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# WHAT MESSAGE ARE WE SENDING?

If you were watching television a few weeks ago, particularly February 23 on CBS, you would have seen a monstrosity that likes to call itself the Grammy Awards.

There are so many things wrong with these awards. A brief list:

First, there are *ninety-eight* different awards! There are so many different categories that anybody can get awarded for anything. There are seven different Latin categories, eight Country categories, eight Rock categories, and 11 different Classical categories. Throw in all the other genres that the Grammys try to cover, and you've got yourself a shot to win if you record an album in your garage and mail it to the Academy.

Second, the quality of the nominees is just pitiful. For the most prestigious award, Record of the Year, the nominees were: The Backstreet Boys, Cher, Santana, Ricky Martin, and TLC. Holy crap, there isn't an ounce of actual musical talent in any of those groups. Well, there's Santana, but I'll get to him later. Best New Artist? What? *Britney Spears*? *Christina Aguilera*? Who is the Academy trying to fool here?

The only winner this year that has a chance of having a lasting effect on anything is Santana's album, *Supernatural*. However, I think we all know the reason why. Santana's guitar playing is undoubtedly excellent, don't get me wrong. But the only reason anybody bought the thing was because almost every song has a high-profile guest star. Rob Thomas's contribution to the album netted our buddy Carlos four awards alone. Santana was even nominated *twice* in the same category—Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals, for "Love of My Life" (featuring Dave Matthews), and, of course, "Smooth" (featuring Rob Thomas).

And another thing: COVER SONGS SHOULD NOT COUNT. I'm so sick of bands getting big attention for their covers (Orgy, for example—but at least they weren't nominated). This time around, the Academy decided to extend their "graces" to at least four covered songs: "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," originally by Queen, but recycled into a twangy redneck barn-clearing drool fest by Dwight Yoakam (at least he didn't win), "Whiskey in the Jar," originally by Thin Lizzy but trumped up by Metallica (hey, I like it, but it's still a cover), and last but not probably the most offensive, Lenny Kravitz and his grotesque version of The Guess Who's classic "American Woman." He won for that, too. Ugh. The other one, "Sweet Child of Mine," originally by Guns 'n' Roses, and covered by Sheryl Crow, of all people, just made me feel old.



I listened to that song when I was a kid, and having someone cover it—and win a Grammy for it—just doesn't seem right. Even Tony Bennett Picked up a Grammy for an entire cover album (*Bennett Sings Ellington*). Hmm....

However, there were a few awards that seem, at least, to be distributed to the right people. Tom Waits got the Contemporary Folk Album for his *Mule Variations* and B.B. King picked up a Traditional Blues Album award for his excellent *Blues on the Bayou*. Beck picked up Best Alternative Music Performance for *Mutations*, a truly excellent album; and perhaps in the most satisfactory pair of wins of the night, Sting took away the award for Male Pop Vocal Performance from Lou Bega, Marc Anthony, and Ricky Martin, and later he took Best Pop Album from Ricky Martin, Cher, and The Backstreet Boys.

So who got robbed? First, Nine Inch Nails had Best Metal Performance taken from them by "Iron Man" from Black Sabbath. I love Black Sabbath, and "Iron Man" is an awesome song, but come on, it's 30 years old. If it didn't win an award in the previous three decades, I don't see why the Academy decided to give it one now. Willie Nelson had Best Pop Instrumental Performance taken away by Santana, and Fatboy Slim had Best Dance Recording taken away by Cher, of all people.

So it all comes down to not who is better, but who is most popular. Even though they won't admit it, the Academy selects its nominees by record sales, not actual musical talent.

In his annual address to the public, Recording Academy President and CEO Michael Greene decided to clam up for once. He brought out some kid musicians—kids that play actual music and let them play. They got a standing ovation from the crowd. But what message is the Academy sending to these kids when they nominate the likes of Britney Spears, Ricky Martin, and The Backstreet Boys? It makes me worry. •

## THE “PAPER TRAIL”

- *Two “official” (but incorrect) schedules from the Registrar’s Office*
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- *Two flyers of open jobs in my college*
- *Four announcements of special lectures being given in the next week*
- *Two announcements regarding graduation*

These are the things that I received in my departmental mail folder last week. Not one of them was important and each went directly into the recycling bin across the hall from my folder. The above list can be considered fairly common for a week in my college. I suspect it is common, too, for most students of each college at RIT. The real kicker is that I bet at least ninety percent of what I receive is either worthless information, information I already know, or information I could easily find elsewhere, should I care to know it.

Why does a school with the technical prowess of RIT still rely on such archaic forms of communication? Why does everyone in my college need to personally receive a copy of every pink, yellow, and pastel purple flyer advertising an upcoming lecture when the same flyer plasters every wall of the building?

My disappointment with this array of waste is twofold. First, it is a severe injustice to the environment. A sheet of paper may be cheap to an Institute like RIT, but when all the sheets of paper we toss around add up, it is a tremendous cost to the environment. The number of trees we consume at this school alone must be staggering. Further, although I have the conscience of mind to toss my unwanted papers into the recycling bin, I have a feeling that a good majority of my classmates do not care as much, and their flyers end up in the trash, eventually making their way to overcrowded landfills.

Secondly, almost all of the information I receive in my mail-folder is easily accessed from another location. I usually know all my grades (via the SIS) at least a week before grade reports go out. If I can’t figure out what my schedule is (by \*gasp\* walking over to the Registrar, picking up the phone, or again, via the SIS) then I am in serious trouble and maybe college isn’t the place for me. As far as those annoying lecture announcements go (most of which don’t interest me or my classmates anyway), perhaps the half-dozen flyers on the wall on the way to any classroom in my college are enough.

After a while I just get plain annoyed at all the crap I receive in my mail-folder. I have an idea: in the rare event that there actually is an important message, maybe it could be e-mailed to me. Again, if you haven’t quite grasped e-mail yet, maybe you should join the group above who can’t figure out what classes they’re taking and get the heck out of school. Or better yet, let’s have a remedial course on how to use e-mail. I’ll leave a flyer in your mail folder with the time and place. See you there!



Nicholas R. Spittal  
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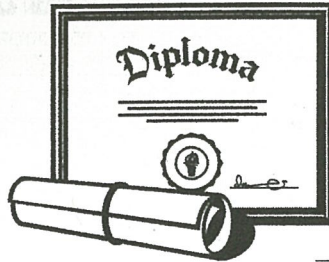
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## U.S. HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo Speaks at RIT

With the 2000 Presidential Elections in full swing, candidates and their supporters are busy preaching their platforms and virtues throughout the nation. On February 25, Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), visited RIT in praise of Presidential candidate Al Gore.

Speaking from the CIMS Building, which his father (former New York Governor Mario Cuomo) helped fund in 1992, Cuomo highlighted several points of Gore's campaign; a large extent of which concerned his goals for education.

After introductions by RIT Vice President of Finance Dr. James Watters, and several other community members, Cuomo began addressing some of his concerns; first and foremost, upstate New York's economic development. Cuomo noted that the region is unique in that it is nearly dead last in terms of economic recovery. He noted the steps toward a solution: Recognize a problem exists, define a solid business plan for revitalization, and ensure there are qualified workers through tough educational standards. At this point he stressed that Gore has goals for promoting life-long learning, unlike other candidates, and noted that Gore has accomplished everything he has set out to do during his Vice Presidential term. •



Photo by Elizabeth Forjerson

## C.A.R.E.-ing About Crime

By Jon-Claude Caton

Campus Safety has recently launched its latest effort to curtail crime at RIT— there is now a hotline that students may call if they have information pertaining to crime on campus. The Crime Activity Reduction Effort, or C.A.R.E., allows students to offer tips and other bits of information that they may be able to provide in the interests of solving various crimes that occur on campus. "If we have a place to start, then we can oftentimes come up with the evidence that we need," commented Campus Safety's Senior Investigator Jack Jordan. Jordan is heading the hotline, as it is a direct line to his office. He has worked with Campus Safety Director Dick Sterling, Associate Director Chris Denninger, and Crime Prevention manager Russ Tripoli, to set the program in motion.

"I think that we have found over the years that the majority of crimes on campus are committed by outsiders, not RIT students." Crime investigation is nothing new to Jordan, who served 25 years as an investigator for the Rochester City Police Department. Following his retirement from the city five years ago, Jordan spent three years as a contract investigator, and the last two working for Campus Safety. He cites several advantages of the C.A.R.E. hotline's function, and stresses that students should use the hotline no matter how insignificant they believe their information may be. "Anything a student may offer could be the missing piece of the puzzle." Jordan illustrated this point by adding, "If a student catches the last part of a license plate number, we may already have the first part. It doesn't matter how insignificant the information is, anything can be useful, and important."

Another feature of the C.A.R.E. hotline is the confidentiality of those who may choose to use it. Students are not required to offer their names and have the option of remaining completely anonymous. Jordan commented, "We know there are a lot of students who don't want to give their names." He does want students to understand that the hotline is not an emergency number, and that students should continue to use the already designated phone numbers for emergency situations.

Jordan is optimistic that the hotline will make a serious impact on criminal investigations. He is adamant that anything a student observes may be the missing link in solving campus crime. Jordan concluded, "We all have to pull together to make RIT a safer, more enjoyable learning environment." •

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Kristine Pierce, 1999's recipient of the Hockey Humanitarian Award, had her #12 jersey retired before the home crowd during the ECAC West Tournament

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**RALEIGH**—Copper, a three-legged golden retriever, has been credited with saving the lives of its family on Sunday, February 27. Copper woke up its owner Christie Cameron when flames broke out in a room adjacent to the master bedroom, where Copper slept with its owners. The Camerons were able to get themselves, their two children, and pets out of the house just minutes before the master bedroom exploded. (AP)

**OSLO**—It wasn't a collision, rather an act of road rage—on the part of a moose. On February 29, 2000, Raymond Johansen was driving with his girlfriend when he narrowly missed hitting an 800-pound moose. The moose looked at the two, started towards the car, and then walked across the hood, shattering the windshield. Neither the couple nor the moose were injured. (AP)

## brick beat

By Andrew Dollard

### RIT to Host Lake Ontario Conference

On March 14, RIT hosted the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's third annual update on the state of Lake Ontario. The conference, held in conjunction with the Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board, focused on Ontario's aquatic wildlife. M. Ann Howard, an environmental consultant and assistant professor at RIT, said beforehand that the conference will appeal to "anyone who is interested in the biological health of Lake Ontario," and is a place to "gain understanding of the dynamic ecosystem of the lake." Students from RIT's Great Lakes class assisted in the organization of the conference.

### Upcoming Speakers

The latest speaker in RIT's Gannett Lecture Series was Lee Quinby, the College of Liberal Arts' Caroline Werner Gannett Professor. Quinby spoke on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Webb auditorium; her lecture, called "Just In Time," discussed the acceleration of daily life and its effects on truth, ethics, and responsibility.

On March 21, Blanche Wiesen Cook, a biographer of Eleanor Roosevelt, will speak in the Chester F. Carlson auditorium. Cook, who is a professor of history at the City University of New York, received the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for her biography of the First Lady; her speech will be followed by a book signing.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

### Motorola Makes Another Gift

Motorola Incorporated recently continued its support of RIT's engineering programs, this time with a gift of \$235,000. Motorola, which employs more than 200 RIT graduates, has given more than \$5 million worth of gifts to RIT since 1984.

### MAAC To Hold Career Fair

RIT's Minority Alumni Advisory Committee, an alumni group that provides development opportunities to minority RIT students, will hold a Career Fair on March 25 in the Student Alumni Union from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The career fair, now in its fourteenth year, usually draws over 50 employers, mainly in technical fields. Proceeds from the event will support the MAAC scholarship program.

**BUDAPEST**—A unidentified Hungarian has played a cruel, yet amusing prank on many unsuspecting Internet users. He posted on his web site the picture of a girl claiming to be auctioning off her virginity. Instead, the web site owner posted the names, addresses and messages to the young woman. The highest bid came from an American man with \$1,886. The site had attracted 5,000 hits in only 24 hours. (CNN)

**TOKYO**—A man turned female has been allowed to return to high school after graduating as a man 13 years ago. The Japanese transsexual was denied re-enrollment on the basis that it would deprive other students of the chance to attend the school since he/she had already graduated. However, a Japanese district court ruled on March 6 that he/she could enroll as a woman, thus a different person. (Reuters)

**LONDON**—In order to fight attempts to evict them from the area, Soho prostitutes went on strike on Tuesday, March 8. The English Collective of Prostitutes claims that they are an integral part of the Soho economy. They are mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, partners, neighbors, and friends just like any other women. They claim that by evicting them, over 100 women would be forced to live and work on the streets. (Reuters)

**KINGSTON, Jamaica**—Over 1,000 convicts housed in two Jamaican prisons have been hit by a wave of diarrhea. The massive outbreak has been blamed on a meal of callaloo and pak choi with salt fish, dumplings, and dasheen which they were fed for supper on Sunday evening. Angry prisoners on Monday dumped scores of paper bags loaded with feces in passageways to the cell blocks in protest. (Reuters)

**OSLO**—A tiny arctic, Norwegian village, Longyearbyen, has finally seen what nearly every other place on earth has already—the sun in the new Millennium. For the first time since the new year, the sun has risen over the world's northernmost settlement. (Reuters)

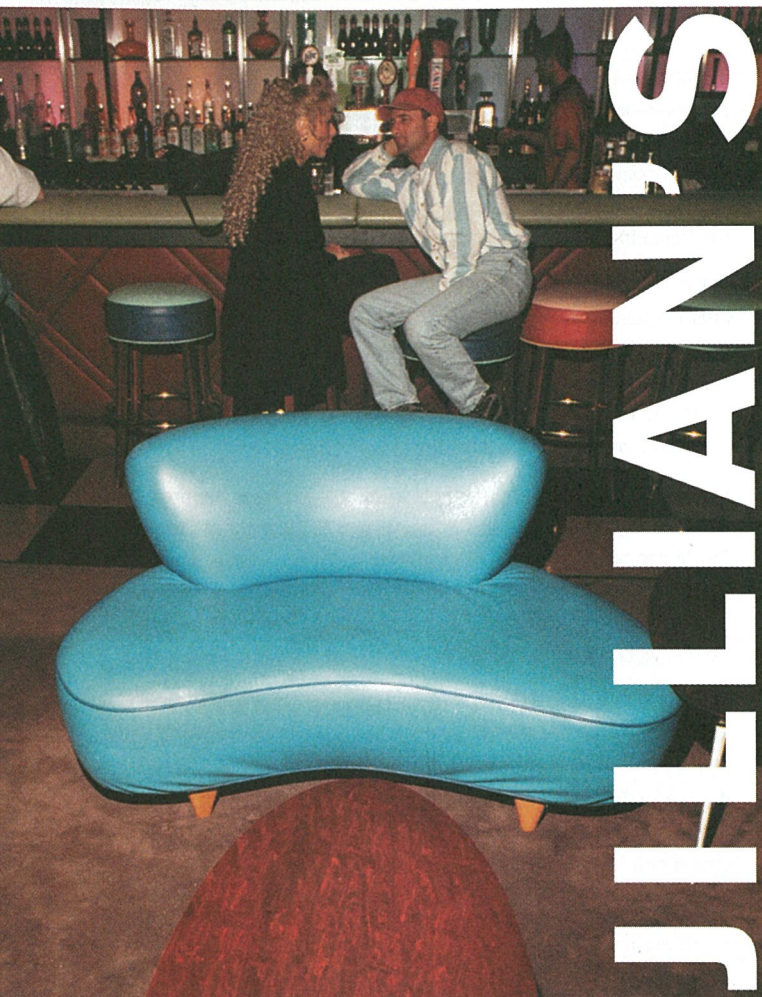
**WINNIPEG, Canada**—A young Canadian man died on March 3 from injuries suffered at a hockey game on February 26. The man was watching the game when the puck struck him in the head. It caused a skull fracture and a left epidural hemorrhage. His condition worsened as time went by and he eventually succumbed to his injuries. (Reuters)

**BOGOTA, Columbia**—A woman who tried to smuggle a gun into a Bogota prison had the gun surgically removed on Saturday, March 5. When she attempted to smuggle the gun in by hiding it in her rectum the gun became lodged in her colon and could only be removed by surgery. Colombian prisons are notorious for women using their private parts to smuggle in guns, drugs, and even hand grenades. (Reuters)

### Women's Center to Hold Leadership and Careers Conference

On March 28-29, the Women's Center will be presenting a student conference on "Women, Leadership, and Careers." The workshop will host a variety of presenters with education and insight into the various topics that will be discussed. Topics include women and management, pursuing advanced degrees, questions to ask employers, working in teams, as well as several others. The conference will be held in the Student Alumni Union.

The deadline to register for the conference is March 22. To register, contact Sarah Whiffen at 475-6780, or e-mail at sewrhs@rit.edu.



# A GREAT Place to Eat, Drink, AND PLAY

By Andrew Quagliata  
Photos by Chris Ehrmann

“There’s nothing to do in Rochester!” It’s a complaint we hear all too often. Many RIT students have found The Centers at High Falls the place to be on Thursday nights, but how about Jillian’s? Located at 61 Commercial Street in the High Falls District, Jillian’s coins itself as “a great place to eat, drink, and play.”

A similar—but much smaller version of the original in Boston, MA—Jillian’s features 24 TVs in the Sports Video Cafe, 15 bowling lanes, ten billiard tables, over 100 video games, and a dance club. You won’t have trouble finding a bar in this place; four full-size bars are spread throughout the two-story establishment.

Still, Jillian’s will never be famous for their food. They offer everything from pasta to burgers, but the menu has no depth of selection. My barbecue chicken and fries were pretty decent, but I could have gotten more for my money somewhere else.

If you are into bowling, Jillian’s offers a unique atmosphere. With the black lighting and “cushiony” seating at the end of each lane, *Hi Life Lanes* is not your traditional alley. Also on the first floor is the *9 Ball Lounge*. While different from your traditional alley, this area is nothing more than an upscale pool hall with a V.I.P Room for special occasions.

I have never been one for arcades, but the simulation games made me feel like a little kid again. To keep your mind off how much money you are really spending, Jillian’s uses a points value system for each game. One game could use between 150 to 800 points. I ended up spending roughly a buck a game. “Street Fever,” a game where you shoot basketballs into a moving hoop, was fun. So was “Daytona Speedway,” where the racecar jerks you around as you compete against up to 12 people at once.

Unlike any dance club I have ever seen (and I am not sure if this is a compliment) is Jillian’s *Groove Shack*. I thought I was caught in a bad 80’s rock video with the tacky fluorescent colored graffiti covering the walls of the black-lit club.

This 45,000 square foot “Food & Entertainment Universe” is well kept, and the staff is polite and friendly. Its location is great, and during warmer weather it might be a fun stop after a Rhinos or Red Wings game. For the most part Jillian’s seems to be a FunScape for adults. It’s the type of place I would go to once or twice and say, “I had a good time.” But I don’t see myself ever becoming a regular at Jillian’s. •

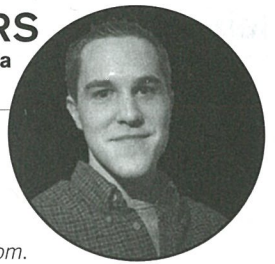
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The bombardment of advertisements from on-line brokerage firms such as E\*Trade, Charles Schwab and Ameritrade have many students thinking about the great possibilities of investing in the stock market through online trading. The problem with these dot.com advertisements is that they do not depict the reality of the stock market. Instead they persuade us (inexperienced investors) that we too can become rich if we invest online. It is true—we could become rich—but if we don't know what we are doing, we have a better chance of losing every cent we invest.

If any of you are thinking about individually investing online, here are some precautions and tips before you start playing with the big boys.

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The site gives you \$100,000 of fantasy money to trade stocks and mutual funds listed on the New York, NASDAQ, American, and other US Stock Exchanges. Start learning now. It's much better to lose fake money than the cash you worked hard for.

Once you feel comfortable investing real money, visit <http://www.investorguide.com> to find out which on-line brokerage firm best fits your needs. Brokers are beginning to offer more and more free information to attract customers. But all this comes at a price when inexperienced investors feel overly confident with information. The ease of point-and-click trading without a broker suggesting against potentially bad trades can easily result in large financial losses. That is why the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Arthur Levitt, released a statement last year that included the three golden rules for all investors:

**Know what you are buying.** Just like buying a car, do your research. "Look at the fundamentals and understand the company's products and services," says Christos M. Cotsakos, Chairman of the Board and CEO of E\*Trade. Also, never put all your eggs in one basket; diversify your portfolio.

**Know the ground rules under which you buy and sell a stock or bond.** There are many limitations

of online investing. There are often delays in trade confirmations immediately after execution. If you do not receive a trade report instantaneously, do not re-enter the order. You must understand how quickly stock prices actually move. Understand the difference between a market and limit order and the risks involved in margin trading before leaving [fantasystockmarket.com](http://fantasystockmarket.com).

**Know the level of risk you are undertaking.** Most individuals should use the stock market for investing, not trading. Day trading strategies incorporate a high risk. Levitt added, "Investments should be for the long-run, not for minutes or hours."•

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## 311 A Beautiful Disaster at the Harro East Ballroom

By Jon-Claude Caton

Once in a while a band will come around that really caters to the fans. Such was the case with the hard-rock group 311. On Tuesday, March 7, the group performed before a packed venue at the Harro East Ballroom. Rochester was their latest stop on their Sound System Tour, *Sound System* being the title of the group's most recent album,

which received mixed reviews. The band has gained a reputation for its innovative style of music, which differs from any given genre of mainstream rock.

Despite what the critics may think of 311's newest album, their live performance was an enjoyable and blistering showcase of the talented musicians that comprise the group.

Jimmy's Chicken Shack opened for 311, playing better than most opening acts. The musical rhythms of Jimmy's Chicken Shack were engaging, and received a favorable reaction from most everyone present.

After a brief intermission following the opening act, the lights dimmed and 311 took the stage. The crowd's reaction was instantaneous as the mass of people surged toward the front while the group performed the single "Free is Time." At the conclusion of the track the mosh pits had already formed, and countless crowd surfers were being passed around the audience. The band played hard, and appeared to be trying to give every ounce of themselves to the fans. They blended new songs from *Sound System*, including the first single off the record, "Come Original," with a host of their older favorites such as "Down," "All Mixed Up," and "Beautiful Disaster." All-in-all, the atmosphere of the Harro East became more and more ecstatic as the band continued to play. The stage lighting added a sense of unity between the colors and sound of 311, heightening the impact of their songs. As the band played their grand finale, Nick Hexum, the lead singer, ascended the speakers located on stage, and dove fifteen feet into the crowd.

Following the concert, many of the loyal fans that have become the group's trademark gathered to meet the band-members. Once again, just as they had done on stage, 311 made every effort to satisfy their followers. The members of the group would not leave until they had signed autographs for everyone assembled outside the Harro East, and when doing so, cordially thanked each of the fans.

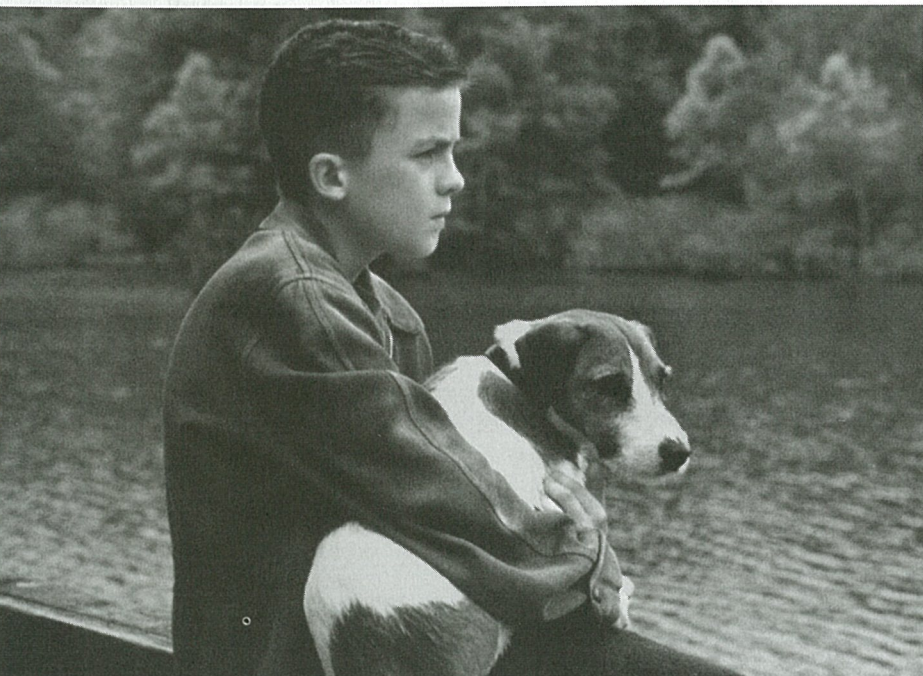
One 17-year-old 311 diehard commented, "These guys go out of their way to please us (the fans)." Rochester native Dave Timmons continued, "Every time I see them play, they always come around to hang out with their fans. They are just incredible guys." One gets the impression, that it is not just their innovative music that has made 311

so popular, but also their down-to-earth fan appreciation. Simply, 311 gives back to the fans, and regardless of what the critics may say, they put on a tremendous

show. •

# My Dog's **BETTER**

By Jeff Prystajko



Does everyone remember *Forrest Gump*—the movie about an ordinary man's extraordinary life? It was one of the most poignant movies of our time; touching us because Forrest did what many of us could only dream of doing—yet we could connect with him as a real person. *My Dog Skip* is just like *Forrest Gump*—er, just take away the extraordinary life, the interesting people that were introduced, any chance of an Oscar, and 95 percent of the overall emotions—and add a cute little dog!

The utterly basic premise of the movie is: lonely Willie Morris (Frankie Muntz, of *Malcolm in the Middle*) has no friends his age; other neighborhood kids tease him constantly. But one day, Mommy brings home a new puppy! Little Skipper (Skip, for short) just happens to be the most entertaining and intelligent canine on the planet. Watch Skip drive a car! Look at Skip roam around the neighborhood by himself, always managing to find his way home! See Skip make Willie lots of new friends—including a girlfriend (who simply *adores* Skip!) and even the neighborhood bullies (who all simply *adore* Skip!).

There's no doubt about it—this movie's success hinges almost completely on the cute canine star. Muntz, whose comedic talents make him a must-see on Sunday nights, is almost painful to watch, given the lack of any good lines and the overall triteness of the script. Even Kevin Bacon, who plays Willie's father, couldn't salvage the movie—once again, due to his mediocre role. The only character with more than one dimension is the mother, played by Diane Lane, who initially disobeyed her husband by getting the puppy (it was the 1940s). I probably would have enjoyed the movie more if it was rewritten as *My Son's Dog Skip, And How I Played With Him When Willie Was At School*. But no! It had to be based on a true story.

*My Dog Skip* isn't without its merits, however. Skip does teach Willie about certain lessons in life—how to deal with other people, what makes a true friend, the real meaning of love, and pain. Nevertheless, everything is forced; nearly each situation feels contrived and designed to elicit some response from the audience. Little Skip almost falls into the toilet (typical audience remark: *oooh!; Skip is soooo sweet!*) Do we really need the grave robbers, who accidentally lock poor Skip up? (*Oh no!; Skip's in trouble!*) If Dogbert was watching, I just know he'd raise his paw, furl his brows, and go "Bah!"

Little kids will enjoy *My Dog Skip*, as will anyone who finds dogs breathing thoroughly exciting. Could somebody please explain why this wasn't a two-hour special on the Disney Channel? Seven dollars worth, this movie is not. The overall verdict—*My Dog Skip* bites. •

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# CYBER CORNER

By Kelly L. Pearson

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# STREET BEAT

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SATURDAY, March 18:

### Buffalo Bandits vs. Rochester Knighthawks

Blue Cross Arena, 7:35 p.m.

Tickets range from \$10.00 to \$25.00

### Tripping Billies—Tribute to Dave Matthews Band

Milestone’s, 11:30 p.m.

### Gotham City

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SUNDAY, March 19:

### Cincinnati Mighty Ducks vs. Rochester Americans

Blue Cross Arena, 6:05 p.m.

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By Kelly L. Pearson

TUESDAY, March 21:

### Les Miserables

Rochester Auditorium Center, 7:30 p.m.  
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THURSDAY, March 23:

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### Shrine Circus

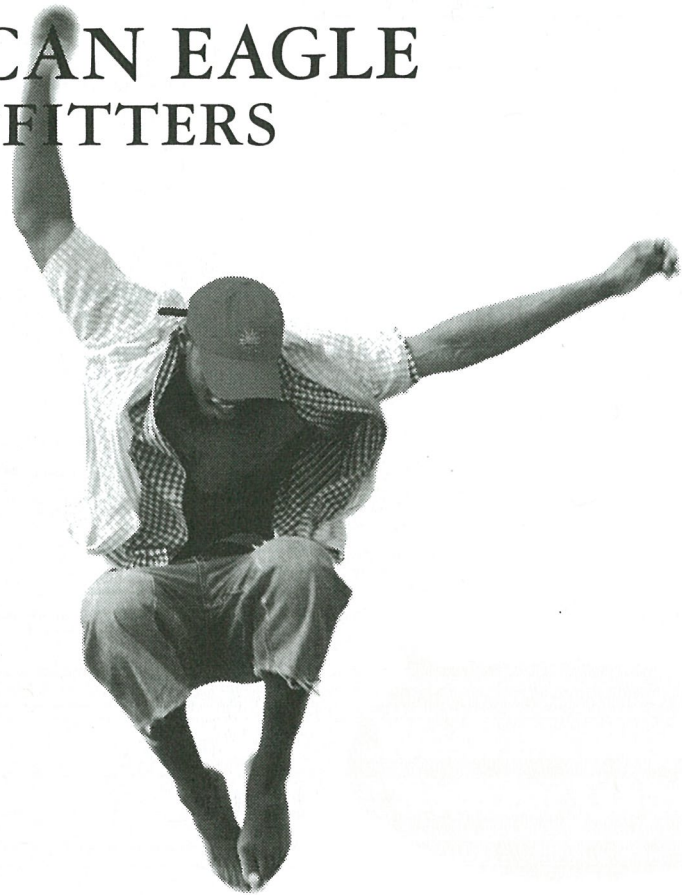
Blue Cross Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
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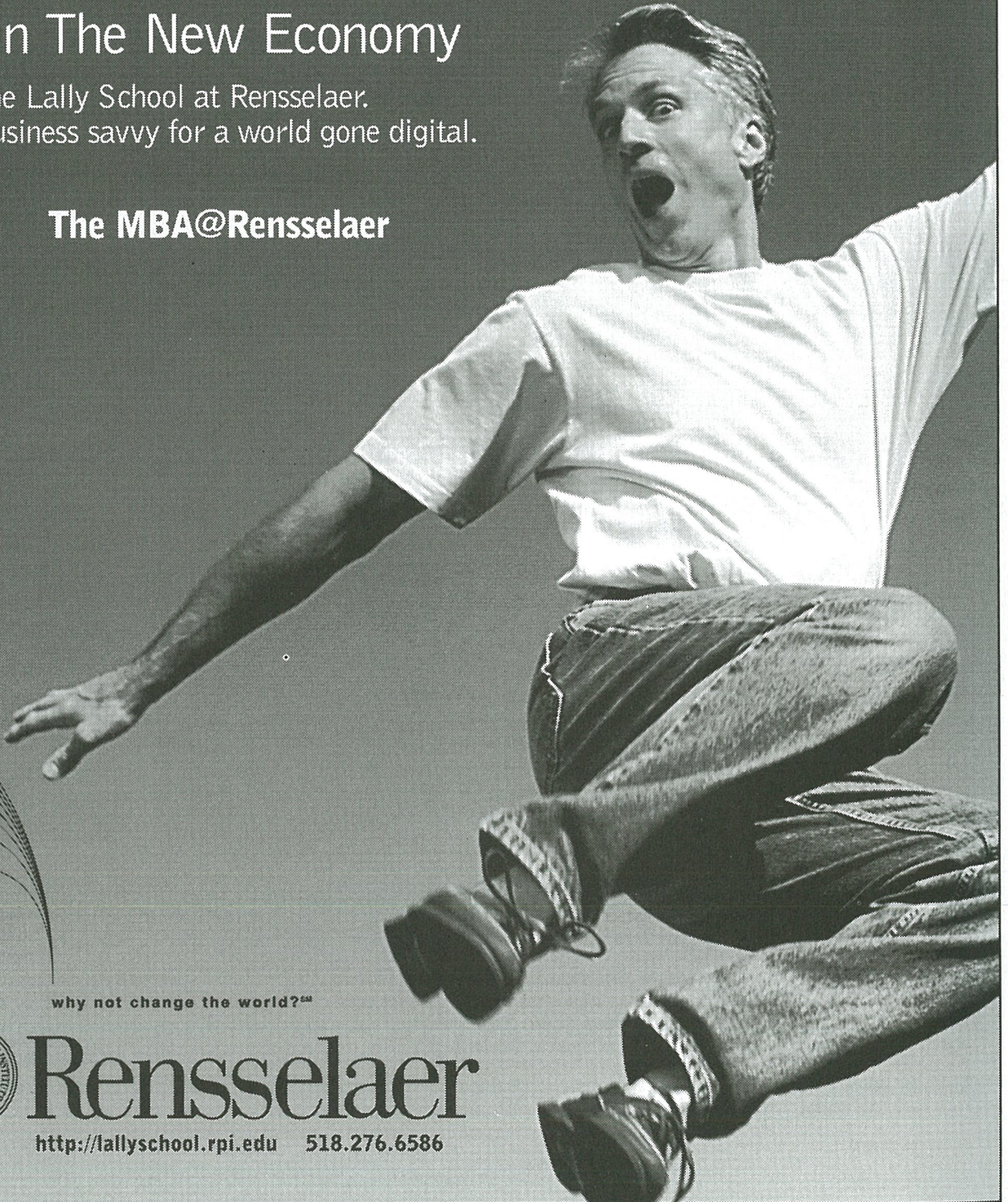
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## GALAPAGOS : The Last Untamed Corner of the Earth

Written & Photographed by Jacquelyn Martin

There is nothing that can quite describe Galapagos to those who haven't been there. Made famous by Charles Darwin's studies of evolution, this small archipelago just off Ecuador is unmatched in its unique wildlife. For a small band of RIT students, Galapagos becomes a reality each year...



As a kid, I was far more caught up in *The World of Survival* than everyone's favorite *Voltron*. I've known since then that I am a wildlife geek. The Galapagos Islands has always been one of the places I vowed to go, and last May I got my chance.

Many of the species that live on the islands, such as the Giant Tortoise, exist no other place on the planet. The divergence of one species of finch into many new species, in an evolutionarily speaking small amount of time, is what makes the islands so exciting. While many visitors are scientists, many others are simply wildlife fanatics, or, like myself, photographers.

Really shocking was how close you could get to the animals—most were within arm's reach. I hope my photographs show some of the environment the animals have developed in, and express even a fraction of the beauty and magic inherent in each species. Thanks to the *Reporter* staff for giving me the chance to share my work, and to my parents for the investment fund that gave me the cash to go.

—Jacquelyn Martin



Eleven students, graduates, and staff from all walks of life took the excursion to the Galapagos. Trip-goers spent most of their time sailing from island to island, exploring the flora and fauna made famous by Darwin's exploration. Days were long, rising at 6 a.m. each day under the intense dry heat. Snorkeling, hiking, and a little tanning filled the hours.

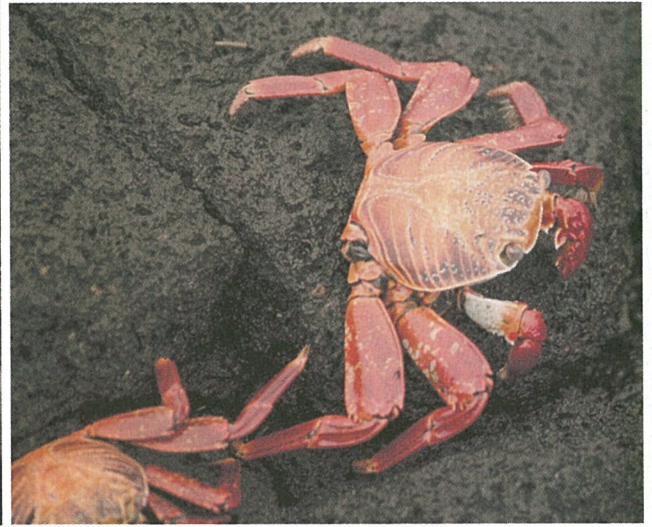


Biology Professor Dr. Robert Rothman led his 11th trip to the Galapagos from May 25 to June 6, 1999. Like many scientists who visit the islands, Dr. Rothman's interests are genetics and evolution.





Sea lions abound on the coastlines of the archipelago.



Sally Lightfoot Crabs are among the most colorful of all Galapagos species. They are also among the most shy, being about the lowest on the islands' food chain.



Flightless Cormorants exist no other place but the Galapagos. Through evolution they have lost the ability to fly in exchange for tremendous swimming skills.

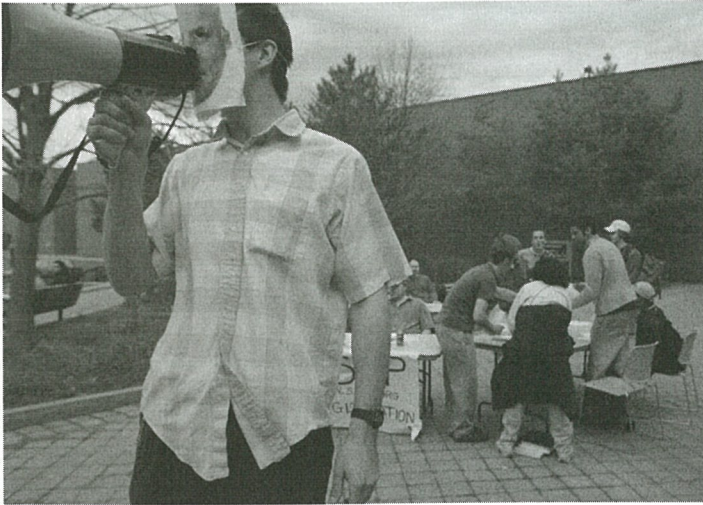


Photo by Daniel Acker

**On Tuesday March 7, the Students for A Sensible Drug Policy are encouraging students for register for the upcoming elections. Another registration table is scheduled for April 10-13 in front of the SAU.**

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# You've got to know when to hold them and know when to fold them

By George Valenti

**Tuesday, March 7, 2000 wasn't**

just any normal Tuesday—it was Super Tuesday when presidential primaries are held in 12 states. It is the day that can make or break a candidate, and this year's primary elections were no exception. As a result, two presidential candidates have finally been chosen, leaving the rest behind. Come next November, we will have to choose between George W. Bush and Al Gore as the two main candidates for president (excluding third party candidates).

With Gore winning all twelve states and Bush winning nine (including the three largest), both Bill Bradley and John McCain's hopes for presidential bids were crushed. On Thursday, March 9, two days after the primaries, Bradley withdrew from the presidential race leaving Al Gore as the Democratic parties' lone candidate. Also, on the same day, John McCain announced that he is suspending his campaign. The reason he has not withdrawn altogether lies in his plans to hold on to the delegates he has received until this summer so that he may still promote his message of campaign finance reform. As he announced the suspension of his campaign McCain wished Bush the best of luck, although he did not offer him an endorsement.

With the first battle behind them, both Gore and Bush now must face off and begin working toward getting votes for next November. This year the candidates are going to have to campaign earlier and with more intensity than in previous presidential election years. They are already neck and neck in the polls, and the slightest margin can tip the balance either way. One of the most important things each candidate could do is to pick up McCain's voters. With him staying in the race until this summer, and retaining his current newly found voters, both candidates should begin planning how to address these constituents' needs. Bush appears more likely to retain these votes due to the fact that much of McCain's support comes from his stance on campaign finance reform. With Gore's past history regarding this sensitive subject, it looks as though Bush may not have too much trouble gaining support from these factions.

As of Super Tuesday, the selection process is essentially over and we have our two main candidates in Bush and Gore. Now we must sit, watch and listen to see which candidate addresses the issues that we deem important. Then with that information we can make an educated decision on who to vote for next November. •

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A pair of Waved Albatross endemic to the islands do their mating dance which consists of clacking their beaks together and then opening their beaks wide at each other. One bird will clack repeatedly and then the other will clack once. This is also how Dr. Rothman called the group together after hikes.



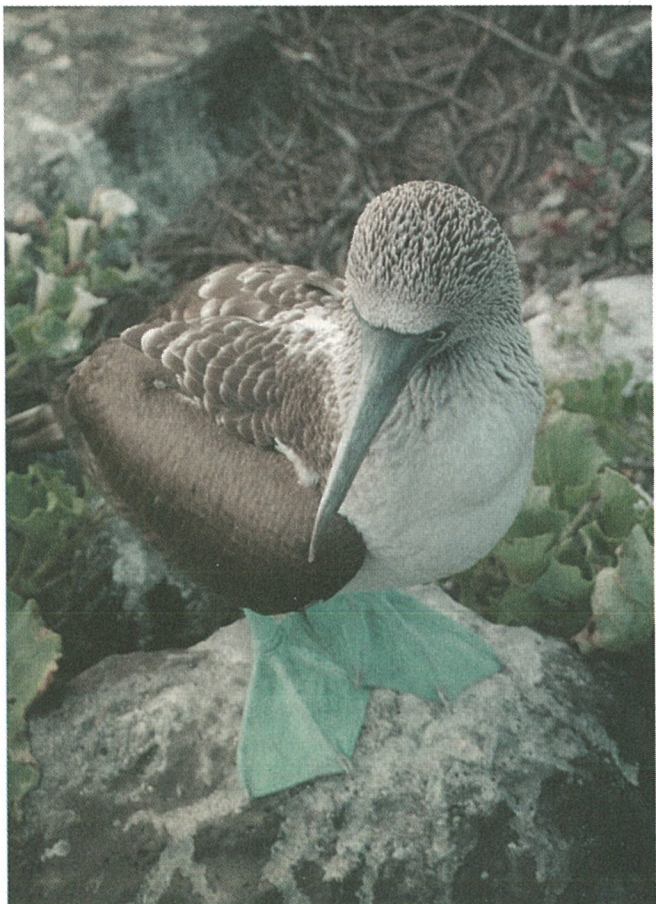
A Masked Booby pair performs their mating dance. These rituals are important to the bonding of the pair and will be done often throughout their lives. Romance still lives on this island.



This land iguana is having cactus for dinner. The iguanas scrape the pad of their foot to dislodge the spines, and then devour the entire cactus pad.



At the Darwin Center, the Galapagos-baby Giant Tortoises-play in pens separated by age group. Staff at the Center hope to breed the tortoises to the point where they can be re-released to their home islands. Feral cats and goats introduced by settlers decimated the already low population of the tortoises on the islands and only one island is still home to wild Giant Tortoises.



The Blue-footed Booby is a rare favorite among the birds of the Galapagos. Its naturally blue feet and extravagant mating dances make it fascinating to watch. These birds mate for life and the courtship continues throughout life, with wing displays and lots of soft whistling noises.

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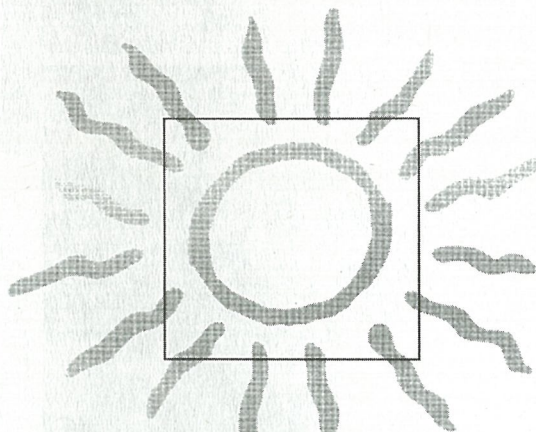
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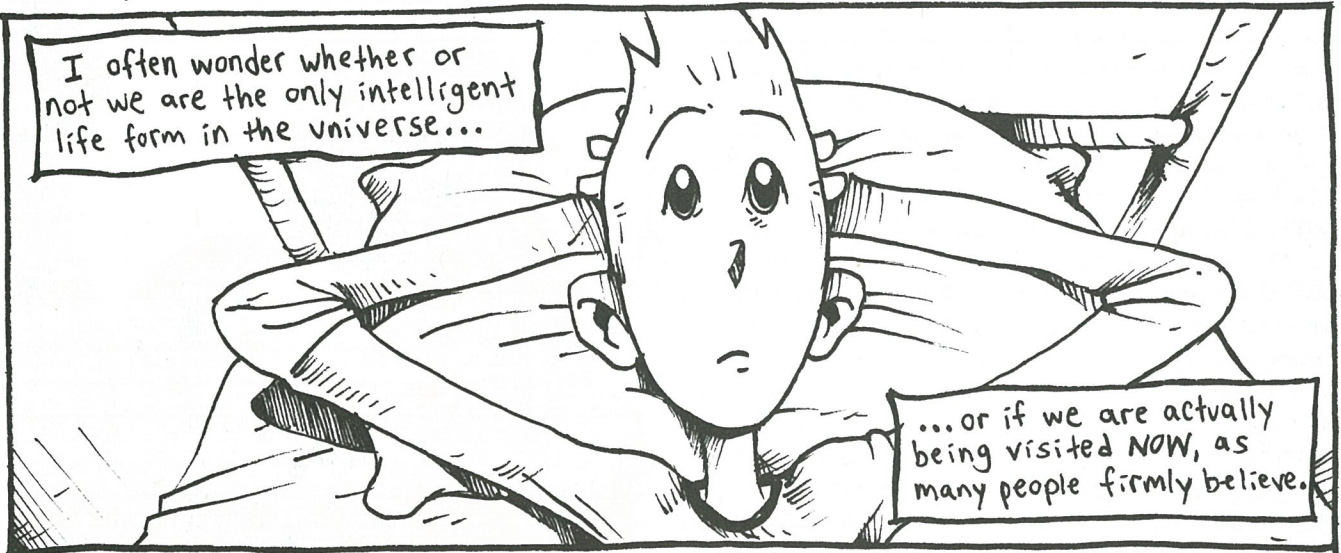
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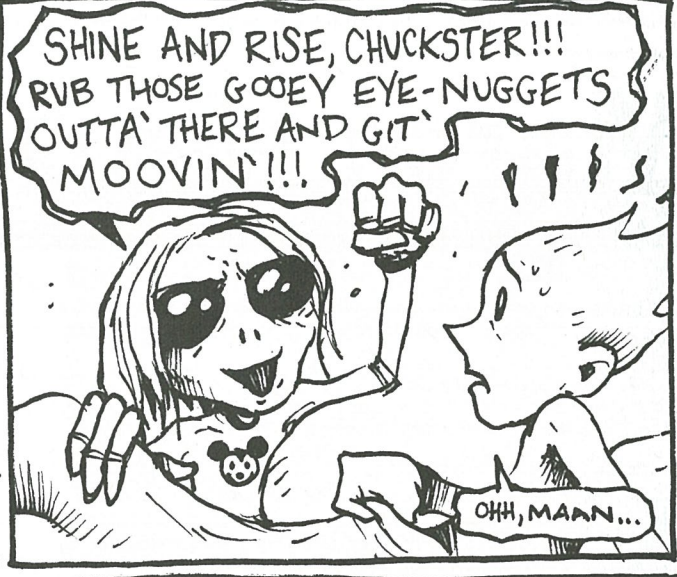


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I've heard many convincing arguments and accounts going either way, leaving me ever perplexed.



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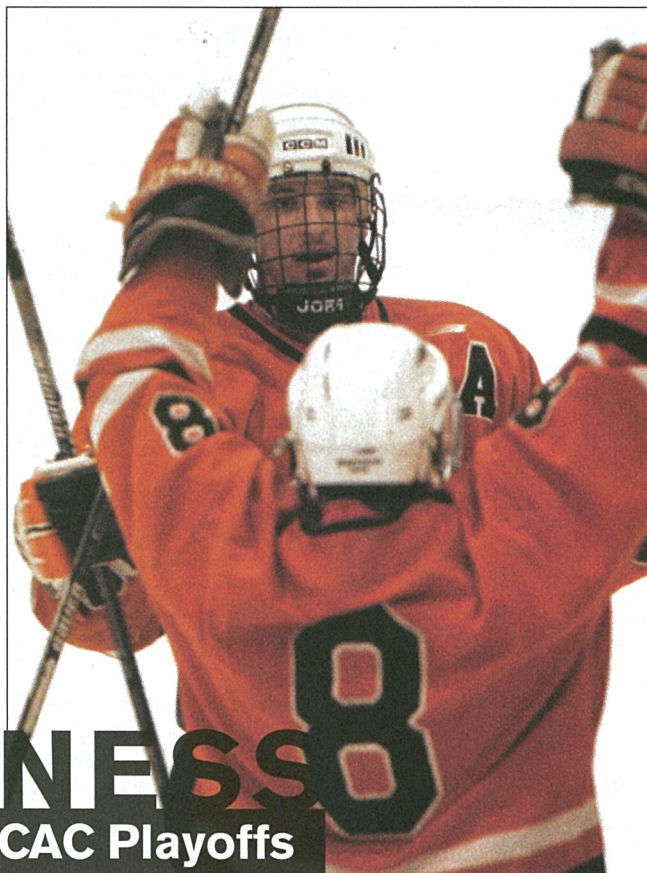
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**I**t was time for do or die. The ECAC West Championship, as well as an NCAA Tournament bid, were on the line. One team was to move on, while the other three teams would have their seasons come to an end. The stage was set for Elmira, Hobart, Manhattanville, and the RIT Tigers to do battle in an attempt to become the ECAC West Champions and to advance to the NCAA tournament.

On March 3, number one-seeded RIT got a huge scare from number four-seeded Hobart. Many thought that this game would be no contest since RIT won each of the three meetings between the two teams this year, and outscored Hobart 27-2 in those matches. This game was anything but the shellacking that RIT's fans were expecting, as Hobart jumped out to a three-to-one lead midway through the first period. With their season in jeopardy, the Tigers fought back and scored five unanswered goals over the final two-and-a-half periods to squeak by Hobart 6-3. ECAC West Rookie of the Year Mike Bournazakis and conference Player of the Year Pat Staerker each had a goal and two assists for the Tigers, who seemed to be struggling the entire game to find some momentum. With the exception of the January 21 loss to Oswego, it was possibly the worst game the Tigers played at home all season.



# March MADNESS

## RIT Heats Things Up in the ECAC Playoffs

By Aaron Landers

The sign of great players and great teams is the ability to put poor performances behind them. This is what the Tigers had to do the very next night against Elmira. RIT and Elmira are two of the best Division III teams in the country, and this game proved to be a spectacular one.

The difference between the game against Hobart and the game against Elmira was like night and day for the Tigers. From the opening face-off, RIT dominated Elmira, playing the fast-paced, hard-hitting game that has brought them so much success so far this year.

The Tigers got on the board first as Staerker scored an unassisted shorthanded goal at 6:51 of the first period. Staerker fought off two Elmira defensemen to pick up the loose puck in the slot and calmly lifted it over ECAC West Goaltender of the Year Rob Ligas.

Mike Bournazakis struck next for the Tigers a minute into the second period as he roofed a shot over Ligas' left shoulder. Josh Faulkner and Shawn Wilkins assisted on the goal. Less than a minute later, Elmira cut the Tiger's lead in half when Dean Jackson's shot beat RIT goaltender Tyler Euverman, hit the post, and then bounced off of Euverman's arm and into the goal. Wilkins scored the final goal of the game eight minutes later as he rifled a shot from the point off of a feed from Errol McDonald.

It started with an amazing save on a breakaway five minutes into the second period and turned into possibly the best display of that the Frank Ritter Arena has seen in a long, long time. Tyler Euverman became a wall as he made save after save against the high-powered Elmira offense. He was particularly impressive when RIT was down a man, making saves in the second and third periods on Elmira opportunities that should have been sure goals. Head Coach Wayne Wilson joked after the game "I think Tyler's our best penalty killer.

We just put four guys out there as window-dressing and he comes up with the saves." Wilson may have been joking, but at times in the game, and especially in a few of the man-down situations, Euverman stood on his head and was the only thing that prevented Elmira from putting a power-play goal on the board. "He came up really big for us," commented Wilson. "There's no words [to describe] how he played tonight." Overall, Euverman had 40 saves in the game, which included 16 in the second period and 18 in the third period. His performance earned him MVP honors for the tournament. Even though Elmira's Rob Ligas won Goaltender of the Year honors for the conference, Euverman proved to everyone in attendance who the number one goaltender in the ECAC West really was.

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"There's no words [to describe] how he played tonight." –Head Coach Wayne Wilson on Tyler Euverman.

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Along with Euverman, forwards Pat Staerker, Mike Bournazakis, and defenseman Shawn Wilkins all made the All-Tournament Team. It was a total team effort for the Tigers, who have played their best games this season against the best teams in the country. "I think tonight, we had an effort by the whole team," commented Wilson. The victory boosted the ECAC West champs into the NCAA Quarterfinals as a fourth seed in a matchup against first seeded Norwich. RIT previously handed Norwich, the number one team in the nation, the biggest of their two losses this season .•



# RIT FALLS TO UNRELENTING CADET OFFENSE

## Strong efforts not enough to push Tigers past NCAA Division III Quarterfinals

You could hear the thunder from the parking lot on March 10. Coming into Norwich's Kreitzberg Arena is a threatening experience and RIT's recent history with Norwich during last year's NCAA Championships was not forgotten. In a facility on par with Rochester's own War Memorial, last weekend's two-game NCAA quarterfinal versus the Cadets of Norwich University drew in the hometown crowd. Armed with white towels courtesy of the "Blue Line Club," Norwich fans were out in force to support the Cadets. In a sea of white and black, orange-clad RIT fans on the other hand were non-existent. Of the 200 tickets made available to RIT, 188 were returned unsold. To make matters worse, Norwich entered this tourney as a clear favorite by the hockey press, even though they had suffered their only regular season loss to RIT. Considering that RIT's playing style is much different than Norwich's offense-focused game, and that injuries were restricting the number of line changes they could make, the Tigers were coming into a tough room.

RIT made a great showing in the first period of game one with strong defense as freshman goalie Tyler Euverman helped keep the game under control. The matchup did not remain scoreless for long, as veteran Peter Bournazakis came through three minutes into the second period with the first goal of the game; the momentum seemed to be in the Tigers' favor. Norwich took some of that momentum away with a goal of their own shortly thereafter. On average, Norwich was taking twice as many shots as RIT, and Euverman would prove to be a strong force against an unrelenting Norwich offense.

The third period started with much tension as the Tigers prepared to keep victory within their reach. The suspense was broken when Norwich came out of the gate with a goal during the first minute. Norwich continued to hammer at goalie Euverman, pounding shot after shot. The Cadets did not give up until they caught

Euverman at a vulnerable moment on the ice and took the lead 2-1. A backhanded goal at 15:46 gave Norwich the insurance goal. The momentum of the second period now seemed gone for good.

Not even Stick Boy's presence could rescue the drowning Tigers on Friday night. Norwich took game one 4-1 after an open-goal shot with 3.6 seconds left in the third period. In the press conference immediately afterwards, head coach Wayne Wilson admitted that goalie Euverman gave the Tigers every chance they needed to come back, but RIT wasn't taking advantage. Even the other side acknowledged that they

were impressed with Euverman's skills. "We knew that we just had to keep plugging away—a goaltender isn't going to stop 60 shots every night," said Cadets center Marc Bellemare. RIT made no excuses for their performance Friday night. Pat Staerker conceded that, "plain and simple, we got outplayed." The Tiger spirit was not broken however, as Staerker assured us that, "they have not seen the best of RIT yet."

"The team that loses always plays harder the second night," said Norwich head coach Mike McShane. On Saturday night, the Cadets were riding high from their Friday win. Any attempts by RIT to control

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**The traditional ringing of the bell after every RIT goal brings shouts from the Corner Crew asking for yet another score.**



Photos by Daniel Acker

## HOCKEY CORNER CREW

**The Big Goon (in hockey jersey) rises high above the Corner Crew leading cheers and taunting the opposing goalie. On a good night, he even showers the enthusiastic crowd with candies.**



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the game early were crushed by a Norwich goal halfway through the first period. The Tigers tried desperately to regain control, but to no avail. An unanswered goal in the first period meant that RIT would really have to make a strong showing in the second. The Cadets were putting the skills of goalie Euverman to the test, out-shooting the Tigers 20 to 5 in the first.

The seemingly helpless Tigers entered the second period facing another two Norwich scores within the first two minutes. It seemed like RIT was going to be steamrolled out of the playoffs until Staerker broke up a play in the neutral zone which resulted in a short-handed, unassisted breakaway goal at 15:34. Five minutes later, the Cadets came back off a penalty with a deflected goal to increase their lead, 4-1. There was not much breathing room given to the Tigers as the second period wore on. As in the regular season, recurring penalties would be the death of the RIT team, leaving them short-handed during many crucial periods of play.

RIT exhibited good defense during the third period and Euverman absorbed many aggressive shots from the Cadets. However, it was a weak offense and too many penalties that would seal the Tigers' fate. While the team was able to hold the Norwich lead to three goals, RIT was unable to respond. Playing in Norwich is always an emotionally-charged experience and as emotions boiled over, the result was many additional RIT penalties. A penalty to sophomore Jonathan Scott with 4:08 remaining left the Tigers two men down and led to the fifth and final goal for the Cadets. This would prove to be the end of the season for RIT, losing the second game by a final of 5-1.

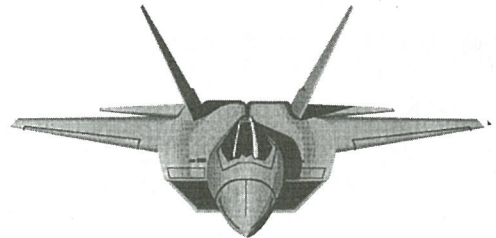
In the post game interview, coach Wilson saw the difference in the game as being the defense. The Norwich defense

kept the Tigers held up at the blue line and afforded them few scoring chances. Coach Wilson was the first to admit that the RIT defense was "understaffed" and lacking experience. RIT came to Saturday's contest already a game down, and when the Cadets scored the first goal, "it felt like the score was really 2-0," Wilson said.

While the disappointed Tigers return home empty-handed, they bring with them post-season experience that is sure to benefit them next year. Losing only five players to graduation, the bulk of this young team will return as a force to be reckoned with. •

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By Andrew Quagliata

## Winter Wrap Up

**Tony Wallace** placed 7th in the 174-lb. weight-class at the NCAA Wrestling Championships... Freshman swimmer **Tara Nesbitt** finished the season with 26 first place finishes, four new school records and she qualified for the 2000 NCAA Women's Swimming Championships in the 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter backstroke... The Alpine Ski team's **Matt Banta** and **Josh Nordquist** were awarded with conference team awards for placing in the top ten in the conference... At the NYSCTC Indoor Track Championships **Suzanne Dale** placed 6th in the shot put and she also finished 7th on the NYSCTC top season performance list. For the Men's Track

## Spring Break Action

Both the baseball and the softball teams traveled to Fort Myers, Florida over spring break. The baseball team won five games and lost three games, while the softball team won and lost five. **Krissy Mamon** won the NYSWCAA Softball Player of the Week award for her pitching efforts in each of the Tigers' 10 games.

### This Week in Sports

Thurs. 3/23 Men's Lacrosse hosts Keuka at 3:00 p.m.

Team **Darryl Cooney** ranked 12th on the list in 1500-meter, for his time of 4:11.12 at the Cornell meet... The Women's Basketball team finished up their season with a 35-87 loss to St. John Fisher, for an overall record of 5-20. **Amie Banis** led the team in points and steals, while **Heather Banis** led the team in assists... The Women's Hockey team lost in the first round of the ECAC playoffs to national hockey powerhouse Middlebury. They finished up their season with a 12-5-5 record. **Jessica Rogers** led the team in scoring with 19 points, while goaltender **Melissa Norris** had an outstanding season as she was voted as an ECAC Second Team All-Star.

The Men's Lacrosse team is off to a good start with victories over St. Andrews and Messiah College. To open the season, the Tigers crushed St. Andrews 15-5. **Dan Tuschong** and **Craig Whipple** each tallied five points. Tuschong had a career-high four goals and one assist while Whipple collected two goals and three helpers. All-American **Adam Platzer** made 18 saves in goal for the Tigers. In the team's 10-3 win over Messiah College, Tuschong led the Tigers' offense with four goals, and **Sean Eldridge** chipped in two goals and one assist. Platzer made 15 saves tending net for the Tigers.

# Tigers OUTROARED by Lions

RIT falls to Penn State-Behrend in NCAA Tournament

By Miguel Samper

**March 4 was no ordinary Saturday at RIT. Two crucial games that would determine the post-season fate of the Men's Hockey and Basketball teams were held here at RIT. The night proved bittersweet for RIT fans, as the hockey team was successful in defeating Elmira—while the basketball team, looking to extend their life in the NCAA Tournament and advance to the Sweet 16, came up short against Penn State-Behrend, 65-80.**

The basketball team finished the regular season as the top team in the Empire Eight Conference, giving them an automatic spot in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Having a first-round bye, the Tigers had to wait for the victor of the Alvernia vs. Penn State-Behrend game to see who they would have to play next. Their opponent, the Penn State-Behrend Lions, proved to be too strong for the Tigers.

From the onset of the game, it was clear that Behrend was a very skilled team and that they had come to battle. "They were ready to go and they probably came out a little better than we did," said RIT Guard Drew Miller. Things quickly got out of hand for the Tigers as they fell into a double-digit deficit in the opening minutes of the game. Behrend would soon be up by as many as 18 points.

While the Lions dominated much of the first half, keeping the RIT fans relatively quiet, there was a slight momentum change in favor of the Tigers with under three minutes left in the half.

The Lions had possession of the ball when suddenly, Rob Hagemann stole it away and capped off the play with a powerful dunk. This awoke the crowd and injected new life into the Tigers as they went on to sink three three-pointers, including Brandon Redmond's buzzer-beating shot. The Tigers had cut the Lions lead to ten points and went into the locker room at the half down 31-41.

Would this last-minute surge in the first half carry over into the second, or would the announcement at halftime that just a few yards away in the Ritter Ice Arena, the hockey team was up 1-0 on Elmira, spark a comeback in the Tigers? Unfortunately, no. It was Behrend that came out in the second half looking stronger than before, going on an 11-2 run. Behrend would later lead the Tigers by as many as 23 points. They kept total control the rest of the game.

The Tigers entered the tournament in a rather uncharacteristic manner, losing their final two games to St. John Fisher and St. Vincent. It was the first time this season the team lost two consecutive games.

Going into the game, the Tigers led the series against the Lions 2-0, including a 64-50 win last season. This time around, however, the Lions were the better team. The Tigers had spurts of intensity throughout the game, but they weren't consistent and just couldn't match Behrend's level of play.

This season, the Tigers defense held teams to an average of 62 points per game, but against the Lions, they gave up 80 points, which is the second highest total of points allowed in a game by the Tigers this season. With Behrend basically taking shots at will, it was clear that the Tigers' defense wasn't up to the task. As Miller said, "We didn't play the defense that we had to play to win that game."

Even though their season was cut short, the Tigers had a great run this year. "We surprised ourselves and pretty much everybody else...I thought we had a really good season overall," commented Miller. The Tiger's final record was 20-6.

Having made it to the NCAA Tournament five of the past six years and qualifying for the postseason the past nine years in a row, the Tigers have established themselves as a strong, competitive team. With only one senior on the team this season, we can be rest assured that RIT will continue to have a solid basketball team in the future. •

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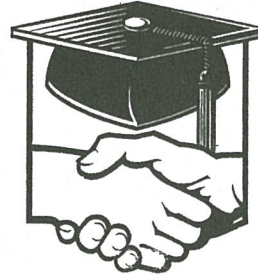
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