get gas for the car.

The focus of the play is on the mother, Kate, played by Karen McCaffrey. Her views on life are revealed as she talks to her husband Elmer (Obadiah Kelly) and her children, Caroline (Elaina A. Figliola) and Arthur (Matthew Tuppper).

This is not one of your frilly, gloriously staged action-packed box-office smashs. It is the story of a simple family simply driving to visit their kin. It is a Wilder trademark, as simple and primary and profiling it.

Another Wilder trademark is having a Stage Manager, Forkley, play all supporting roles, from the family's neighbors to the gas station attendant to, at least in this case, Belah herself.

Figliola and Tuppper bickered well. I'm guessing they practiced their sibling rivalry on their own siblings before bringing it to the stage. The only problem I had was the fact that Tupper towered over everyone, making it hard to believe he was around 12 years old. Kelly was a good choice for the role of Elmer. He played up the fifties-era father from small to mannerisms. Expected him to light up a pipe, put on his slippers and ask one of the kids to get him his newspaper.

McCaffrey did a great job in the role of Kate. As with the other roles, hers was made in her mannerisms. She had the worried mother traits down pat.

Figliola later told me she the 10 p.m. performance of the play was better than the eight p.m. one I attended. I find that hard to believe, because I thought they all did a great job.

The next performance at the Barn will be Crime of the Heart, starting this Friday, and running until Nov. 21.

TOP TEN MOVIES
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 1992

1. UNDER SIEGE (WARNER BROS.)
EARNINGS THIS WEEK: $9.02 MILLION

2. THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS (FOX)
ETW: $4.45 MILLION

3. CANDYMAN (TRI-STAR)
ETW: $4.22 MILLION

4. THE MIGHTY DUCKS (DISNEY)
ETW: $4.20 MILLION

5. CONSENTING ADULTS (HOLLYWOOD)
ETW: $3.70 MILLION

6. PURE COUNTRY (WARNER BROS.)
ETW: $2.74 MILLION

7. DR. GIGGLES (UNIVERSAL)
ETW: $2.71 MILLION

8. NIGHT AND THE CITY (FOX)
ETW: $2.56 MILLION

9. A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (COLUMBIA)
ETW: $1.59 MILLION

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Fraternity spends day raking up leaves for RI Veterans

By Bradley Portnoy Contributing Writer

On an early Saturday morning one doesn't expect to see too many people up and running around, especially not at 9:00 AM. However, on Saturday, October 24, thirteen members of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity awakened early to do some community service. We admit, it was rough to wake up so early, yet we were looking forward to the day as if it would look forward to a day at the beach. Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity headed over to the Rhode Island Veteran's Home to spend a day raking leaves.

Because of State and Federal reduction of financing to retirement homes across the country, the R.I. Veteran's Home could not afford to hire gardeners to keep the vast fields of greens tended. That's where Phi Tau Chapter of TEP Fraternity stepped in.

Does raking leaves all day long sound like fun? No! But, a funny thing about it, we had a great time. Through all the hard work, we managed to have fun and we also felt good knowing that what we were doing was helpful to the veterans. Half way through the day, we were invited to eat lunch with the nurses and patients of the Veterans Home. While we enjoyed and Italian dinner, we talked among the people and made new friends.

Around mid-afternoon we were done with our day of community service. While R.I. Veteran's Home enjoyed their new beautiful scenery, we left with a new sense of pride and goodwill.

Shackles:
From Bosnia to RWU

As defined, a shackle is something that confines; that which prevents free action. A shackle hinders, impedes and cumbers another. We could also say that prejudice and close-mindedness is a shackle. As a matter of fact, anything that allows another to be imprisoned in mind, thought or deeds a shackle.

As you have read and seen, these shackles have been placed upon a free people in Bosnia. We are hearing once again of concentration camps, torturing, raping and starvation of other human beings. Could it be that once again people have decided to shackle, to confine, another group of people? Have we not had enough of concentration camps, of ethnic purification, of prejudice, of trying to confine others because they see or believe differently?

That same type of attitude can also exist here at RWU. With reports of anti-Semitic language or comments being made in classrooms, or a word spoken in the corridor of a dorm, we attempt to place shackles on others. By our words, we attempt to confine people based on religion, sexual background, gender, age or academic ability. The RWU Spiritual Committee has been privy to information that these attitudes may exist on our campus. As a group that has always respected the diversity of the community that is gathered here on this campus, we condemn any and all words that shackles the freedom of any individual, be it in the dorm, the classroom, or in the community. We call for this community to respond in a positive way to unleash the shackles that exist among us.

The RWU community might examine its attitudes in this area and be sure that we do not recreate a Bosnia-type experience on our campus.

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6. He's Gore-a-licious! 
7. Merkle and Bush just didn't have the moxie

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Top Ten Reasons Why Bill Clinton Won

1. He bribed the Disney Corporation
2. Using his telekinetic powers, he made Quayle vote Democrat
3. He's got great stuff, man
4. Arkansas is the home of the Whopper (at least that's what Hillary said)
5. He promised everyone who voted for him a long hug
6. Everyone was impressed with the way he licked Bush
7. It was those puppy dog eyes he gave us in that last debate
8. Swears he never intentionally drowned kittens (that he knows of)
9. He's Gore-a-licious!
10. Merkle and Bush just didn't have the moxie

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What The Messenger Staff Listens To!

Each week, The Messenger provides readers with a list of what The Messenger staff listens to when they create the journalistic endeavor that is influencing your mind in evil and foul ways as we speak. So read on and find out...

What Copy Editor Sean Lewis Listens To!

Tar - "Teetering" 7" Superchunk - "Mower" 7" Pitchblende - "Weed Sam" Sprinkler - "More Boy. Less Friend" Lemonheads - "Lick" Drive Like Jehu Husker Du - "Candy Apple Grey" Nomeansno - "Wrong" 91.1 WSMU

Jawbox - "Novelties": It's scary how much I like this record. I play it over and over and it just gets better. You can't ask for much more in a band. Definitely my favorite.

Helmet - "Strap It On": This one was out of print for a while, but its back. These guys are like a machine. They find a groove, lock in and beat it to death. Very nice for late night layout sessions.

Sonic Youth - "Daydream Nation": Sure, MTV and WBRU love them now, but where were they when this came out? O.K., I admit it. I didn't get into Sonic Youth until "Sister", but this one is the cornerstone of their careers.

What The Messenger Staff Listens To!

Charles Mingus Tribute Black Flag - "My War" Mercury Rev All - "Percolator" Stereo Lab Fugazi Babes In Toyland Jesus Lizard - "Liar" Treepeople

ATCQ's Common Man was the start of a new genre of music where vocals in verse/chorus sections have a chance at HELL of being as good as the music. This, and ATCQ's whole concept of putting ATCQ songs like "Teetering" and "Chalk It Up" to two neat, catchy, tight, and QP does it on my coyxstes.

Popular record critics these days keep confusing "the nugget years", and while the '90s is full of interesting bands, I'm afraid that even with its garage bands, punk rock's past and future conflicts and subcultures it's really just an endless quest to see which is better. People like it when some who's-never-heard-it-before band comes out and starts this whole new genre of music. We'll see if it lasts. What we need is a rock band with a cool sound and a style that we can identify with. People like it when someone who's-never-heard-it-before band comes out and starts this whole new genre of music. We'll see if it lasts. What we need is a rock band with a cool sound and a style that we can identify with.
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