Law School Proposal
Reviewed at College Assembly

By Samuel R. Gilliland
Features Editor

School Assembly was Anthony Santoro, dean of Widener University Law School in Delaware. Santoro has been given the task of preparing a preliminary study of the feasibility of the proposed law school at RWC.

Santoro's studies began with the tracking of law school enrollment on a national scale over the last ten years. What he noticed was that the number of applications to law schools dropped in the period of 1982 through 1985. This drop, said Santoro, was due to the "lawyer glut" that coincided with the second part of that decade. But, Santoro was quick to assure that the application rate is presently at record numbers. Over the next year, Santoro anticipates that perhaps 190,000 prospective students will apply to law schools nationwide.

Santoro continued by relating this research of national law school enrollment to the Rhode Island region. Santoro claims that the kind of law school that the college should be envisioning is one that is regionally attended. That is, the administration should expect that the students who will enroll will come from Rhode Island and surrounding counties in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The administration could expect 200-220 applications and a full-time enrollment of 80-60 students per year. A significant number of part-time students are also expected to enroll.

The great majority of discussion focused on the two potential locations for the new school of law. The Bristol site would be located here on campus. Providence is the second location, though a particular site in Providence has yet to be mentioned. Particular financial and practical aspects of each site also have yet to be studied. But what is clear is that each site has its share of advantages and drawbacks.

Bristol has the advantage because it already includes support facilities necessary to the operation of a college. Only a law building would need to be built. The Providence site would allow the administration to continue with related story on Page 12.

Stephen Carlotti begins Contemporary Forums series with a lecture on the state of insurance

By Chris Zammarelli
Staff Writer

On Sept. 26, Contemporary Forums presented Stephen J. Carlotti, a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Yale Law School, but more importantly, former chief operating officer of Mutual Life Benefit Life Insurance Company. Carlotti discussed the state of the insurance industry in the United States.

Like the savings and loans industry, the insurance industry has been hit with hard times, which caused the downfall of Mutual Benefit and many other insurance companies. However, Carlotti pointed out that while the savings and loans industry, the insurance industry has been hit with hard times, which caused the downfall of Mutual Benefit and many other insurance companies. However, Carlotti pointed out that whole the savings and loans industry, the insurance industry is not.

Carlotti claimed that what happened with Mutual Benefit was that it invested its money in real estate. The real estate company it invested in went into a state of depression, causing a great loss of client confidence. Without this confidence in the company, clients withdrew their money, leaving the company in shambles.

The discussion went into various technical explanations about the many problems with the industry, ranging from companies investing in junk bonds to companies that, like Mutual Benefit, lost the confidence of their clients. The introduction of new policies and types of insurance in the 1970s added to the problems because "the rules changed dramatically and the industry didn't adjust." Part of the industry changes that brought problems was the introduction of new kinds of insurance. For a Continued on next page.
Carlotti claims insurance industry is worse off than savings and loans

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time, term life, and, later, ordinary insurance were what people bought. Term life insurance rates went up as a person grew older, while ordinary life insurance got cheaper. Universal life insurance was introduced in 1979 and had fixed charges. This was followed by variable life insurance, in which the money a person pays for insurance is, for the most part, invested for the person, which adds a stronger element of risk into insurance buying.

Carlotti also went into detail about how the insurance companies price their insurance. Companies try to figure out a "mortality spread," which guesses how many people will actually suffer an accidental death during the year. This, combined with how the policies sell, determines the price. This involves a lot of guess work and according to Carlotti, the problem was that "most companies guessed wrong."

Carlotti said that half the insurance companies that exist today will not by the year 2000. He concluded by telling a joke about lawyers and by saying, "You gotta have a theory." He made it clear that the problem with the insurance industry today is that they clearly do not have a theory. The way to solve the problem is consolidation, which will result in capacity and cost-saving, and better management.

Afterwards, I asked Carlotti how he made the jump from the legal profession (first managing partner of the Hinckley, Allen, Snyder, and Cemen law firm) to the insurance industry. He told me that he had a friend who was president and chief operating officer of Mutual Benefit. This friend convinced him that insurance was the business to be in. For example, Carlotti mentioned during the discussion that good insurance agents can make up to $900,000 a year. He said that it does take a lot of work to get to that level, but at that point, you can do as much or as little work as you want. Also, if it seems there are a little pushy when they try to sell insurance, one should realize that good insurance agents is essentially off of commission. In other words, if they don't make the sale, they don't get paid. This science insurance can be profitable, but also dangerous, way to make a living. If an agent is good, then he or she could be set for life, money-wise.

The audience reacted favorably to what Carlotti had to say. Later in the evening, I overheard one person say that it took a lot of guts for Carlotti to speak that night, since he was a part of a failed insurance company. However, since they were still in a lot of financial trouble, the insurance company, the insurance industry is probably in more trouble today.
Susan Kano Lectures on the Dangers of Dieting

By William B. Darby
Staff Writer

Have you ever dieted to lose weight, only to gain it all back, and then some? “Social pressure drives us all”, said author and researcher Susan Kano, lecturing on campus Sept. 25. Kano combines her musical talent with her knowledge of dieting physiology to communicate her message of “natural weight control.”

Kano’s first book, “Making Peace With Food,” is now used by hospitals and universities. She contends that each of us have a “setpoint weight” determined by a variety of factors. Setpoint weight is a natural weight range that our bodies will defend by lowering our metabolism to burn less energy, as often occurs in reduced-intake weight loss dieting, or raising it to burn more. If we diet by eating less, a process called overcompensation may occur when we lose 20 percent or more of our body weight.

Usually, our body’s fat cells expand and shrink when one gains and loses weight. In overcompensation, fat cells increase in number. If this happens, a person will weigh more after the diet than before. Kano says that dieting causes an increase in weight 35 - 50 percent of the time.

According to Kano, the body has mechanisms which protect it against permanent weight loss due to dieting ... many ... seem genetically protected from overcompensation while others are genetically predisposed to it.” Kano contends that permanent change in setpoint can only be affected by permanent change in lifestyle. She offers the following advice:

Diet don’t work. Listen to your body and eat as much as you want.

Eat plenty of whole grains (such as whole wheat and brown rice) and very little sugar or sweet foods.

Get more aerobic exercise regularly (she recommends 1/2 hour 3 times a week), and eat less foods with fat and/or oil.

Additionally, avoid foods with artificial sweeteners, and look for whole-grain, complex-carbohydrate, and fiber-rich foods.

These, followed faithfully, will cause your body to defend a weight at the low end of your setpoint range.

“Making Peace With Food” can be ordered through Gurze Books (M8) P.O. Box 2238, Carlsbad, CA 92018. (619-434-5476). She is currently enjoying being a mother to her 2 1/2 year - old daughter.
The Law School

Now that the semester is in full swing, students are hearing more and more about the proposal for the law school. Unfortunately, most of the discussion among students and faculty alike has been based on speculation. After hearing the experts speak, their thoughts based on a full summer of "research," most of us are still trying to piece together what this school is actually meant to be.

Apparently, there is a multitude of variables that needs to be accounted for before such information can be divulged to the college community. Many of these questions have not even been considered, let alone answered. Estimates of cost and money sources are hazy at best. No one is sure what kind of facilities are necessary. Curriculum studies must be months away on the research agenda. With all of this sketchy evidence, one would expect no final decision to be made for perhaps nearly a year. But, gathering from the full-speed-ahead attitude of the administration, the Board of Trustees seems to have reached a verdict already.

In the short history of RWC, the administration has established a sort of precedent. When the administration conceives a new brain-child, the full attention of the college tends to fixate on that brain-child. When the brain-child has outgrown the novelty of its infancy, it is left to defend itself against the economic elements. The new college library still smells like fresh paint and new carpet, and already the library budget has been seriously cut. The sciences are lacking the necessary equipment and facilities for becoming the high-ranking school that it has the potential for being. And now, the administration wants another child, bigger in scale than any that has come before it. Even though the administration promises that the new child will not be fed with inside money sources, perhaps RWC already has enough hungry children to worry about feeding.

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To the Editor:

I would like to comment on the opinions of many as expressed through an anonymous letter written to the Editor, published in the last issue of The Messenger. The subject is once again the parking problem on campus.

Give it a rest. There is no parking problem on campus. There are plenty of spots to park at North Campus, more than enough. Are we really so lazy that we can't walk the width of a playing field to our class? The letter stated why should we have to park in North Campus?

The mous letter written to the no parking problem on campus. The writer leaves us, I express through an anonymous letter the opinions of many as stated that parking on campus is of all those trees. (We could about the parking problem on during a rain storm?)

There is more than enough. Are we more cars on campus, let me remind him/her that parking on campus is a luxury, not a right! put in more parking space, of inconvenience for their 1:00 hurt. Enjoy what you have of grass and/or trees; nature is its an hourly basis. At night, a vehicle - could provide wary transportation, and on weekends this service could become a safe rides program, keeping drunk drivers off the streets of Bristol.

Students feel they could commit to this, they would save gas, money, time and aggravation, but most of all, we would save the natural environment, here on campus and globally. But until then, people on campus, ride a bike, walk, or car pool (after all, most commuters have roommates). And those of you who live at Almeida, please utilize the car pool system that they are trying to get off the ground there.

This is an issue that I have great interest in; please drop me any thoughts you may have in my student senate mail box downstairs in the Union.

Sincerely,

M. David Sadinsky

Student Suggests Carpooling is the Solution to Parking Problems

To the Editor:

I must hail the anonymous writer who brought our school's parking problem's to the attention of The Messenger, published on Sept. 23, 1991. However, when it comes time to analyze the two suggestions the writer leaves us, I must make issue.

At $10,000 a year in tuition, the school should not be spending the school's funds on our current rights, whether or not we have roommates. And those of you who live at Almeida, please utilize the car pool system that they are trying to get off the ground there.

If you are lucky to be where you are, you have no idea how ridiculous you look. You are lucky to be where you are, you go to automotive main-
To the Editor:

In the last issue of The Messenger, Neil Nachbar wrote a story about WQRI. Now I have been told and I will reiterate a few things. Oh, if anyone is wondering who I am — my name is Mike Hummel.

I’m very much for the change and the involvement, unlike my co-worker, Neil Nachbar record that sale is prohibited. He wrote a story now that all has been said and against the law and illegal.

I am who I am - my name is Mike. These allegations are unfounded, false and lies. They were more involvement at all the power to make changes being done, I’ll reiterate a few things. That would be compromising levels at WQRI. I always said opinion are slanderous!!!!

Hummel. founded, false and lies. They that the best thing that could It was said that I hold that the music to a wider appeal running a lot smoother with-teners as possible; plus you work study, I was music director, and works in a top position. He was my assistant the station runs. 

Along with another station, I always said opinion are slanderous!!!!

Mike Hummel
Sincerely,

WQRI DJ Disturbed Over Messenger Article

To the Editor:

This is concerning the article on WQRI's change of program and format. I myself am a DJ, and I feel that the article was 100 percent biased and that the focus of the article was supposed to be on how WQRI is going to change their format, not on Mike Hummel. Personally Mike Hummel is a dedicated, responsible worker and he hasn’t between given the credit that is due to him. The article became a mockery of how someone doesn’t get their facts straight. Also, non-student DJ’s are the only reason WQRI days on the air at night. It’s not the radio station’s fault that student’s don’t want to get involved and then the station is left with only recruiting non-students.

Non-student DJ’s put their heart, soul, and time into their shifts. The station is funded by the school, but if student’s don’t get involved it’s the dedicated DJ’s that lose out in the end and it’s a shame.

I also can’t understand how this article became a gossip column. What ever happened between Mike Hummel and some of the other people, not the Roger Williams Campus. The article was inappropriate and the next time, interview all the DJs and get to know the person you’re writing about. Also give both sides of the story, like how Mike was here every night and filled in for anyone that couldn’t make their shifts, etc...

An Angry DJ

The Mail Room

Remember the way we used to pick up our mail? We signed a piece of notebook paper and showed our ID (usually), and then picked up the package or envelope that has been sitting in the mailroom for at least two days. Things have changed though—for the better.

The mailroom now has a new system. Each item is marked with a fluorescent green sticker, on which students both print and sign their name. The mailroom keeps the ticket, and you get the package. But wait, there’s more. The good news is that this change has apparently made sorting easier, as students are finding blue slips for packages the same day that the package has arrived.

Perhaps the mailroom staff have simply been working harder, regardless, the mail has been getting to the students faster and more efficiently.

The entire student body can relate to the past problems of picking up special envelopes, packages, or anything that ‘didn’t fit’ in the student’s mail box. Therefore, students sincerely appreciate the new service, as many of them are expecting important documents, money, birthday gifts, etc. And those chocolate chip cookies Mom baked will be fresher and can be eaten more quickly.

With all of the new changes happening on campus, most of which have been annoying and inconvenient, such as the construction, the confusion of the new Schools and their specific Dean, and the renaming of the buildings, it is quite a refreshing to see such a positive change.

We would like to recognize the RWC mailroom staff for there new policies, and speedier service. We appreciate it and are glad to see something new is actually better than the original. Whatever it is they’re doing, please keep it up!

Sincerely,

Mike Hummel
Students Agree With Messenger Commentary; Higher Tuition Does Not Equal Higher Education

To the Editor:

I found the article “Dispelling the Myth: Higher Tuition Does Not Equal Higher Education” a telling document concerning the state of student services at RWC. Aside from myself, many students and a number of alumni have observed a marked decline in student services. From a student’s point of view, the seven percent tuition hike at RWC is not consistent with the facts of life since the beginning of the 1991-1992 academic year — our $6 million library serves the students’ needs only fifteen hours a day, one hour less than last year, our computer facilities are in disarray as we approach midterm, and less funding is available to student organizations that has been in the past.

These facts become even more logical when one considers that by cutting services to the students, the administration is lowering the academic quality of the college. These cuts breed discontent and could result in a number of students leaving RWC. Students mean capital which is used to improve the college — if students leave, the rest of the college suffers.

Further, it would appear that the administration has overlooked the fact that many students pay for some, half, or all of their education. Students are beginning to wonder where their money is being spent when services are being cut, but tuition increased. Some students point to recent gross and unnecessary administrative expenditures that do not benefit present students — the new table in the board room, the College Community dambake, and the Fulton House renovations. Others have suggested that the feasibility study for the law school, which most present students will never benefit from, is taking a bigger chunk of our tuition than it should.

In closing, there is a large contingent of RWC students that have become increasingly disenfranchised with the state of the college this autumn. Things need to change, and answers need to be given, or some people will be spending their education dollars somewhere else.

—The Ministers of Information

Dean Haskell Makes Correction to Messenger Article

To the Editor:

I want to thank The Messenger and staff writer, Traci Ridder, for an excellent article on the Spiritual Design Competition. Just a small correction — upon completion of the competition and selection of a winner, the Spiritual Committee plans to raise funds but not exclusively from students “as a gift to the students for student use.” We will seek donations from many sources and not use tuition dollars.

Karen R. Haskell, Ed.D.
Dean of Students

Director of Academic Computing Responds to Messenger Commentary

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the commentary by Susan Cicchino in the Sept. 23 issue. In her article, Ms. Cicchino expresses understandable concern about the number of Data General terminals available to students. I share her concern, but I would like to point out a few facts.

In addition to the three DG terminals in the library, there are ten Macintoshes and three terminals in SM131 — all connected to the DG system. This is still too few, especially considering that SM131 is frequently in use by classes (there were 94 DG terminals available until last June). The new DG lab should be open early in October, and will contain 32 terminals. If Ms. Cicchino had read the Sept. 9 issue of The Messenger, she would have known about the connections in SM131 and the scheduled opening of the new lab. In addition to The Messenger article, this information was sent to every faculty and staff member on campus. Failing all other means of finding out, Ms. Cicchino might have called the computer center. There was certainly no reason to spend “three days and endless questioning” to find out how to get to the DG system.

I understand Ms. Cicchino’s preference for using the DG system for word processing. It is, as she points out, easy to learn, and it doesn’t require the students to have diskettes. But it may interest her to know that WordPerfect (not "an entirely different computer program") is available on the IBM’s and Macs as well as the DG.

We understand the problems that students are facing because of the renovation project. We look forward to opening the new computer center very soon. We hope that Ms. Cicchino and other students will find the improved facilities worth the temporary inconvenience. In the interim, I suggest that the proper target for Ms. Cicchino’s anger is the inefficient state bureaucracy that held up the start of the renovation project for four weeks. Sincerely,

Rolland Everitt

Student Senate Passes New Club Budget at a Recent Meeting

At the Sept. 16 Student Senate meeting, Treasurer Tom Comella presented the final budget for the 1991-1992 academic school year. The budget was then passed on a vote of eight ayes, no nays, and two abstentions.

The Senate also passed a motion that will allow the executive board to attend a seminar on Student Leadership in Florida. Another seminar will be available to the other senators at Bryant College this month.

The executive board met with the Academic Honor Society, and proposed to the Senate that the group be funded. This motion was also passed.

Senator Mike Turner reported that the College Planning Council had discussed ideas on new summer interessions. He asked for any ideas on how to encourage enrollment.

Senate Vice-President Greg Casey announced that normal office hours were to resume, and all senators and work-study people were to participate. He also asked for help preparing for the upcoming inauguration.

Senator Christine Brown announced that she must unfortunately resign her position.

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Planned Parenthood railroaded us."

This account, published in the September/October issue of New Dimensions, is not a rare exception to practice. It is a common experience young people have had with Planned Parenthood. In another account from New Dimensions, 14-year-old Gaylene Hayes was railroaded similarly, and her life than "quickly self-destructed."

In the next 7 years, she turned to drugs and attempted suicide once. She said, "I had killed my own child, so I felt I didn't deserve anything."

The magazine went on to report: "Planned Parenthood Counselors referred... girls and women to abortion providers more frequently than other clinics... 89 percent of women surveyed felt that their Planned Parenthood counselor was strongly biased in favor of... abortion... 95 percent... counselors gave little or no biological information about the fetus... 80 percent said... their Planned Parenthood counselors gave little or no information about potential health risks that might follow abortion... 90 percent... encouraged to abort... said there was a strong chance they would have chosen against abortion had they not been so strongly encouraged to abort."

Planned Parenthood recently admitted that 9 out of 10 women who have so-called "safe and legal" abortions experience abortion-induced trauma. But the incredible story of the true Planned Parenthood is one child-per-couple limit. How many people know that Planned Parenthood helped China set this up? Despite Planned Parenthood's rhetoric about choice here in the U.S., it proposes to give the people of China no choice. It convinced the Chinese government to practice population control, provided technical assistance, and, along with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, gave China a series of grants to implement the policy.

And there's more: New Dimensions reports Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, a socialist and eugenist, once proposed government legislation to give children as a means of "population control." And, in 1970, the organisation proposed the following as "possible population remedies:" adding fertility control agents to the water supply, implementing a substantial marriage and child tax, compulsory abortion of out-of-wedlock marriages, compulsory sterilization after two children, and abortion on demand.

Planned Parenthood is a 300-million-dollar-a-year business that makes its money mostly on abortion. It is no wonder Planned Parenthood counselors relentlessly encourage their clients to choose it. If you're upset about what you've just read, and/or against abortion, the news gets worse: you're paying for it. $110 million of Planned Parenthood's annual budget comes from the federal government. That's your tax money. But of all the victims of Planned Parenthood, the most tragically affected are the youngest: the unborn babies Planned Parenthood murders every day.

By William B. Darby
Staff Writer

Kathy Walker was 13 years old when she was convinced by her doctor she should have an abortion. She was 6 1/2 months pregnant. Referring her to her local Planned Parenthood clinic, she was given no information about other options, such as parenting with the help of family or adoption. Instead, her doctor's recommendation of abortion was strongly reinforced. She was told if she had the baby, no man would ever marry her, and she would be on welfare all her life.

The next day, she was sent for her abortion. The doctor told her, "If I'm going to take a little fluid out, put a little fluid in, then you'll feel better, I feel my baby thrash..."

Walker recalls, "It didn't sound too bad." She had not been warned about the death... I was so sorry... I felt my baby thrash..."

"Events In Review: Beware of Planned Parenthood"

By Aimee Godbout
Managing Editor

No matter what we may feel or believe, there's someone out there speaking very positively of it. But that's okay, because constitutionally, we have the right to believe in anything we want. We have the right to protest against that which we don't believe in. And we have the right to ignore it.

In my colleague's article, he proposes that the information for these examples was not given the opportunity to make choices affecting their futures. However, these "women" made choices every step of the way.

First, these young women chose to have sex. Perhaps if they had received some of the sex education provided by organizations like Planned Parenthood, they would have understood the possible consequences of their actions, or perhaps even used a reliable method of birth control.

Second, both Kathy Walker and Gaylene Hayes were referred to Planned Parenthood under the recommendations of aborting that pregnancy, but they did not seek out those women. Both women sought out the services of Planned Parenthood before doing so.

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Kathy Walker, 13-years-old and in her 6 1/2 month of pregnancy was referred by her own doctor to have an abortion. Her doctor was not associated with Planned Parenthood, but he performed abortions, recommended that she go there. Walker took her recommendation and her parents with her to Planned Parenthood. At 6 1/2 months of pregnancy, an abortion was obviously not a good recommendation on the part of Walker's doctor. However, a 2 year was legal, and ultimately, it was Walker's decision.

Gaylene Hayes was 14 years old and frightened. She sought the advice of her school counselor who convincingly told her "the best thing to do was to abort the fetus." She also followed the advice given to her.

Perhaps she too received poor advice. Perhaps a 13 or 14 year old is not capable of making decisions of such magnitude, but each girl entered the Planned Parenthood clinic with the intention of having an abortion.

Walker describes in the article in New Dimensions how sorry she was and how much she regretted her decision. HER DECISION. And later in her life, she made this decision, knowing full well what it was all about.

Kathy Walker never went to Planned Parenthood to have abortion, or attended Planned Parenthood clinic, before doing so. Both women went to Planned Parenthood to have abortion.

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Planned Parenthood is a business. It is not just an abortion clinic. They provide pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease screening, tubal ligation, testing and counseling for HIV, post-coital hormonal contraception, and prenatal care, as well as mid-life service, cancer screening and general physical exams. They did not convince China to practice population control. Think about it. China is a communist country where the government chooses for the people. Does it make sense that Planned Parenthood would be able to convince this kind of government to do something it didn't want to? China wanted and still wants to practice population control.

Planned Parenthood has the technical know-how. What kind of business would turn down this kind of account? Granted. Abortion is not a pleasant business. It is a sad, painful business. But, alas, it is a necessary business. Because if abortion becomes the government's business, then none of us get to choose. No woman wants to have an abortion. But each woman who chooses that has a unique situation that demands a decision she can make. Only she has to live with.

Life is about choices. Once we are forbidden to make our own choices, what will happen to that quality of life?
Do Stand Up Comics Need to be Offensive to Make Us Laugh?

By Brian Fortin
Staff Writer

For decades we have all turned to comedy as a way to make us laugh and enjoy ourselves. We have watched Uncle Milty dress up in women's clothing and we have seen the eye-poking antics of the bumbling Three Stooges. We can watch them time and again and laugh just as hard. It is what has been termed as "classic" comedy. However, another source of comedy, one we do not have yards of film footage of, is "stand-up" comedy. Most of what is being performed today is known as "campus entertainment" and it is presented on the Campus Entertainment Network, that searches for comedians and invites them to campus to do just that - to make us get out of the books and forget about outside worries for a few minutes. (Laughter is healthy after all.)

Since the start of school, life? Should we laugh along-side those people who have hit those "whizzing Jersey barriers and flashing lights" and found themselves in the hospital? I am not judging these comedians' abilities to make us laugh - just what they have to say to make us laugh.

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However, another source of comedy, one we do not have yards of film footage of, and probably the one basic form of comedy, is known as "stand-up" comedy. We have all experienced it at one point or another - when a comedian stands in the spotlight trying to make the audience laugh. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. If it works, the audience laughs and can forget about outside worries for about 30 minutes of their life.

Here at RWC students are fortunate enough to have four comedians have come to campus. And if anyone has noticed, all of them seem to have two general themes in common: sex and drugs.

Now, there is nothing wrong with themes that interest today's college student, however we should wonder if making fun of serious problems such as alcoholism and drunk driving is truly funny. Should we mock, as much as these comedians have, the real-life situation that could presumably take somebody's life? Should we laugh alongside those people who have hit those "whizzing Jersey barriers and flashing lights" and found themselves in the hospital?

I am not judging these comedians' abilities to make us laugh - just what they have to say to make us laugh. If the comedian's intention...to tell his/her audience that "alcoholism is not cool" and that drunk driving "can really mess you up," then say it and leave it at that. There is no need to proceed to mock the situation, they only make the act an act of hypocrisy. We hope students have enough common sense to listen, laugh, and only do that, not to walk out thinking alcoholism and drunk driving are truly funny. They are not. Possibility, because of the subjects' sensitivity, comedians should be careful as to how they present their punchlines - and not, like at a high school dance, think it's funny to spike the punch.
With new boats, the sailing team has the opportunity to be a "top ranking team"

By Traci Ridder
Staff Writer

New boats, new members, and a new attitude are just a few of the things that are moving the RWC sailing team to a potentially winning season.

Senior tri-captain Bill Porter thinks the team has great potential for this season and for seasons to come. "This year we have a better attitude. People are here to sail, and they show up on a regular basis, and they also go to the meetings, where last year some people didn’t care about anything but themselves." Porter also thinks that it has become more of a team effort. "Even though sailing is basically an individual sport, everyone is willing to help each other out, more so than last year."

First year coach Alan Remington agrees that the team is doing well. "We have the basis for an excellent team. We have 23 members who have a great attitude, and participation is 100 percent." According to senior Bob Durrell, the team is getting better as the season goes along. "We started off a little slow, but as the season progresses, we are getting better."

Another factor in the team’s success is new members. Remington feels that the freshmen are a big asset to the team. "We have an exciting group of freshmen. They have gone through sailing programs in their hometowns. Now they have to adjust to collegiate sailing, which is different than the type of sailing that they have done before. The adjustment will be taken care of quickly, and the students have a great future in collegiate sailing."

Senior captain Gus Kreuzkamp feels that the freshmen have filled a void that was left last year. "We lost two really good sailors, and the freshmen this year have really filled the hole that was left."

The new boats that the college bought last year are also helping the team compete on an equal level with local schools. "The new boats are going to last for a long time and put us on an equal level with our competitors," said Porter. "We are also fortunate to have an excellent location. Most schools have to travel to their sailing locations. All we do is go down the street."

This year the tri-captains were picked by Remington, and each has his own area of responsibilities. All three are seniors who agree that everything is going very well. Kreuzkamp, who is in charge of personnel, agrees that splitting the duties was a good idea. "Charlie (Brown) is excellent with paperwork and fundraising, so that is what he is in charge of, and Bill is in charge of equipment and repairing boats, so he basically keeps us afloat." The team agrees that the new leadership is working out well. "Charlie has been doing a great job as a ‘captain and leader.’ He knows what he is doing, and he gets along well with everyone,” said sophomore and second year team member Dana Melchior. Fellow sophomore Pete Coward agrees that the captains are doing well. "The guys are doing a really good job. They are all working great together."

Remington thinks that although the captains are doing a good job, it is a group effort. "The juniors and seniors are displaying fine leadership. They are sharing their collegiate experience with the new members of the team."

Everyone agrees that the sailing team has a bright future. "We are an accomplished team with enthusiasm for both the fall and spring seasons,” says Remington. "We have the opportunity to have a top ranking team. And with a little more work, we will be added Porter."

Kreuzkamp says it is important to remind everyone that RWC competes against division one teams such as Harvard, Yale, U.R.I. and many other top ranked schools. "We compete well for a small school. We have high hopes, and if we work on getting a little better and develop the program, we will be an upper level team."

As someone who will be returning to the team next year, Coward is optimistic about the years to come. "If all the freshmen stay at Roger Williams, we will have a fantastic team."

The next home regatta is Saturday Oct. 19 against Massachusetts Maritime Academy at the Bristol Yacht Club.

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Photos by Mark Kasok

Members of the sailing team enjoy a day on Bristol Harbor with their new boats.

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Crew team is devoted to winning

By Heather Shea
Staff Writer

Although the crew team appears to be a new addition to the RWC athletic program, it actually originated four years ago. It started when six college students went to the Narragansett Boat Club in Providence and rowed singles. This began novice, a beginner rowing level.

The crew team now consists of both a men’s and women’s varsity and a men’s and women’s novice team. They are scheduled to practice daily on Bristol Harbor. "We have to get up every morning at 5:30, and sometimes the water is rough, so we have to go back home," said assistant coach Pat Murphy. Murphy said that the crew members are enthusiastic and dedicated to the team. "At practice the varsity men have been rowing really well. They’ve been coming together and they have a lot of intensity."

The novice has a large group of freshmen and sophomores. "And by the spring, novices won’t be novice anymore. They’ll be ready for more serious rowing," Murphy added.

In the fall, the crew team often has head races, which are three mile races. This prepares them for the more competitive racing done in the spring. Normally, the crew has to travel in order to compete. The water in the Bristol Harbor is very unpredictable. This makes it difficult for the team to schedule home competitions. "You don’t want to show up for a race, and then they get here and the water is so rough that we can’t even go out," said Murphy.

The crew is a very devoted team according to Murphy. "Many of the students work together and work out on their own. Everyone’s heart is in the right place."
Profile: Laurie Ottoson

By Neil Nachbar
Copy Editor

Traditionally, women's soccer team from reaching their full potential

By Damon M. Braider
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“Three of our starters have been out for the last two weeks, and a couple of others are playing with injuries,” said senior Chris Dexter. These injuries seemed to have been quite untimely because the Hawks have just played through what is probably the toughest part of their sched- ule.

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Rugby Highlights

RWC's rugby team struggles for control of the ball.

Below: The team in a huddle at a recent game.

Male Athlete of the Week (9/27): Junior keeper Tom Arcari (Plainville, CT) recorded his second shutout of the season, a 3-0 decision over New England College on Sept. 21. Arcari has played in every game for the Hawks this year.

Female Athlete of the Week (9/27): Senior forward Lauren DiStasio (Guilford, CT) led the women's soccer team to their first victory with three goals against Gordon College on Sept. 18.

Male Athlete of the Week (10/2): Senior Eric Stone (Hillburn, CT) led the golf team to a second place finish in a tri-meet against Rhode Island College and Nichols. Stone scored an 87, the low score on the team.

Female Athlete of the Week (10/2): Senior co-captain Maureen Gradley (Westwood, NJ) of the women's volleyball team earned all-tournament honors at the Salem State Invitational. It was the third year in a row she has received the honor.

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Law School Proposal has been met with mixed reviews

By Neil Nachbar
Copy Editor

In the not too distant future, the Board of Trustees will be asked to make a decision that will have a profound effect on the future of RWC — whether or not the college should have a law school.

Will the Board consider the research presented by Dean Santoro of Widener University Law School and others that the proposal would be in the best interest of the school? Or, will the Board decide there isn't the need, interest or resources available to carry out such a plan?

Students, faculty members, administrators, the town of Bristol and the law community in Rhode Island are very much divided on this issue.

Many students seem in favor of the idea of starting law school. However, their opinions have been based upon limited information. The Board will be weighing and discussing the college assembly on Sept. 26 when the law school was discussed and little information has been made available to them.

Most students are unaware of the need for such an expansion. If the Board decided to start a law school, where the money would come from, what effect a law school would have on existing undergraduate programs and if there is a need for a law school in Rhode Island, are questions the students are reaction to.

When asked if the students could have the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Malcolm Forbes had no objections and decided that the forum could be held, as long as the interest exists.

Faculty expresses:

A few faculty members were reluctant to comment on whether or not it can work. However, their idea for one of two reasons: 1) They felt they were without adequate information, or 2) They feared that the Board would react to their opinions.

Almost everyone agreed that the law school is a good idea, if it can work. Whether or not it can work is really what the debate is at.

"Some are concerned about such a mammoth commitment," said Dr. Joseph Santoro, dean of the School of Humanities. "My hope is that if they go through with it, they do the best they can with it.

Many teachers, such as Tom Carroll of the Open Division, are withholding judgment until more information is released. "I'm open-minded to it," said Carroll. "I have to ask if it's going to make the college more of an institution and how it will affect the way we do things now."

A disadvantage the faculty has, like the students, is that they don't have the same access to information as the administration.

"I would like to be able to trust the administration," said Alaimo. "I have to give them the benefit of the doubt. I hope President Sicuro hasn't prejudged the matter."

For the School of Business, feels Sicuro prejudged the matter from the beginning. "At the college assembly, Carr told Sicuro this has been a 'done deal'. Sicuro denied the accusation. "Look who's pushing it down our throats," Sicuro and Papitto, said Carr. "It's a case of certain individuals looking to serve their own interests." Papitto is the head of the Board of Trustees.

Forbes refuted Carr's bay statements. "He's jumping to conclusions based upon the enthusiasm of the Board of Trustees. The Board will decide only on the feasibility study."

Carr has accepted the administration's claim of impartiality. "I'll challenge Dr. Forbes to a debate," said Carr. "He's full of shit!"

"I'm not sure any useful purpose would be served by a debate," response to what it would cost to be better to wait for the feasibility study to come out. I would like the willow to point that to what he has to say or anyone else."

The objectivity of the feasibility study has also been questioned.

Mr. Santoro, a very able lawyer, was very concerned and expressed his favor for the law school, said Richard Chaffee of the School of Architecture. "It was not a neutral recommendation for the proposal."

Santoro wasn't hired to do a feasibility study, said Carr. "This is a piece of promotion." Carr said he had asked administration of all the studies Santoro did and others, how many times has he rejected proposals. The response he said he received was zero.

The Board was unable to find out how much Santoro is getting paid by RWC to conduct the study, but Forbes said, "The Board covers the expenses. I'm sure he's getting the going rate for a consultant."

In regards to the effect of the law school on the other programs, there seems to be positive and negative ramifications, depending on with whom you speak.

"The law school would be separate and distinct," said Dr. George Tarnowsky, dean of the School of Business. "If anything, it would complement the other programs. Hoping the school would be emerging fields such as business law and perhaps marine law."

"My major concern is the impact on the undergraduate program," said Dr. Mark Gould, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics. "I would ask how the law school could enhance the quality of the undergraduate program. I hope they would take a look at environmental law. It could be helpful to the Board."

Carr feels the School of Science and Mathematics could be better served if the law school isn't approved. "The law school would put a drain on resources. The other programs would become secondary if they could," said Carr. "Why not divide the money you would spend on the law school among programs that have shown potential, such as natural science. They have a chance of being successful."

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College Assembly

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campus would need to include a cafeteria, administration, office space, and numerous other facilities.

But the big advantage for locating the campus in Providence lies in the instruction methods of today's law schools. The use of actual clients in the classroom for clinical practices is an integral part of virtually every contemporary law school of merit. From this point of view, an urban center could provide this clientele; Bristol may not be able to provide this opportunity.

When the floor was opened to questions, few questions received concrete answers. As law increases in complexity, there is also an increased need for specialized lawyers, such as environmental lawyers or media lawyers. Questions were directed at course proliferation, the mushroom effect of literally hundreds of class offerings, that would enable students to choose their field of expertise. Santoro asserted that course proliferation has not been a problem at most law schools, and that each school usually develops its own field of expertise.

Related questions about the compatibility of the new law school with the rest of the college are also of great concern to the college community. Santoro stressed that one of the aims of the law school is to integrate it with the rest of the college. Linkages can be created to environment studies, and the architecture and engineering schools.

Questions were also raised about the cost of the proposed law school. Santoro stressed that cost has not been discussed extensively because the findings of the studies are still in the preliminary stages. But, Santoro did stress that starting the law school would cost considerably less than the Weinberger Report issued May 13, 1991, though the Weinberger report does cost Santos that Santoro's estimate neglected. Taking into account the difference in cost of each of the two proposed sites, estimates are now in the $9-10 million range.

Lawyers react

Has the Board of Trustees in Rhode Island reacted?

"Majority of the lawyers have responded favorably," said Forbes. "The older, established lawyer feel Rhode Island needs more lawyers. The younger lawyers see it as an opportunity to enhance the quality of the legal community."

"I really don't see the need for it," said Al Rego Jr., attorney at law. "From an objective standpoint, a law school would give lawyers an opportunity to teach or do research. From a subjective standpoint, it would be detrimental to making overhead. The town needs much demand for services."

Rego has been practicing law for 15 years. His firm has never been big enough to have an office; he may soon have to in order to stay competitive in what he calls a "cutthroat business."

Bristol reacts

Another player in the law school proposal is the town of Bristol, which is the town's biggest source of income if the school is approved, but happens to fail and costs millions. The town stands a chance of also suffering.

"We've been happy with the school's expansion, but we're not anxious for rapid expansion like this," said Halsey Herreshoff, town administrator. "I think the college may be wise to embark on such a project while there are other important projects still in limbo, such as the library and new gym. I would like to see a separate law and Papitto re think it."

A big consideration regarding this proposal is the timing of the proposal. Rhode Island is suffering from the recession just as much as any community.

The economic climate was much better in 1987 and will be better in 1993," said Rego. "It's great from an academic standpoint, but great from an economic standpoint."

Bill O'Connell, director of facilities, thinks the timing is appropriate. "It's good timing because it can be a shot in the arm to institutions. We need this growth during a recession."

O'Connell feels the feasibility study should be completed later this semester. But in the meantime, the college community is withholding judgment on this issue. It's been a while since RWC has had to make a decision of this magnitude - a decision that will shape the future of the school.
What is your opinion of the proposed law school?

Natasha Stewart, senior
Westwood, MA
I thought it was a great idea until I heard it might not get funded. I plan on going to law school—it would be nice to come back.

Josh Alexander, junior
Chicago, IL
I think it's a great idea. It would make RWC a better school—more students—more diversity. It would be a better school.

Francis Burnett, junior
West Hartford, CT
I think it would be great. There would be a diversity of classes. It would bring a lot of different people into the school and make it bigger.

Grace Moceri, senior
Gloucester, MA
I think it will improve the school. It will get us more recognized. And Rhode Island needs a law school.

John Martin, senior
Raymond, ME
I think it's a good idea. It will bring more recognition to the school. I'm personally not interested in going—but I know of a few people here who are interested.

Jennifer Mosher, sophomore
Newington, NH
I think it's great. It would give people an opportunity to go. They just need one. So many people are interested in law. It would further expand Roger Williams as a college.

Stephanie Sedgeley, junior
Albany, NY
It would help to move the school toward its goal of becoming a university. There would be a broader range of majors.

Beth Bloomfield, sophomore
Framingham, MA
I think it's a good idea. It would open a lot of possibilities to RWC. It would be good for people interested in law.

Mary Marshall, freshman
Reston, VA
I think it's good to bring a law school in because there's people who want to be in pre-law and like RWC—but would leave to study pre-law elsewhere. A law school would give them reason to stay.
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Check out the Bristol Library

By Wayne Shulman
Staff Writer

Driving down Rte. 114, many of us may not always notice what is to the left and right of us, aside from Fleet Bank and Almac. Located on busy Hope Street in Bristol is the Rogers Free Library, a customarily brownstone building just to the right of the U.S. Post Office.

The Rogers Free Library was donated to Bristol by Maris DeWolf, the wife of Robert Rogers who was the wealthiest citizen of Bristol in 1870. When Robert Rogers died he left an estate of over $13 million. The widow Maris DeWolf arranged for the Rogers Free Library to be built on land that had been a part of her father’s estate. Her father, William Yellin, was a Bristol merchant. The library was built at a cost of about $20,000 - which was a huge amount then. It was a Gothic building designed by Boston and Worcester architect Stephen Earle. The library started with a collection of 4,000 books, some of which were donated by Mrs. Rogers and her sister Charlotte DeWolf, and others from Robert Rogers’ personal library.

For 80 years, the Rogers Free Library served Bristol from the second floor. The lower floor belonged to two banks. Then in July 1987 a fire broke out which destroyed the whole building as well as the book collection. With only the four walls left, the recovery from the fire to the modern library could not have been accomplished had it not been a community effort. The Trustees raised $100,000 from insurance, private gifts and public appeals. The trustees took their case to a special town meeting concerning the library, and they were granted an additional $50,000 for rebuilding. The new library was completed in January 1988.

Today in a town of approximately 22,000 people, 40 percent of the town has library cards. The total age of the combined staff is over 149 years! The library has a total of 38,000 books and an order of fifty books weekly. Joan Prescott, the head librarian says that this is not a lot compared to other towns.

The Rogers Free Library also has access to 30 other libraries in the state. The RWC library gives the Bristol library older editions of periodicals and other reference materials.

As far as RWC is concerned, there is an open spirit toward the students and faculty at Rogers. "The library staff would be more than happy to assist students from RWC," said Ms. Prescott, adding that RWC students are welcomed to work at the library.

Library service to adults still remains the heart of the library. Rogers Library has a lot of information for anyone in the education programs. The library has seen an increasing number of students studying education coming to do research. They have information from automobile prices, to home repairs, to medicine. They especially try to provide in-depth medical information on Alzheimer’s disease, cancer and AIDS.

The Wall Street Journal, large print books, and magazines are provided as well. There is also a large selection of video tapes, mostly classic films, which can be taken out for three nights free of charge of members of the library.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Rogers Free Library is having a word processing program for anyone who is having trouble using computers. Anyone interested or wanting more information can call the Rogers Library at 253-6045.

For the younger community, the Rogers Library has a lot of children’s books. The library is trying to encourage children to use the library. One-third of the book budget is devoted to children’s books, including books on drugs and the environment. "You can’t start too early to get people to think about drugs,” said Ms. Prescott. "The care in the selection of children's books has resulted in a children's collection which is outstanding in the state. There has been talk of expanding the building to make it a better sized library. However, the majority of the people who live in Bristol don’t want to change the library because of its age, tradition and symbol of pride and community spirit.

The library is used by small children and people in their eighties alike. "As long as there is an interest in books, there is a book for you,” said Ms. Prescott.

So the next time you’re driving down Rte. 114, stop at the Rogers Free Library and see what it has to offer you.
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In The Spotlight

Back from the Gulf: Corporal Thomas J. Donnelley

By Brian Fortin
Staff Writer

Had you asked Thomas J. Donnelley back in August of 1985 if he knew he would ever go to war he probably would have said, "I truly hope not, but if it happens . . ." It was at this time that Donnelley became a part of the Marine Corps Motor Transport.

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Thomas Donnelley felt that the military would be a "direction finder." He did not know what to do upon graduating high school, and chose to enter the military to find a job to do. We hauled ammunition into trucks for practice 24 hours. It was long hours of driving and driving.

"As for living conditions, it was kind of strange . . ." says Donnelley, "At first, there were about 16 people to a tent. The tent was built six feet deep into the ground and it really wasn't that bad. By the end of the war, there were only six to seven people to each tent."

As those same folks ate homemade meals or went out to restaurants, Donnelley explained, "The soldiers had to eat MRE's, meals ready to eat, for the most part. We usually had hot breakfasts of eggs, bacon, and oatmeal. But when we were on the road we mainly had to eat MRE's. Sometimes we had a hot dinner, but only occasionally."

Almost anyone who knew someone over in the Persian Gulf heard stories of how taking showers was not as accessible as it was back in the states. "But we were pretty lucky," says Donnelley, "We got to take showers every other day. At the most we went four to five days, but that wasn't usual. They took pretty good care of us."

We often wondered what it was like for those soldiers in the Gulf who realized the inevitable deadline and what they thought. "We took it as a joke, day by day. Of course we hoped it would be resolved, but we knew of the deadline and took it as it came."

When the war had finally come and gone in that brief period, the soldiers celebrated. They were happy, not only because "the war had been won," but because they knew they were coming back home.

"Of course we were happy - we were going home. But we didn't do too much celebrating before leaving. We still had plenty of work to do. All the ammunition we hauled up to the frontline, now had to be brought back.

We also had to transport about two million gallons of fuel. There was still a job to do."

When Donnelley's job was done, he awaited his arrival back to the United States. That day finally came - May 8, 1990. He was met with more celebration, including parties put on by his hometown of West Warwick. His family, friends, and even strangers came out to praise what Corporal Thomas J. Donnelley had done.

"It was kind of strange when I came home. Nothing seemed to have changed. It almost seemed as though everything stood still. Even though I felt like I was gone a long time. The town had a big welcome home party and everyone treated me very well. They all seemed to want to pat my back to tell me that I did a good job."

As tension still boils between Iraq and other countries, the question remains, "Will we go back to war?" Donnelley says, "It happened again, which of course I hope it doesn't, I probably would go again. Not just because it's my job and duty, but because I feel as though I'm part of another big family now. It was a unique experience that brought us all together and made us become good friends."

For the future, Donnelley is looking back to working for a state police force, buying a house, and starting a family. Hesitating words, "I just want to say, it feels great to be home."

NOTE: If you (or someone you know) is back from serving in The Gulf, we'd love to put you in The Spotlight. Give us a call! 322-29.
Hidden Poet: Michael Russo

By Susan E. Cicchino
Entertainment Editor

Where do great poets come from? Are they taught how to write, or are they born with some kind of special gift? Not all poets may be great, but there seems to be a need for new talent to write about each new generation, its dilemmas, and the world problems surrounding it. One such person resides right here at Roger Williams College.

Michael C. Russo is a senior majoring in Creative Writing with a minor in film, and has a hopeful future as an established poet. His hometown is Orient Heights, part of East Boston, where Michael graduated from Boston Latin Academy, a highly decorated high school.

Although Michael writes both poetry and fiction with equal perseverance, he has enough poems for his own book. Michael has written approximately 170 different poems, which he describes as, "not all is my best work. Only about 60 or 70 could be published." That is still quite an impressive volume of original work.

Michael said his source of inspiration comes right out of his own experiences. "I'm not comfortable writing "about what I don't know," he said. His poetry also deals with contemporary issues, such as things he has observed and their effect or mal-effect on him. Michael feels his works are not really "poems" but rather "observations" he makes. Nature also has a powerful effect on Michael and his poetry, he said, as it is one of the things in life that really "moves him." Michael's passion for writing poetry stems back to his early teen-age years. He first began writing his own poetry at age 14, "instead of doing his homework," he said.

According to Michael, his most important piece of work to date is his senior thesis project, which is required of all Creative Writing majors, and must be a personal work of publishable quality. It is actually a piece of fiction, a novel, but contains a few poems within the work. Michael says it is about his experiences in high school, and "why I'm the way I am." The work, which is still in progress, according to Michael, is hard to judge exactly what it's about.

Michael says he does not have the time now to devote to getting his work published, but will attempt to do so in the future. As for favorite poets who have had an effect on him and his own poetry, Michael said he enjoys Elizabeth Bishop, Sylvia Plath, Robert Lowell, and Donald Justice. His favorite fiction writers include, John Updike, Thomas Williams, and Richard Yates, who he feels "are really gifted should help people find their own gifts. Getting published would be nice, he said, but although writing is his first love, he would like the opportunity to give something back. College kids are living in a very "in-tense" time, Michael said, writing is a freedom he would like to help them express.

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-Michael Russo

Michael C. Russo, a senior Creative Writing major, hopes to be an established poet in the near future.

"Writing is all I'm good at. It seems a little chancey...as a career goal. I'm afraid I'm not good enough like my best work won't be the best."

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Date: Friday, October 18, 1991
Time: 3-4:30pm
Place: LH 130

"Comparative approach to American and Soviet Education Systems"
A lecture by Dr. Alexander Portnyagin, Visiting Instructor in Political Studies at Roger Williams College

Education systems in the Soviet Union are in transition. What will the future hold for education in the social sciences and the humanities in a communist-free country? What are the ethnic and economic problems faced by the Soviet education system? How do they compare to counterparts in the United States?

Dr. Portnyagin holds a doctorate in history from Moscow State University. He has taught at Moscow Linguistic University and Moscow Social Science Institute. His extensive publications include four books on political science, including USA: Economics, Politics, and Ideology (1991)

Date: Friday, October 25, 1991
Time: 3-4:30pm
Place: LH 130

GET IN TOUCH
Physical Graffiti Sizzles at RWC

By Greg Fontana
Staff Writer

Physical Graffiti rocked RWC! The four member Led Zeppelin tribute band performed in the Recreation Center a few weeks ago as an enthused but disappointingly small crowd. At first the band seemed to bear little resemblance to Led Zeppelin (the only exception being the drummer who seemed so like the original it was unnerving), but as the music began, Physical Graffiti began to move and sound and exude the excitement of Zeppelin so well, that one could easily picture Robert Plant or Jimmy Page up on stage shimmering just like they did twenty years ago.

The band played a wide selection of vintage Zeppelin tunes spanning the entire existence of the group. The only notable exclusion from their two sets was the much overplayed "Stairway to Heaven." Leaving this song out of the show added to the integrity of the group, as "Stairway" has been played to the point of being cheesy. Also, the show featured the first drum solo I have ever heard which was not dull or self-aggrandizing. The drummer played first with sticks and who joined the cast in the latter part of ten minutes without losing the audience's attention one second.

The other members of the band performed in equally admirable style. Their sound was tight and practiced with an outstanding stage. The lead singer spoke to the crowd and was both amiable and charismatic. The band was even able to inspire a stage diver or two near the end of the performance.

The only thing marring the night was the disappointingly low number which attended. The half of the gymnasium designated for the concert was only about one quarter full. Also that one quarter of the gymnasium filled up slowly over the entire course of the first set and then dropped off drastically after the second.

Why RWC events tend to receive such low attendance remains a mystery to many. To those who did not attend because they refused to pay money to see "a bunch of rip-off artists who aren't good enough to come up with their own material," you don't know what you're talking about, and you don't know what you missed.

Lead singer Doug Putnam sings like Robert Plant.

In short, although Led Zeppelin has passed on into the annals of rock history, a little piece of it can still be found and experienced at a Physical Graffiti show. The combination of the costumes, the music, the excitement and the fervor will make you feel like you're back in 1972 rocking like they used to.

Fox Network Still Going Strong

By Susan E. Cicchino
Entertainment Editor

Remember when there were only three basic television networks - ABC, CBS, and NBC and they had been battling for Nielsen ratings for years. However, a new contender has entered the race. The 20th Century Fox Television Network is not only catching up with its network mentors, but is stealing from them all.

Four years ago, in 1987, the Fox network premiered a two hour pilot movie called "21 Jump Street." The pilot became a regularly scheduled show, which aired Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and it gradually developed into a hit. Even girls swooned over its stars, Johnny Depp, Peter DeLuise, and Richard Grieco, who joined the cast two years ago. The show's third season. The show now has a new cast, as Depp went on to star in the current box office hit, "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," while Grieco starred in "The In-Laws." The network premiered a new romantic comedy, "Living Color," which stars Michael MacManus and Wendy Makkena. Fox is now leading the ratings with shows such as the animated smash hit, "The Simpsons," which tied with "The Cosby Show" for the number one ratings slot. The show's characters have capitalized on the marketing world, appearing on everything from T-shirts to boxers to coffee mugs to kids bed sheets. The family parodied sitcom "Married with Children" has been a popular favorite when it began four years ago, following "Jump Street." Recently, the Saturday Night Live oriented variety show, "In Living Color" is also a blockbuster hit, whose characters, such as "Homey the Clown," are appearing in the market world as well.

The music network, which was ridiculed at first, as critics felt it would not last, is now soaring in the ratings race, with a variety of shows that are increasing each new season. It is still producing new shows, such as last year's "True Colors" and this year's "Boc," and is following right along with ABC, CBS, and NBC. It is safe to say that television now has four major networks. Perhaps there is even room for more.

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Bill Miller: A voice for all Miller's life. (Incidentally, Miller told me after his performance that he usually writes the words to his songs first, then the music.)

Do not, however, get the impression that Miller is constantly dead serious. Proceeding "Broken Bottles," he relates an amusing story about what he and his siblings found at the garbage dump, such as a hood to an old Buick, which became a sled. Before a song about his parents, Miller describes his parents as full-bloods, his father full-blooded Native American and his mother full-blooded German. "We're talking about wild rice and bratwurst here," said Miller. He even relates the story about how he was inspired by the phone book to write the song "Ordinary Man." (he was looking through a Nashville phone book to see how many Bill Millers there were, when he came across the names "Clyde and Edna Miller.")

Miller's stage presence was extraordinary. He was able to, with his voice alone, make the audience feel any emotion that he was portraying in each of the songs he was performing, and the audience was receptive to all he had to say. Ask almost anybody who was in attendance what they thought and, almost assuredly, they will tell you that it was a fantastic performance, for folk music fans, for rock music fans, for country music fans, for music fans.

Anyone who missed Miller's performance last Wednesday night can pick up his latest album, "The Art of Survival," at finer record stores in the area. Also be on the lookout for his live album that comes out around Christmas time.

When last we left, the Zen Kung Fu Samari Martial Artist Shriner Warrior, known as Maggot, had been awakened from his meditations by the sound of One Eyed Frank (the rootin’ tootin’ cow poke) being robbed at gunpoint.
Fractured Fairytales

By Gary Redman
Staff Writer

In The Fisher King, Terry Gilliam returns to the literary territory of the Grail legend he once galloped through (complete with coconut shells) with his fellow Monty Python Knights. In the past, Gilliam has made films that relied solely on their visual content. His films’ magnificent production design and brilliant cinematography completely overwhelmed his slightly short scripts, the usual sumptuous visuals completely over-formances to complement his usual sumptuous visuals.

LaGravenese’s revisionist screenplay of the Grail legend takes place in modern day Manhattan and relates the story of two fallen men and their redemption through love. Williams’ Perry is a deranged, institutionalized man to whom his former DJ, Jack Lucas, has mix ed his mind from some magnificent performances to complement his usual sumptuous visuals.

When Jack encounters a Don Quixote-like knight on a quest for the Holy Grail, the legendary cup Christ drank from during the Last Supper, which Perry believes is kept in a castle like mansion on Fifth Avenue. He is also deeply in love with the engagingly clumsy Lydia, but cannot bring himself to meet her. Along comes Jack who Perry rescues from both a suicide attempt and two murderous punks that seem to have wandered in from A Clockwork Orange. Jack, feeling guilty about Perry’s wife, decides to help Perry meet his damsel, and in the process, redeem his own life. The meeting climaxes with the three of them, along with Ruelle’s Anne, sitting in a Chinese restaurant in the film’s most poignant and hilarious scene. Unfortunately, unfortunately, this story does not end here.

The film begins to lose momentum as another tragedy befalls Perry through the streets of Manhattan. The recurring metaphor of repression is as silly as the dancing Indians in The Doors.

Gilliam, along with his director of photography, Roger Pratt, and production designer, Mel Bourne, have more than compensated for the film’s minor flaws.

Manhattan is a character in itself in Gilliam’s fairy tale. Like a chameleon, the city transforms itself into the characteristics of the actors. William’s Manhattan is a murky medieval influenced setting; a “Waste Land” waiting to be released by the magic of the Grail. Bridges’ city is cold and oppressive with looming skyscrapers towering above the masses. Ruelle’s apartment dwelling is lit in soft tones reflecting her earthy nature. Plummer meanwhile, is dominated by the city’s cruel little tricks. Only when they come together in the Chinese restaurant and when Perry and Jack are together in Central Park at the film’s true climax, is the “Waste Land” delivered from its sterility.

It’s a credit to everyone involved in this original daring piece of filmmaking that The Fisher King succeeds in interweaving the Grail legend into modern city life without succumbing to the schizophrenic tendencies that marred Gilliam’s previous works.

GRADE: A-

Robbie Williams is Perry, a street person who lives in a world of his own creation, and Jeff Bridges is down and out former DJ, Jack Lucas, who become unlikely friends.
Entertainment Commentary:

Movie Critics: Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down?

By Jon Bassuk

Staff Writer

Just because Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert have seen hundreds of movies in the many years they have been film critics, does that make them the hands-down authorities on what's good and what's bad? I think not.

When a movie is released, the job of the movie reviewer is to dissect the film and the characters to see what makes it work and what doesn't. Most of them don't like the film, there's no doubt that they are aware that with the big stars come big revenues, and the filmmakers won't care as much if its a thumbs down. Most action, horror and comedy films won't be out looking for an Academy award, but rather for audience satisfaction. The reviewer will be looking for the ultra-violence or unrealistic characters, and how it can ruin a film, while you and I, the people who have to pay to watch these films (remember, Gene and Roger get to see for free), just want to have some fun for a couple of hours. Why should we have people whose job it is to tear apart a film that is simply a fun story that "comes to life?"

If you read a book, you don't read it to see how unreal or flawed it is, you read it because the story or author appeals to your taste. The same goes for movies.

Movies are made for us to enjoy, and while some people will trust the reviewer implicitly, and only see a film if it got a good rating, there are just as many of us who go to the movies knowing only what we see from promotional commercials or because of well-known actor or actress featured in the film. So, while the reviewers might get free movie passes or advance screenings of the films, they aren't there to actually be entertained, as you and I would be, so are they really enjoying the film?

See movies for yourself, and YOU decide if it was good or not. Don't let a "thumbs-up" or a "thumbs-down" ruin what could turn out to be one of your favorite movies.

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8. Bond is married to "Her Majesty's Secret Service", and his wife's name is Teresa.
9. The villain in "The Man With the Golden Gun" has three nipples.
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RWC Sorority working to gain national status

By Aimee Godbout
Managing Editor

Most of us have heard something about RWC’s fraternity, Tau Epsilon Phi, but it is not nearly as widely known that RWC also has its own sorority.

Last year, when Laurie Frechette kept hearing people say ‘There’s nothing to do on campus,’ she had to take action. “I disagreed with people. There’s plenty to do on campus.” People just aren’t bonded to do things together,” said Frechette, who wrote a 25-page proposal for the sorority and became the organization’s founder.

The interest seemed high at first, so Frechette contacted a national representative of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority (the sister club to our fraternity). However, when the representative arrived, only eight women came to the meeting, and so nothing came of it.

“This year we started off the sorority in a new way. We mostly picked freshmen because they have fresh ideas that haven’t been shot down already,” said Frechette, who is now a sophomore. “We have 20 people this fall. That’s the present, but we want to get at least 25 before we start our community service. After that, we won’t be able to add anymore people. It’s part of our pledge.” The new sorority, which the women call Delta Gamma Rho, chose their colors to be red and purple: red depicting energy and cheerfulness and purple signifying loyalty.

Their symbols include a horseshoe, representing protection; a purple rose, representing discretion and secrecy; and a skull, representing “life force in their heads” and the power of the brain. The sisters must learn the Greek alphabet, create a scrap book and do community service as part of their pledge to gain entrance to a national sorority, which is their foremost goal.

They hope to pledge a national sorority (as early as next semester) that belongs to the National Panhellenic Organization, which forbids hazing and has a strict drinking policy. “If we get picked up by a national sorority, like Phi Sigma Sigma (their number one choice), we wouldn’t be funded by the school. We would receive funding through the national board and pay dues to them,” said Frechette.

Frechette believes Delta Gamma Rho will have no trouble getting chosen by a national group. “I hate to say it, but it’s a business. If you have connections, you’ll get in. We already have connections in Phi Sigma Sigma...and Jane (Forbush, their advisor) was a Greek in college, and is trying to get her sorority to come visit us.”

However, this time the group will not jump at the first sorority to show an interest in them. Said Frechette, “We want to keep our options open.”

Delta Gamma Rho plans three community service events this semester. Some time this month, they will visit with the veterans at British, and on Dec. 14 they will participate in Habitat, a Christian organization that helps low-income families build their homes. They are also trying to become involved in Greenpeace.

“We’d like to adopt a part of Bristol to keep clean, perhaps a stretch of Rte. 136. We’d put up a sign so the community would know a sorority from RWC was responsible for helping to keep Bristol clean,” Frechette said, adding, “We’re also trying to get Bristol to take us. It would give the school a new look.”

The members of Delta Gamma Rho also tend mandatory study groups with each other. According to Frechette, groups of four or five sisters get together to study as many times a week for however long they need. “It helps the sisters to get to know each other, and at the same time it helps you get your grades,” explained Frechette.

Becoming part of a sorority has other advantages, said Frechette. “The pledging, tradition and rituals bonds you to your sisters locally and globally. Wherever you are in the country, if you visit your chapter of sorority they treat you like family. The Greeks started homecoming and believed very strongly in philanthropy. They make the best alumni; they always remain family.”

“We try to encourage people to get involved in all areas of the campus. We try to get people to help us in whatever we do. If it helps your grades and makes you feel like family, we’re happy.”

March of Dimes needs volunteers

The March of Dimes, an organization that helps fight birth defects, is looking for community/school leaders to help plan their WalkAmerica. Volunteers would be responsible for attending monthly meetings and following through on committee requests. WalkAmerica is the March of Dimes largest and most important fundraiser, responsible for nearly 3/4 of the RI chapter’s budget.

Anyone interested can contact Kelly J. Stebbins, the Community Director, at 401-781-1011.

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Mr. Lee also served on the select committee with Dr. Sally Ride to chart NASA's future after the Challenger accident. As a writer he has collaborated with astronomer Carl Sagan in the creation, development and production of the COSMOS television series, and with the esteemed science fiction author Arthur C. Clark, has written and published three novels.

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