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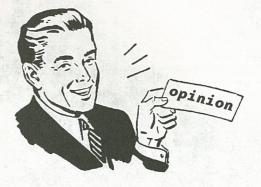
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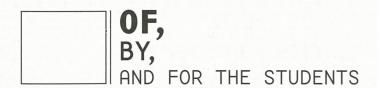
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editorial



As new and returning students descend upon RIT for the first quarter of 2000-2001, *Reporter* would like to take this chance to welcome you and introduce ourselves. What you hold in your hands is the official student publication of the Institute—*Reporter* is the nation's only four-color weekly college magazine. We may be the "official" student magazine, but we are completely independent of the RIT administration. Everything you see published in this and every issue is a direct result of student research, writing, editing, and designing. The entire production from start to finish is managed by students. Though we will gladly accept ideas from anyone in the RIT community, we write for the students.

Enough about us, however. We want to know about you. Not only are you the students, staff, and faculty of the Brick City, but you are our audience. We want to know what you want to know. Our content is entirely driven by what is going on on-campus, and the ideas that are researched by staff members or brought to us by others in the RIT community.

This first issue of *Reporter* is not a typical one. It is our welcoming issue and it provides a wealth of information about what to know, do, and expect while you're in the Brick City. It doesn't tell you everything you need to know, but it's a good start. This issue will be particularly helpful for freshmen, but we guarantee there's something in here for you veterans, too. Next week we will continue this theory with an issue devoted to life in the whole city of Rochester. In addition to this weekly magazine, *Reporter* is very excited to announce the launch of our all-new website. With a completely new design, reportermag.com, will deliver fresh daily content in addition to what you find in the print addition. This project is the result of several months of planning and development, and reportermag.com will continue to grow and develop throughout the year. Please see page 8 for more details.

Please take the time to read this issue. Tell us what you like and tell us what you don't like. Let us know what you want to see in future issues. Our door is always open. If you like what you see here, come get involved—this is a great place to work, and with our diverse content and new website, there are plenty of ways anyone can contribute. You don't need to have any experience—just the interest, ideas, and motivation. If, on the other hand, you don't like what we have to say, there is just as much opportunity for you to come and help us become hetter.

Welcome to RIT. We hope you enjoy your stay, and we look forward to working with, and for you.

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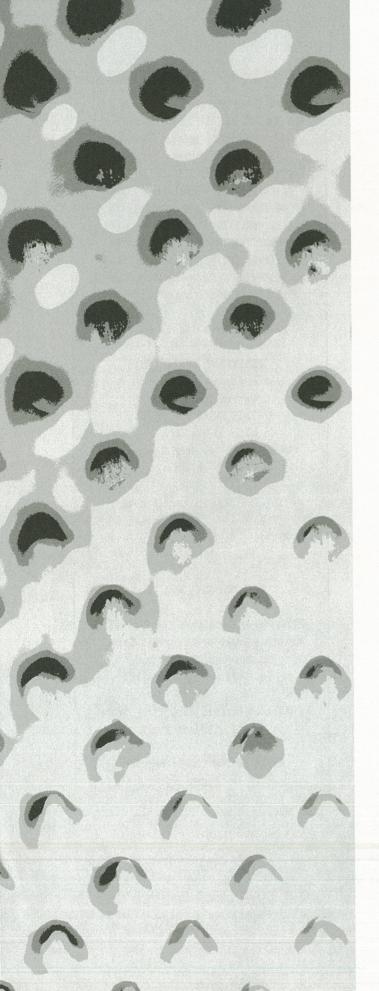
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The switch to semesters?

It looks as if RIT may be headed to a semester system, ending a long stand as one of the few quarter-schools in the country. The proposed change came as the result of an in-depth study investigating ways to improve student retention. A final decision is expected in the near future. Read more about this story at www.reportermag.com and watch for updates in a future issue of *Reporter*.

Gray awarded by Special Olympics

On Thursday, September 7, RIT's own Cindee Gray was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Committees award by Monroe County Special Olympics. Gray, RIT's Director of Community Relations and Special Events, has been involved with the Special Olympics and coordinating events at RIT for eight years.

There's a new cop in town

With the recent retirement of Dick Sterling (*Reporter*, May 5, 2000), RIT has named Robert Craig as the new director of Campus Safety. A graduate of RIT's criminal justice program, Craig returns to RIT with 22 years as a Rochester police officer under his belt. Craig—who has received praise from RIT's director of Business Services, William Batcheller, as well as Rochester Police Chief Robert Duffy—comments: "I am excited about the privilege of being part of the RIT community and look forward to collaborative initiatives that effectively respond to the needs of the consumers of our services."

RIT Indy film showcased

Film, video, and animation professor Skip Battaglia showed his film, Second Nature, at the Telluride Film Festival this past week (September 1-4). Battaglia describes his work as "a retelling of the Adam and Eve story, of the overpowering force of nature, and the gift of a second chance." The picture already earned the Charles Samu Award at the Association of Independent Film Animators (East) Festival in New York City.

Imaging Science receives grant

For the second consecutive year, Birtrand and Sue Miskell of Frederick, Maryland have given \$25,000 to the College of Imaging Science. The School of Photographic Arts and Sciences will purchase new equipment with the generous donation.

Gannett series opens

This year's free Gannett Lecture series will kick off on Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Webb Auditorium. Caroline Werner Gannett Professor Lee Quinby will be offering her take on "Citizenship in the New Millennium."

Professor appointed

Associate professor William Walence has earned a two-year appointment to New York State's Board for Professional Medical Conduct. The board investigates complaints of misconduct against physicians and physician assistants that may result in warnings, license revocation or suspension, censure, fines, or other disciplinary action. Walence has served as the chair for the health systems administration program since 1993.

Money awarded to improve GLOBE

Toyota USA has given RIT an \$85,000 grant to become western/central New York's higher education site for Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE). Starting this month, the College of Science will head training of 40 K-12 teachers in GLOBE's field data collection/recording protocols. Presidential Candidate Al Gore started GLOBE in 1994 to promote science, math, and an understanding of the environment.

Business, the dot-com way

In the area's first program of its kind, E-business is now available as a certificate program in the College of Business. The six-course program is targeted at business professionals and will be offered via distance learning in the fall. "We're now prepared to provide today's business professionals with the knowledge they need to participate in this electronic revolution," comments assistant professor Victor Perotti.

Student engineers cut local company's costs

Computer and mechanical engineering students Mario DiPaola, John Jewell, Sarah Leonard, and Pooja Luitel have joined with Veeco-CVC in Rochester to complete an automated magnetic field measurement system for the firm. The new device halves the time other equipment requires to complete the same task. The new tool is used to test and validate magnetic performance of thin-film processing equipment for data storage, optical telecommunication and semiconductor industries.

Formula team impresses Europe

After much success in the states, the RIT Formula Car Team took to Birmingham, England in early July. They returned with first place prizes in autocross and design, as runners-up in skid-pad inspection, and earned third for acceleration. They slipped to sixth overall from their first place pedestal the year before, but still had an impressive showing.

Photo students honored

Photo students Kazuteru Usudu, Hyosub Shin, and Anna Jonsson have earned honors at the 10th annual "New Views" student competition. Photographic arts chair William DuBois says, "These students have met the challenge of competing at the highest level of their craft. The exposure that they will receive from this experience is certain to heighten their prospects of a successful career in photography."

Deciphering Ancient Texts

Center for Imaging Science professors Robert Johnston and Roger L. Easton Jr., graduate students Charles Dickinson and Lichao Wei, and Xerox's Keith Knox, have teamed to recover text from a tenth-century document. Five pages of the Archimedes Palimpsest are being investigated in hopes that the techniques used will be selected as the best methods to decipher the entire manuscript. A Greek prayer was written over the theorems, making recovery a slow and difficult process.

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world news

CANBERRA, Australia—Kerry Packer, the richest man from the world's smallest populated continent, has apparently run up quite a bill at the gambling table. Newspapers reported on August 30 that Packer had lost nearly \$20 million during a recent three-day stint in Las Vegas. Reportedly worth around US\$4.6 billion, Packer will routinely drop \$100,000 on a single hand! (Reuters)

LONDON—Reports on August 31 indicate that we are getting ever-closer to the world of the *Jetsons*. Brandeis University computer scientist Jordan Pollack has developed a robotic system that constructs other small cheap robots with almost no human intervention. "This is, I think, a harbinger of a new industry where dumb robots for specific tasks like vacuuming or clean-up or assembly can be automatically designed and manufactured without human engineers and high-cost machining," says Pollack. (*Reuters*)

BRISBANE, Australia—Talk about a real fish story.... On August 26, workers in the Cairns seafood plant cut open a 97-pound Morgan cod, only to find a human head. DNA tests will take up to six weeks to confirm the head's identity, but it is believed to belong to 39-year-old fisherman Michael Peter Edwards who had been missing from a fishing trawler; the very same trawler that caught the giant fish. (Reuters)

PALERMO, Sicily—If the frogs in Magnolia weren't enough for you, residents in the Sicilian capital are now complaining of mice raining from the skies. Much like many humans, the lazy rodents have become too fat to complete their usual jumps from rooftop to rooftop. Some in the region have had to erect barriers for protection from the chubby pests. (Reuters)

MEXICO CITY—Runner Rosario Iglesias returned to a party in her honor on September 1 after earning a gold medal during the 400-meter event at the Kamloops Masters of Canada. With a speedy time of 2 minutes, 26 seconds why was there a party for such a sluggish result? Iglesias was celebrating her 90th birthday! Especially impressive for a woman who *began* her pro career at the age of 80! The great-great grandmother next plans to compete in the 1,500-meter event during Sydney's World Championship for veterans. (Reuters)

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—Even the feds couldn't sneak into this party. After the objection of a reporter, seven FBI agents were excused from a September 1 protest being held in front of a civil trial aimed at a neo-Nazi Aryan Nations group. The undercover agents were dressed as photographers to capture rally participants on film. (*Reuters*)

WASHINGTON—A 249-page document released on September 1 reports that postal workers don't actually "go postal" any more than anyone else. A two-year study has concluded that working at the post office is just like working anywhere else and that employees of the USPS are only a third as likely as others in the United States workforce to be victims of homicide at work. (Reuters)

voter 2000

HOW TO PREPARE

Voter2000 is a weekly column in *Reporter* and its goal is to help better educate students about the candidates and issues for the upcoming November elections. For many of you, this will be your first time voting. If you have not already done so, you must register to vote and you must do it soon. If you aren't a legal resident of Rochester, you must make sure to get an absentee ballot from home, or change your registration to Rochester. Any of these things may be done at most post offices, public libraries, or the Department of Motor Vehicles. Absentee ballots must be notarized, which can be done at any post office or bank.

Once you have decided that you want to vote and have taken the proper steps to register, you must consider whom you want to vote for. As of the August conventions, candidates and running mates for the two major parties have been chosen. The Democrats have selected Vice President Al Gore as their candidate, with Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman as his VP candidate. Texas Governor George W. Bush is on the Republican ticket along with former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. In addition to these two choices, there are other third party candidates such as John Hagelin of the Reform party and the Green party's Ralph Nader.

By George Valenti



Perhaps the best and easiest way to research candidates is on the web. Popular news sites like nytimes.com and cnn.com offer free daily articles full of quality information to help you reach an educated decision. Each of the candidates also has an official URL—www.georgewbush.com, and www.algore.com. These sites offer the candidate's views on certain issues. While these resources are valuable, you must take into consideration that they are maintained to make the candidates look good. Besides the official websites there are many unofficial websites for candidates, not all of which are promotional. Many of them are dedicated to ridiculing candidates, and some are quite humorous. These knowledge banks aren't usually the best places to gather information.

In the coming weeks, Voter2000 will more thoroughly discuss the candidates, their running mates, and the important issues to consider this year. We will also look into the much-debated New York State Senate Race between Congressman Rick Lazio and First Lady Hillary Clinton. It will be an interesting few months, so make sure you're prepared to get in on the action.

LOOK MA-NO PAPER!

By Rich Trifeletti ONLINE EDITOR

Since it began over 90 years ago, *Reporter* has always been the RIT community's print publication. Times are changing, however; news in the new global information age has a new shape, and requires a new media to meet today's quickening pace of life. Printed news can be out of date, incomplete, and often arrives at your door well after word-of-mouth has alerted you to the latest breaking story. Over the past several months, we at *Reporter* have been working towards a solution to these problems—a fully interactive news website specifically targeted for you—the RIT community.

"Didn't Reporter already launch a website?"

Yes...and no. In 1997-1998, *Reporter* posted a few of its regular issues to the Internet, but with no real interest in developing the site and no one to complete even weekly updates, it went unnoticed for a long period. By publishing print editions online on the RIT computer network, *Reporter* hoped to reach a larger portion of the RIT community, including those who are distance learning or on Co-op in other areas of the world.

Last March, we did a complete redesign and began once again to publish our print issues. The new-look site started to gain a lot more attention. However, it still did not address breaking news, or take advantage of the robust nature of the Internet. Our new site, with the aid of partner CampusEngine.com, will transform *Reporter* into a multimedia organization with the ability to bring you news and articles with the same speed and quality as today's major international news organizations.

What is CampusEngine.com?

CampusEngine.com is a leading provider of Internet technologies and strategies to college and university newspapers worldwide. Founded by seasoned Internet veterans from the daily newspaper market, CampusEngine.com has developed and validated this interactive newspaper strategy with tremendous success. The benefits of our partnership are both far-reaching and long lasting. We will be able to provide services to you, otherwise too time-consuming to develop, including e-mail, daily news, interactive articles, and a constantly updated calendar of events. The same content that you will find in the printed edition of *Reporter* will be available online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but with additional webonly content. Book reviews, film critiques, magazine articles, news from the local music scene; returning and new writers, artists, photographers and illustrators...a comprehensive website where anyone can find their niche.

OK, OK, OK! Enough already...we get it...the website is awesome! Where can I find it?

www.Reportermag.com is our new home. A benefit of partnering with CampusEngine.com is the ability to have our site hosted on servers around the country. This means more room for us to grow, and faster connections for you. We're actually now on the same servers as sites like Yahoo and eBay, meaning that our online publication will remain 'on-line' without risk of crashing. Our new home, www.reportermag.com, also gives us the ability to offer you more complex services like e-mail and event calendars without taxing the RIT systems.





After months of planning, we have finally launched Reporter Online! With an all new design (above), our new home is now the only resource you need for RIT-related information. Everthing from our previous site (below) is also available. Don't wait! Visit www.reportermag.com today.

This is just the beginning...plans to incorporate streaming audio and video reports, live event reporting, breaking news reports, current sports scores, and more, are currently underway. Think of us as the pulse on RIT today: issues, news, stories and subjects relevant to your life. So dive in and check out what we're about—and any suggestions, comments or concerns you might have are always welcome.

Visit Reportermag.com and find out what's happening today, and how it relates to you! Visit www.reportermag.com for more information.



OF MACS AND MEN

By Rich Trifeletti

The name Rochester Institute of Technology immediately brings several images to mind: snow, bricks, and computers. There are mixed emotions concerning the bricks and this writer could totally live without the snow (the warmer the better), but good computing technology is something we have grown to require. Now, don't get all upset here...this doesn't mean that you should sit on your ass all day and night surfing the Internet; but you should at least know how and where you can, should the urge strike you. Computers can be awesome tools when it comes to getting your work done faster, and the first step is learning about what's available.

According to Yahoo! Internet Life, RIT ranks
14th on the list of "America's 100 Most Wired
Colleges 2000." This is great public relations
material, but it's even better for the students
who get to use the stuff. There are over 40
computer labs on campus, most located in the
academic buildings surrounding the Mobius
Strip (aka The Infinity Loop). Buildings 7A
and 7B (the College of Imaging Arts and
Science) contain labs that are predominantly
Macintosh, and several that are Silicon
Graphics. Some of these labs are
restricted—check the signs posted on the
doors. These labs rock for those digital
projects that just completely crash that

PC you have in your room. The College of Business, the College of Engineering, and Wallace Library have predominantly "Wintel" (Windows PC) labs; ideal for writing papers, creating spreadsheets or researching that last minute 10-page paper you forgot to turn in last week...it happens. The Colleges of Science and Liberal Arts have both Windows and Mac labs. Should you need more powerful systems, say for heavy programming or multimedia projects, check out Buildings 10, 18 and 70 (College of Applied Science and Technology). You'll find Unix, Mac, Sun and Wintel labs in these buildings. Bring proof that you're a student of CAST though—these labs are restricted. For specific lab locations, restrictions, and hours of operation, visit:

www.rit.edu/~755www/lab_info/labs.shtml/
Looking for something closer to
home? Check out the brand-spankin'
new computer lab in Nathaniel
Rochester Hall. Hard to miss, this

first-floor lab is full of the latest and greatest Wintel machines to get you through those late night e-mail crunches. The Off Campus and Apartment Student Association has also set up computer labs in Colony Manor and Raquetclub

for those of you who live a bit further from the Brick City. RIT also provides you the ability to connect your own machine from any one of the literally thousands of Ethernet jacks located around campus. ResNet (475-2600 v/475-4927 tty), located in NRH, will gladly help you connect your computer to the network. Network jacks are located in all residence halls and most on-campus apartments. If you have moved to a different room or apartment since the time you registered (for the summer) you will have to re-register your computer. Visit http://ritdhcp.rit.edu/ and follow the onscreen instructions.

The jewel in RIT's computing crown is the new fiber-optic trunk line. Three times larger than last year, the RIT connection to the Internet is faster and more robust than ever. According to University News (September 1, 2000), "The university's division of Information and Technology Services worked with representatives of Time Warner Communications and Applied Theory to provide the needed upgrade. The new OC3 Internet connection (155 mbps) addresses the growing demand for Internet access and the impact created by the exchange of larger files. That was placing a heavy burden on the previous T3 connection (45 mbps), producing frequent bottlenecks for on-campus users and for distance learning students trying to tap the system from off-site." According to one student, the connection "isn't really any faster than before, but rather allows more simultaneous users to access the Internet at the same high speed." From either perspective, you're still going to have one of the fastest download times possible thanks to the forward-thinking of Information and Technology Services.

The next time you hear the name Rochester Institute of Technology and visions of snow-covered bricks go dancing through your head, remember the computers too. Our tuition dollars are actually going to something we can use everyday, so get out there and make the most of what's offered. Visit www.rit.edu/help and www.rit.edu/~resnet for more information on the computing services available to the RIT community. If you have opinions on this article, or the upgraded OC3, please e-mail reporter@rit.edu and we will post your feedback on our website at www.reportermag.com, or in a future issue.•









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Featured as one of our first Websites of the Week three years ago, TheBigGuide deserves a second look. With the most up to date movie times and locations, a complete guide to all the area's restaurants and clubs, as well as the Top 10 Things to do in (and around) Rochester every week, this easy to navigate site has everything you need to know about the area's goings-on.

www.collegehumor.com/movies/ibrator.mov

This ain't your mother's iMac. Make sure you have the quicktime viewer installed before you drop in on this page. Then turn up the volume and enjoy the show. Guaranteed to "shake" the laughs right out of you.

www.ifilm.com/ifilm/skeletons/film_detail/0,1263,20 4155,00.html

What do you get when you take two special effects experts, a couple computers, and a little free time, (well, 6 months worth anyway). The answer is 405; the Internet's most impressive 3-minute film. Especially when you consider that the plane isn't even real (entirely rendered!).

sodaplay.com/constructor/index.htm

We don't really know what the hell this is, but it sure is fun. Remember connect-the-dots when you were a kid? This is connect-the-dots on steroids. The coolness factor plays a BIG role here. You engineers are going to love this one!

www.bodineunlimitedtours.com/

The Lion King in Toronto, shopping in New York City, football at Notre Dame; none of these great events are really that far away, but who really wants to drive? With Bodine Unlimited Tours, you don't have to. Their site isn't pretty, but their bus travel packages are a great (and affordable) way to get away for a day or two, or three or...

oddz-n-endz

All new look

RIT's Bevier Gallery underwent some major renovations over the summer quarter and is now open to the public. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9-4:30 and Monday-Thursday 7-9 p.m.; Saturday 1-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday 2-4:30 p.m. All exhibits are free. Here is a look at their fall quarter schedule:

September 8-27, 2000

"Talking Walls: Visual Literacy through Interdisciplinary Dialogues" An exhibition in graphic design

Ocotber 6-November 12

"Faculty Exhibition"

The faculty of the School of Art, School Design, and School for American crafts will display their most recent pieces.



Big Name Bands

The College Activities Board (CAB) has named two popular bands to the fall entertainment lineup. First, **Nine Days**, who's hit single "Abolutely (Story of a Girl)" has been getting major airtime on local radio stations, will play to Clark Gym on September 23. Hailing from Long Island, Nine Days formed in the mid-90s and their first major album release, *The Madding Crowd*, has been flying off shelves all summer. Tickets (\$5 Students/ \$10 Fac/Staff/ \$15 Public) are on sale now through CAB.

On October 13, RIT welcomes **Moby**. After several rumors of his appearance over the past few years, this one-man show will finally bring his original techno/jazz/rock beats to Clark Gym. Moby's most recent album, *Play*, was named as one of *Rolling Stone* magazine's top five of 1999 and it currently resides in the middle of the Billboard Top 200 list. Tickets (\$10 Students/ \$15 Fac/Staff/ \$20 Public) go on sale soon.

Play Ball!

President Simone is up to his old games again. On September 30, the president will hold his annual Softball Saturday Tournament, starting at 9 a.m. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses are invited to participate through their colleges. In addition to the slow-pitch tourney, participants will be fed breakfast and lunch. Contact Daryl Sullivan (475-5596, dcsped@rit.edu) to get involved.



street beat

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 NURSE BETTY

After her husband is murdered, Betty (Renee Zellweger), a diner waitress in Kansas, travels to L.A. to meet her dream man—a soap opera "doctor" played by Greg Kinnear. Comedy ensues when the two hitmen (played by Cris Rock and Morgan Freeman) who killed Betty's husband follow her to California. Opens nationwide today.

THE WATCHER

In an unlikely role, Keanu Reeves becomes serial killer David Allen Griffin who commits a string of gruesome murders in Chicago, leaving not a trace of evidence. James Spader plays the detective determined to bring Griffen in. Also stars Marissa Tomei. Opens nationwide today.

THE WAY OF THE GUN

After realizing they just don't fit in, Mr. Parker (Ryan Phillippe) and Mr. Longbaugh (Benicio Del Torro), turn to kidnapping to raise some money—\$15 million in fact. Juliette Lewis plays the kidnapped pregnant woman in a very twisted tale that also stars Taye Diggs and James Caan. Opens nationwide today.

ART

Geva Theatre's current production is a comedy about three men whose relationship falls apart over a painting. The winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, *Art* runs through October 1. Visit www.gevatheatre.org/ or call 232-GEVA for ticket pricing (\$7.50-\$36.00, student rush tickets) and availability.

R-GANG AND SPACES

The Centers at High Falls \$3 cover charge



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL

Rochester's longest running Arts and Crafts festival held at the Memorial Art Gallery from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring great prices on artwork, the festival also offers food and beverages and various performers. Admission is \$5 for one day or \$7.50 for two days and includes entrance into the MAG

STRAIGHT UP AND THE JOHN COLES BLUES BAND

The Centers at High Falls \$4 cover charge

ART

Geva Theatre see September 8 for details

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Clothesline Festival

Memorial Art Gallery see September 9 for details

BUFFALO BILLS vs. GREEN BAY

1 p.m.
Tickets (\$35-\$42) via www.buffalobills.com

ART

Geva Theatre see September 8 for details

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 OPEN BLUES JAM

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

John Coles Blues Band Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Sarah Harmer

Milestones 8:00 p.m.
Tickets available at the door
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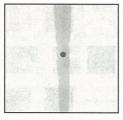
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"Goody" Goodrich Climbs to the Summit By A.L. Higham

It may be an escape from the norm, but David "Goody" Goodrich's album, Failure of the Doping Summit, is an instrumental masterpiece. It is the perfect music to play in the background, yet it screams to be listened to; not your dentist office/elevator kind of instrumental. This CD is an intense journey through music and not for the faint of heart or mind.

Goodrich is a one-man orchestra, using an arsenal of guitars and attachments to fashion sounds that are as far from traditional guitar as it gets. Be warned: it's addictive; a day could easily



pass listing to this CD on repeat play. Not that that's a bad thing. If, however, you hear Summit on your next trip to the dentist, be very afraid.

Summit spins stories with sound. The first track, "Interbeing," has a faint tribal-beat dancing in the background. Two tracks later, in the song "Ritual," the beat takes over and visions of smoke and dance emerge. "Yawhoo" engages a sound much like a cartoon bumble bee to produce a startling, yet appealing effect. In "Majdanek," Goody's guitar takes on a pianolike tone, spinning an eerie web of longing

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sounds. The album concludes with the track "Unknown, "bending notes around echoes of footsteps in the background.

Having been a member of the Boston-based band Groovasaurus, and supporting Peter Mulvey and Rose Polenzani, this is Goody's first solo recording. A former student of the Berklee College of Music, Goody performed and recorded the entire CD himself as an improvisational effort. Summit is not available in stores, but can be found at his live performances and on folkweb.com.

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Yet at the same time, this same society fosters it, nurtures it as part of life. We begin bombarding our youth with anti-drug propaganda before they even reach kindergarten. But what for? In the end, drug abuse is a matter of personal choice, just as are the drugs we choose to abuse whether alcohol, cocaine, pot, or Ecstasy. Ultimately there is something that we all must face in life: drugs are here, and they constitute a whole world outside the one that we know. If you were to get into drugs heavily, you too would begin to see that there is delineation between reality and the hard road that encompasses abuse.

I don't mean to be cliche, but there is a dark feeling that can accompany drugs. I for instance embarked on the journey because of a relationship that went south, leaving me with a void that I tried unsuccessfully to fill. I never honestly thought that drugs could fill the emptiness that she had left in my heart, but I did know that I was feeling a lot of pain, more than I had ever felt before. I was willing to run away—even for just a little while—just so I could feel comfortable with the pain. With open arms I would embrace a pill for several hours in which I could indulge in a life where things didn't bother me or prey on my conscience. I didn't care if the pain was worse when I came down, that those feelings were always waiting for me when the trip was done. In my mind, the pain was as bad as it could get and I just wanted to feel good for a short period.

I was always a big drinker, and alcohol is as demanding a drug as any; I can attest to that. You just don't notice alcohol as being a problem because it appears so harmless. Nearly everyone has drinking stories. I have volumes of them,



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and continuing through today. Alcohol abuse will sneak up on you, especially in the college setting. In my experiences, those who abuse alcohol tend to be more prone to denial. Again I can relate to this sentiment entirely. In my case though, alcohol was not the means for the inevitable fall. Instead, it set the table over the course of several years for the events that would transpire.

For the most part, my intoxicating endeavors were limited to falling into a drunken stupor with alarming frequency. No drugs though. I managed to navigate through my adolescence without toking the reefer or tripping. I never even took the occasional high off a whipped cream bottle. I was often quoted as saying that "God created alcohol so I

don't need to do that shit." And that's what I believed. When it came to drugs, it was a matter of principle for me to abstain from use. Of course alcohol is as bad if not worse than many of the drugs available, but still I didn't see it that way. In the end though, they all do the same thing to you your head. You begin to toy with the line separating reality from the fog, and once you walk into that fog, it is difficult to find your way out. I am not sure if I even have yet.

I choose the term fog with great consideration. The comparison between abuse and a thick fog is a relatively accurate one. I first heard this comparison when reading Eugene O'Neil's classic drama A Long Day's Journey Into the Night. Addiction envelopes you like a fog, it misleads your path and takes you in directions that you may never otherwise travel. A synthetic dwelling that feeds on feelings that are not even real. Being in this fog is to wander aimlessly with no direction at all. The fog is a haze, that blends the hours into minutes, and the minutes into seconds until consciousness is undefined, and fear is ever-present. This fog is so thick that even the shadows are light compared to the darkness. The only way out is to create a compass to guide you towards the light. Some people never find the light but rather travel randomly through the fog forever. Others see so little that they find "the edge" and fall over into a final abyss. I was searching for that edge in the fog. I wanted to find it.

Around March 2000, I met a girl, and she was nothing less than remarkable. The whole world faded around her, and left her colors standing amidst a backdrop of black and gray. My time with her was short but I loved her truly. When it ended, I walked away from the life that I had considered normal. I had been in college for almost two years, yet it was then that I tried pot for the first time. That lethargic offering that it is. I am still not that big a fan of the stuff; I mean if I wanted to go to sleep I would take barbiturates—I wouldn't smoke something that stinks worse than cigarettes.

It wasn't long before I tried Ecstasy for the first time. Now for those who aren't familiar with this drug, or haven't seen the movie *Go*, "e" is a pill, dubbed the "feel-good drug," that has been embraced by a new culture of rave-driven youths and 20-somethings across the globe. The active ingredient in e is MDMA, and in short, it allows your body to release large amounts of seratonin into the bloodstream. Seratonin is the natural chemical in our bodies that governs everything from sleep patterns, to one's ability to feel pleasure—ecstasy without reservation.

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I moved on to harder drugs, but Ecstasy was my true love. Everything felt good on e. Running an ice cube along my stomach, or receiving a back massage, even grinding it out on the dance floor. These things gave me the rising feeling through my whole body that crept through my nerves and sent me into a constant state of euphoria. Once again my perception of the situation clouded my judgment of exactly what I was doing to myself. Honestly, it is virtually impossible to die from MDMA alone. e-related fatalities result more or less from dehydration that occurs due to elevated body temperatures that e can cause. I always drank a lot of water when I rolled on e. I didn't think e would really hurt me, that is until I was doing it

Soon enough, I met this guy at a diner. Clad in a stylish black leather jacket and bearing a welcoming smile, he stopped at my lonely booth and introduced himself. "You look a little depressed" he said before asking if I wanted to go to his place and chill with a couple of girls; maybe tie a couple on in the process. I accepted his offer, but soon learned that my new acquaintance wasn't just your average guy. By the end of that night I had consumed a couple beers, made out with a gorgeous blond, and done upwards of eight or nine fat lines of cocaine. My new friend quickly became the devil on my shoulder, as well as my dealer.

three times a week and stacking several pills over the course of an evening.

The downward spiral persisted, before I knew it, \$250 a week went to coke, and eventually "meth." Abuse of these stimulants continued interspersed with the occasional use of speed to "keep me up." I couldn't sleep at night; I sweat a lot and my face dried out drastically. It wasn't pretty. Worst of all, I distanced myself from friends. It's funny how you begin to heavily reflect on yourself at such times, turning your eyesight inward; remembering certain things people have told you. Several of my friends went so far as to tell me exactly how much my abuse was hurting them. The way I looked at it, I didn't need friends in the fog-that was my place, and I was alone. I actually scorned my closest friends on many occasions. I wasn't in denial however. This is the scariest part of it all. I was living in fear constantly. I was running out of money. I was more hurt than before. I could see exactly what I was becoming, yet I still wanted to get lit. Self-preservation was continuously giving way to addiction, and likewise, I was walking through that fog, dead. The fire in my eyes died with me. Then, without warning, out of the clear blue sky, it just stopped. I stopped.

I was hunched over a coffee table staring into a mirror that was covered in white powder. Behind me sat my dealer and two blonds. My thoughts began to drift; one more line and I'll be gone I thought. I stared hard at my reflection, and considered where I was, and how I had gotten there. I realized looking down at the lines in my face, the bags under my eyes, that I had grown old. Who was the person staring at me from the other side? My being had broken down. I wasn't the confident, smiling kid that I had used to be. In that instant, clarity crept into my conscience, and I didn't want to be an addict anymore. I guess the best way to convey the essence of that moment is to say that I caught a glimpse of the road that I was headed down, and it wasn't going to be a long and winding road by any means. Rather it would be short and hard.

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The worst had passed. By some way that I can't understand I just said no. I spoke up after a length of silence, and said "no," and that voice grew louder. Yeah, I still used Ecstasy after that, sometimes more than I should have, I smoked up, and twice I tried GHB, G-ing out on both occasions. But the fog had passed, and barring a cloud from time to time, I was reassembling my life into one that was more reminiscent of how I had been before. I knew that I would never be the same. I was now more jaded than I had ever been in the past, and short of joining a monastery; there wasn't much I could do to cleanse that. I had durable, patient friends who helped me see it through, and to them I will always be indebted.

So what is the point of all of this? Truth is, I don't have the slightest clue. Take it as you will. I am sure that there are those among you who will laugh at my story, and that's fine with me; certain individuals who walk that line to a lesser degree than I did, and don't quite grasp the severity of the situation. All I can say is that I hope that you never find yourself as deep in the fog as I did, because it didn't take long. In the grand scheme of life it isn't that original. I tried a lot of stuff that made me feel a whole range of emotions. I will always remember the raves, and what it felt like to dance uninhibited to a pounding rhythm, truly believing that I was in unison with the music. But I wasn't. It wasn't real, none of it was.

In the end, there is one lesson that I learned that stands out amongst all of the others: that drugs can make you feel amazing at times. They can lift you so high, that you feel like there is no power that can bring you down. Yet in spite of this, as good as it may feel, nothing can replace those feelings that are real. Nothing I did felt as good as she did, I know that much. The only thing that bothers me now is that there are still many who drift aimlessly. I just wish they knew that there are no answers to be found in that thick fog. There is only an edge.•

Editor's Note: This is a true story and Reporter would like to thank the author for his honest and thought provoking retelling of it. It should be noted that recent studies, although inconclusive, suggest there may be long-term effects associated with the use of Ecstasy. It is also known that people have died of Ecstasy overdoses, usually due to raised body temperture and dehydration. If you or someone you know has a drug or alcohol problem and you want to get help, contact the RIT Counseling Center at 475-2261 v/ 475-6897 tty or the Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf at 465-4978 (v/tty). Please send comments on this article to reporter@rit.edu.



Go Clubbin' at The Brick

It's a Friday night. Classes are done for the day, work is out of the question, it's time to relax-what do you do? You're in college, get out and party! Of course, that still leaves a good four or five nights of attempting to find something to do. Don't have a car, or just want to stay on campus? Luckily for you, RIT has a wide, diverse range of clubs and activities that cater to people of all types of interests and backgrounds. A sampling of the nearly 100 options to choose from:

"I'm the king of the stage!" So, acting is in your blood, huh? All you Ophelia and Hamlet wannabes should report to the RIT Players and commence soliloquies. Performing several times a year, the group puts on everything from flat-out comedies to musicals to heart-wrenching dramatic works. So, whether you like your audience in underwear or not, give it a shot!

Many of us have long grown out of cartoons. Yet, even for those of us who thought that animation was meant primarily for children, we're presented with anime—Japanese animation that quite literally redefines the genre. Besides the apparent differences artistically from the traditional Disney-esque films we've all seen, anime differs in its more serious and adult content. For those who wish to experience this and learn more about Japanese culture, check out the RIT Anime Club.

Anyone who has passed through the Bausch and Lomb Building lobby has no doubt caught a glimpse of the sleek Formula-style racecar on display. Albeit a real model from years back, the **Formula SAE Racing** Team participates in racing a new vehicle every year in nation-wide competitions. Do you have an interest in engineering, or maybe a flair for really fast vehicles? This is your opportunity.

All those years of tossing the Frisbee around could finally pay off if you join the **Horizontal Ultimate Club**. Anyone from novices to advanced players come together for the thrill of ultimate Frisbee. Besides the practices, which are held three times a week, there are several tournaments between RIT and other schools during the year—Even during winter, when tournaments are held indoors.

With information technology reigning as the largest-populated major on campus, it comes as no surprise that the Information Technology Student Organization has one of the largest memberships as well. Even for those who don't belong to the major but wish to learn more about everything from the newest developments in networking to debating the pros and cons of Windows versus Linux, this organization is for you.

Seeing that it is RIT, students will most likely spend the majority of their time indoors-due to class work or climate. Nevertheless, for those who want to explore the Rochester landscape and beyond, the **Outing Club** may have just what you're looking for. General activities such as backpacking, mountain biking, and skiing are offered, as well as more extreme activities such as rock climbing and white water rafting.

By Jeff Prystajko MANAGING EDITOR

If you're convinced that you're living in a parallel universe, your roommate is an android, or you can't figure out why the inertial dampers in your '86 Honda failed, it may be time to either see a psychologist, or visit the RIT Science Fiction Association. Besides reveling in the obvious Star Trek and Star Wars fare, they discuss plenty of other well-known and obscure television shows, movies, and literature. And they do it in a safe manner, guaranteed not to destroy the galaxy.

Do you have an ear for music? Not just listening, but making your own through singing or playing an instrument? Meet others just like you in the RIT Student Music Association. Throughout the year they put on open mic nights, where members can express themselves in front of an audience, take an annual trip to Toronto to see a large-production Broadway Musical, and view many other performances from around the local area.

For those who will always have a place in their heart for Mister Roger's Neighborhood and Thomas the Tank Engine, RIT offers the Model Railroad Club. The center of the club focuses on reconstructing the Rochester & Irondequoit Terminal, to which members contribute based on their area of expertise. In addition, members tour local railroads and museums, and have guest speakers discuss railroading during meetings.

There's no doubt that you'll be able to find something to your liking. For a complete listing of all the different organizations offered, check out the official Student Affairs Club page at www.rit.edu/~234www/clubs/index.html or the Student Government club page at www.sg.rit.edu/whatsgdoes_clubs_all.html for descriptions and contact information.•

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53 Things Every Student Should Know About (Or Experience) While at RIT

By The Reporter Staff



Hope you like the weather

As Rochester natives say, "If you don't like the weather, wait ten minutes." They aren't kidding! You can never tell whether it's going to be sunny or rainy, cold or warm, and those local meteorologists aren't much help. One thing we do know, however, is with over 30 inches of rain and 90 inches of snow each year, you're going to get wet. An umbrella, a raincoat, and a good pair of warm waterproof (go Gore-tex!) boots are essential equipment for residents.

Prepare to be blown away

Chicago may be the "windy city" but RIT could give Chi-town a run for its money. Rumored to have been built for Arizona (not true), the RIT campus seems to be one giant wind tunnel. Make sure to bring some arctic winter apparel for those long walks down the quarter mile, especially if you have to frequently walk between the SAU and Building 1. Small children have been swept into the sky in this region.

What's for dinner?

Don't worry! Even though your mom signed you up for twenty meals a week, you're not stuck. You can change your meal plan during the first ten days of each quarter at the Food Service office in the basement of the SAU. We recommend the 7/3 plan as it allows you \$140 in debit to be used anywhere on campus, 7 meals in Gracies, and 3 meals to be used at the Commons, the Ritz, the Alumni Cafeteria, or the Corner Store.

Is something burning?

Torchier lamps are not allowed at RIT, and for good reason. Rather than complain about the rule, understand it's for the best. The last thing you want is for your electric tiki torch to set your curtains (which are right next to your bed...) aflame.

Go stand in the corner

OK, so we don't have a Division I football team and probably won't anytime soon, but there's nothing more exciting than a Tigers Hockey game. Make sure you get your money's worth and sit in the Corner Crew. Even if you don't like hockey, at least you get some free candy and a chance to make fun of the other team. Swiss...Cheese!

Jason, why is the bed shaking?

Unfortunately, there just isn't enough real estate to give everyone at college their own dorm room. Just be glad you only have to put up with ONE roommate. (RIT used to have triples!) If you are going to make it through the year, whether your roommate becomes your best friend or just the guy you steal all your free software from, you have to respect each other. Whether it's the hot girl from Colby F, or the tube sock from your top drawer, keep your..."activities" to yourself.

Avoid the "Freshman 15"

One of the worst criticisms of college students is that they're out of shape. Don't fall into that trap; the "freshman 15" is not just a myth. If you plan your schedule well, you'll have plenty of time in your day to get to RIT's first-rate gym. Play basketball or racquetball, take a jog, pump some iron—whatever! You'll have more energy, stay more alert, and feel and look a lot better for it.

Smooth as ice

One of the nice things about going to a hockey school is being able to use the ice rink. The Frank Ritter Memorial Arena has many hours of open skating every week and for a small fee, you even rent a pair of the bladed shoes.

A picture is worth a thousand words

The nice thing about being a college student with "stuff" is that usually, your belongings are covered by your parents homeowners insurance (you should check on this). Of course, you still need proof of ownership in case of a theft, fire, or other damage. Be sure to write down the serial and model numbers of everything you own and use your trusty point and click to snap some photos of your important electronics. Keep all your evidence in a safe place.

Make friends with someone with a car

RIT is one of the few schools that allows freshman to have cars. Granted, frosh have to park miles from everything, but it's a nice perk. If you are one of the "lucky" ones who came without your own transportation, make sure you find some friends that have cars. It's a great way to meet people, and get away from the Brick City once in a while.







Time Flies!

High above the residential quad, emblazoned against the gloomy bricks, visible from any point on campus, stands the Brick City's version of Old Ben. Unfortunately, the sundial (the largest in the Northeast!) erected in the clock's shadow tends to be far more accurate. Two years ago, the infamous timekeeper mysteriously "stopped" at 4:20 for about a week. The moral of the story: skip any class before 10 a.m. and get yourself a watch or you'll be late for the rest of 'em.

The early bird gets the worm

When people tell you to wake up really early for class registration, don't take their advice lightly. By early, they mean 5:30 a.m.; any later and you're risking getting locked out of the one class you really want to take. The Student Information System (SIS) usually comes online before 6 a.m. on registration mornings and it is swamped with traffic for the entire day. Use as many telnet sessions as you can and try to get on through the Internet too. Once you're in, register quickly and in the order of the classes you most want, and always have a backup plan.



The typical college dorm restroom is smeared from floor to ceiling with an array of body fluids, abandoned personal products, and evil funguscausing germs. Unless gangrene is your favorite color, don't go into the bathroom without something on your feet! Flip flops, sandals, or even Reynolds wrap should be covering every square inch of the bottom of your feet, especially when you're headed to the shower.

Know your tools

There are two kinds of students that go to RIT: computer geeks, and friends of computer geeks. It really doesn't matter which category you fall in, but make sure you're in one or the other or you won't make it here. Remember, "Technology" is our middle, err, last name and knowledge of computers is absolutely essential.

Four movies for the price of one

You don't have to go to Blockbuster for cheap movie thrills. For a fraction of the price of a regular ticket, you can get a seat at the "Dollar Theater" on West Henrietta Road (actually \$1.50-\$2.00). Movies 10 is a fine looking/sounding theater offering second-run films just a few weeks after they open.

Free movies

For those of you living in the dorms, the Residence Halls Association has begun a library of movies that can be checked out for free. A better deal than anything Blockbuster has going on.

Hard to find movies

For even more movie thrills, head downtown to The Little Theatre. The Little isn't cheaper than the movieplexes, but it offers many great independent and local films that you can't see anywhere else.

Get online

By now everyone knows how to use the Internet, but how many of you are letting the Internet work for you? If you don't have your own web page yet, you are lagging behind your classmates. There is no better way to get your resume out to the people who could end up hiring you.

What to read between classes

Without a doubt, the source for the most up to the minute and accurate information about student life at RIT is Gracies Dinnertime Theater. Forget University news-GDT's edgy original content and journalistic integrity is unmatched. And, with all those photocopies, they're doing their darndest to keep Xerox from bankrupting.

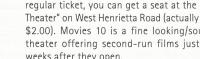
What else to read between classes

If you find that GDT's black and white photocopied publication isn't all you dreamed of, turn your attention to RIT's official student magazine, Reporter (you know, the one you have in your hands right now). Produced and managed by RIT students for over 90 years now, Reporter is the nation's ONLY four-color weekly college magazine and it is printed right here in the school of printing. If you want to know what's really going on, this is the only publication you need.

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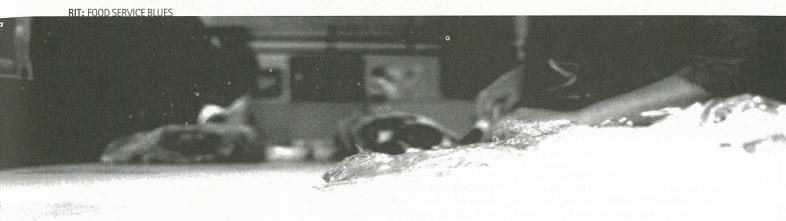


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HELP WANTED

Little Bobby came to college with high aspirations for himself. He was going to achieve a 4.0 GPA, make lots of friends, and overall lead a very happy life. Unfortunately, the tuition bill came in. Then there was the trip to the bookstore. Before he knew it, Bobby's checking account was depleted, his wallet empty—it was time to get a job. Sadly, Bobby got a part-time job somewhere that scheduled him for seemingly random hours all throughout the week. Bobby's hectic, ever-changing schedule killed his free time, and he made no friends. There was no time to do homework, and his grades soon plummeted. Bobby was unhappy.

The lessen learned here is: don't make up corny, fake anecdotes without immediately acknowledging their obvious triteness afterwards; the reader js smarter than that. More importantly, though, for most people, getting a job is an essential part of surviving college. There are a ton of options at your fingertips as per where to apply, but if you already live on campus, why not start there?

First order of business is to get a student employment card. Head down to the student employment office in the basement of the SAU (directly across from the Ritz) and sign up. Make sure you have your student ID card or driver's license, and your social security card or birth certificate copy with you.

Once the card is in your possession, it's time to begin your job search! The easiest place to begin is directly where you started—the student employment office. Since generally every department which requires employees sends requests here, checking their database is the fastest way towards applying for a new job.

Of all the jobs available, many students often begin their RIT employment in one of the food service locations. Depending on how far you want to walk and at what time of day you want to work, available places are Gracies, the SAU Cafeteria, the Ritskeller, the Hettie Shumway Dining Commons, and the Corner Store (in addition, the new Crossroads building will have a dining area). On the more formal side, the RIT Catering Service provides food and drink for many special events and happenings.

Is working with food not up your alley? Many students have found that in the Campus Connections bookstore, there are different retail sections that accommodate different areas of expertise; choices range from the photography shop, to art supplies, the computer equipment department, books, and apparel.

Perhaps you're the type who finds it more comfortable with hands on a keyboard and eyes on a computer screen; you have multiple options as well. ITS (Information and Technology Services) and ResNet both offer "help desk" positions, and DSS (Distributed Support Services) hires lab assistants—or "labbies," as they're affectionately called—for many of the computer labs around campus.

What You
Need to
Know About
On-Campus
Employment

Still haven't found the right job? Try visiting your (major) department's office or ask your professors if they know of any available positions within the department. While responsibilities could range from secretarial duties to hands-on work and experiments, finding a job that relates to your interests is a great step towards furthering your knowledge, as well as breaking through into getting a full-time career later on.

If you still haven't found something you like, check out the Student Employment web page at www.rit.edu/~seojobs. Up-to-date listings are posted, making it easy to find a job that will help secure the finances, but won't be dull or uninteresting.

Getting a job doesn't have to cut into your education or your social life; with careful consideration and planning, a campus job can become an integral and enjoyable part of the college experience.



Get a job!

The best part of college is that you finally have the freedom to do what you want, when you want. You can't really do anything if you don't have money though, so get yourself a part-time job. There are plenty of on and off-campus positions available to earn a few bucks, plus you won't have to rely on the 'rents for spending cash all the time. You'll enjoy your time more and they will have more respect for your responsible decision. (Reporter is always hiring!)

Get a job! Part II

Many RIT majors require Co-ops in order to graduate, but internships are really a good idea for everyone, even if they aren't required. Job experience on your resume is far more important than anything your transcript is going to say. Search early and search often—*NEVER* rely on the Co-op office; you will have far better luck if you look on your own.

And speaking of the quarter mile...

The "quarter mile" is actually over a third of a mile long. We know. We measured (*Reporter*, May 7, 1999).

Goeth to thee show

RIT may not be known for its rich performing arts, but The RIT Players do their best to bring a little culture to this square-edged community. With quarterly plays, musicals, and short comedic productions, they are one of the most entertaining groups on campus. Be sure to check 'em out in Ingle Auditorium, the Panara Theater, or during one of their surprise miniperformances throughout the year.

Put your hands to work

English may be the first language of the RIT populous, but American Sign Language is a close second. With well over a thousand deaf and hearing-impaired students on campus, at least minimal sign language skills are a must. Plus, knowing some ASL will allow hearing students break down the cultural barrier. Try a RITsign class if you can't fit in a regular class.

Pro sports abound

Rochester doesn't have any teams at the top level, but with the Red Wings (AAA Baseball), Americans (American Hockey League), Raging Rhinos (Soccor), and Knighthawks (Lacrosse), there is a quality sporting event for everyone.

Join a club

For those of you with 20 credit hours and a full-time 40-hour job, free time doesn't exist; but for the rest of you (which is almost everyone), you can still devote a few hours every week to some activity. Be it science fiction or model trains, computers or community service, there is a club for you. It's the best way to find others with similar interests. See pages 15 and 28 for more details.

Eat your garbage

Rochester is called the Flower City, the Lilac City, the World's Image Centre, and Baseball City USA, but if there is one thing that is traditional to the area, it is the garbage plate. There's just something about two all-beef patties stacked upon a heaping scoop of mayonnaise soaked macaroni that just screams out, "EAT ME!" And for you true Rochesterians, Nick Tahou's is the ONLY place to get a real garbage plate.

"Strike" Gold

There are more bowling allies per capita in Rochester than any other city in the country. At least that's what they say. Now, we haven't done a scientific study to prove this, but with more than two-dozen alleys within easy driving distance of the campus, bowling is a must on your activities list.

Music to your ears

Studies show that listening to Mozart will make you smarter. Listening to some *live* Classical music will only enhance the effect, right? The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the best of its kind. With student rush tickets available for a deep discount before most all concerts, the RPO is a can't-miss show. Visit

Fly away home

When traveling home for breaks, whether by bus, train, or plane, don't even think about booking tickets until the finals schedule is released AND confirmed. This agenda often has errors, or professors may need to alter the schedule to better fit their own vacation plans, so make sure you ask questions. Many teachers are not sympathetic about students travel plans.

Going up?

When in the dorms, avoid the elevators. These unreliable beasts have been known to get stuck, entrapping students for days on end. Besides, it's a whole lot healthier to take the stairs.









Use your own words

Plagiarism and cheating at RIT are grounds for dismissal from the Institute. Every teacher has his or her methods for dealing with such incidents, but do you really want to have to stand in front of the Provost and try to explain the small piece of paper hidden in your sleeve? The, "just don't get caught" theory isn't a good idea.

The drinking age in Canada is only 19

Bummed about the "dry" campus? Fear not fellow students. A little over an hour's drive north will take you across the border into Canadia. Go see the falls and grab some brew. Now, we aren't saying you should go drink, but if you need to, at least do it legally. And remember, don't drink and drive!

Play club sports/intramurals

So you weren't good enough to play at Florida State; that's no reason to quit playing sports now. We may not have a D I football squad (or any football squad for that matter), but at least you and your friends can participate in organized intramural and club sports. Stay in shape, meet new people, and put those studies to rest for a bit!

Midnight snack attack

Tahou's used to be the choice for those latenight eating frenzies, but since they've limited their hours, Dennies and Jay's Diner have become the choice hangouts. Located just a few minutes from campus, these greasy grills serve late into every evening. If you're looking for something a little healthier, Wegmans is open 24 hours; no lines at 1 a.m.!

Blow your own...whistle!

There is an unusually large population of deer on the RIT campus and they tend to congregate as close to the roadways as possible. The academic surroundings have made these creatures extraordinarily intelligent; they somehow know to avoid cars. (This writer has seen only one get hit in the last three years, and it wasn't even technically on-campus.) Still, for three bucks, err, dollars, you can't go wrong with a pair of deer deterrent whistles for your car. It's better than the thousands of dollars you could have to pay if you happen upon an uneducated deer.

Drink Coke, just to spite the admins.

Horton Hears a Who

Over the past few years, RIT has been honored to host such speakers as General Colin Powell, Dr. Drew Pinsky, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Joe Torre, and Lech Walesa. Each year, the Horton Speaker series brings to RIT some of the world's most influential leaders and foremost authorities. Don't miss the opportunity to hear a truly great message from a Horton speaker. Be sure to vote for who you want to speak this year.

CAB trips are cheap and fun

Though they are best known for bringing entertainment to RIT, the College Activities Board often sponsors exciting trips to off-campus locations. Their annual trips to Buffalo for the Bills or Sabres are always big sellers. For well under \$50, students get bus transportation, lunch, and great seats. Just make sure you get in line early, because seating is limited. Visit http://www.rit.edu/~cabwww/ for events schedule.

Hit the slopes

Western New York isn't known for its high peaks, so good skiing is hard to come by. The consensus seems to be that Swain is the way to go if you want to hit the slopes. About an hour south of Rochester, their \$12 college nights are a true bargain. Call (607) 545-6511 for more information

Never leave your room

Everything you need is on the Internet. We don't really recommend you never leave your computer Mr. Anti-social, but if you aren't shopping online, you are paying too much.

The most Brick and Mortar anywhere

At one point, it was the Great Wall in China, but not any more. You may not be able to see it from space, but the RIT campus is the largest brick structure in the world. How many you ask? Well, if you start counting now, your fellow classmates will have graduated, married, and retired by the time you get halfway through. Even more impressively, RIT doesn't settle for just any bricks. The building blocks of the Institute come from only one location and each is stamped with an serial number and/or "R.I.T."

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Time management

Trying to fit classes between each episode of *TRL* and *The Real World* can drive a student mad. How do you fit classes in on *your* time; like 2 a.m. for instance? Well, if the traditional routine doesn't fit your needs, consider distance learning. Many classes, particularly in the Liberal Arts, are offered via videocassette and computer. RIT has one of the best distance learning programs in the country.

Visit the gallery

Sure, New York has the Met and MoMA and the MAG is just downtown, but right over in building 7 is an excellent art gallery all the same. The newly renovated Bevier Gallery—free and open to the public—contains various student and professor exhibits all throughout the year. See this week's Oddz-n-Endz (page 10) for upcoming exhibits.

Four views on textbooks

College textbooks aren't cheap. Heck, they're not even reasonable. There are many different theories on what to do about textbooks. These expensive paperweights can be the most—or least—important tool for getting through a certain class. Here are your options:

Don't bother

Many classes have "required" textbooks listed, but the professors never use them, or even if they do, everything you need to know is discussed during lecture. If you don't need 'em, save your hard-earned dollars.

Go Dutch

If you absolutely have to buy a book, share one with a classmate or borrow one from someone who's already taken the class. Just make sure to return it when you're finished

Hit the Library

Everything you'd ever need is in the Library. Professors will often put all their required materials on reserve for temporary checkout. Older additions of a class's text are also often hidden on the library shelves.

Buy online

If you're going to take the plunge, buy online. Many (but not all) books are cheaper through various Internet textbook e-tailers. Just make sure you order early because they usually take several weeks to ship.

It's a bird, it's a plane...

It may not be the Keck Observatory, but for the average Joe, The RIT Observatory (catchy name isn't it?) is the only way to view the goings-on in the night sky. Located just around the corner on John Street, RIT's observatory has a 16-inch AutoScope Telescope, a 10-inch Meade Telescope, and several smaller portable scopes to view the heavens. Best of all, the observatory is regularly open to the public. Check their web page (www.rit.edu/~ritobs/) for schedule information.

Learn the ropes

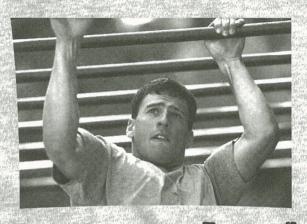
In their jungle gym for big kids, the Red Barn offers great fun for students and organizations. Participants can rock-climb, swing from the rafters, and complete various other teambuilding activities. The inexpensive services here shouldn't be passed up.

Good Class/Bad Class

Even though you have enrolled in one of the nation's finest Institutes, not every class is a good one. Some of you want hard classes, some of you want easy ones, some of you just don't want to get up in the morning. Whatever it is that you're looking for, make sure you talk to other students when considering what classes/professors would be a good fit for you and your schedule.

Of course there are many more things that everyone should learn and experience while in the Brick City, but that's about all we could fit in this issue. If you have other ideas for students, or comments on this article, please send them to reporter@rit.edu and we will post the best submissions on our website at www.reportermag.com.•





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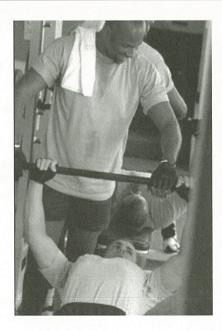
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word on the street

With students few and far between during the beginning of the month, *Reporter*, went in search of teachers, administrators, and parents to learn about the "old" folks' college days, challenging them with:

What do you miss most about your days as a student?



"Getting to know people with all kinds of different opinions and beliefs, and getting a chance to talk to them and learn from them."

-Julie White Director, Women's Center "Obviously I've never left. I'm still enjoying my college experience."

-Dr. Steve Kurtz Information Technology "I miss the freedom to be able to go out and be in the sun on some afternoons and not having to be constantly scheduled. When I was a student I had a lot more time for reflection and having fun."

-Dr. Linda Kuk Vice President, Student Affairs "Sex, Drugs, and Rock-n-Roll."

—Dr. Rudy Pugliese
Professional and Technical
Communications

"I miss the friends I had in college."

—John Roman, Director, Campus Connections

"Having total freedom to plan my day, the way I like."

—Dr. Frank Lamas, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs

"My Friends."

—Heidi Miller, Allied Health

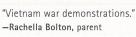
"Moving in."

—Jodie Rao, parent



"The student organizations I belonged to. We had an outing club and a couple other organizations that were oriented towards the outdoors."

-Lance Coltz, parent

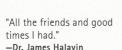






"I miss being in my fraternity, living in the house, and the loss of innocence."

Mike D'Arcangelo,
 Director, Center for
 Campus Life



Mathematics and Statistics



"I went to school at an all male school in a different era. It was a more

"I went in a foreign country. The lifestyle was completely different."

do whatever you want to do, whenever you want to do it; not being on a regimented calendar; no meetings. If you didn't want to go to class, don't go to class."

"The freedom to basically

-Gary Gasper
Food Service Administration

"Being very scared the first day."

—Paul Aspell, parent

"It wasn't as nice as this."

isolated experience than my child will have."

-Rob Farmer, parent

-Rob Powell, parent

-Lee, parent

"I was at home, went at nights, got married, and had kids." —Suzanne Krull, parent

"The intellectual environment."

—Dr. Bruce Kahn Imaging and Photographic Technology "I was very lost on the first day."

-Terry Stritzinger, parent

"Meeting people was great. It was the best time of my life."

-Steve Frank, parent

"RIT—I attended when the campus was still downtown. I just moved in my granddaughter."

—Jack Finnerty, grandfather/alumni

"Not as many suitcases."

—Peter Liberatos, parent

"I enjoyed grad school the best."

-Phil Spaeth

"All the people that I met, the friends I made, and all the freedom that came with the college experience"

-Thad Napp, parent

"A .69 [GPA] my sophomore year."

-Jim Michellan, parent

"Being terrified on the first day."

—Irene Aspell, parent



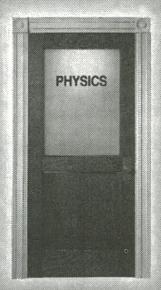


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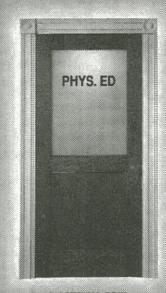
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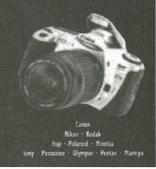
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Fri, Sept. 15th Sat, Sept 16th Sun, Sept 17th Mon, Sept 18th Tues, Sept 19th Wed, Sept 20th Sun, Sept 24th

INVITATION NITE 9PM 2AM TAHOES RUN Meet at 43 GREEK WKEND / MUD TUG JET SKI WKEND /BBQ at the LAKE Noon Interviews 7PM - 9PM Interviews 7PM - 10PM BID NITE Pledging Begins

Triangle Fraternity is a National, Professional /Social Fraternity. The RIT Chapter was founded in 1967. We are located in Colony Manor in apartments 43, 39 & 35. We pride ourselves on Scholastic Accomplishment, Athletics and the Strength of our Brotherhood. We are expecting to be accepted in the "New Fraternity Housing" slated for move-in Fall of 2001! If you are interested in becoming a leader and have the desire to be successful at RIT, stop by and find out what we are all about! If you or your parents have any questions please contact one of the Brothers listed below.

Rush Chairman ----- John Hollyoak 424-8178 Active President ----- Steve Britton 359-3256

House Manager ----- Trevor Adams 424-8175 Alumni President ----- Dave Spink 334-8547



Calling All Athletes

By Aaron Landers SPORTS EDITOR

So you're in college now. The classes are tougher than they were in high school, and the workload is much greater. Suddenly, the average high school student athlete might find himself or herself without the time to participate in organized sports. Well, here at RIT, there are many exciting athletic opportunities which will allow any student the chance to compete and still be able to stay on top of their education. These opportunities are thanks to the thirteen officially recognized club sports teams at RIT.

Club sports at RIT vary in size, competitiveness, and in the amount of time spent practicing and competing. They receive an operating budget from Student Government (SG) so that students do not have to pay to play. Either a player or volunteer coaches club sports, since club teams cannot hire coaches. While being coached by a peer may have its problems, it ensures

that everyone who is participating in the program is doing it for the love of the game.

There are many benefits for student athletes that compete in club sports. College is a place for one to concentrate on his or her education and some people may feel that participating in varsity athletics will not allow them to do this. This is one of the greatest advantages to playing a club sport. "Club practices are all optional and less time consuming, so a student is generally encouraged to pursue academics first and sports second while playing on a club sports team," says Men's Water Polo Coach Seth Sealfon. Athletes have a variety of choices if they want to get involved. Teams include water polo, alpine skiing, ultimate frisbee, rugby, and others; there is surely something for everyone.

Even though these teams do not have varsity status at RIT, many of them are still very competitive and offer even top athletes the

chance to hone their skills. RIT's club teams have enjoyed a great deal of success in the past few years. The water polo squad has been either state finalists or champions in each of the past four years. The roller hockey team had an amazing season last year as they earned themselves a spot in the national championship tournament and made it to the quarterfinals. The bowling squad has also been ranked in the Top 20 for parts of each of the last two seasons. While these are just a couple examples of some of the success our club sports teams have achieved, be sure that each one of RIT's club teams is competitive in their respective leagues and competitions and provide athletes a challenging and enjoyable place to compete.

This year, instead of spending your free time watching television, playing video games, or surfing the net, get out and join a club sport. Chances are, there is something that interests you and it is a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. For freshmen, this is

Club Sports offered at RIT

Alpine Ski Team
Bowling Club
Cycling Club
Equestrian Club
Field Hockey
Horizontal Ultimate Frisbee
Men's Lacrosse Club
Men's Rugby
Men's Volleyball
Men's Water Polo
Roller Hockey
Women's Cross Country
Women's Rugby

The Press Box

Welcome to "The Press Box." This is the place in the sports section of *Reporter* where you will be able to read about highlights, record setting performances, and other tidbits of sports-related news on the RIT campus. This week, we are providing you with the fall sports home game schedule. RIT's athletes can always use more fan support, so get out to some games as your RIT Tigers take part in another year of exciting sports action. Be sure to check the sports section for news and information about your favorite RIT team. Next week's *Reporter* will feature a comprehensive fall sports preview.

Fall sports home game schedule.

Sat. 9/9	WSOC ALFRED UNIVERSITY	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 9/12	WSOC KEUKA	4:00 p.m.
Fri. 9/15	VOLLEY RIT Tournament	TBA
Sat. 9/16	VOLLEY RIT Tournament	TBA
Sat. 9/16	MSOC ITHACA	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 9/16	WSOC ITHACA 1	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 9/16	WTEN SUNY BROCKPORT	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 9/17	WTEN BUFFALO STATE	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 9/26	VOLLEY NAZARETH	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 9/27	MSOC U of R	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 9/30	WTEN SUNY GENESEO	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 10/1	WTEN ELMIRA	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 10/3	MSOC ST. JOHN FISHER	4:00 p.m.
Tue. 10/3	VOLLEY SUNY BROCKPORT	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 10/10	MSOC UNION	4:00 p.m.
Tue. 10/17	VOLLEY SUNY CORTLAND	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 10/19	WSOC NAZARETH	3:30 p.m.
Fri. 10/20	MSOC CLARKSON	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/21	MSOC ST. LAWRENCE	2:00 p.m.
Tue. 10/24	VOLLEY BUFFALO STATE	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 10/28	MSOC UTICA	1:30 p.m.
Wed. 11/1	MSOC ALFRED	3:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/4	MSOC KEUKA	1:00 p.m.

a great opportunity to make some new friends at your newly adopted home in Rochester. For upperclassmen, this could be your year to finally get involved in a school activity. Some people say that what our Institute lacks is school spirit. This can be the year to change all that. It's time to get off of the couch and get involved. You will be glad you did. Remember, there is much more to the RIT experience than Gracies, the ethernet, and classes.

For more information about club sports at RIT, visit the Center for Campus Life's Clubs and Organizations website at www.rit.edu/~234www/clubs/index.html or visit the Center for Campus Life which is located in Room 2130 on the second floor of the RITreat in the Student Alumni Union.•





Scavenging for Real Estate

By Jeff Prystajko

A Short Guide to the Dos and Don'ts of Parking at RIT

So, you're lucky enough to have your own vehicle on campus. Well, negating the outrageous gas prices and the inevitable flow of pleading for rides from roommates and friends, you have the freedom to go wherever you want, whenever you please! Of course, whether you live on campus or you commute, parking at RIT can often be more challenging than actually getting *into* the college.

OK, maybe that's a slight exaggeration. After all, parking is free on campus, compared to \$30 a semester at Monroe Community College, and a whopping \$157-567 (depending on the lot) per year at the University of Rochester. Ever since the Henrietta Campus was constructed back in 1968, then-RIT President Mark Ellingson mandated that parking cost nothing to students and faculty—not surprising at the time, when the new campus contained a much greater acreage than the old, cramped downtown location.

Still, with just a few lots short of a full alphabet, it can be difficult to keep track of the different policies, rules, and regulations that govern each individual lot. Rather than reiterating the campus safety parking map—which outlines quite clearly the allowable/restricted parking zones—this article will detail some of the typical patterns and problem spots that experienced car owners have learned over time (and after plenty of parking tickets).

Freshmen

Depending on which hall you're in, you will have the constant urge to park in C or M Lot, particularly in the winter. Initial efforts early in the year will most likely succeed, but just when you start to feel comfortable parking there, you'll find your windshield newly littered with a bright white tickets. B Lot is really not that far away! It may take a few extra minutes to walk to your car, but you'll probably save money in the long run.

Apartment Dwellers

Conventional thinking might say, "I'm going to be late for class if I walk, I'll just drive to the academic side." This would probably work, if it weren't for the fact that D, E, F, J, S, and U Lots are usually jam-packed beginning early weekday mornings. You will likely spend more time circling like a vulture searching for a spot or walking to class from a mile away than if you had walked or taken the shuttle.

Commuters

The considerations above apply to you also, but since you aren't within walking distance nor can you necessarily take a bus, either try to leave earlier to find a spot on time, or buy a reserved space in D, F, S, or U Lot.

So even though those visitor, 20-minute, and reserved spaces can look quite inviting and you can probably get lucky parking in one every now and then, take it from those who have received volumes of parking tickets—it's an expensive habit.

Using your ID

One of the first things you will do as a new student is receive a school ID. Your ID card has many uses besides showing the world how well you photograph. There are two main spending accounts: your Food Debit Account and Flexible Spending Account. Where you can use your Food Debit Account depends on what meal plan you have. With an all-debit plan for example you can buy food and other items from any dining area on campus as well as the Candy Counter and Corner Store. You can also use it in vending machines all over campus. With other meal plans you will mostly be limited to Gracie's, although most have some amount of money set aside for straight debit. Just remember you have to spend all the money in this account before the end of each quarter, as your balance doesn't carry over. You can also deposit money into your Flex account. You can use this account anywhere on campus including the bookstore. This account does carry over from quarter to quarter.

By Rebecca Alperstein

Your ID is also your Library card, allows you access to the gym, and you need it to check out equipment from the Cage (only applies to Photo and Film students). To add money to your card you can go to the Bursar's office or Food Service office during business hours or call (800) 724-5104 or 475-2228 to add money using a credit card. If you lose your card report it immediately. During business hours you can call Food Services (475-2228), the Registrar's office (475-6667), or the Bursar's office (475-2192). You can also call Campus Safety (475-2853) 24 hours a day. You can get a new card by going to the Registrar's office. •



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Saturday, September 9th

Intrepid Traveller 8:00 pm, Greek Area Lawn, Free

Wednesday, September 13th

Community Service Fair 12:00 - 2:00 pm, SAU Lobby

Thursday, September 14th

Pizza Wars 7:30 pm, By the Sundial

Tremors Off Campus Event9 pm, Buses Depart Grace Watson Circle

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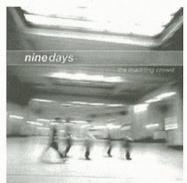
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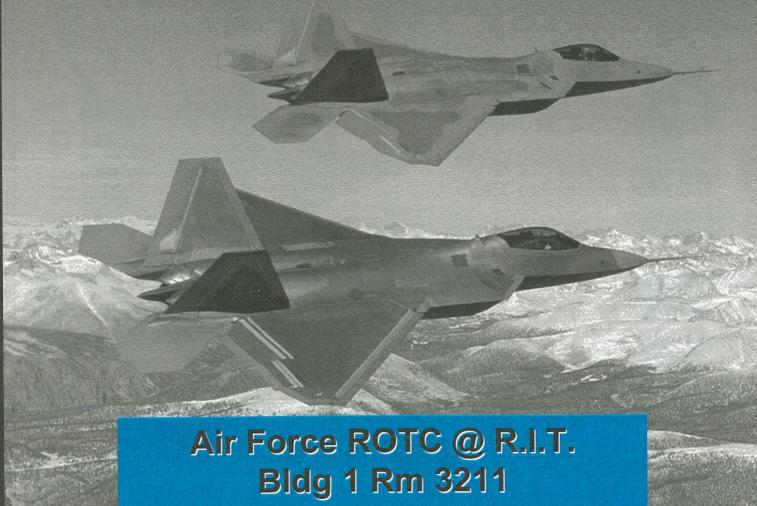
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