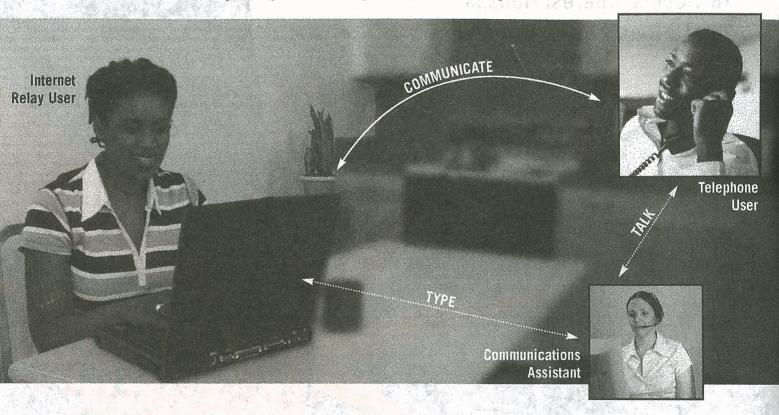


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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### In Memory

For me, September 11 is a date I would like to live as any other day of the month. That day two years ago I said goodbye to a friend who I could easily call "brother" and to whom I often was known as "Uncle Justin." Stefan passed away on September 6, 2001, while jogging near the campus of American University in Washington, D.C., where he was just starting his freshman year. According to the autopsy, his heart failed as the result of a congenital condition no one was aware of. His body just had stopped working, and it was too late to do anything about it when help arrived.

My girlfriend at the time called me the next day and told me she had heard a rumor that he died. I told her it wasn't true and he probably was in the hospital or something and could she please find out.

I had been present during several of Stefan's more memorable injuries including a gash on the skull from a bathroom sink, one or two concussions, a broken arm, and many, many scrapes and bruises. Right after every trip to the emergency room he had been back on his feet. Stefan was made of iron. So I didn't believe for a second that he had just died for no reason.

I heard an instant message ding on my computer and lifted my head off the desk. It was from her, it said: "It's true, I'm sorry." I went out for a drive, because RIT was the last place I wanted to be, and ended up at Mt. Hope cemetery. I'm not sure why I went there but I remember experiencing deep denial the whole way up Route 15. I wandered around for about an hour and put everything together in my mind.

I had just talked to him the night before he died-one of those chit-chat instant messenger conversations. He had told me about his new computer and some of the people he had met at AU and I had told him about RIT's latest housing screw-up. I was reflecting on it all and coming to terms with the fact that I would never see him again. When I got back I called my mother and told her. It wasn't until I heard myself say the words that I accepted what had happened. I sobbed for the first time in maybe six years.

My parents showed up the next day and we drove straight home to New Jersey. For the next two days a black cloud hung over my head and I didn't talk much. Tuesday morning my grandmother called and told me that I should turn on the television because somebody was bombing New York. The black cloud was now hanging over everyone's head, quite literally considering downtown New York is less than fifteen miles from my house, and for a minute I became completely disoriented, wondering for the first time in my life if what I was experiencing was a dream.

That night at the wake, I waited in line with people I had not seen in years as Stefan's favorite music—mostly blues and classic rock—played in the background. Before I knew it, there he was, peaceful and completely unaware of what had just happened to the world and the conflicts and political strife that would follow the day of his viewing.

We buried him the next day and took turns speaking. I barely remember what I said, but I remember quite clearly when Stefan's good friend and neighbor took the podium and talked about his father who worked on the ninety-eighth floor of Tower One. He said that he watched the towers burn and fall without knowing if his father had gotten out before the second plane hit. Not knowing what else to do, he prayed that Stefan would get his dad out. And when his father had called to report he was alive he said that he evacuated because something had told him to get out before he even knew what was happening in the next building. I'm not going to analyze what it could have been, that is just the way things happened. His father, who had just lost many of his friends and colleagues the day before, was standing to my right.

This is a story I never told anyone, and now I just published six thousand copies of it. There's more to it, much more, but that's all I need to write here as the reason why I don't wish to go over the top when it comes to anniversaries. So here's to the memory of my best friend Stefan Pitts, and to all of those who lost their lives on 9/11, and all of the days before it, all of the days after it, and all of the days to come.

Justin R. Mayer Editor in Chief

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# Crime Watch compiled by Hope Kendrick

#### September 5 - University Commons

#### Auto Stripping

A student reported that the hood ornament on her vehicle was forcibly removed while it was parked and unattended. The student also observed two small scratches on the rear fender of her car that were not there when she last parked it. Investigation completed pending new information.

#### September 5 - A Lot

#### Grand Larceny

A person had his wallet taken out of his parked vehicle. Parking lots A and B were checked with negative findings. Investigation completed pending new information or leads.

#### September 5 - Greek Housing

#### Endangering Welfare of a Child

A non-member was observed by an officer in a tree near Greek Row trying to retrieve balloons. The non-member had been drinking at a Riverknoll apartment. Residents in Riverknoll hosting the party were all underage except one who had purchased the alcohol. Investigation closed. Two non-members were banned and students were referred to Student Conduct.

#### September 6 - Colony Manor

#### Alcohol Policy Violation

A student was observed vomiting outside of a Colony Manor apartment where she had been drinking. Three residents were hosting the party and all of them had been drinking. Two of them were underage. The party was shut down. The female that was vomiting was checked by RITA but was not transported. Investigation closed. Students referred to Student Conduct.

#### September 6 - Sol Heumann Hall

#### Alcohol Policy Violation

An RA reported a male guest who was intoxicated and had been going into the women's bathroom for two hours prior. The guest was an underage student from Gibson Hall who had been drinking at a Colony Manor apartment along with two residents from Sol Heumann and a high school student who takes classes at RIT and was staying on campus for the night. The male guest was checked by

the Henrietta Ambulance and transported to Strong Hospital where he was treated and released. The parents of the high school student were called and came to campus and took him home. Investigation continuing.

#### September 6 - Campus Safety Office

#### Auto Stripping

A student reported that he parked his car near a University Commons apartment. When he returned to his vehicle, he discovered that his side view mirror was almost completely removed from the driver's side door and that there were several small dents in the vehicle's hood. Investigation completed pending new information or leads.

#### September 7 - Perkins Green Apartments

#### Alcohol Policy Violation

A contract officer observed an intoxicated student near Perkins who stated he had been drinking in Colony Manor at an unknown address. The student was transported to Strong Hospital, where he was treated and released. Investigation closed. Student was referred to Student Conduct.

#### September 7 - Lowenthal Road

#### Criminal Mischief

An unknown person using orange spray paint, painted the words "I love Ossama!" on the sidewalk east of Lowenthal Road. FMS removed the graffiti and the case is closed pending new information or leads.

#### September 10 - Wiltsie Drive

#### Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

Two students were observed walking in the area of the RG&E substation on Wiltsie Drive. The students admitted to having smoked a marijuana cigarette. The students consented to searches of their rooms, and a small amount of marijuana was confiscated. Investigation closed. Students were referred to Student Conduct.

#### September 11 - Fish C

#### Burglary, Unlawful Entry

A resident of Fish C reported that while she and her roommate slept, unknown person(s) entered their unlocked dorm room and stole a lap top computer and a calculator. A

neighborhood canvass yielded no information regarding the matter. Crime prevention postings were distributed throughout the residence halls. A student admitted taking the property and was banned from the residence halls. Case pending in Student Conduct.

#### September 11 - Fish B

#### Burglary, Unlawful Entry

A resident of Fish Hall reported that he left his room unlocked and unattended for a few minutes. During this time, someone entered and stole a calculator. His roommate was attending class and was not home during the time the theft occurred. A neighborhood canvass yielded no new information. Crime notices were distributed in the Residence Halls. Later that day, a student admitted taking the property and the case is closed and referred to Student Conduct.

#### September 11 – Liberal Arts Building Grand Larcenv

A student reported that his wallet was stolen from the library when he left it on a table unattended. The wallet was turned into Campus Safety and the student reports that his driver's license, \$20.00, a \$30.00 gift card, and an M&T bank card. The card was cancelled.

# A Day Remembered RIT Students Gather at Vigil

#### by Becky Ruby photographs by Kathryn Nix

embers of the RIT community gathered in the Infinity Quad on Thursday, September 11, the two-year anniversary of the tragedy, in a solemn remembrance for the events that transpired and the lives lost that day. Under the fading sunset, participants of the emotional vigil lit candles one by one until the Infinity Loop sculpture was completely encircled by the bits of light. While partakers' reasons for attending varied, the sentiment was a consistent. "I just think it's good to unite as one school, as a country actually," explained Matt Colprete, a second year Professional Technical Communications major. Residence Life and Student Government coordinated the event so that upon arriving at the quad, those in attendance were given red, white, and blue ribbons, as well as candles. Tech Crew played emotional music intermittently, to which interpreters signed along for the deaf and hard-of-hearing students in attendance. Just as the vigil was to officially begin, a slight hum of singing accompanied Michael Jackson's "Heal the World."

Leon Lim, a fourth year student and Resident Advisor in Peterson Hall, organized much of the event and was the one to welcome any speakers who wanted to share their thoughts. A fellow RA, Jeff Fredrickson, however, opened the ceremony. "We'd like to feel harmony here this evening," he said. After setting such a stage, person after person went to the podium in front of the sculpture to share a story, a feeling, or some advice.

People contributed everything from prepared readings to heartfelt pleas to take advantage of life. One male student who had been at an RIT class at the time the planes hit the World Trade Center recalled that he "couldn't put any sort of logic to something like (September 11)." He continued by asking the audience to "thank about the cops and the firefighters. If you're in that situation, who will come to save you? Never forget what they did." Others gave chilling accounts of family members or friends who they had lost, or the panic they had felt at the time because they knew people in New York City at the time.





And while about 300 people went to the vigil, some students voiced concerns about the lack of attendance by others. One girl who chose to speak thanked everyone for coming, and said that "it just breaks [her] heart" to have seen people staying at the dorms.

Another, freshman electrical engineering major Travis Burlock, commented that he had "expected a few more at least," and that it "bothered [him] a little that they're not remembering what happened." On the other hand, many students felt as though moving on was also a necessary step. One male student said that "people want to try to put it behind them, like everything in history."

While some students found solace in the company of others at the vigil, some students chose to address their feelings surrounding that day in a private manner. "No part of how I was going to deal with that day involved going to a vigil. I thought about the people that I knew that lost loved ones, but being in a group isn't how I address what happened," said Elizabeth Oporto, a third-year Advertising Photography major from Long Island. "I don't think that that helps everyone. For me, a vigil doesn't change anything. Thousands of people died that day because buildings fell. It happened. People are overseas fighting and dying every day. Where's the vigil for them?" Dwayne Shaw, a third-year Information Technology major from Brooklyn also chose not to attend the vigil. "I think it was a tragedy, however, I chose not to dwell on it too much. Yes, let's all remember it and our loved ones, but then we should be able to get along with our everyday activities," he said. "My heart does go out to those families who have lost other family members or friends. But, if we choose to dwell on the tragedy on September 11, then why not also on September 12 and September 13 and so on?"

Though the vocal contributions of many participants were somber, optimistic messages came through as well. One female student commented about the fact that "we can take something positive from something so negative." Her statement summarized the general feeling as participants left the vigil: connected.

**Left:** Students light each others' candles at the September 11 vigil held at the infinity symbol on Thursday. **Right:** Those who attended the September 11 vigil looked to each other for support and comfort during emotional speeches, with some of students, staff, and alumni who lost friends and family members in the attacks.

# BrickBeat compiled by Ren Meinhart

#### Construction of Raised Crosswalks Began

Beginning the week of September 8, portions of Andrews Memorial Drive became temporarily closed due to the installation of raised crosswalks on two locations of RIT's outer loop.

The decision to construct these raised crosswalks is the result of months of traffic safety analysis and safety engineering and is a part of Campus Safety's RESPECT campaign. RESPECT was launched during the 2002-2003 school year as a way of promoting respect toward everyone and everything within the RIT community, hoping to improve the safety and quality of life of the student population. Traffic and pedestrian safety is a focus of the campaign, as evidenced by not only this project, but by the newly installed stop signs and other small projects being completed around campus.

"This latest project is another step forward in an effort to create the safest environment possible at RIT," says Bob Craig, director of campus safety. The project is the result of collaboration between Campus Safety, Facilities Management Services, Risk Management, faculty and staff, and the Student Government safety committee. The RIT community can expect inconveniences in traffic through the week of September 22.

#### Pete Turner to Speak at RIT

Pete Turner, internationally acclaimed photographer and an alumnus of RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, is scheduled to present a lecture in Webb Auditorium, in the James E. Booth Building. This free lecture is sponsored by Epson and Nikon and will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday,

September 25. Turner, a native of New York, is known for his great affinity for color, as well as for the variety of subject matter and genre that his work encompasses.

Turner has traveled the world in search of stimulating imagery. He considers Africa a constant source of inspiration and renewal, which he first experienced in 1959 during a sevenmonth expedition of the continent for National Geographic. At the same time, his editorial photo essays began to be published regularly in Esquire, Look, Holiday, Sports Illustrated, to name a few, and photo portfolios were being published in some of Europe's more respected photography publications. His work has been used on numerous jazz album covers including A&M and CTI labels.

Maintaining a studio at Carnegie Hall in New York City, Turner's focus has shifted to advertising photography, while developing his personal work, which focuses mainly on conceptual imagery. Some of his best known campaigns were done for Esso, Kohler, United Airlines, Philip Morris, BMW, and Bell Atlantic.

Turner's work has been widely displayed across the world, as well as in the permanent collections of numerous major museums. He has received more than 300 awards from various design groups and photography associations, including the Outstanding Achievement in Photography award from the American Society of Media Photographers. •

# HISTORIT by Jeff Prystajko

We at Reporter pride ourselves on bringing the student body up-to-date and accurate information, judged by the strictest journalistic standards. Of course, we know what you really want: useless filler. Always eager to please, we cheerfully reintroduce our semi-popular "HistoRIT" (The RIT is silent, get it?) column-highlighting moments both dramatic and comical in our campus's emotional past. Before you skip past our indepth feature story and head straight for "Word on the Street," take a moment to learn about our alma mater's tumultuous background.

#### **Dirty Discount Dancing**

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#### We put the "fun" in fund-raising

Eager to debunk the theory that raising money is hard work, in September of 1984 sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha and fraternity Tau Epsilon Phi organized a 100 hour teeter-totter marathon. While the apparently alcohol-influenced idea motivated approximately 35 brothers and 25 sisters to seesaw for hour-long shifts, the event raised over \$1,000 towards fighting cystic fibrosis.

#### No looking back

1985 saw the beginnings of an intensive, capital-raising initiative at RIT called "Access To The Future." (no similarities whatsoever to the current \$300 million "Powered by the Future" capital campaign.) The five-year program called for \$85 million in campus improvements, including the \$2.5 million Bausch and Lomb Visitors Center, a \$6.5 million Library expansion, and a \$9 million Campus Life Center. The endeavor appears to have been successful.

#### Talk about setting a bad example

Summer, 1986. Then-RIT President M. Richard Rose, posing as a young, spirited athlete, broke his left knee while body surfing in North Carolina. Citing "very good" surfing conditions following the passing of Hurricane Charley, Rose was thrown off-balance when an out-of-control raft struck him and dragged his body in the water, crunching his knee in the process. A full recovery was expected. Not one to eschew adventure, Rose accidentally drove his motorcycle off a thirty-foot cliff six years earlier. The culprit: "August afternoon sunlight disturbed his vision." •



# Welcome Freshmen Orientation Program Continues to Expand

#### by Patrick Rice photograph by Kathryn Nix

n Sunday, August 31, the RIT community welcomed the arrival of 2,025 first-year students for freshman orientation week. Last year, Orientation became a week-long event, a major change from the former two day summer programs that took place each July.

Orientation is run by the Center for Human Transition and Support and is directed by Robin Diana, who also directs the First Year Enrichment program. Diana feels that the role of staff at orientation is to make sure students are feeling good and feel like they are a part of a community. However, the community Diana refers to is made up of more than just students. For one-on-one support during their first week, students can look to their Resident Assistants as well as Orientation Assistants (OAs), upperclassmen who lead groups of approximately twenty-five students to the different events, as well as help them find their way around campus. Fourth-year Computer Engineering student Brian Merchant saw his role as an OA as helpful to students, but also a lot of fun for himself.

"A lot of students make friends from this program," said Merchant, observing that the smaller groups allow for a greater level of comfort. Merchant also noted that while

many students are willing to attend events there are always some who are reluctant. "You can't force everyone to go, some just aren't willing to try," he said, and added that attendance is not required considering the amount of activities happening throughout the week.

The first events of orientation are geared toward the whole family, allowing students to be with those who they feel comfortable with for a day. The week kicked off with an official welcome from an assortment of speakers including Provost Stan McKenzie and the Vice President of Student Affairs, Mary-Beth Cooper.

According to Diana, overall feedback from these events was positive, and students and their families "generally felt very welcome and comfortable." The day continued with a Resource Fair, where representatives from various local businesses, such as banks and grocery stores, could make both students and families aware of the wealth of services available on campus and the surrounding area.

Other events on the first day included Dean's meetings for each college, which Diana mentioned were all filled to capacity, as well as a Presidential Reception with RIT's President, Dr. Albert Simone, which drew approximately 1,300 students and family members. This first day was only the beginning, however, of what is referred to as "Week of Welcome," or "WOW."

The rest of the week was filled with an array of activities that would welcome the students into the RIT community and prepare them for the beginning of the academic quarter. Diana mentioned that all events during the Week of Welcome surpassed attendance expectations. Events included Vegas Night, which attracted 3,000 students and family members, 300 students per night in the ice rink, 1,000 students attended a show by the comedy troupe Laughing Stock, and 2,500 people were present at the New Student Picnic behind Grace Watson Hall.

A new addition to Orientation this year was College Day, which took place on Tuesday, September 2. Students were given a different colored t-shirt according to their college to wear on field trips to different places in the Rochester area. Some of the field trips included a day at Minnehan's Entertainment Center, a day at Jillian's in the High Falls District, and the Genesee Valley Museum. On a more serious side, some students were required to take Math placement exams as well as Liberal Arts Qualifying exams.

An important feature to Orientation was an event called "Two Worlds," a movie directed towards hearing students to "open their eyes to what it means to be deaf or to live in a community with deaf and hard of hearing students," said Diana. "It is very important for students, especially here at RIT, to embrace this kind of diversity," she added.

Although the Week of Welcome officially ended on Sunday, September 7, on Monday morning Dr. Simone gave students living in the dorms a final treat before classes by personally driving a number of them to class in his golf cart to discuss their experiences at RIT, not to mention feeding them some Krispy Kreme donuts. As for next year's orientation, it won't be out of sight or out of mind for Robin Diana. She says planning will begin as soon as November for next fall's event.

**Above:** Orientation Assistant Shannon Weiland (right) gives directions to a new student. Orientation Assistants such as Weiland, along with Arwen Wright, (center) and Tina Stoudt (left) were assigned 20 new students from within their majors to take to various programs, events, and testing throughout orientation.

LEISURE

# **Maior Student Organizations**

by Kate Bloemker

t was pounded into your head in high school, and yet again during freshman orientation: The best way to meet people at school is to GET INVOLVED! You've probably heard it so many times that you don't even listen anymore. You're too busy downloading MP3s and stalking the cute girl down the hall. But face it, MP3s could get you a disciplinary

hearing, and the girl isn't going anywhere (she lives there, remember?). Take some time off from your quasi-illegal activities and check out one of RIT's Major Student Organizations (MSOs). RIT's ten MSOs work with students, faculty, and each other to give students a voice and a place to share their common needs and interests.

#### Black Awareness Coordinating Committee

The BACC exists under the umbrella of Student Government to review issues concerning AHANA (African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, and Native American) students. The BACC also helps to bring programs aimed at minorities to RIT, such as last year's Def Poetry Slam. Students of all backgrounds and ethnicities are welcome.

Contact: bacc\_rit@rit.edu.

#### **College Activities Board**

We would be so bored without CAB. Almost 100 student entertainment programs are brought to RIT annually by CAB. Institute employees, student employees, and volunteers plan and publicize major concerts, novelty acts, special events, and RIT's ongoing film series.

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#### **Global Union**

One of the largest organizations at RIT, Global Union strives to promote the awareness of diversity and the importance of understanding between ethnic groups at RIT (and there are many!). The Union also provides guidance for affiliated organizations.

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#### **Greek Council**

If you belong to a fraternity or sorority, you're already a part of something. Why not take a leadership position too? The Greek Council's goal is to provide direction for RIT's 27 fraternities (represented by the Interfraternity Council) and sororities (represented by the Pan-Hellenic Council). The council also represents Greek Life issues at Student Government meetings. Contact: Sheila Sarratore: sds0642@mail.rit.edu.

#### **NTID Student Congress**

The NTID Student Congress, also existing within Student Government, reviews issues affecting the 1100 students enrolled in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf and RIT. It also provides services and programs, as well as a muchneeded formal link between RIT's deaf and hearing populations. Contact: Andrew Kucharski: ajk0110@mail.rit.edu.

#### OCASA

RIT doesn't forget its commuter students! The Off-Campus and Apartment Student Association, under Student Government, provides services and reviews issues that relate to students who live off-campus or in RIT apartments. OCASA's main office is housed in the the RITreat in the SAU, but it also maintains several satellite offices which house word-processing equipment for apartment students to use.

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#### **Reporter Magazine**

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#### **Residence Halls Association**

RHA does its best to make students' residence hall experience is comfortable, safe, and convenient. It is a governing board, affiliated with Student Government, which reviews issues, addresses concerns, and provides services for students living in the dorms.

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#### **Student Government**

Want to be heard? Want to be one of RIT's movers and shakers? Get involved with Student Government. SG gets the word out to administration, faculty, and staff about what the needs and desires of students are, and also keeps students in the loop about the decisions of the administration. SG is open to the ideas of everyone at RIT. It also is responsible for recognizing clubs and major organizations.

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#### WITR

If you are interested in listening to something other than Top 40 tunes, try RIT's FM station, WITR. WITR, staffed mostly by students, covers the Rochester area and plays everything from Radiohead to emerging garage bands.

Contact: Robin Joyce: robinjoyce@hotmail.com •

# Only at RIT-Out-of-the-Ordinary Clubs

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Like playing with big sticks: The Kendo Club might be the place for you. Contact: Stelios Zyglidopoulos: sczbbu@rit.edu.

Think normal-sized transportation is just too overwhelming: Try the RIT Model Railroad Club. Contact: info@ritmrc.org.

Have skin that is see-through from being holed up in your room playing Counterstrike: The Rochester Wargamers Association and Guild will welcome you! Contact: rwag@rit.edu.

Are into throwing stuff: Projectile Motion (juggling, unicycling, etc.) welcomes students of any experience level. Contact: ted@baumhauer.com.

Like bunnies, but not to eat them: RITveg promotes not only the vegetarian lifestyles, but kindness to our animal friends as well. Contact: Vincent Serravallo: vssqsp@rit.edu

Find stones, strategy, and Chinese food fascinating: RIT's Empty Sky Go Club meets several times a week to enjoy this challenging game. Beginners especially welcome: Contact: http://www.emptysky.org/

## The Week

9/19

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Club Day - Grace Watson Lobby
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Series Present:

Performing Arts Series Presents: Jazz Concert: From New Orleans t Chicago - Ingle Auditorium \$5 Students, \$12 Faculty/Staff

9/20

10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Mud Tug. Tug-of-war sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. \$50 per team of ten. -Grace Watson Fields Contact: cbenie22@yahoo.com

9/21

All Day

World Gratitude Day. You should thanks us.

9/22 9/23

6:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

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# What I Did On My **SUMMER VACATION**

## a diary by Kate Bloemker illustration by Casey Gathy

Students always make so many outrageous, optimistic plans for the summer. We say that we will go to Europe, get the perfect internship, save the homeless, and embark on enormous artistic projects that we don't actually have time for. What really happens? Here is one student's record of returning to live at home for the first time in two years.

#### May 30:

I love my family, I do, but I returned home to Indianapolis to find that in my absence, my mom has begun to eat all-natural, organic foods that resemble what might happen if a soybean plant puked. This worries me, as I most definitely don't need to lose any weight. My sister and I have begun plotting a culinary takeover.

#### May 31:

I call my room The Cave. It's not a room, really, just a corner of the basement that has been set aside for me (since my sister decided that my room was hers). It makes me think of how undesirable patches of land were set aside by the U.S. government and given to the Native Americans. I'm not mad; it's just a little weird having people walking through my room all of the time to do their laundry.

#### June 12:

After 2 weeks of fruitless searching (Damn the economy!), I finally found a job as the sample person at a local grocery store, a job which entails cooking up quick delicacies and handing them out to customers with a smile. At least now I know I will be well-fed for the summer. I am pretending that I look forward to the challenge of cultivating in myself a natural-sounding perkiness that does not really exist.

#### June 20:

There are five pregnant women on my block. Is there something in the water? Or was everyone just very bored back in December?

#### June 28:

Read Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. Decided that J.K. Rowling is a literary genius. I also think that I should make at least

one new friend this summer. I am not sure what category of arrogance my attitude falls into, but it is a bit of a shock to realize that most of my friends from high school are never going to grow up (and is it hypocritical of me to berate others for being childish right after declaring my love for Harry Potter?).

#### June 29:

Saw Dave Matthews in concert. Decided that it was the most glorious moment of my summer so far. The experience was marred only by the couple in front of me, unabashedly rounding the bases as the concert progressed. It was by far a good thing that the band didn't play "Crash Into Me," because those two probably would have just gone to town right then and there.

#### July 5:

Woke up in the middle of the night to the sound of monsoon-like rain. I reached down to pick my pillow up from the floor of my basement bedroom, only to find that it had gained about five pounds in water weight. There was water creeping under my bed, around it, and all the way across the floor, seeping in from the wall, invading the house. As if there wasn't enough room for the water outside! I have never woken up in a more surreal manner . . .

#### July 9:

Was approached at work today by a woman with a thick foreign accent, who kept asking me where the pumpkins were. I told her that pumpkins were a seasonal item and had no idea why she was so persistent until she finally spotted the napkin dispenser and said, "Oh, here are the pumpkins!"

#### July 24:

I wish I were doing something to help humanity instead of making shrimp scampi.

#### August 11:

Went on my annual photographic expedition to the Indiana State Fair, a wonderfully fun place that is only diverse in the different kinds of fried foods on a stick that are offered: fried pork tenderloin, fried steak, fried potatoes, fried corn, fried Twinkies, fried Snickers bars (no joke), fried s'mores, fried dough . . .

#### August 14:

My ex-boyfriend wrote me to tell me that he thinks the world is ending. How do you respond to something like that? He also once told me that he could see me having his children someday, and I wasn't sure what to say to that either. Maybe that's one of the reasons he isn't my boyfriend anymore. One of my friends from high school is already married, and three others are getting married. I wonder if playing house is the same as the real thing.

#### August 16:

Threw my sister a going away party prior to her departure for a semester in Cuba. We all had fun, and I realized that I've had more alcohol since being home than I normally do at school. This either means that my family is more liberal than I think, or that I need to go to more parties at school.

#### September 5:

Drove back to Rochester after waking up with the flu, and reflected on my summer and its extreme normality. I think I have become more cynical . . . or maybe cynicism is just more amusing. •



# **SUMMER REVIEWS**

by Reporter Staff

#### Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Three years of waiting paid off this summer for Harry Potter fans, who finally laid hands on the fifth installment of Harry's struggles and triumphs at Hogwarts. Almost no one was disappointed. J.K. Rowling has taken what began as an adventure series and turned it into true literature. Unlike the fourth book, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, which at times seemed a little rushed in the fleshing out of characters and the creation of plotlines, Order of the Phoenix is chock full of shocking twists and carefully crafted characters. It is hard to forget the sneaky but addled elderly house-elf Kreacher, whose lifetime goal is to have his head chopped off and used as a wall decoration. The only downfall of the book is the continued one-dimensionality of the Malfoys, Voldemort, and the rest of the Death Eaters

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#### Keen Eddie

The fact that the Fox network has canceled this show does not reflect the quality or potential it had before it went off the air. While extremely gimmicky and obviously inspired by Charlie's Angels director McG's editing style, Keen Eddie had a strong cast, with Mark Valley, a former soap opera favorite, in the lead role as Eddie Arlette. Eddie is a down-on-hisluck cop from New York who begins working for the Scotland Yard, investigating quirky cases ranging from underground boxing clubs to jewel heists. The show's stories feature unique characters and quirky British humor that give the series a different feel from the rest of the shows on TV today. It could be said that some of the episodes are corny, but Keen Eddie had potential in its cast, and setting that was unprecedented in the McG-esque genre of shows. Fox's unstable scheduling was the ultimate downfall of the show, and it was cancelled before every episode was aired. Keen Eddie could have succeeded if it had started running in the fall or winter, because the younger audience the show needed does not stay home and watch television during the summer. Should Keen Eddie ever appear on another network, it is worth watching as an alternative to reality shows, which somehow always triumph over intelligent programming. 会会会

#### **Deep-Fried Twinkies**

And you thought they couldn't be made any worse for you. The new culinary attraction at fairs and carnivals this summer was the deep-fried Twinkie. Golden, batter-dipped, and served on a stick, this concoction of sugar, carbohydrates, and preservatives was eaten mainly as a curiosity. What most fairgoers did not expect was that the Twinkies actually tasted good. While not quite on the level of funnel cakes and fresh-squeezed lemonade, the deep-fried Twinkie had a flavor and texture that most closely resembled a slightly crispy, cream-filled donut

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#### **Whale Rider**

Younger moviegoers today are often repelled by anything labeled as a "feminist" movie, assuming that it will be militantly annoying. Niki Caro's Whale Rider, starring the astonishingly real Keisha Castle-Hughes, is the exception. It tells the story of Pai, a twelve-year-old New Zealand girl raised by her grandparents after being deserted by her father. As Chief of the Maori tribe, her aging grandfather relentlessly seeks for the boy who will take his place as chief, ignoring the bravery and devotion of his granddaughter. What is tradition, and can it be changed? Whale Rider answers this question without being sentimental or clichéd

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#### Northfork

It is hard to say what Northfork is about, and it is unsure whether its producers ever decided what it was supposed to be about either. It at first seems promising, following a group of men whose job is to relocate the residents of a valley town which will soon be flooded by a nearby dam. Then it goes off on a tangent and keeps on running, focusing on a group of very strangely dressed angels (including Darryl Hannah as a heavenly hermaphrodite) who come to town in search of a long-lost relative. In their efforts to make a pretentious movie about death, the makers of Northfork ended up making a movie that is just plain weird and not as intelligent as it wants to be. The only high point of the film is that God is portrayed as a silent man in a cowboy hat.

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#### **Universal Studios**

Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida has something to offer that many Disney World regulars might not realize. It is hard to narrow it down to a singular difference, but one thing that sticks out is a maturity factor that makes Universal a better-than-Disney experience for anyone over the age of 15. The variety of attractions is unique. Visitors can experience a Terminator 2 stunt show, with incredible 3D effects and live action performances, and in the same day ride on the Hulk roller coaster at Islands of Adventure theme park. Spiderman the ride is a 3D excursion that literally takes you inside the comic book. After a long day of attractions, City Walk is a strip of stores, clubs, and restaurants, including Bob Marley's Café, Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, the NASCAR Café, and Hard Rock Orlando. Universal Studios Florida is well worth the trip, and a much better choice for a more mature audience.

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## best things about campus this month

- Making new friends while waiting in line to take the detour down the stairs in the Eastman building.
- Fraternities chanting in the middle of the night.
- The increasing popularity of unicycles as a practical mode of transportation.
- We all save money on gas and get exercise thanks to roadblocks on both sides of campus.
- Jokes about "The Ratio" and the abundance of bricks are still funny to the freshman class.
- Freshman class isn't amused by jokes about the freshman class.
- "The Ratio" won't become obvious until later October when it gets cold.

## **From the Archives**

Our archives are loaded with RIT history. Most of which keeps us entertained while we put the magazine together every week. We decided that it was time to share our treasures with our readers (and we've been looking for an excuse to run this photo for weeks). Look for something new every week from the Reporter archives. We hope you enjoy this week's pick.



We weren't the only ones who went digging. Photograph taken in Wallace Library circa 1993 for *Techmila*, RIT's now defunct yearbook.

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This is a correction on last week's error.

## **ExplodingDog.com**

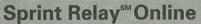
#### Art. Titles. What more do you need?

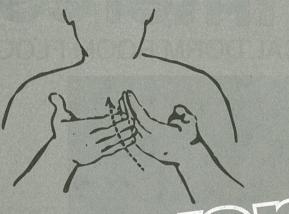
by Peter C. Gravelle

Ladies and Gentlemen of RIT, may I introduce you to one of my favorite sources of random Internet stuff: ExplodingDog.com. If you like stick figures and red robots, you'll love this.

The gist of the place is simple: send Sam Brown a title, and he might use it to draw a picture. Brown suggests that, "this site could be thought of as a long term semi-collaborative art project. Nobody pays for anything, and when I draw a picture using someone's title, it is added to the front page for anyone who is interested to look at."

Brown's almost ascetic style of lines and simple filled color harks to a simpler nature at the heart of this project and at the heart of each and every one of us. One of my favorite exercises at this site is to think about what he could possibly make out of each of the titles suggested. I've been surprised each and every time. For instance, when reading the title "don't eat that banana," I imagined a red robot reaching for a banana that was just a little bit too far away. In Brown's interpretation, the two rather shocked stick figures are staring at the banana as it walks away on four of its own little feet. Another fascinating little piece on this site is a description of how the artist draws his pieces. •





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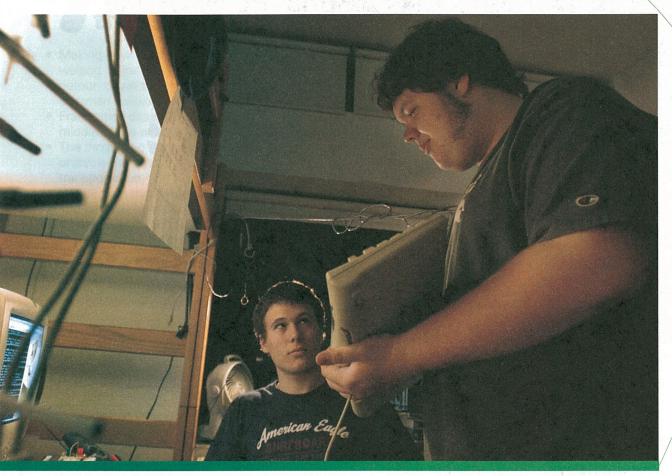
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# Special Interest NOT YOUR TYPICAL DORM ROOM FLOORS



#### by Becky Ruby photographs by Kathryn Nix and Johanna Miller

With all of the acronyms that RIT bombards students with on a daily basis, it is no surprise if SIHA is not a readily recognizable term for many people on campus. SIHA, or Special Interest Housing Association, represents an organization whose sole purpose is to govern and improve the seven–almost eight–official specialty floors that reside within the dorms. With benefits that range from on-floor facilities to a sense of community, and from intramural participation to volunteer work, first-year members of such "houses" feel as though they walk right into a warm, welcoming

environment right from that first night on campus. "I had 48 friends as soon as I stepped on the floor," Nick Mackos, a second year mechanical engineering major and current president of Engineering House, said. "You don't get that elsewhere."

Though special interest housing has been in existence almost as long as the Henrietta campus, the idea of a central organization did not come about until just six years ago, and the title of SIHA just four years ago. At that time, the association consisted of Art House, Photo House, Computer Science House (CSH), Engineering House, Unity House, and International House. The House of General Science (HOGS) and the Business Leaders of Tomorrow Floor were more recent additions to the SIHA family. "We really needed to unify," Armondo Bilancione, third-year IT major and the president of

# Houses

SIHA, explained. SIHA's role is not to "bark at the houses. We just make sure they play nice."

In order to accomplish this goal of representing the houses, SIHA has adopted a constitution that outlines a specific executive board (e-board) that governs general affairs for the organization. This e-board consists of a president, vice president, secretary, public relations director, and financial director. These e-board members meet on their own to discuss matters, and the president meets with the presidents of the individual houses on a regular basis. A SIHA board, made up of the e-board and representatives from each house, also convenes to get a better idea of what is happening within the houses. As for the process of choosing these e-board members, "anyone in the SIHA family" can run for a position in the annual elections, explained Bilancione.

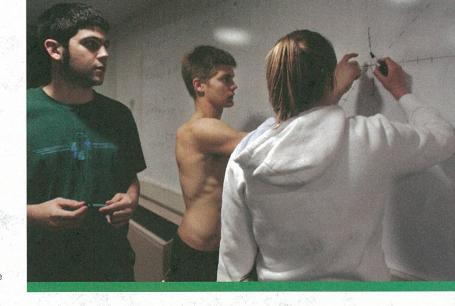
In the grand scheme of RIT groups, SIHA is not a Major Student Organization (MSO). Rather, Residence Life is at the top of the pyramid, followed by the Residence Halls Association (RHA), and then SIHA sits as a sister organization to RHA. Though it is not allotted its own budget from Residence Life, RHA basically guarantees SIHA annual funds from its own budget. So while SIHA is not technically an MSO, Bilancione and other SIHA members stress the fact that it is "a major organization on campus, and [SIHA] wants to be recognized." Members want to SIHA's "agendas being pushed," according to Bilancione.

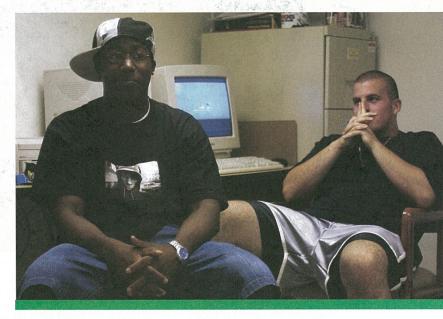
# These are the houses that currently comprise the list of special interest houses:

#### Art House:

Located in Colby D, Art House stands as the oldest of the special interest houses. It started out in Bell Hall many years ago as a completely deaf floor. Currently, it houses 45 onfloor members, as well as about a dozen off-floor members, numerous alumni who visit often, and various Art House "groupies," according to Amanda Keane, second-year Graphic Design, and Val Snyder, second-year Biomedical Photography, who are now co-presidents.

Art House has facilities including a studio equipped with drafting tables, gallery displays, a light table, and a work bench, as well as a spray booth with flat files to store work. In the future, house members plan on creating a dark room to be used for both photography and screen-printing.

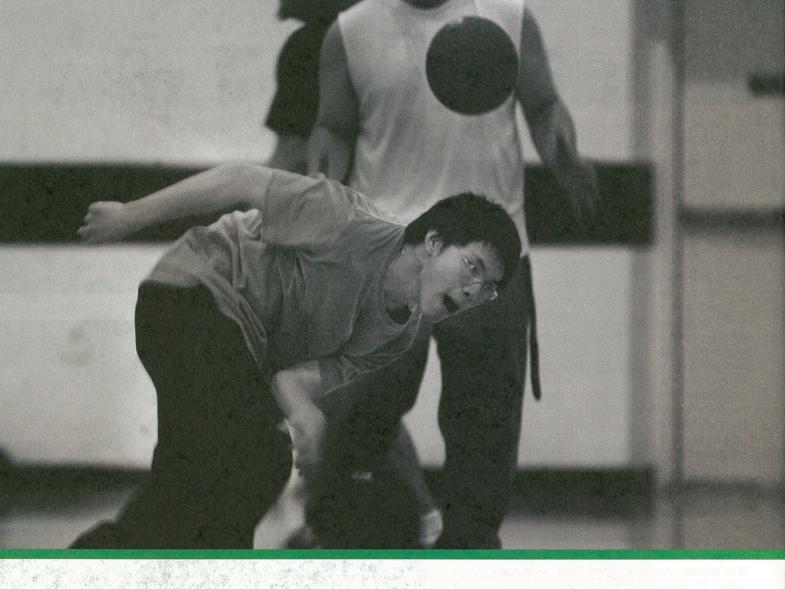




"We exist to provide a creative atmosphere, which is hard to find on such a technical campus," Keane commented. "There's a constant creative flow here." In addition to their usual regiment of planned events, Art House members plan on becoming more socially active this year. Though they have always taken community service seriously, current members plan to do more, both on and off campus, such as participating in a Habitat for Humanity project. They also plan to strengthen present ties for 'Food, not Bombs,' and the Sojourner House.

#### Photo House:

On the fourth floor of Nathanial Rochester Hall, Photo House sits as one of the largest houses with 60 current on-floor members. Like Art House, Photo House also often hosts a range of alumni, off-floor members, and curious on-lookers. Photo House boasts a variety of on-floor facilities including two twenty-four hour darkrooms, a studio with both tungsten and strobe lights, a gallery for the display of work, and a print finishing room. This room houses matte cutters, a new computer station that will be expanded, a negative dryer, and light tables.



According to Craig Dilger, a second year Applied Photography major and the current president of Photo House, the house plans on involving itself in more volunteer positions, as well as unifying more with SIHA and the other houses this year. And, to continue with its past objectives, Photo House is a place where "people are all in the same boat, at the same starting point," Dilger said. "It's a great place to gain knowledge from upper classmen."

#### Computer Science House:

Directly below Photo House sits another giant among the special interest houses: Computer Science House (CSH). CSH has tallied over 500 alumni over its time as a house, and currently hosts 60 on-floor members. It is also one of the most popular houses that incoming freshman try to get into. "We get about 700 applications for 20 spots," said Chris Becker, a third-year Software Engineering major and the president of CSH.

In addition to its strong community bond, CSH has many unique facilities of its own: a server room, research room, project room, Sun lab, software room, conference room, and Advanced Research Groups Room (ARGS). The purpose of CSH is and will continue to be to "make full use of, and get knowledge of computers, as well as exploit new technology," according to Becker.

In fact, members take their community just as seriously as they do their facilities. If a student lives there, it is in his/her best interest to keep the dorm room door open when there. Otherwise, the less social person will be exposed to a "shower" of consequences (go ask somebody on CSH about this).

#### Engineering House:

Engineering House (E-house) is up on the eighth floor of Nathaniel Rochester Hall, and currently houses 48 on-floor members. One aspect of Engineering House, as opposed the other houses, is that on-floor membership is limited to first and second year students. Presently, the ratio is about 50/50 for freshman to sophomore members. However, in a similar fashion to the other houses, E-house members encourage alumni and non-members of any age to spend time on the floor.

As for facilities, E-house has a pool lounge, a study lounge with both a computer and study materials, and a workshop and computer room combined in one space. Such social facilities have proven effective as community builders, much like the studio of Art House where students can work in one collective area.

E-house strives to be professional, as well as improve

**Above**: House of General Science (HOGS) member Matt Chan, a second year IT student, dives to avoid the ball at the HOGS Day dodge-ball game. HOGS Day is a chance for the floor members to work on team building, floor spirit, and overall appreciation of each other. Johanna Miller/REPORTER Magazine

relations with the academic side of campus, according to Mackos. "We're about business and having fun," he added.

#### International House:

International House (I-house) is one of the greatest concentrations of international students living together on campus, though membership is not limited to foreign students. Located on Colby C, I-house houses 42 on-floor members and several off-floor members.

In order to promote a sense of community, I-house has facilities such as a full kitchen—as opposed to the typical microwave and sink set-up—and lounge with a pool table.

The main goals of this house are to "promote diversity and cultural awareness, as well as destroy stereotypes," Udochi Okeke, third-year Psychology major and president of I-house, said. And, while it may not be in their constitution, another current mission of members is to win the intramural soccer tournament. "We're soccer fanatics!" Okeke added enthusiastically.

#### House of General Science:

Another avid participant in intramural sports is the House of General Science (HOGS). With 39 on-floor members, between five and ten off-floor members, and many visiting alumni, HOGS is trying to maintain a "balance between a social and academic" focused floor, according to Torren Dougherty, second- year Biotechnology student and president of HOGS. This house, in Colby B, tries to "promote diversity between science majors," Dougherty said.

In order to meet this goal, HOGS is equipped with a ping-pong lounge, a community fish tank of African Cichlids, a computer and storage room, and a small garden area outside in front of the dorm. Members are also currently trying to acquire a room in the residential tunnels to act as a social area.

#### Unity House:

Unity House is currently the home of 30 on-floor members, and nearly a dozen off-floor members. Located in Colby E, Unity House has stood as a place for the minority population on campus to come together, and for those members to advocate cultural awareness. In addition to promoting the African American Culture, Unity House wants to "open minds and get people to think outside of the box," Bilancione said, who currently resides in Unity House. While Unity House may have the focus of spreading African American culture, membership is open to anyone, as long as the person has a strong interest in the subject.

#### Business Leaders of Tomorrow Floor:

Located in Colby A with 33 on-floor members, the Business Leaders of Tomorrow Floor (BLT Floor) is that "almost eighth" official house mentioned above. Just lobbied last year, the BLT Floor is not technically a special interest house at this point. However, the BLT Floor remains involved in SIHA and connected with the other houses. With another year and half to go to become an official house, the BLT Floor has one or two differences from the other houses besides the title. For example, this year, membership dues were not required, as they were for all other houses. Members' goals this year include "to keep working towards house status," and "to do at least one activity with each of the other houses," according to Audrey Lallier, third-year Marketing student, and Christian Davies, third-year Management student, who are currently co-presidents.

Though still in its earliest stages of being a special interest floor, the BLT Floor already claims many on-floor facilities: a conference room, seven computers, a copy machine, a fax machine, full kitchen, and recreation lounge with both air hockey and foosball. •



For more information about the organization of SIHA or about the particular special interest houses, visit www.rit.edu/~SIHA, or attend any of the house floor meetings that occur on Sunday nights at 9:00 p.m.



#### by Tim Johnson

ith all of the concern over file-sharing, peer-to-peer networks, and lawsuits issued by the RIAA, people are not as worried as they should be about information security. When students arrived on campus for the fall quarter, they found that their computer registrations had been deleted. This was due to a major computer virus threat that infected many machines on campus, and made every machine returning to campus vulnerable. By installing the software on a special CD produced by ITS (Information and Technology Services), students faculty and staff have made the necessary first step towards virus protection, however, no one is completely immune, and there will be more regulated ITS mandatory updates in the near future.

A good virus goes unnoticed. Someone who has succeeded in creating a slice of cyber-terrorism has already been satisfied by the time the news hits that the virus has occurred. The goal of a hacker: to gain knowledge or recognition without being caught, while inflicting system-destroying programs on the computer user. A computer virus is a devastating program that can ruin an operating system, and cause headaches for both users and network administrators. The recent attacks to RIT's networks were no exception, however the anticipation and quick thinking of the system administrators could not have been timelier.

According to Symantec, the world leader in internet security technology, the W32.Blaster.Worm exploits the DCOM RPC (Remote Procedure Call) vulnerability using TCP port 135, while targeting only Windows 2000 and Windows XP machines, and also leaving Windows NT and Windows 2K3 Servers vulnerable. What this means: Anyone using Windows 2000 or higher is vulnerable to this virus if their system has not been patched.

On July 16, Microsoft announced that there was vulnerability in a remote procedure call, which generally occurs when one computer requests another computer to share its load. "People could use this type of call to facilitate information transfers,"

according to Jim Moore, Information Security Officer. "The nasty part was that someone found a universal offset, which makes a virus or worm much more effective." By creating this universal offset, a Windows 2000 machine could infect an XP machine, which could then in turn infect a Win 2K3 server. The first virus payload that began to circulate came in the form of a Trojan Virus, named Stealther. "Stealther put the back door on the systems it infected for other viruses to follow," said Systems Programmer/Systems Engineer Mike Young of ITS.

Almost as if on cue, another virus did indeed follow Stealther.

The MSBlaster worm is "virulent, efficient, and spread very rapidly," said Moore. When Stealther began to circulate, RIT decided to treat the threat as part of their recently instated Critical Incident Management process, which is designed to handle most emergencies. People from different departments were asked to help with the preparation for protection against this virus. Four days before the first move-in, ResNet was still looking for a way to produce enough CDs with the software patches on them. The GCCIS helped the process by lending one of their labs with an adequate number of CD burners to the patching process. "We ended up making 4,000 CDs in four hours," said Matt Campbell, System Programmer 3 for ITS.

"When the Blaster Virus hit, there were actually only 20 or so machines that were infected, but there were almost 2000 machines that were vulnerable," said Donna C. Cullen, ITS Help Desk Manager. "Using network scanning tools, as soon as a machine was seen as vulnerable, it was shut off from the network."

To new and returning students, the precautions may have seemed like overkill. However, if everyone understood the complexity of the situation, they would be more likely grateful of the efforts that RIT and ITS have gone through to keep both students and faculty safe. "We kept everyone off the network until they got the necessary patches and updates that they needed to protect themselves," said Cullen. "It was just like getting a shot before a real virus could cause an infection and then attempting to treat the symptoms." It may have taken more time to get online this year, but everyone would have been much more angry and frustrated if they had to deal with the virus head-on.

This is the first time in two years that RIT has been attacked by direct result of a major worldwide virus. The last one to hit was Code Red. "When that one hit in the beginning of August two years ago, the students weren't on campus yet,"

said Cullen. "When that happened, we did a similar shut down of our systems, but at that point we were dealing with infected machines, whereas during the past month we were dealing with protection."

On Friday, September 12, a message went out to all staff, followed by a message to all students. Essentially, the message was a warning that the techniques used for move-in would be in use again concerning another vulnerability that was discovered. "ITS system monitors will be scanning for a certain vulnerability, and if a machine has that vulnerability, they will be directed to a place where they can get cleaned and patched," said Moore. "ITS will block IP addresses until the necessary patches/updates are installed on the system."

Common sense would suggest that a machine with antivirus software is safe, meaning that as long as the user kept the virus definitions up to date, there is nothing to worry about. Experience, however, has proved that not completely true. "Ninety percent of the time, you can rely on anti-virus software, but it is that ten percent exception that ends up causing trouble for everyone," said Cullen. Anti-virus software companies cannot always be aware of every variation of a certain virus or worm. During the main patching process, ITS saw that some machines were being hit with a variation of the blaster worm.

"The public has been really patient with the process," said Cullen. "Of course, now that classes have started, the professors and students don't have the time to be patient." With the number of computers that have returned to campus in need of patching, updating, registering and re-registering, it is amazing that the process has appeared as smooth and streamlined as it has, especially considering the little amount of time that ITS had to prepare for such an operation.

"I think that people come to campus with knowledge of what anti-virus software can do," said Moore. "People are starting to say that 'I hate spam, and those annoying pop-up ads,' and that they don't want spy-ware on their system." Moore is taking

initiative to work with student government in order to create a committee to decide just how much patch-management the student body needs.

"I want the student committee to decide what the student body wants in terms of information security," said Moore. He added that Windows machines are not the only ones at risk, and that a vulnerability in the email program Pine, which many Linux users are accustomed to using, has recently been discovered.

Hopefully, through efforts of RIT and the surrounding community, Rochester can become a virus-aware city. RIT is a member of the Rochester Area Information Security Firm, with other corporate members such as Xerox, Kodak, Paychex, Wegman's, and Bausch and Lomb. With this collaborative effort, large-scale virus protection appears to be attainable.

In an attempt to make the RIT community more aware of information security, a week of seminars is being planned for December 8-12. "It will be a week long set of workshops, on topics such as identity theft, OS patching, anti-virus software, and how to implement the right security measures," said Assistant to the Chief Information Officer Michelle Cometa.

There will also be presentations on physical security of networks, social engineering and competitive intelligence. "Many RIT faculty and alumni will be taking part in the sessions," said Cometa, who believes this event will help the institution become aware of the threats that are out there, and what can be done for cyber-protection beyond the self-assurance of a relatively simple antivirus program. •



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## who would you like to speak at your commencement?

compiled and photographed by Kathryn Nix



1 "J. Lo and Ben Affleck, so they can give us the down low on their relationship."

#### Sarah Willbergh

Second year Interior Design.

**2** "Jack Black and his brother. They'd make people come."

#### **Guiseppe Yakivititti**

First year Graphic Art and Design.

**3** "Garrison Keiler. He's revived a dying art form; old fashioned radio and still made it viable, and he's funny."

#### **Christine Curtiss**

First year Graduate Medical Illustration.

4 "Spongebob Square Pants. He lives in a pinapple under the sea and absorbs knowledge like a sponge. It's pretty impressive that he's a pinapple and can talk."

#### **Luke Pearsal and Chad Griffith**

Fourth year Advertising Photography.

"Arnold Swartzeneger. I want to figure out what drives a man who is already rich and successful to run for something that is basically a big hassle."

#### **David Edwards**

Third year Marketing

"Hugh Heffner. Cause he's a hero to us all."

#### **Peter Roman**

Third year Packaging Science

"Sean Connery. No one has a cooler voice."

#### **Dave Deibler**

Second year Glass "Conan O'Brien. He's hilarious and great at graduation speeches."

#### **Luke Carter**

Second year Biotechnology

"John Ashcroft, as a source of inspiration for future grads."

#### Jason Reich

Third year Public Policy

"Gray Davis, so our graduates know what not to do."

#### Ted Dziuba

Second year Communications.

"Downtown Julie Brown... nuff said."

#### **Jason Anderson**

Third year Fine Art Photography.

"I wouldn't want a government speaker. It's more neutral. There wouldn't b as much controversy."

#### **Chara Batchelder**

Forth year Biology

"Bill Clinton. He's a former president. How cool would that be?"

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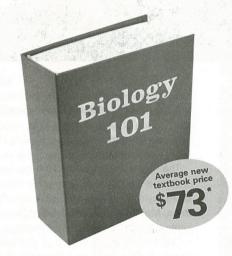


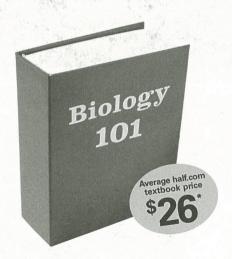




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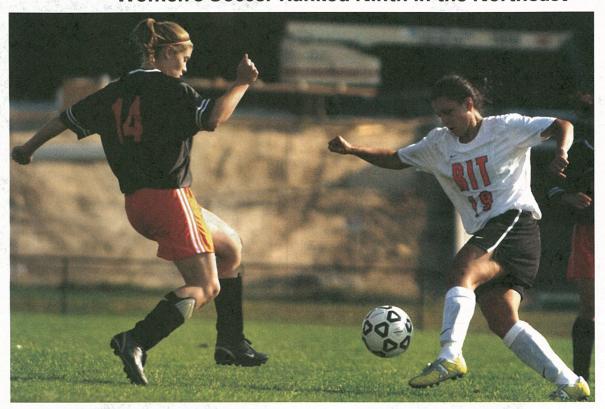
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## Women's Soccer Ranked Ninth in the Northeast



#### Women's Soccer

The RIT women's soccer team is off to a remarkable 4-0-0 start this season and is currently ranked ninth in the Northeast region.

The Tigers opened the season by winning their own Rachel Miller Invitational Tournament. In the semifinal game against Husson College, Brooke Thompson's goal five minutes into the game was all the Tigers needed. Junior Carrie Yehle and sophomore Kristin Domdey combined for the shutout in net. Freshman Kate Cassim also scored her first goal of the season on an assist from Lisa Burt to make the final score 2-0.

The next day, RIT posted another 2-0 victory against Westminster College. The first goal of the game came on a penalty kick by Emily Stecher.

Yehle picked up the team's second shutout of the season and Melanie Lowe was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Nicole Cornett picked up a goal late in the game for RIT's second tally.

The Tigers improved to 3-0-0 on September 7 with an impressive 6-0 victory over Hilbert. RIT got three goals from Lowe and single goals from Nicole Paga, Mallory Frost, and Jen Fields. Domdey and Yehle again combined for the shutout.

The team's fourth victory of the season came against Buffalo State on September 10 by a score of 4-1. Burt, Lowe, Frost, and Melanie Bryant all scored for the Tigers.

The lady Tigers hope to build on their record this week with games Saturday at Clarkson and Tuesday at home against the University of Rochester.

RIT midfielder Moet De La Torre dribbles past Buffalo State midfielder Wednesday afternoon, helping the Tigers in a 4-1 win against Buffalo State, advancing RIT to 4-0-0 in the season. Rebecca Lanthorne/REPORTER MAGAZINE

#### Men's Soccer

The RIT men's soccer team got off to a great start, but after losing two straight, the team's record now stands at 2-2-0.

The team opened the season with a 1-0 victory over Scranton in the Tiger Invitational tournament. **J.J. Wagner** scored the only goal late in the game and **Nate Andrews** was credited with the shutout in net.

The Tigers claimed the title in their own tournament on August 30 with a 1-0 victory over Keene State. **Michael Lawson** scored the lone goal for the Tigers midway through the second half. Andrews made nine saves in net for the Tigers.

The team lost back-to-back games on September 6 and 7.

In the first game against Cortland, RIT was unable to generate any offense, and were defeated 1-0. The following day, Penn State Altoona knocked off The Tigers by a score of 2-1.

The team is in action this week Saturday at Utica and Wednesday at home against Buffalo State.

#### Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country season got underway at the Daniel Walker Invitational on September 6. The Tigers finished in sixth place and were led by the thirteenth place finish of **Heidi Spalholz**.

The team is back in action this weekend at the Purple Valley Classic in Massachusetts.

#### Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team finished in fourth place among 11 teams at the Daniel Walker Invitational. The Tigers had three top 30 finishers led by **Chris Schauerman** who earned twentieth place. **Curtis Howard** finished twenty-sixth and **Jeff Abbot** finished twenty-seventh.

The men's team is also back in action this weekend at the Purple Valley Classic in Massachusetts.

#### Women's Tennis

The Women's tennis team is off to a 2-1 start to this season.

The season got underway with a victory over Oneonta on September 5. Sara Kula, Jenn Hume, Aimee Holmerg, and Mehak Sujan picked up singles victories for the Tigers while Kula and Lindsey Brady along with Carlie Shubert and Hume picked up doubles victories.

After a tough loss two days later to Nazareth, the Tigers returned to action on September 10 and shut out LeMoyne. Shubert, Kila, Hume, Holmberg, **Alysia Schmaltz**, and Sujan all picked up singles victories for RIT. The team also picked up three doubles victories.

RIT has three matches this week starting on Saturday and Sunday at Brockport and Wells respectively. On Tuesday, the Tigers take on Oswego at home.

#### Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball season is well underway and thus far, the ladies have posted a 5-3 record.

The season got off to a tremendous start at the end of August when the Tigers won the Skidmore Invitational in Saratoga Springs. The team lost only one game on their way to victories over Swathmore College (30-13, 30-19, 30-25), Cortland State (30-27, 34-32, 20-30, 30-20), and Skidmore.

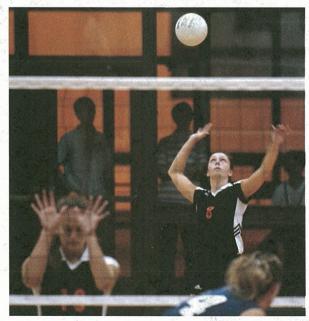
The team had a busy two days on road at Ithaca to begin September finishing with a 2-2 record.

On September 5, the team picked up a 3-1 victory against Oneonta State (32-30, 30-25, 28-30, 30-25) and was defeated 3-1 by East Texas Baptist (30-27, 28-30, 21-30, 21-30). **Chris Anabel** led the Tigers on the day with 29 kills and 32 digs while **Missy Groginski** added 23 kills and 38 digs.

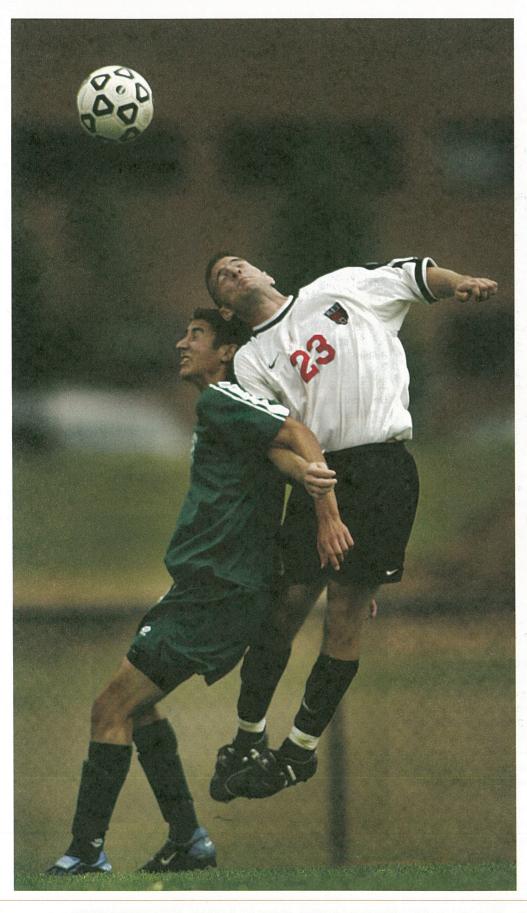
The next day, the Tigers again split their two games. NYU bested RIT 3-0 (25-30, 17-30, 26-30) in the first match while RIT dominated Widener in the second (30-25, 30-27, 30-28). **Sarah Ballard** led the Tigers with 44 assists and 21 digs on the day.

The Tigers dropped a tough match in five games (24-30, 32-30, 35-37, 30-22, 14-16) to Geneseo on September 9. **Laurie Underhill** led the Tigers with 18 kills.

The team has a busy week this week beginning with the RIT Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Tigers also have a home match against the University of Rochester on Tuesday and travel to Pennsylvania for the Juniata Tournament next weekend.



RIT volleyball setter Sarah Ballard serves against Geneseo State. Despite Ballard's strong serving, the team's five game match ended in a loss, droping RIT to 5-3 in the season.



RIT's J.J. Wagner wins the header against Clarkson's Steve Battisti on Saturday, September 13. RIT defeated Clarkson 4-1. Johanna Miller/REPORTER Magazine.

While most students are just settling into the new school year, our Tiger athletes have been on campus for over a month now, attending their preseason practices and preparing for the upcoming season. From grueling triple sessions, to weight training and conditioning, these athletes are representing RIT and showing their competition that they are well prepared for the challenge. Read next week's Reporter for previews of all other fall sports.

#### by Julie Scuderi

#### Men's Soccer

With nine seniors kicking off the new season, the men's soccer team has the necessary leadership that will propel them through the competitive matches ahead. As of the first of this month, the team was ranked 22nd in the nation, and rightfully so, after defeating Scranton University and Keene St. College, both by a score of 1-0.

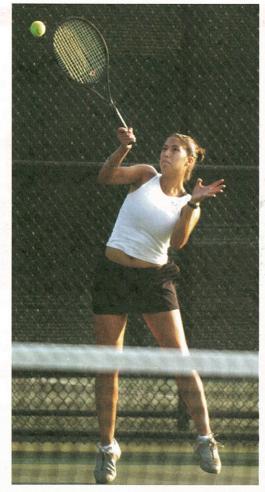
Although the Tigers have dropped two close games since then, including a duel against cross state rival Cortland, their determination has not wavered. "Our team is really synergizing together this year," said Dennis Smyth, a sophomore midfielder. This undeniable chemistry is what makes the men's soccer games so exciting to watch.

This year's team is led by captains Travis Proctor, Mike Lawson, and Chris Mbaakanyi- a powerful combination of strength and speed. At the Tiger Invitational earlier this month in which the team placed first, Mbaakanyi was named Most Outstanding Player, while RIT's J.J. Wagner, Trae Lower, Geoff Smith and Lawson were also named to the All-Tournament team.

Goalkeeper Nate Andrews is also posting some impressive statistcs, already totaling 21 saves on the season. "We have a much better team this year," said senior Brad Roy, "We are much more diverse in our skills than we have been in previous years." Although the team is 2-2 on the year, the guys are undefeated at home, so come and support the Tigers in their next home match, September 24 vs. Buffalo State at 4 p.m. "It is always fun to see fans," adds Roy, "come cheer us on!"

#### **Women's Soccer**

One might think that with 16 new players coming onto the women's soccer team, that this would inevitably be a rebuilding year. Well, think again. The lady Tigers are already off to a 4-0 start and are showing all the power and domination of a veteran team.







Head Coach Tom Natalie could not be more excited about what is to come. "They are playing extremely well together," he said. "They have all the speed and athleticism that is needed."

Moet De La Torre, a senior co-captain, and the friendly face you can also find working in the training room, provides the force in the midfield, even after tearing her ACL twice in the previous season.

Fellow co-captains Melanie Lowe and Nicole Paga are also off to a fast start. They have scored 3 and 1 goals, respectively, and Lowe was named MVP of the Rachel Miller Memorial Tournament, after the Tigers grabbed first place.

The player to keep your eyes on this year is freshman Mallory Frost, whose speed makes for a great forward, and who has already tallied 2 goals and 2 assists. In front of the net is junior goalkeeper Carrie Yehle, a 3-year starter and an All-County selection last year. Yehle is the reason behind the girl's shutouts of Husson, Westminster, and Hilbert Colleges. The team is looking forward to the many victories that lye ahead this season.

#### Women's Tennis

September 10 proved to be a great victory for the women's tennis team, when they shut out LeMoyne 9-0. Not only did the Tigers improve to 2-1 on the season, it also marked another undefeated day for veteran Sarah Kula, last year's Empire Eight Player of the Year. Kula is not only victorious in singles, but also in doubles. When paired with fellow teammate Lindsay Brady, the two have yet to find a competitor up to their level of play.

Though the team as a whole lost to cross-town rival Nazareth by a score of 3-6, Coach Ann Nealon attributed the Nazareth match as a high point. "The girls played exceptionally well," she said, "and I'm extremely proud of the way they hung in there."

Holmberg, a freshman from Wilbraham, Massachusetts, is also undefeated this season, and fans can expect great things from her these next four years. With the unusually short season, the girls will have to excel in all of their matches in order to get the rankings needed for entry to the NCAA Tournament. •

Clockwise from top: Senior Sara Kula defeats Nicole Beaubriand 6-0, 6-0 in the women's tennis shut out against the LeMoyne Dolphins 9-0. Rebacca Lanthorne/REPORTER Magazine. RIT forward Jennifer Fields challenges Buffalo state defender for the ball. The Tiger's victory against Buffalo State improves the team to 4-0-0 in season. Rebecca Lanthorne/REPORTER Magazine. RIT's number 7 Brian Aderer blows by Clarkson's number 22 Tim Allen to score goal number four and secure the win for the Tigers. Johanna Miller/REPORTER Magazine

# SIEUENISPONTS With SIEUENIS AND LANGES

#### NEW SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR READY TO TAKE ON RIT ATHLETICS

#### by Marci Savage

When Jamie Joss, RIT's now former Sports Information Director (SID), decided in 2002-2003 to part ways with RIT, everyone knew that the new sports information director had some very large shoes to fill. Being responsible for the 22 varsity sports is no small task, and requires dedication and a large time commitment. Thankfully, Steven Jaynes, formerly the SID of Hamilton College (1999-2003), was ready to take on the challenge.

Jaynes, a graduate of St. John Fisher, has been involved in sports since college. He worked in the sports information office at Fisher from 1996-1997, and then was an intern at Hartwick the following year. In 1998, Jaynes became the Assistant SID here at RIT. "I really enjoyed being the Assistant Director here at RIT," stated Jaynes. "When the opportunity to become the sports information director opened up it seemed like the proper fit since I am from the area and am already familiar with the coaching staff and administration."

The SID position involves many tasks, including promoting the sports teams to the media and fans, updating the athletic website, game-day operations, news releases, supervising a staff of student workers, and creating media guides for all 22 varsity sports. Jaynes's definition of a sports information director sums it up, "The definition of a SID is the promotion of an intercollegiate athletic department to the public." This involves making sure that everyone knows how RIT is doing in sports—both the positive and the negative.

Jaynes had a very tough time targeting his favorite part of the job. "There are things about each part I enjoy," he said. "I love dealing with the students and going to the athletic events." Coming up with the most difficult aspect of the job was easier. "The commitment can be very tough,

since we are here all hours of the day seven days a week." But, Jaynes knows that it comes with the territory. "That's what sports information is all about, we are here first and the last ones to leave at night."

The time commitment at RIT is actually less than what Jaynes faced at Hamilton College. RIT has only 22 varsity sports, while Hamilton had 28, including football and squash. Jaynes was not able to cover everything 100 percent, as he did not have an assistant director, and 28 athletic events is too much for one person to tackle alone. "Having an assistant allows sports information to be at more places at once, since they are an extra set of eyes and ears," said Jaynes, who is thrilled with the hiring of Brennan Coon, the new Assistant SID for RIT.

So far, a month and a half into his job, Jaynes is having a great time and has been embraced back by the coaching staff and administration. He is looking forward to continuing in the path that has been set by previous RIT sports information directors. Jaynes stated, "My main goal is to get RIT's name out to the public."

Jaynes spoke very highly about RIT's athletic department, comparing it to any other Division III school nationwide. "The balance of quality athletes and coaches makes RIT able to stand on our own without any trouble," Jaynes commented. The addition of new facilities such as the turf field and the fieldhouse are guaranteed to help RIT rise to the top of Division III schools.

He also praised the coaching staff for helping RIT raise to the top. "The coaches are committed to excellence on and off the field and help to educate students about not only their sport but also about life."

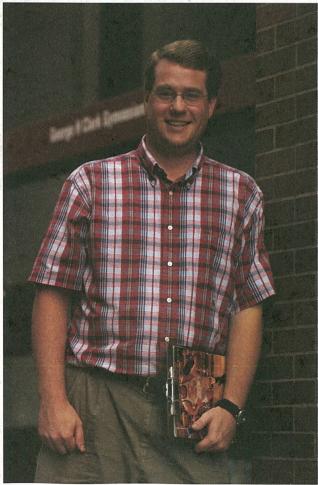
Athletics are very important to student athletes, and Jaynes realizes his role in the student's eye." The students want to

make sure they know someone cares about how they are doing. By doing hometown releases, keeping the website up to date, and doing brochures, students know there is someone there to work with them so other people know how well they are doing."

During his many years in the athletic world, Jaynes has done a lot of writing, and admits that he is always learning new things about writing sports. "One thing I am trying to work on is making sure the finished product reads well, since I don't always have time to proofread." He is always open minded to new ideas down the road about how to run the most efficient office possible.

Right now, his challenge is trying to get situated in a new environment and make a smooth transition both for himself and for the sports information office itself. "My main goal right now is to learn the differences as quickly as possible, which will benefit everyone greatly in the long run," stated Jaynes.

With the dedication Jaynes has shown thus far, the RIT community can expect the sports information office to continue and build up the success of last year. To find out more about RIT's 22 varsity sports, you can visit the web at www.ritathletics.com. •



Courtesy University News

#### **Brennan Coon Named Assistant SID**

Brennan Coon was recently named the new Assistant SID, in charge of helping the sports information office run smoothly.

Coon graduated from Hobart with an education degree and taught in Fairport last year. While at Hobart, he was a student trainer and manager of the men's lacrosse team, which allowed him to work closely with the sports information department.

"I am very excited to be able to work with many different sports and be involved," said Coon. He also loves to write, and wrote football articles for Fairport as a teacher.

Coon is looking forward to the interaction with students and athletes. "I am looking forward to being a part of the athletic environment and atmosphere," Coon said.

Director Jaynes stated, " My goal is to teach him the skills to get a job as a SID if he so desires."

For this year, Coon will be the assistant director, and a one-year sports assistant intern. Then, next year he can decide what his future holds; athletics or teaching.

With the duo of Jaynes and Coon, RIT's athletics should be very well represented.

Stop by the sports information office located by the ice rink for fall schedules media guides or to just introduce yourself to the new sports information staff.



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