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O'Rourke assesses Bush's first 100 days

By Michele Baccarella

A compromise which saved the Savings & Loan Associations, a veto to raise the minimum wage and a veto to a plan to add revenue by raising taxes are just some of George Bush's accomplishments in his first 100 days as president, said Lawrence O'Rourke, a White House correspondent and a columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

His assessment of Bush's first 100 days appeared in this past Sunday's edition of the

Dispatch.

O'Rourke, who has also been a lawyer and the assistant deputy secretary of education under the Carter administration, assessed Bush's first 100 days for an audience of approximately 50 people on April 20.

"Bush does not want to break his most visible campaign promise of not raising taxes," said O'Rourke, who will soon accompany the president on a multi-city trip across the U.S. "He is very conscious of the 100 day assessment."

"Charles Schultz gives

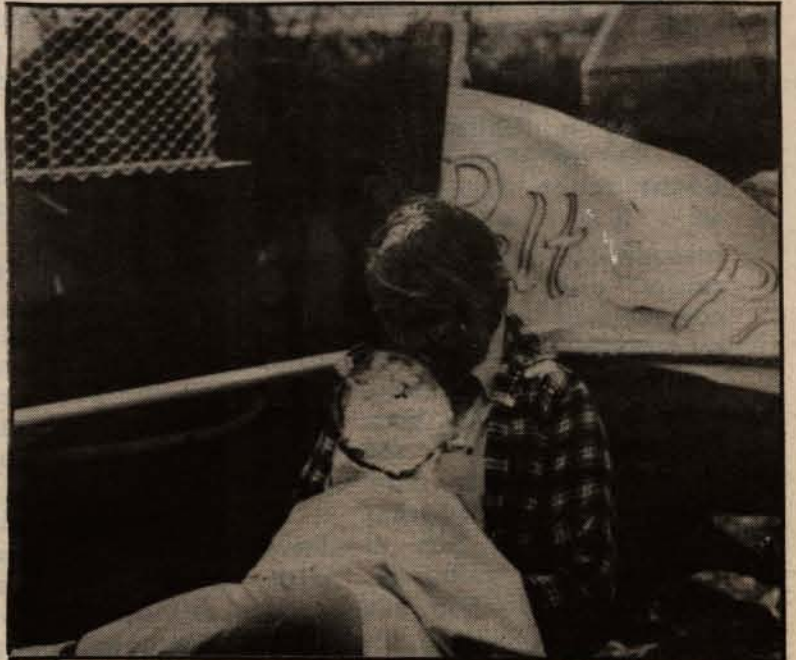
Bush an F on his budget plan," O'Rourke said paraphrasing the former secretary of state's assessment.

Bush also failed to rack up any significant accomplishments on his recent trip to Asia, O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke said he found the Oliver North trial fascinating with its brilliant lawyers. "The jury stayed awake," he said. Bush was involved in back door financing through Honduras, he said. "You can't count on the press to let up on the

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Right in the kisser...



Dr. Michael Swanson gets a face full of whipped cream at the Spring Carnival held on April 22. For more CARNIVAL PIX turn to page 13. photo by Dave Gaeta

Are students satisfied? Stay tuned for survey results

By Kary Andrews

The results of the survey concerning student satisfaction will be released in mid-May after the president reviews it, said Karen Haskell, dean of students and co-chairperson of the Enrollment Planning Committee.

The committee is currently reviewing the results of a follow-up questionnaire which consisted of six areas that were found to be problem areas in the original survey.

Students may remember taking the survey in November of last year.

The process of deciphering what areas need improvement and what areas students are happy with is still in the works.

Recently, students in each living area were asked to respond (orally) to questions about academics, residence hall regulations and enforcement, security and safety and the college's concern for the individual.

Questions about student conduct, services and facilities, advising, billing and paying, food, were arbitrarily varied.

Students were also asked if they would be willing to spend \$100 more a semester toward improving these areas.

The questions were more specific than the original survey so that the committee would be better able to gauge what areas specifically needed improvement, Haskell said.

The questions asked on the follow-up questionnaires were chosen because they were areas that had scored low on the survey and/or the committee considered them to be critically important areas to the kind of school Roger Williams College advertises itself to be, Haskell said.

For instance, RWC is advertised as a small school that gives its students individual attention. In this area, therefore, it is important for us to be above average, Haskell said.

After the questionnaires were completed, resident assistants distributed 3X5 index cards to students so they could list concerns they had in addition to what had been addressed on the questionnaire, Haskell said.

The committee is now going over the questionnaires and cards and compiling a list of the major dissatisfactions, Haskell said.

After this process is

completed the committee's recommendations for changes and/or improvements will be given to the president in a report that should be completed by mid-May, Haskell said. This report will become the committee's working agenda for next year.

The report will be made available to The Messenger after the president reviews it, Haskell said. "The committee does not wish to hide any information, we want to let students know what we have found."

Haskell said she feels that the survey process was done in a systematic way which should assure the information's validity.

She said that the process has been a successful one.

"I don't think that in recent years the college has had such a pool of information about student views. Now it is up to us to take the information and make changes," Haskell said.



While in the Soviet Union, Stein visited with three local historians, pictured above. From left to right, Dwampkin, Frumpkin, Stein and Lumpkin.

photo courtesy of Josh Stein

Stein travels to USSR to aid refusniks

By Jennifer Ouellette

Imagine being told that you cannot leave the country because you are told that you know a state secret.

Now add to this that you don't know what that secret could possibly be, but wishing desperately that you did so that you could tell it and have it no longer be a secret.

This gives you some idea about what refusniks in the Soviet Union face, said Joshua Stein, a history professor at RWC who recently went on a 10 day trip to the Soviet Union.

Stein went there with four of his friends, seeking to make contact with some refusniks who needed some kind of help. This help came in the form of books for teaching, non-narcotic medicine because Soviet pharmacology is

years behind the United States, and letters. They also brought goods, such as jeans, that could be traded or sold on the black market, he said.

Stein said he was nervous about going through customs at the Soviet airport, but he and his group did not have any trouble making it through. In order to go there, he and his friends had to pose as tourists in a group so that the items they brought would not be found and confiscated, Stein said.

"I wasn't bringing anything illegal in, but it was unwelcomed," he said.

The soldiers at the airport are not allowed to touch visitors although they can detain them if they decide that you aren't who your passport says you are, he said.

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Stein said they also brought to the refusniks the knowledge that people outside the Soviet Union realized they were there and that they were trying to help them, he said.

Stein is chairman of the Jewish Foundations Soviet Jewry Task Force of R.I., which is responsible for organizing rallies and writing to congressmen about the refusnik problem. While working with this group Stein said he had been able to study the refusnik situation from afar, so he decided that it was time for him to see what was going on for himself. His trip was made possible partially by a research grant from RWC, which paid for half of the expenses, he said.

One of the things Stein and his group hoped to accomplish, besides bringing in supplies, was to try to help settle some philosophical disputes among the Jewish refusniks. These disputes revolved around why the people should be teaching Hebrew, said Stein. They told the people that it did not matter what their philosophical differences were, that they should just make sure that they kept on teaching Hebrew, he said. "I'm not sure if we were successful or not," said Stein.

While they were there, Stein said they were able to meet with 17 or 18 families that were on their list of 25 names. This list was given to them by the National

Council on Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils of Soviet Jewry, he said.

Stein said that within 10 minutes after their arrival in these homes they were talking and acting like old friends with the refusniks.

Three of these people were historians named Frumpkin, Lumpkin and Dwampkin, who go to small Jewish communities to record their history, he said. With them, Stein discussed their work and tried to help them come up with ways that they could publish their work, said Stein.

Besides the refusniks, Stein said they also met with people who are known as poor relatives. These people don't necessarily have state secrets, but they have a living adult parent who they need permission from to leave the country. In these cases the parent doesn't always grant permission because they will miss their children or they may become outcasts in their society, said Stein.

One of the main complaints from the people they met was that everything is ruled by regulations, not laws, that are made up by bureaucrats, he said. "If you ask, why did this happen, the answer is, because somebody decided," he said.

But with Glasnost the country is opening up a bit more in some ways, said Stein. People have found that their mail is getting through more and phone calls aren't being cut off as much as they

used to be, he said.

Another problem with the country right now that Stein could see was the poor state the economy is in. The black market is flourishing so that money has little, if no value. This was evident to Stein when his taxi driver took two packs of Marlboro cigarettes for his fare instead of the three rubles that they offered to him, he said.

People who have been refusniks for a long time now are the most unfortunate because even though more Jews are being allowed to leave the country, they will probably never get to leave. By letting these old refusniks leave now after denying them for so long would imply that the reason they were held in the first place was not valid, said Stein. They have to face the realization that they will probably never be able to leave the country, he said.

Stein will now help to spread the word about the refusnik situation through some articles he will write for some local newspapers, he said. He will also be giving an informal talk on Wednesday, May 10 at 8 p.m. in the Bayroom for anyone who is interested in learning more.

Students' rights at private, public colleges differ

By Sarah Blanchard

In the last issue The Messenger covered the fire check done by the Student Life Office. Uncovered in that story were the differences between student rights at a private college and a public one. The following is an explanation of those differences.

The controversy started when the SLO confiscated fire hazards such as microwaves and hotpots in March.

It is stated in the school's housing contract that SLO has the right to confiscate all potential fire hazards.

The next question was, is the contract legally binding? The answer: kind of.

According to Marc Capozza, director of the SLO, when a student enters a private institution he/she is required to abide by the rules set by that college.

The college in turn is required to abide by R.I. state laws such as, fire codes and alcohol consumption laws, but other than those the school has carte blanche with setting rules and policies.

Some of the differences between public

and private colleges according to Capozza are:

* Public colleges are required to have a judicial system, private colleges are not.

* Public colleges are required to be accessible for the handicapped, private schools are not.

* In public colleges student activities fees mesh with other funds in the school while private institutions tend to keep them separate.

So, when students enter RWC and sign the housing contract they agree to abide by all of the stated rules.

If a student does not wish to go by those rules then he or she should find housing off campus, Capozza said.

Students are given the opportunity to read through the contract at orientation before they have to give the final signature at the beginning of the year.

RWC tries to be reasonable in giving students as many rights as possible in the rules without creating too much liability for the college, said Capozza.

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question of Bush's involvement," he said.

Bush faces some tough decisions in the near future including replying to nuclear/conventional arms concerns, O'Rourke said. "He's going to have to decide which defense system to subscribe to with the \$400 billion he has to spend."

O'Rourke says he feels that George Bush is an open and friendly president; much different from former President Ronald Reagan.

He cited the time when Bush pulled a child out of line for a tour to show her the White House puppies and the way he regularly walks into the White House press room to talk with the media as examples of this friendliness.

Bush is natural, spontaneous, understanding and unimpressed with himself, O'Rourke said.

Those same attributes are detriments as well because of his tendency not to plan ahead and his semi-devious nature, he said.

Bush is likely to make more mistakes because of his spontaneity, he said but Reagan was a walking disaster as far as (spontaneity in) talking was concerned, he said.

"Bush has few ideas of where he's going. He hasn't shown us his moves

yet, he's waiting for the game to start," O'Rourke said.

"I believe George Bush is a New England, New York, Republican moderate trapped in conservatism by Ronald Reagan," he said.

"I believe George Bush goes to bed at 10:30 and goes to sleep," O'Rourke said. "He plays as he goes."

O'Rourke touched on some of the major issues Bush will have to decide on and offered his own forecast of how he feels Bush sees the issue and how he thinks Bush will deal with it.

* Education - O'Rourke said he thinks Bush shouldn't have cut the education budget but added more to it.

* Deficit - Bush needs to bring down the deficit. He can do that by cutting more programs or raising taxes, O'Rourke said, "I think he should raise taxes on the upper middle and upper classes."

* Drugs - "Drugs are destroying us," O'Rourke said, "The drug problem is a white suburbanite problem. Blacks can't afford cocaine." Bush is concerned about the drug problem but he will not do what is necessary, O'Rourke said.

* Abortion - He said he felt Bush would remain sympathetic to anti-abortionists because they

are older, white suburbanites who tend to vote Republican in greater numbers than Democrats who tend to be younger, black and ethnic.

* Terrorism - O'Rourke said he feels Bush has no future plans to reduce terrorism, except not to deal with terrorists.

* Animal Rights - Bush has no viewpoint on animal rights except that he continues to favor them for use in medical research, he said.

O'Rourke said he feels Bush will definitely be re-elected in 1992 simply because the Democrats won't be able to pull together a candidate by then.

Another factor that will figure into the 1992 presidential election is the 1990 census.

"After the 1990 census California will get five more seats in the House whereas New York and the mid-west will lose seats. As a result California will have 20 percent of the votes needed to elect the next president of the United States," O'Rourke said.

"Negative campaigning works," O'Rourke said in answer to a question about Bush's campaign tactics against Democratic opponent, Michael Dukakis. Bush had nothing to say so he kept the focus on Dukakis, he made him explain away his

soft points, he said.

He also compared the print and broadcast media saying, "The written word is a cooler medium. Readers can analyze concepts and ideas and create their own arguments. T.V. is the hotter medium. Viewers got eight second flashes of the candidates per night in this election down from 15 to 20 seconds from the last election."

O'Rourke also talked about the role of media scrutiny on politicians in general and on Vice President Dan Quayle specifically.

"I am not comfortable with Dan Quayle being a heartbeat away from the presidency," O'Rourke said. He did say that Quayle is trying and that with more experience could be a decent president," O'Rourke said.

"Dan Quayle will see the world," he said. "Sometimes he'll be asked to carry a little water for George Bush but he won't have any real responsibility."

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behind the dorms was one restriction the college needed to enforce to warn students of the potential danger of the cliff line.

This covers the college's end in the state requirement which makes the college responsible for demonstrating a "duty to care" or a reasonable amount of care for students, Capozza said.

"Prospects of change in the Soviet Union"

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, president of the Navel War College in Newport, will speak on the "Prospects of Change in the Soviet Union" today at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Dean Forbes is hosting the event in conjunction with the college's study program to the Soviet Union from May 22 to June 6.

In the mid '70s, Kurth served as the navel attache to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. A decade later he returned to the embassy as defense attache. He earned a Ph.D. in government at Harvard where he also received a corporate appointment to the faculty as a Teaching Fellow in American National Government. He served in the Politico-Military Policy Section (OP-61), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In 1987, Kurth became president of the Naval War College in Newport.

For further information about the lecture, contact David Melchar at extension 2128.



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Commentary

Surrounding You

By Mark Gould

As the semester rapidly concludes, we all feel the stresses and strains of the hectic year. It seems that only yesterday we were shivering in the February winds awaiting the "promised" snowstorm. For the freshmen orientation was just the other day but now one quarter of your undergraduate career is complete. At the other end, the seniors have done it! Time passes on.

With this rapid pace, (many may not have contemplated what to do for the summer or forever). Have you come to grips with yourself, your significant other, your courses, your parents, etc.? There are only two weeks before you head home. What is it that you would like to do? How do you achieve these goals?

As I have been commenting during the year, this campus is a

real gem in helping you achieve the answers. Get outdoors, observe, and think. Take a deep breath of Bristol fresh air, marvel at the beauty of the campus and believe it or not, let us enjoy another grand tour of the campus. (The response from the last article was so great that another path had to be forged.)

For this magnificent circuit of the campus, we will begin at the Administration Building. First, note the well manicured lawn, trees, and flower beds. Aesthetically, they are very pleasing and provide one with an appropriate image of a college located in a suburban environment. Pretty! The Physical Plant does a good job in maintaining the appearance of the campus. Kudos to them!

Walk by the boiler plant (the nondescript building next to the parking lot). Marvel at

the squeeze that occurs for parking by staff, faculty and students. Where does one put the infinite demand in a finite space? Walk on past the gym to the large parking lot. Note the broken shells left by gulls dropping shellfish. Watch your head.

Canter over to the NIKE site. There must have been some great parties here recently. Look in the guardshack at the potential aluminum mine or look along the roadside at the vodka connection. As you stroll around the NIKE site ask if the fence is intended to keep the students in or out? Walk around the perimeter. Have you visited the engineering laboratories?

The view of the bay is quite nice from here. Enjoy it and if you can bring yourself back to reality, to the end of the semester, to the future. Have a great summer and beyond!

Venture beyond the Garanimal Zone

By Heather Zapanta

Have you ever noticed how we tend to group with people who dress like us? Everybody does it. Those of us with leather jackets hang out with others who have leather jackets. Those of us with faded jeans hang out with others who have faded jeans and so on. Not to say this is a particularly negative or positive point, but have you ever wondered why people do this?

It sort of conjures up memories of Garanimals. Remember Garanimals? That brand of clothing that allowed grade school children and younger to match their outfits, guided by the right animal tag. For example, said monkey top went with said monkey bottom. Elephant pants went with the acceptable elephant shirts and so on. Sure, that's great to a certain

extent. Mom then isn't worried that Janie will wear her vermilion plaid pants with that clashing yellow and green romper top. The custom, however, becomes obsolete when Janie is stoned by her classmates on the way to recess for wedding her giraffe to her moose.

Often the fashion conscious of any era adapt such mindless customs. We are only able to stay within our realm of clothing without venturing one step beyond.

What does fashion mean? To the layman it is merely a way to cover parts of the body and obtain warmth.

But outer wear is an ever growing and broadening means of self expression. That is, however, totally ineffective if personal

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The Bigger Picture

By John Painter

There was a time when it was admirable to possess an impassioned desire to perform to higher standards to burn inside for an elevated quality of being. The history of this country is bursting with men and women who pushed their minds and bodies to extremes of performance for the deceptively simple reason that they believed in what they did. Where are the men and women of spirit and mission today?

The path of least resistance is a popular route to travel these days. No grand designs, no righteous inspiration, no feverish passions. Just pick a short term goal and achieve it. One step in front of the other, eyes cast down, focused on the next footstep. There is the finish line-- pick up the stride now. Cross the line, start again.

If it came down to it, how many people today would lay down their lives for an idea? Does this sound like a peculiar question? Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin wouldn't find this question peculiar. Neither would the minutemen who died at Lexington and Concord. I

realize it's no longer fashionable to be interested in history. It's not cool to have intellectual heros. I understand it's not chic to have a mission or philosophy of life either. No, the rage today is to shun such antiquated and outmoded styles of living. Be pragmatic. What good are principles and ideals in the real world-- we all know that theory and practice are two different things. Let's be practical about our lives, let's put beliefs aside and get things done!

How can this be happening in America? This is the country founded on principles, created in the noble image of the Enlightenment. This is the country conceived and settled by men and women of passion and mission. Men and women who burned with the fire of ultimate will, who put the desire for a moral society based on the natural rights of man above even the love of their own lives. These were people who tore their gaze away from the path of least resistance and looked skyward into the bright sunlight of truth, knowledge, and wisdom. They left a legacy of freedom, they created a spirit and a vision which has spanned time and distance. Surely

these men and women were not always happy in their struggle, surely they endured trials and tribulations they would have gladly done without. However, for them, any price was worth the fulfillment of their missions and dreams. Any price.

Today we avert our eyes from that bright sunlight. If we read of a difficult question, we turn the page. If we encounter a complex debate, we disengage. We only want to be left alone to survive and subsist. Too rare is the taker of posterity's kiss. Where are the men and women with focused minds, who will examine our often misguided orb of humanity and eagerly undertake to rekindle the sparks of purpose and reason? Where are those who are willing to contribute some small part to the causes of truth and freedom?

Today we need intellectual minutemen. We need men and women who are ready and willing in a moments notice to engage in searching, intellectual discourse-- and bumper-sticker philosophers need not apply. We need people who will read a newspaper article and question the assumptions of the writer. We need citizens who will take the time to vote a

crooked politician out of office. We need mothers and fathers who will take time off from work to share important events with their children. We need businessmen who will worry about the long term implications of their business, as well as short term profits. We need scientists and engineers who are more concerned about the validity of data then scheduling the next press conference. We need college students who will make the effort to read a primary source that isn't required, or question a theory handed to them. The world need not be ruled by a cult of moral greyness or a culture of indifference. Things can be black and white-- certainty is possible, reason is powerful, principles are worthwhile. This is America, where our ancestors stood tall on their convictions-- we too must make the pursuit of truth and the defense of liberty the hallmarks of our lives. We must become intellectual minutemen, driven by our mission and warmed by that flame within us. Let us protect the legacy of our founders, and of all those who gave their lives for our freedom. That is our common mission.

THE MESSENGER recently received notification that it received three awards from the American Scholastic Press Association from a contest/critique it entered in December. **THE MESSENGER** received first place in the category with enrollment of 1701 - 2500. **JENNIFER OUELLETTE** received an award for Outstanding Editorial for "The Feeling of Giving" from the December 13th issue. **MICHELE BACCARELLA** received an award for Outstanding Story (non-school related) for her story "Positive I.D. Required" also from the December 13th issue.



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creativity is not involved. Clothing should be uninhibited and able to speak with an individual voice.

It is when we divorce fashion from its meaning that the pieces lose their purpose.

Example: The slashed, torn look of the Flashdance fad speculatively projected aggressive rebellion. Now when we wear something torn it is usually purchased that way from a manufacturer who "slashed" the fabric with such precision that the article of clothing is lacking all of the excitement and brashness akin to its origin. It becomes so commercialized, adulterated and slick

that it lacks a statement and is worn solely for the sake of its "fashionability."

So let's take it for rote that we're more comfortable and more easily accepted when we dress like each other.

But being in a rhetorical frame of mind, why not hang around with people who dress like us? I'm just saying that a crime is committed when outer appearance is the sole criteria for choice of crowd.

So we all dress to fit a certain mode or image. Perhaps it's just the pseudo-Greek philosophy that is offensive. Namely, that what you see is what you get, period. The outer appearance is

the mirror to the soul. Or gee, I hate torn sweatshirts, so I just can't marry him/her.

Nevertheless, we all have inhibitions and we all have preferences. I am probably the biggest culprit of all, being extremely conservative and never having enough ingenuity to wear my dinner jacket without my tie.

Instead, fashion no longer makes individualized statements but instead only parrots images. We become locked into our own societal uniforms like constricting straight jackets, unable to feel we look good unless we've first been told so by others who we are trying to look like.

Well, just for today I'm going to fight my self-perpetuated mold by wearing clashing styles, at least in underwear. Remember that Mom still loves you Janie.

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They came out for the cook out even in the rain as the officers of the Dorm 2 Hall Council cook dinner for their dormmates.

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Behind the Eight Ball

By Cathy Materazo

The Billiards Club hosted its first tournament with Bridgewater State College on Sunday, April 23. This was the first non-intramural competition for the club.

At each table there was a feeling of uncertainty since each player didn't know the strengths and weaknesses of his opponent.

There were 15 members from each school who competed for six prizes.

The first, second and

third place winners received trophies and cash prizes. Fourth, fifth and sixth place winners received plaques.

The winners were:
TIM EDWARDS - BSC,
first place

SOTIRI BARBOUNIS-RWC,
second place

TIM MITCHELL - RWC,
third place

TIM COLLINS - BSC,
fourth place

PETE HOBSON - BSC,
fifth place

MIKE MCDEVITT - RWC,
sixth place

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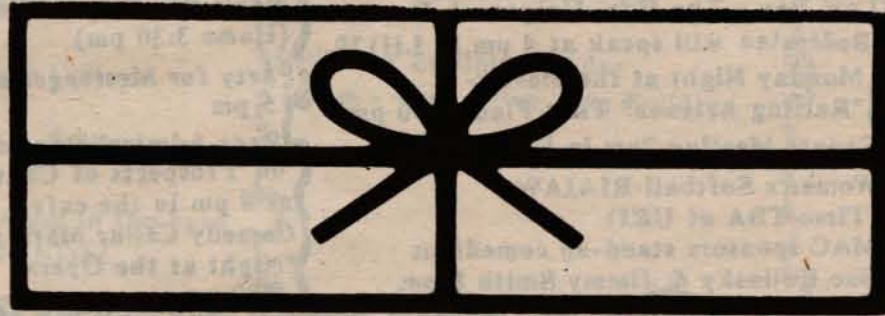
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 RWC Art Exhibit - Fine Arts Building 10 am - 4 pm
 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Wednesday Night at the Movies "Die Hard" That Place 9:30 pm

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 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Interfaith Choir/RWC College Chorale Sacred Masterworks Concert 3 pm, St. Mary's Church, Wood Street
 Barbecue in Colt State Park, sponsored by Sophomore Class

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 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Student Senate Meeting 7 pm in Senate office
 Men's Baseball vs. Southern Conn. University (Home 3pm)
 Monday Night at the Movies- "Alien Nation" That Place 9:30 pm

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 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Comedy Cellar - Tom Brown & Julie Barr Live! That Place 9:30 pm

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 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
FIREWORKS - North campus viewing area on soccer field
 Wednesday Night at the Movies "Scrooged" That Place 9:30 pm



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 Alpha Omega Players present "Educating Rita" in the barn at 8 pm sponsored by Alive! Arts Series
FINAL EXAMS
 8 - 10 am - period 2
 10 - 12 pm - period 22
 12 - 2 pm - period 5
 2 - 4 pm - period 7
 4 - 6 pm multi-section group exam

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FINAL EXAMS
 8 - 10 am - period 21
 10 - 12 pm - period 3
 12 - 2 pm - period 24
 2 - 4 pm - multi-section group exam
 4 - 6 pm - period 6



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FINAL EXAMS
 8 - 10 am - period 1
 10 - 12 pm - period 23
 12 - 2 pm - multi-section group exam
 2 - 4 pm - period 4
 4 - 6 pm - period 25

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GRADUATION at 1 pm!!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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PREREGISTRATION FOR FRESHMEN
 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Daytime Programming presents:
 "Mugshots" union lobby
 RWC Art Exhibit - Fine Arts Building
 10 am - 4 pm
 Men's Baseball vs. Bryant College
 (Away 3 pm)
 Women's Softball vs. R.I. College
 (Away 3:30 pm)
 Musical "Fantasticks" 8 pm in the barn
 Acoustic Cafe Open Mic Night,
 That Place 9:30 pm

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PREREGISTRATION FOR FRESHMEN
 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Musical "Fantasticks" 8 pm in the barn
 RWC Art Exhibit last day
 10 am - 4 pm, Fine Arts Building

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ENVIRONMENTAL WEEKEND
 Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Men's Baseball vs. Anna Maria
 (Home 1 pm)
 Musical "Fantasticks" 8 pm in the barn

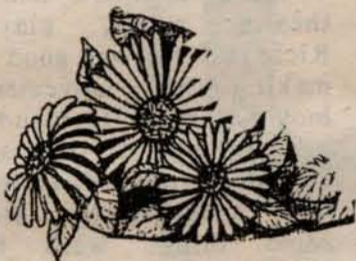
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Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building
 Acoustic Cafe - Robin Greenstein, live,
 That Place 9:30 pm

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Last day of Rosenthal photo exhibit - arch building

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FINAL EXAMS
 8 - 10 am - period 8
 10 - 12 pm - multi-section group exam
 12 - 2 pm - period 26
 2 - 4 pm - period 9
DORMS CLOSE AT 6 PM
GOODBYE AND HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!!!!!!

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SENIOR CLASS CLAMBAKE
GRADUATION REHEARSAL 3:30 pm

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Have a great summer!

ENTERTAINMENT

Casablanca

By Mary Posato

Casablanca is a movie that will never go out of style. It is a classic that has it all: good guys, bad guys, excitement, intrigue and romance. You name it, this movie has it. Even if you have never seen this film before, lines from the dialogue have become part of your everyday language.

Some lines, for example, made famous by Bogart are "Here's lookin' at you kid," and "Of all the gin joints in all the towns..." You know how the rest goes. How about the famous tune "As Time Goes By." Will you ever hear that and not associate it with Casablanca.

This movie centers around two people who at one time had a love affair in Paris. Rick Blaine, played by Humphrey Bogart is a tough, apathetic, cynical bar owner who does have a soft spot for the underdog and Ilsa Lund, played by Ingrid Bergman, is a passionate woman who loves two men for two different reasons.

These two characters meet again after years have gone by and are forced to face the mystery that had surrounded their love. In a flashback of Paris the audience sees a different Rick than the one we are introduced to in the

beginning. In Paris Rich and Ilsa fall in love, only to be interrupted by the Nazi invasion. Together they make plans to escape, but Ilsa never does show up at the train station and Rick must be pulled on the train by his friend, the piano player Sam, played by Dooley Wilson.

Now, back in Casablanca Rick has become a hardboiled bar owner who has surrounded himself with criminals, rich, poor, and all types of people trying to escape from the Germans. When Ilsa reappears with her husband Victor Laszlo, played by Paul Henreid, Rick is devastated, but is forced to risk everything to save his lady love from danger.

Laszlo is the head of the freedom fight and must get out of Casablanca in order to continue his work. Rick is the only one in a position to help. He hesitates at first because of his anger towards Ilsa, but reverts back to the sentimentalist he was in Paris. In the end, Bogart once again loses the girl, but gains the respect of the world.

Such a mixture of danger and love cannot go unseen or only seen once. The movie was written day by day as the film was shot but because of skilled actors and a wonderful plot it turned out to be classic entertainment.

"Stage Directions" - A review

By Heather Zapanta

"Stage Directions", by Israel Horowitz, was the senior project of student-director Micheal Ringler. The play was performed at RWC on April 21.

The play's title was by no means euphemistic. It was done totally in verbalized stage directions. The play takes place when two sisters and their brother, who have not spoken to each other for years, are thrown together after their relative's funeral. The choppy mini-monologues take you inside the minds of the characters while also describing their superficial physical movements.

The play itself is incredible in the concept that the characters talk of themselves, of each other but never to each other. They play at the "we're trying not to notice we're in the same room" scenario until Richard, the brother, leaves the room. The sisters, Ruth and Ruby, are then in competition for who will be the next to exit. Well, Ruth wins, so to speak, leaving Ruby to climax the production when she intentionally cuts herself with broken glass and "...screams but there is no sound."

The play is 40 minutes of relentless tension that I applaud anyone for undertake. Still, there were some flaws in the piece.

The monologues were mostly on tape and that proved to be a distraction at first because of the tinny, unrefined sounds produced. The only times the actors literally uttered anything was during the sequence referring to their mother's and brother's death. The other such time, surprisingly in contrast, was their laughter.

Mark Lampert, senior theatre major, played Richard. He was good at making his movements look natural. He blended anticipation of the tape recorded stage directions with spontaneity. Still, some things were too deliberately comical, like the "unconscious" touching of the nose and the insect swatting.

The sisters Ruth and Ruby were played by freshmen Lisa Abrons and Jennifer VanAalten.

Ruth had a very natural quality and there was a genuineness to her anger. However the emotions needed to be more focused and controlled. Some of her actions were also awkward

and needed to be more relaxed.

Ruby was interesting, perhaps unintentionally, in the dual symbolism of her name being synonymous with color, and also being the only one to wear something so vibrant. VanAalten portrayed a mix of vulnerability and anxiety very well. Again, as with the others, she was good with her movement but had the relative problem of lacking spontaneity at times.

I enjoyed the uncomfortable interaction between the three characters.

The writing was rich with fascinating symbolism which was fun to dissect. It was a good choice to illustrate human nature in an ironic way.



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NOTEWORTHY

Some things to think about

By Michele Baccarella

Did you ever wonder why they mow the lawn around the classroom building at 11:00 in the morning when most classes are in session?

Wouldn't it make more sense to mow the lawn in the late afternoon when the majority of classes are done for the day?

Did you ever wonder why the bookstore is not open at least one night a week when it would be more convenient for students who because of class or work can't get to the bookstore between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.?

Wouldn't it make more sense to open the bookstore one day on the weekend so that visitors could get a sweatshirt or souvenir or students could get a convenience or emergency item?

Did you ever wonder why there are only three copiers (two in the main library, one in architecture library) for the

TOGA, TOGA,



Sherry, Paul, Gus & Wes enjoy the Otis Day and the Nights concert on April 15th. And the Best Toga award goes to Brian Krue's Mickey Mouse sheet toga. Brian and his winning toga pose here with friends Lisa and Krysta.

photos by Michele Baccarella

2,500 students who attend RWC? And from those of you who use the copiers in the main library, you know sometimes you are better off writing it out longhand because of the fickle print quality. Wouldn't it make more sense to have available a more proportionate ratio of copiers to students?

And speaking of copiers, did you ever wonder why you are required to pay a \$2 copying fee for some

classes? I don't know about you but I think that should be included somewhere in either my tuition or in one of the fees that go with it?

Did you ever wonder why sometimes during the week but especially on weekends it takes so long (eight or more rings) for the switchboard to answer the 253-1040 number? I'd hate to be a parent or anyone else for that matter trying to get hold of their son, daughter or friend in an emergency.

Wouldn't it make more sense to have a full-time switchboard operator?

Does anyone know why

no more than 13 people ran to be elected to the Student Senate?

Did you know that all of those candidates only needed one vote to be elected?

I'm glad those people came forward and showed the initiative and showed they care but what about the rest of us? What happened to the concept of healthy competition?

In the same vein, what happened in the class elections where there were no more than two candidates for all four positions in each of the four classes?

Did you ever wonder why students have to walk up three flights of stairs outside the library only to walk down them again on the inside to get to the computer lab?

Wouldn't it make more sense to let students use the doors on the bottom floor?

Did you ever wonder why bathrooms were not built along with the addition where all the student offices are?

Wouldn't it have made more sense to provide for calls to nature?

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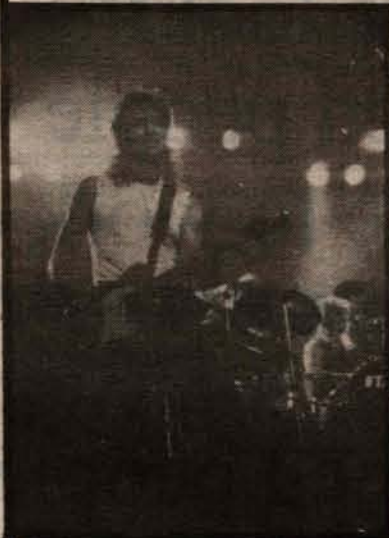


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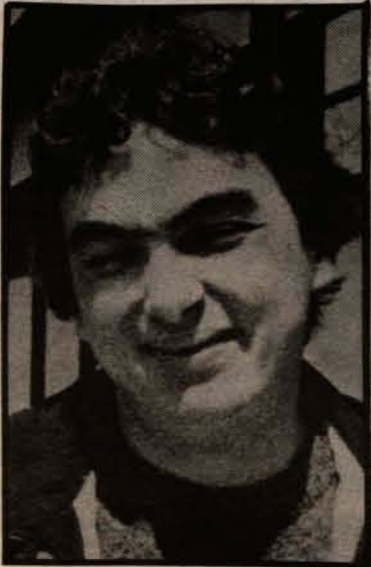
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YOU SAID IT

Do high schools adequately prepare students for college? What areas could be improved?



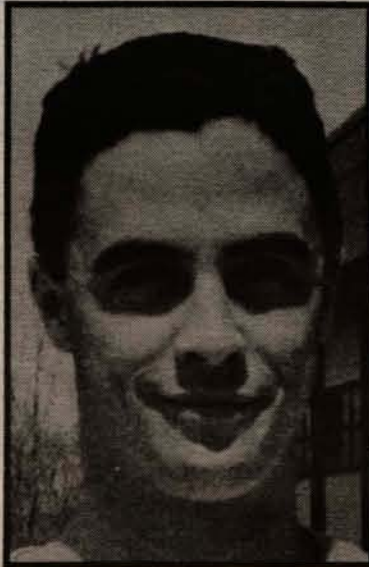
Dave Coccio
sophomore
Bristol, Rhode Island

No, I didn't really realize it until I saw some of the incoming freshmen, they seemed totally lost. Plus, I have some friends that are still in high school and they aren't emotionally ready for college.



Heather Vance
freshman
Cheshire, Connecticut

Yes, because you learn all the basic things you need to know for college.



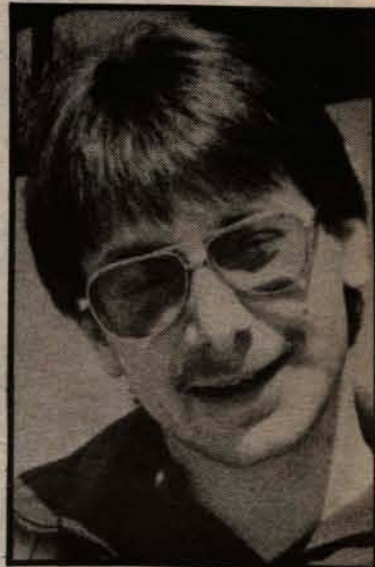
Larry Zevon
junior
White Plains, New York

Yes. Some of the stuff that you learn in high school isn't necessarily stressed in college, but most of it is. In high school, geography and history could be improved, as well as placing more emphasis on business skills.



Stacy Akin
freshman
Yarmouth, Maine

Yes, because alot of the classes you take in college are similar to the ones taught in high school.



Dave Guertin
sophomore
Nashua, New Hampshire

Nothing prepares you for college, really. Once I got here, I was basically working from scratch. So basically, no.

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Carnival



And that's for the "F" I got on my last paper. - I'm majoring in the advanced moonwalking major.



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Yes I'm going to do this even though I may look ridiculous.



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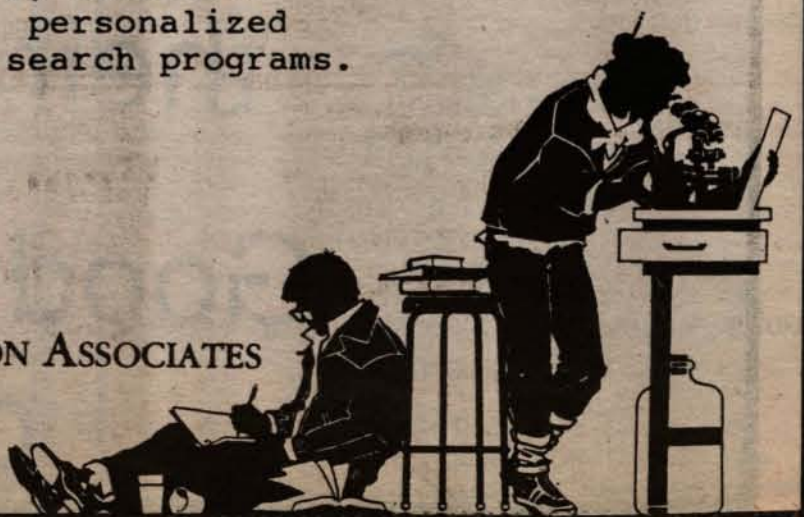
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Even though the mercury dipped down into the 30s, spirit was high at the carnival where you could dunk a teacher, pelt a prof or take a ride down the slide. The carnival sponsored by SAC was a fundraiser for all the clubs who participated.

RESUMES

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PERSONALS

"B", I'm not looking forward to the phone bills next year at all. They're going to be out of control, but that's okay if that's what it takes to stay in touch with you. Tell mom and dad to get ready because "Gil" is coming over real soon. Love ya, Gail

Roomies, I'll miss all of you next semester, but I'm sure I'll be down to visit, especially for Lisa's 21st. I hope the house works out and remember to save a room for me! Jen

Jill, We'll have to get together over the summer and go out. You, me, Michele and Gail will shop 'til we can't try on anymore! Our talks have been great, hope they never stop. I want you to know that I'll be there over the summer, OK? Love, Alana

CT - You are a super roomie! I'm going to miss you. Have a good summer, let's get together! Love - HD

Dear Leah S., We have got to meet before we go home for summer. I'm in one of your classes (think of the "s--" word...) I'll be in touch. Until then! Love, ?

Kerri, Just want to let you know that our talks have really gotten me through. You are a special person and I hope everything works out for next year! Love, Alana

Joe, Thanks for everything you've taught me since I met you. I want you to have a great time in Europe this summer and don't ever forget me! I love you! Your little baby bug!

And yes Scott, I like your friends!

To Chester, Boobs and Mammy: I'll never forget the great talks in Unit 342! One of those is due about now, it's been a long time! Who knows, we might learn something new! Love you guys! Bodie

Tom & Alana, Well guys, what could I possibly say, except that you guys are the best. Thanks for everything you did and do for me. I maybe leaving but I'll never forget either of you. I couldn't ask for two better friends. You made my first year of college a blast. Be good to each other. "I love you guys." Love, Gail (Gil)

Nerd, Thanks for all you've taught me and for being my best friend...I love you. Your little baby bung

You ran across campus without WHAT...your pants!!!

Michele and Jill, I had a really great year with both of you guys. I'll never forget all the great times "the group" had together. I know we will keep in touch. We have to get together over the summer and go out. It's for sure time for a girl's night out on the town. I'm sure I'll be up to visit. Love ya guys. Gail

Unit 2 - To the "Great" Times! Let's do it again sometime! Love ya guys, you're all a blast. Ha-Ha!

Alana, I couldn't ask for a better roomie, and friend. I'll never forget all the great, and crazy times we shared together. I had a great year but it wouldn't have been possible without you. Don't ever change. You're the best! Gail

George, Did I ever tell you you're my hero? Kerry & Tray

Jimi D. - I'm coming home to bug ya for the summer. Ha! Ha! Just kidding, buddy.

A.P. - Thank you for everything! Expect a visit or two this summer! Love HD

To Gould - How's your invert collection going? Hope as well as ours! The Three Amigos.

George H., I think you're irresistible. Guess who?

To my friends at RWC("the group"), I'm really going to miss you guys next year. I hope we don't lose touch. Next year is going to be very strange without the whole "group" being together. The memories I have of my first year of college are great because you guys made it great for me. Well I wouldn't say this is the end because I'm leaving. I feel it's just the beginning. I love you guys. Love Always, Gail

To Porky! Best of luck next year at Stonehill. We will all miss you so you best keep in touch, ya hear? You'll come here and we'll go there, not to worry Pork! Take Care! Fifi

Michele, Try not to worry so hard about everything. It will all work out and next year. We'll help each other through. Guess I'll see you in summer school! It never stops. Love ya boobs! Alana

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congratulations
to the
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their graduation.

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of YOU!**



PERSONALS

Jamaica Man - I want a piece of wallpaper, but I'm not going in the house to get it. If you get a piece for me, I'll treat you and Mrs. Pierce to chocolate croissants! Your buddy

J.W. Chin up and have a great summer!

Rob Q. Thank you for being so happy. Love ya! - V.D. Miss D.

Alf sucks!! Yours truly- Someone with intelligence.

Hey Jenny, New England is for the dogs. I'm outta here!

Rie, Jackie & Ker, Thank you for everything you've done for me this year. I will miss you all next year, but I will be down to visit, I swear. I couldn't have made it without your friendships. Love ya, Trista

Julie, How's the bridge? I can't wait to eat it!!

SMR - I will miss you the most. I love you.

Is it the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning. The dawn untouched is red. Let nothing happen. Let it be your will.

Tim, Happy 1 year anniversary. I know this is just the beginning. I love ya very much (even when you're bad!) Patti

M & M - I miss you both relentlessly - let nothing come between us. Me

To all my beloved antique chicks, I hope you get stuffed with big fat _____. Waah! XXOO Smoothie.

Remote, We're gonna have the best time in Florida. I promise. Love, Stiffy

Hey Magoo - Did any of last week's personals make you want to barf up a lung? - Roo

T.M.N.T. Leave me alone please. XXX

"I'm not a painter...I'm a poet!" the Secret Life of Captain Bob!

Hudey! - You know, I think you have the cutest buns on campus.

Tray, SO much for sibling weekend! Never again. Kerry

W: I had a great time Saturday!! Sorry for the uproar. Talk - E.

Hey gang! You guys are the greatest! Get together in August? I'll be there!

Pete H. You are the cutest! M.

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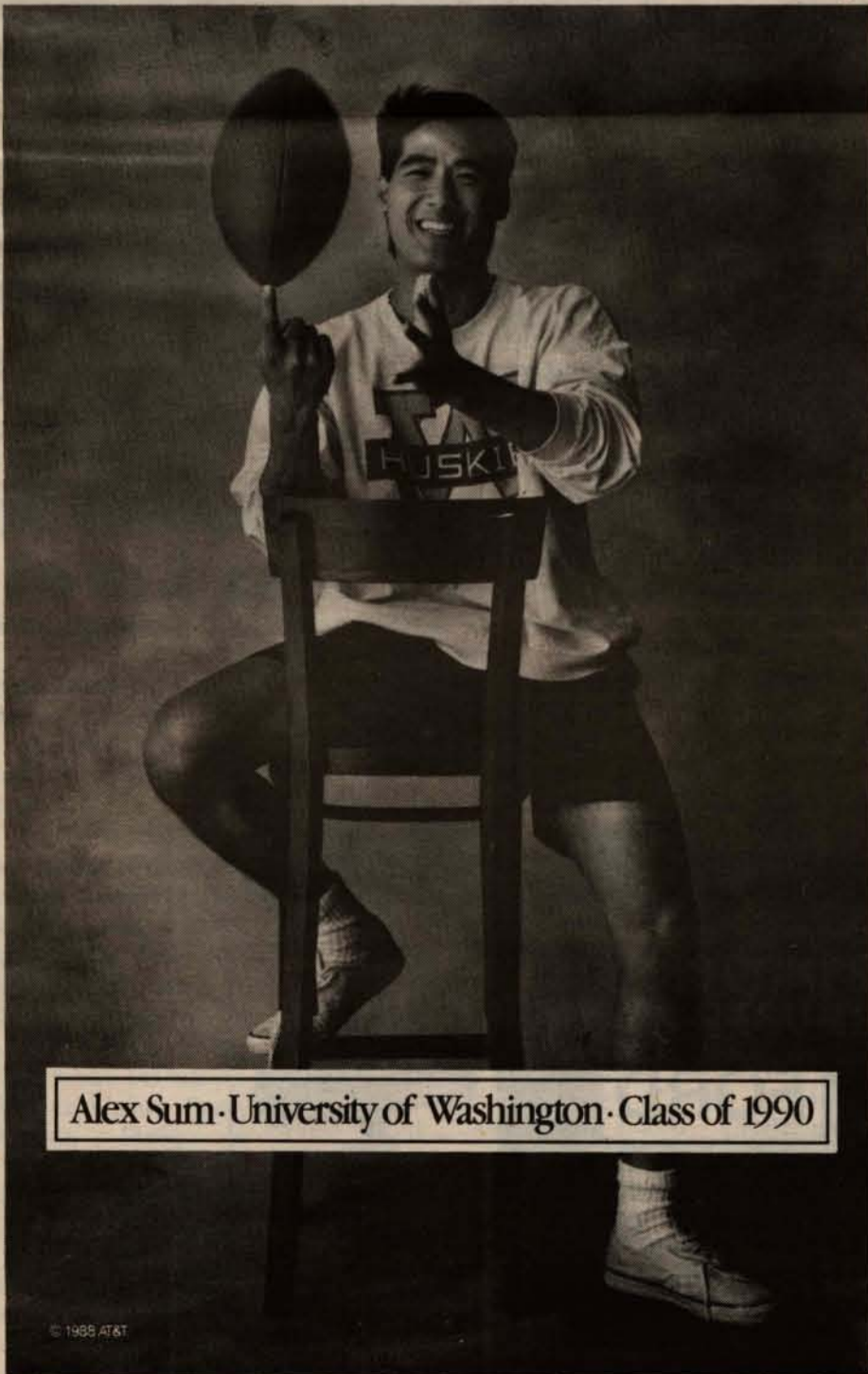
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