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A woman with curly hair is looking upwards, her face partially obscured by large, translucent, ice-like structures that resemble frozen water or glass. The background is dark and textured.

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Kathy Griffin

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EDITOR’S NOTE

DANCING LESSONS FROM GOD

While doing some research for an upcoming article about Reporter’s former editors in chief, I happened upon an obituary for Philip Fraga, the last editor of the newspaper incarnation of Reporter (in 1968). He passed away on Christmas day, last month, at the age of 63. He died of pancreatic cancer. I never met the man, but I worked in his office, I sat at his desk, and I do what he did: make the magazine. I guess I like to think of him and the many others who have held this job as grandparents I’ve never met. Philip Fraga went on from this job to become a combat photographer for the U.S. Navy. He had a family. He went into advertising. He lived in Virginia. The choices he made, the places he went, the genes in his body, all brought him to December 25, 2009. So if you would excuse this indulgence, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye to one of Reporter’s own. I’m not a very devout man, by any means (see “Letters to the Editor” on pg. 5), but I’d like to believe that there’s something else after death – some great newsroom in the sky. Whatever it is, I’m sure Philip is there. Reporter’s condolences and prayers go out to the Fraga family. Farewell, Philip.

Andy Rees
EDITOR IN CHIEF



“Well, the other option was to get naked and crawl in a sleeping bag together.”

CARTOON by Jamie Douglas and Andy Rees

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Holistic Medicine Backlash: Just for the Hippies!

by Luis Miguel Luna, Third Year Mechanical Engineering Technology

After reading James Arn’s arguments for alternative medicine, I felt like I needed a painkiller. To push unfounded claims such as the ones outlined in that article was, at least, irresponsible in the highest order.

There’s a reason that “western society has a fascination with modern medical science.” Simply put? It works. I was shocked to see that James actually invoked the placebo effect, a discovery of modern medicine by the way, in his defense of alternative medicine. Sure, I’ll play along.

What’s the difference between believing that you feel better and actually feeling better? SURVIVAL. I can feel real damn good about the knife in my back as a result of adrenaline, shock or stubbornly choosing to do so, but ask any intelligent, sensible person if they’d rather have that fixed and they’d say yes in what few blade-obstructed heartbeats they have left.

The same applies to any medical situation. When was the last time anyone heard of an

“alternative” treatment that nearly eradicated epidemics like polio, measles, small pox, cholera and numerous other diseases and medical problems? I’m sure a ton of people bought into the alternative medicine hucksters when it came to all of these maladies too. But choosing to waste time, money and resources in feeling good about them doesn’t mean anything when you’re in a wheelchair or dead.

Moving on from what I thought was the most idiotic part... No, wait. He actually admits that functionality isn’t important when it comes to medicine. Not only that, but we should pour millions of dollars into treatments that have not been proven to work under repeatable, testable circumstances. Brilliant. The article says that alternative medicines are “generally less expensive and have fewer harmful side effects than conventional treatments,” and that “traditional medical doctors claim that alternative treatments are not as effective as conventional medicines, branding them as placebos. Still, progressively more people are convinced that they are effective.” Make no mistake, alternative medicines are placebos. That is why they are cheaper and ineffective. As for more people being convinced about their effectiveness, a happy lie doesn’t make anything true. Neither does a large group of people believing something make it true, just ask anyone who thought the Earth was flat and the center of the universe.

Moving on to the less infuriating arguments, eating organic is not an alternative suggestion. Every doctor you will ever meet will tell you the good old diet and exercise line for improving your health. The fact is that much of the “food” we eat today is a load of high Fructose garbage wrapped in grease and artificial flavorings. There are genuine scientifically provable, medical benefits to eating healthily and plenty of literature on the subject (a few books written by Michael Pollan, for example). It’s not an alternative, people just forget that it’s the first option.

As for acupuncture, maybe it has merit. I haven’t seen these studies, but if what James says is true then that’s great and there’s a reasonable scientific explanation for such success that we simply do not know. With research into acupuncture, maybe we will be able to harness the reasons behind its success. But then it won’t be an alternative will it? That’s because, to quote a friend: There’s a name for “alternative medicine” that actually works. It’s called MEDICINE.

In light of full disclosure, I’m off to get what some would call a holistic and natural treat-

ment for blinding rage at ignorance. It’s called sleep. Doctors and scientists have been recommending it for years.

Dear Mr. Rees,

I was recently catching up on back issues of Reporter, of which I am a big fan, and I was a little disturbed by your comments in the 12/11/09 Editor’s Note.

To quote you directly, “Christmas doesn’t have to be some overbearing religious holiday, it’s just a wonderful excuse to take the time to feel something in an otherwise bleak world.”

As a Catholic, I was quite offended by your choice of words. I am not a religious zealot who forwards all of the “Keep CHRIST is CHRISTmas emails” and I am not insulted by those who choose to wish me “Happy Holidays” as opposed to “Merry Christmas.” However, the roots of the Christmas holiday are undeniably based on a religious occurrence ... namely, the birth of Jesus, whom Catholics revere as their one true God and savior.

Now, I am well aware that religion is a very tricky subject and I do not easily take offense. But for the editor of a magazine, a literary publication whose sole purpose is to reach an educated readership at an institution of higher learning through the written word, I am a bit taken aback that you would not choose your words more carefully.

I find the Christmas displays that appear in early November to be overbearing. I find the 24 hour Christmas movie marathons to be overbearing. I do not find anything whatsoever overbearing about the religious implications of a holiday that brings joy to so many people.

I’m sure it is difficult to write an appealing editor’s note to such a diverse readership, and I applaud your efforts ... I just hope that future efforts can be fashioned in a way that communicates your opinion without slighting the opinions of others.

Regards,

Elissa Nyerges, Fourth Year Professional & Technical Communication



2010: JOB OUTLOOK

by Chris Zubak-Skees | illustration by Stu Barnes

AN unemployment rate at around 10 percent, massive layoffs at many companies, and a sobering forecast for job growth are enough to give many job-seeking students pause.

“I think sometimes students will give up,” says Manny Contomanolis, associate vice president and director of Cooperative Education and Career Services, outlining the attitude he hopes to change. “They’ll read the newspapers. They’ll say, ‘Oh, I’m never going to get a job, so forget it. You know what? Why put in the time and effort? Because I’m not going to get a job anyway. I’ll worry about it later.’”

The national unemployment rate continues to hover around 10 percent as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor, but the numbers are a bit better for the college educated. The unemployment rate for those with a bachelor’s degree or higher was 5 percent in December 2009. That is a 3 percent increase from the 2 percent unemployment for that same group in 2007, before the downturn began.

The percent of graduating students employed or attending graduate school full time (the placement rate) for the class of 2009 was down about 3.2 percent from the previous class. It was about 97.5 percent for the class of 2008 and 94.3 percent for 2009, according to Contomanolis.

“I do anticipate that for the class of 2010, it will be a challenging year,” says Contomanolis.

Contributing to the increased unemployment are the cuts that have occurred at many companies, several of which recruit heavily on RIT’s campus. In January 2009, Microsoft announced a plan to lay off 5,000 workers; in February, Cisco Systems, Inc. said it eliminated or planned to eliminate up to 2,500 employees; and, Boeing planned to lay off 10,000 people. Despite cutting jobs, some of these companies continue to hire.

One trend stands out. “In prior recessions, we actually saw an increase in co-ops,” says Contomanolis. “Even though companies were laying off full time people, they were actually hiring more co-ops. Now, we’re not seeing that this year.”

“A lot of my friends are having trouble,” says Steve DeBellis, a third-year Applied Networking and System Administration major.

“We’re seeing fewer kids going out on co-op,” says Contomanolis. “Clearly, there are some of those kids [who] are putting off a co-op assignment, because of where they see the market.”

Technology, defense, healthcare, and energy are the sectors Contomanolis sees continuing to do the most hiring. Retail, construction and finance he says are hardest hit.

The nation continued to lose jobs in December 2009 after a slight increase in November, according to the Department of Labor. Predictions for the future vary, but some forecast a slow or modest recovery.

The result of this contraction is more competition for jobs and more effort required to secure them. “They’re going to have to work harder at their job search. It’s going to take longer to get that offer or offers, and they’re going to have fewer offers to choose from,” says Contomanolis.

“The jobs are not just going to come to you in this market,” he says. “You’re not just going to show up at a career fair and assume everything is going to be taken care of for you, because the companies will be doing so much hiring.”

“You’re going to have to be flexible, probably more flexible than ever before,” says Contomanolis. “Flexible in terms of the type of company, the type of industry, the area of the country.”

Networking is important, according to Contomanolis. “In this economy if a company, as an example, is looking to only fill one job, they’re not going to post that job and get 10,000 applicants,” he says. “Instead, what they’re going to do is work within their networks and say, ‘Gee, do you know somebody [who] we can consider for this job?’”

He recommends connecting with faculty, friends, family, RIT alumni and prior employers to gain access to networks and using LinkedIn and Facebook as tools to facilitate that.

Contomanolis suggests staying positive, despite the challenging environment. “You cannot wait. You’re going to need to invest time in your job search, and you’re going to need to do it sooner rather than later,” he says.

He recommends using the resources provided by the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services. Those resources include program coordinators that can meet with students to look at résumés and develop job search plans. They also include workshops and seminars. “All those things that we’re doing are now focused on this economy,” says Contomanolis.

Another tactic is to go beyond the co-op office listings. DeBellis, the Applied Networking and System Administration major, says he got a job not listed by the office and then got it approved afterwards. “I found a job near home,” says DeBellis. “I got lucky.”

The Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services is located in the Bausch & Lomb Center. For more information on program coordinators, events and other services that they offer visit <http://rit.edu/emcs/oce/> **R**

by Sam Angarita

STUDENT VOICE: LAUNDRY FEES

Former Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences Senator, Paul Solt, addressed the senate, calling for the cancellation of the free laundry program for on-campus housing. A graduate student living in the Perkins apartments, Solt noted that the free machines have “been abused by students both on campus and off campus.” He explained that residents often take up more machines than they need, and sometimes, students from other apartments do as well. Solt argued a pay system would help control this, as well as force students to use the machines more efficiently. This policy would be more coherent with RIT’s green and sustainability efforts, said Solt.

In response, SG President Matt Danna explained that a credit system was originally planned, but was never implemented. Under a credit system, each student would receive a certain number of washes and dries per week.

However, a laundry credit system might prove unfair to some students. “As a girl athlete, I go through a lot more clothes than a lot of people do,” said Michele Caporali of from RIT Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. “A credit system would be unfair to me because I would need more than the average student.”

Danna said he will follow up on the issue with Housing Operations and others.

ACADEMIC CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT

Issues concerning student conduct have prompted revisions of academic policies and expectations of students’ behavior in the classroom. Among the common problems discussed were wearing hats in classrooms and using the laptops. One occurrence of a student who took his shirt off mid-class brought the conversation to SG. Neither the institute nor the professor, who told the student to put his shirt back on, had clearly stated policies concerning the wearing of shirts in class. Where those rules should be written was a point of contention.

“If it’s in the syllabus, you can enforce it. If it’s not, you can’t enforce it,” said Stephen DeVay, Greek Council president.

Eileen Feeney Bushnell, Academic Senate chair, noted that even though things like wearing a shirt in class are obvious, she doesn’t “think it’s a bad idea to stipulate some common sense things.” She also said that there needs to be some flexibility in syllabi for both professors and students, considering some issues.

NEW CLUB TIER

Currently, RIT categorizes all SG recognized clubs under three main tiers in respect to the yearly funding they receive on behalf of SG. They are divided by a range of funds, with no funds for any Tier 1 club, up to \$400 dollars for all Tier 2 clubs, and \$400 and above for Tier 3 clubs. “Any club under these tiers can come to Student Government for additional fund money” said Kaity Werner, director of Organizational Recognition. However, there are many clubs which can not be recognized due to membership requirements. As SG funds come from student activity fees, clubs excluding any students would not be able to draw from those funds.

Werner mentioned the possibility of incorporating a Tier 0 category where no additional funds can be awarded. Tier 0 organizations will be those which are “restricting” in their criteria such as gender-based clubs or organizations that use academic performance and grades as requirements, among other types of organizations.

For now, the proposed Tier 0 remains on a discussion basis.

GUEST MEALS

Freshman Senator, Christopher Scott, in collaboration with Dining Services, announced that students with a meal plan will be able to use meal credits to pay for guests at Gracie’s. The trial run for the program will begin this spring. While there are no restrictions on how many times a student may pay for a guest, a student can only pay for one guest at a time and must also use a meal for themselves.

by Viktor Nagorny

COPYRIGHT POLICY PROPOSAL

“The policy needs to go back to legal to make it more readable,” said Ron Goldberg, director of Alumni Relations for the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, as he began the discussion about the proposed revision of the copyright policy. The policy was brought to the council’s attention last month; they were the first governing body to look at the proposed policy. It is not an official draft, but rather a proposal for a possible change.

The major issue that the council agreed upon was the readability of the policy. It was written by the legal department and has a very dry structure. Council agreed that the language needs to be simplified to facilitate compliance and understanding. It was noted that the policy does not specify the reporting structure or sanctions for violations. Also, it makes references to many other institute policies with reference websites, but some do not work. The policy is not available to RIT community for review, yet.

ASL INTERPRETERS AND THE SEMESTER SYSTEM

The Staff Council executive committee met with President William Destler and the new Chief Diversity Officer Kevin McDonald. One of the major issues discussed was how the conversion from quarter to semester systems will affect working hours for the interpreters, as it seemed that they might lose valuable hours. According Josh Bauroth, Staff Council chair, Destler noted that it is quite the opposite; everyone would be working more hours on the semester system.

NEW WEBSITE

Staff Council will get a new website once the institute transitions to a new web management system. The new url will be <http://rit.edu/staffcouncil>. Also, communications committee is working on creating staff recognition award notification form on the website, according to Matt Danna, NTID marketing communications web developer.

RETIREMENT PLAN ALTERATIONS

The institute is working on implementing and complying with the new changes to the 403(b) retirement plans by the IRS. The new changes, in over 40 years, are designed to make 403(b) plans more consistent and work like 401(k) plans. They plan to make the transition as seamless as possible.

FRIDAY	22	SKATE FOR A CAUSE Ritter Ice Arena. 8 - 10 p.m. Help the Women in Business and lovin'cup “Skate for a Cause.” All proceeds from this event will benefit Joining Hearts and Hands, a local charity that aims to build a classroom in a school in Kenya. Your money gets you ski rentals, hot chocolate and a free coffee at lovin'cup, too. Cost: \$3.
SATURDAY	23	CAB LATE NIGHT: COMEDIAN AND MAGICIAN MICHAEL KENT George H. Clark Gymnasium 2610 & 2650. 11 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Magicians wow you, and comedians make you laugh. So why not have both in one night? Come see Michael Kent to laugh and be amazed! Cost: \$1.
SUNDAY	24	“LITTLE WOMEN” 1510 Lab Theater. 2 - 4 p.m. Come see the NTID Performing Arts group perform “Little Women,” a play about a group of 19th century women who face uncertainty with courage and determination. The play will simultaneously be performed in ASL and spoken English. Cost: Free.
MONDAY	25	EXPRESSIONS OF KING’S LEGACY: KEYNOTE SPEAKER MOHAMMED BILAL Ingle Auditorium. 4 - 6 p.m. Remember the work of Martin Luther King Jr. by attending this assembly led by keynote speaker Mohammed Bilal. He will be touching on how appreciating diversity and social justice enriches our lives. Closing performance by The Color Orange. Cost: Free.
TUESDAY	26	EXPRESSIONS OF KING’S LEGACY: “MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY” George H. Clark Gymnasium 2610. 12 - 1 p.m. T. L. Williams assumes the persona of Martin Luther King Jr. for this presentation covering the importance of his work and the progress that has been made towards equality. Cost: Free.
WEDNESDAY	27	FEDERAL INTERNSHIPS SEMINAR Bausch and Lomb Visitors Center A190. 4 - 5 p.m. This “webinar” is for students interested in finding and applying for federal internships in the summer of 2010. If you’re looking for a government job when you’re finished at RIT, an internship is a good way to get your foot in the door. Cost: Free.
THURSDAY	28	CAB’S THURSDAY NIGHT CINEMA PRESENTS “GROUNDHOG DAY” Ingle Auditorium. 9:30 p.m. After a weatherman is sent to Pennsylvania to cover Groundhog Day, he finds himself repeating the same day over and over again. Come see the classic Bill Murray movie tonight at Ingle. Cost: Free.

compiled by Brendan Cahill

FRIDAY	22	“ANNIE” Cultural Life Center at Roberts Wesleyan College. 2301 Westside Drive, Chili. 7:30 p.m. Smile along with the story of the little orphan Annie as she melts the heart of her billionaire caretaker during the Great Depression. Cost: \$12 (students), \$15 (adults).
SATURDAY	23	T’AI CHI OPEN HOUSE Rochester T’ai Chi Ch’uan Center. 80 Rockwood Plaza. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Take this opportunity to learn about the relaxing practice that started over 1,000 years ago. Benefits from T’ai Chi include increased flexibility, reduction of stress and an alert mind through meditation. Cost: Free.
SUNDAY	24	“WONDER OF THE WORLD” Multi-use Community Culture Center. 142 Atlantic Ave. 2 p.m. After a startling revelation convinces a wife to leave her husband, she goes on a journey to Niagara Falls to do all the things she’s been itching to do. There, she encounters a number of increasingly absurd situations along the way. Laugh along with this dark comedy. Cost: \$10.
MONDAY	25	“LIFE WITHOUT DETAILS” Genesee Center for Arts and Education. 73 Monroe Ave. 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. A photographic exhibit at the Genesee Center for Arts and Education’s Community Darkroom. Images on display were inspired by the 2009 TruthBeauty exhibit at the George Eastman House. Don’t worry if you miss it today; the exhibit is open daily until February 28. Cost: Free.
TUESDAY	26	“MAX ANTI-INFLATION LUNCH SPECIAL” Max of Eastman Place. 387 E. Main St. 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Help combat the economic problem of inflation by heading over to Max’s for this great lunchtime deal. Cost: \$7, plus tax and tip.
WEDNESDAY	27	DUBZERO Dub Land Underground. 315 Alexander St. 9 p.m. Jam to some dub music, tonight featuring Mrs. Skannotto and Robin Hood. Cost: \$3, \$5 (under 21). (18+)
THURSDAY	28	DJ TIME TONES lovin'cup. Park Point. 9 p.m. A versatile DJ with an extensive repertoire, DJ Time Tones mixes all sorts of modern and vintage beats to make his own unique.

HAPPY HOUR HUNTING

THE SOUTH WEDGE

by Andy Rees and Madeleine Villavicencio
photographs by Rigo Perdomo

If you’re thinking that Rochester is a rather dull city with a night life on life support, then you probably haven’t ventured too far away from RIT’s Henrietta campus. What RIT knows as home is the farthest thing from the heart of the city. It’s more like the appendix you had removed last year. That isn’t to say there’s nothing to do and nowhere to go nearby, but eventually



On The Rocks

1551 Mount Hope Avenue

AGE GROUP: 25 – 45
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 4:0
DRANK: Bud Light (\$4 – draft), a blue fruity vodka drink (\$3)

Andy: “On The Rocks is a quaint little joint with a few tables and a small bar. When we showed up, the bar was completely deserted, save for a couple of guys who looked like they were regulars. Granted, it was a Tuesday, but for a bar down the street from Strong Memorial and University of Rochester, it seemed conspicuously empty. The place has seen better days, back when it operated a cigar shop. All that being said, if you’re looking for a nice quiet place to grab a drink and wind down after a hard day, you might try On The Rocks.”

Mady: “The last time I was at On The Rocks, my friend and I ended up attempting to walk to the University of Rochester, only to stop at Domino’s to purchase a pie and request that they ‘deliver’ us to the riverside campus. My (rather spotty) memories of a packed bar didn’t hold true on this Tuesday night as there were only four other people there – and I’m pretty sure three of them worked there. The moment we walked in, the sound of pop music drifted from the speakers (and I’m fairly certain Taylor Swift invaded the airwaves at one point), and shortly afterward, the bartender informed us that it was supposed to be “Ladies Night.” Whether this was true or not, it did get me a \$3 flavored vodka mixed drink. Just don’t ask me what was in it.”

The Distillery

1142 Mt Hope Ave

AGE GROUP: 21 – 50
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 3:2
DRANK: Beer of the Month – Shocktop (\$3 – draft), Heineken (\$2.50 – bottle)

Andy: “The Distillery on Mt. Hope sports a large bar, lots of tables, and a great selection of beers on tap. There are a number of TV screens around the bar area, and the wooden construction gives it a sort of lodge-feel. Despite the size of the bar, it’s often difficult to find a seat, let alone two seats together. The crowd here is an eclectic mix of college students, sports fans, nurses and doctors. Between the half-off appetizers after 9 p.m. and two for one margaritas, it’s definitely a nice place to stop in and have a drink. If you didn’t bring anyone to talk to, don’t expect to be chatted up by strangers.”

Mady: “The Distillery is where you’d go to grab a drink (and maybe a bite to eat) at the end of the day. Looking around, the place was packed with people of all shapes, sizes and ages, from fresh-faced students to members of the working class to old locals. But if there was one thing I’d say about the Distillery, it’s that they’re perfectly equipped to keep you preoccupied – even if you don’t take anyone with you. If people-watching and taking note of the room’s décor isn’t your cup of tea, then they have enough classic bar games, arcade games and television screens to distract you all night long. A word of advice: do not, under any circumstance, sit near one of those touch screen game machines unless you want to spend the night stuffing your change into it.”

Lux Lounge

666 South Ave.

AGE GROUP: 21 – 40
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 2:1
DRANK: Pabst Blue Ribbon (\$1 – can), Rootbeer Vodka Straight Up (\$4.50)

Andy: “If you’re into the artsy scene, Lux is the bar for you. Decorated (I use the term loosely) in a way that gives you the impression of a yard-sale-gone-wrong, Lux is unique. During the winter, Lux consists of a medium sized bar, a number of tables and a single pool table. However, during the summer is when Lux really shines. In warmer months, the backyard (which has a hammock, a campfire, and several picnic tables) is a hotspot for Rochester’s youthful bohemian scene. What Lux does well is price point. For \$3 you can order a Pabst Smear, i.e. a PBR and a shot. This means you can get pleasantly inebriated for pennies on the dollar.”

Mady: “Lux is one of those places you have to see to understand. It’s kind of like walking in a bar off of St. Mark’s Place or Greenwich Village in New York City, except a little higher on the strange scale. There’s something very crazed-cartoonist-meets-punk-rock about the place. (Whatever that means.) With the lights turned down low and enough drunk for your buck – Tuesdays are PBR/PBJ nights featuring \$1 PBR cans – just don’t confuse that table with legs for a real person.”

The Old Toad

277 Alexander St.

AGE GROUP: 30 – 50
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 3:2
DRANK: Fuller’s London Pride (\$5 – draft), Ottercreek Raspberry Brown (\$5 – draft)

Andy: “The Old Toad is an experience worth having. In an attempt to recreate a traditional English pub, the Toad regularly imports its wait-staff from the United Kingdom. Maybe it’s because I’ve been watching a lot of British TV lately, but The Old Toad is the coolest thing since sliced bread. It is a little pricey, but the atmosphere is worth it. So go order a pint of bitter and toast to our sovereign. God save the queen!”

Mady: “Stepping into the Old Toad is like teleporting into a completely different world, but one thing’s for certain: everything’s classier. Maybe it’s the James Bond effect; maybe it’s the fact that the Old Toad also doubles as a restaurant. Whatever it is, sitting at the bar and knocking back a smooth brown ale served to you by an authentic English barkeep is a great way to end a long hard week – nevermind the fact that you’re likely to be surrounded by mostly older folks. If it’s any consolation, a member of this wiser generation did give me some good advice: ‘This is your time to play around and have fun.’ And that’s what I intend to do.”



Acme Bar and Pizza

495 Monroe Ave.

AGE GROUP: 21 – 40
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 4:3
DRANK: Sam Adams Light (\$4 – draft), Blue Moon (\$4 – draft)

Andy: “Acme is a place that I would like if I knew more people that went there. It’s got a friendly atmosphere, a patient bar staff, and is filled with the buzz of conversation. But for one reason or another, I can never find a place to sit. That’s not to say it’s packed, there just seems to be a lack of seating.”

Tap and Mallet

381 Gregory St.

AGE GROUP: 25 – 45
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 3:2
DRANK: Märzen Amber Lager (\$4.75 – draft), Lindeman’s Framboise (\$4.75 – draft)

Andy: “This is a classy place and the prices reflect that. Tap and Mallet fashions itself as a tap room, with a fairly large selection of draft beer (though, it’s no MacGregors’). If you’re looking for a place to sit down and enjoy a quality brew and a good conversation, then Tap and Mallet is the place for you. We were able to get served and find a table within two minutes of arriving, despite the bar being full. You don’t see too many college students hanging around, but if you throw on a sweater vest, you’d fit right in.”

Mady: “If you’re looking for that one laid back venue where you can just sit and converse for hours over a few drinks, then the Tap and Mallet is it. The atmosphere and ambience has the perfect mix of glass clinks, chatter and room noise that can only be highlighted by the lack of overwhelming loud music that many bars are known for. They offer a variety of beers on tap and just as good a wine collection, bringing a level of sophistication to your average nightcap.”



Mady: “If you’re quick on your feet and like to work the room, Acme may just be the place for you. Grab a friend, grab a cold one, and keep a good conversation up your sleeve, and you’ll do just fine. The drink menu isn’t as varied as other bars and I didn’t have the opportunity to taste their pizza (which I would assume would be pretty delicious) but the atmosphere and set-up is great for just hanging out and meeting new people. Just make sure you’ve got a lot of stamina; you’re likely to be standing for quite a while.” **R**

Salinger’s Bar and Grill

107 East Avenue

AGE GROUP: 25 – 50
MALE TO FEMALE RATIO: 6:1
DRANK: Newcastle Brown Ale (\$4 – draft), Woodchuck Draft Cider (\$3 – draft)

Andy: “I picked this bar out because its name reminded me of J.D. Salinger; turns out there’s no relation. For a Friday evening, Salinger’s was noticeably empty, but it seemed to work. The floor is covered in peanut shells (which must not be swept up very often). After a couple days of happy-hour-hunting, Salinger’s was just the right fit to end the endeavor. It was just the right mix of noise and music to enjoy a lively conversation and take some cliché Facebook pics.”

Mady: “Salinger’s was the last stop on our circuit, and it certainly felt like it. Although the night was still young, the experience was very much like what it would’ve been like had we stayed until closing. The bar was pretty empty but busy enough to create the scene, a perfect backdrop for a night out with your best buds. My only regret is that I didn’t pose with the moose head hanging above the bar.”



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Reviews

Album | Indie Rock | 37 mins
Contra
Vampire Weekend



The first time I heard Vampire Weekend's debut album was during a car ride. As I remember, it felt quintessentially youthful, with all the energy of the drums, the clean-yet-distorted guitars, and the lyrics, which seemed to be fractured speech from a Holden Caulfield gone Caribbean.

It lasted the long car ride — twice, and seamlessly at that. It was beautiful.

Such was the standard that the quartet is held to, ever since the leaking of songs like "White Sky" alerted fans that a new album was on the loom. The record's singles, "Horchata" and "Cousins", are a couple of fast and upbeat

It turns out that was only one side of the album. Songs like "Run" and "White Sky" followed in the footsteps of the musical feel of tracks like "Campus" and "One" from their debut. Tracks "Taxi Cab" and "Diplomat's Son" pick up and extend the sounds of songs like "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa" or "The Kids Don't Stand a Chance" in soft ballads to soothe the blow of punchy lyrics that are as biographically charged as they are fiercely responsive to

songs that seem to celebrate hints of Tchaikovsky and aggro-synth reggae alike. This would be "Contra" punchy, light and even a little romantic.

the criticism the Columbia grads often receive. But I'd be a hard-put jerk if I said "Contra" is a mere extension of their earlier work. The band was very much aware of the pressure to keep the sound that won them a fan base large enough to go platinum in the United Kingdom alone, but they also knew the pressure of producing fresh sounds.

Vampire Weekend delivered with novelty and integrity, with no room for disappointment. They drew new lines in their music and new standards for their future albums. It's exciting to come across a band that can expand musically without leaving their fan base out of the inside joke. Let's hope they keep it that way.

BY SAM ANGARITA

Restaurant
Simply Crêpes



Crêpes are one of those magic foods; I could eat them every minute of every day and never tire of their floppy goodness. I honestly can't imagine a dining situation that wouldn't be improved by the addition of crêpes. Luckily, there are two crêperies within 20 minutes of RIT. Whether breakfast, lunch or dinner, there are many delicious options at Simply Crêpes.

Breakfast: You definitely want to go to the Pittsford location for the first meal of the day. Soak in the French-country décor and sip a mug of hot chocolate (\$3.29) by the large stone fireplace. Order the Simply Breakfast crêpe with ham (\$8.99); its scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese are a comfortable, if some-

Lunch: Stop by the downtown location, located inside the Central Library of Rochester. Be sure you've got enough quarters for at least an hour on your parking meter; as service, while friendly and attentive, is rather on the slow side. I recommend you skip the appetizers, most of which are overpriced and all of which are not particularly good. Instead, go straight to an entree of Goat Cheese and Arugula crêpe (\$11.99). There's a refreshing lightness to it, despite the relatively heavy ingredients (goat

what predictable, way to awaken your senses. Added bonus: you get to watch the chefs preparing your food in the open kitchen. Pretty cool.

cheese, arugula, portobello mushrooms, tomato basil relish). Yummy.

Dinner: Grab a date and head back to the Pittsford location. I certainly can't promise anything, but crêpes seem as good a bet as any to charm the pants off a cute companion. For those looking to impress, order the Crespalla Florentine (\$11.59). Depending on your appetite (or who's buying), you may want to share it — this cheese and spinach filled crêpe is pretty huge, and you need to save room for dessert. The All-American (\$7.99), with strawberries, blueberries, vanilla ice cream, and whipped cream is one of the best things on the menu. All said, Simply Crêpes is definitely worth checking out.

Simply Crêpes is located in downtown Rochester at 114 South Ave. The Pittsford location is right on the Erie Canal at 7 Schoen Place.

BY LAURA MANDANAS

STREAM OF FACTS:

In March of 1995, a Pennsylvania man was sentenced to 30 days in jail, according to the District Attorney of Harrisburg, PA; his crime: oinking repeatedly at his **WIFE**. During the now 10-year-old North American **WIFE** Carrying Championship, a man carries a woman (or vise versa) and races to win a cash prize and the wife's weight in **BEER**. Munich's beer festival, Oktoberfest, along with 10 million pints of **BEER**, accounts for 750,000 spit-roasted chickens and 800,000 wursts and **SAUSAGES** consumed every year. Goat **SAUSAGES** are mentioned in a passage of "The Odyssey," by Hómer; a story written hundreds of years before the Common **ERA**. Along with surviving the Black Death **ERA**, Shakespeare managed to court and marry a woman eight years older than him, **ANNE HATHAWAY**, at the age of 18. Recently cast as Black Cat in "Spiderman 4," **ANNE HATHAWAY** is the Woman of the Year for Harvard Hasty Pudding Club, the oldest college theatrical group in the **U.S.** According to the **U.S.** Census Bureau, the average commute time to work in **ROCHESTER** is 19.3 minutes;

about 12 minutes under the average for New York as a whole. West of **ROCHESTER**, New York is Chittenango, where, in honor of "Wizard of Oz" author, L. Frank Baum's hometown, a yellow sidewalk lines Genesee **STREET**. "Sesame **STREET**" and Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment have partnered up to produce a video game series, featuring Elmo, Oscar and the 8'2" tall Big **BIRD**. A rare **BIRD** species known as the recurve-billed bushbird sports a sinister grin due to its curved beak.

REPORTER RECOMMENDS:

STAYING WARM We're about a fourth of the way through Rochester's harsh winter season, and you've finally realized that the threadbare hoodie and paper-thin windbreaker you've been sporting just ain't going to cut it. Good news, staying warm really doesn't take that much effort. Here's a few simple solution to keep those vulnerable bits of you from turning rosy red as the wind blows down the Quarter Mile:

EARS: Heated headband. The makers of your favorite hand warmers now have a product designed to house one of those toasty pockets of joy over each ear. Probably the most difficult body parts to keep warm effectively just got a little easier. <http://warmers.com>

FINGERS: Mittens. Why mittens? Because your fingers stay warmer when they're next to each other. Black Diamond is a quality brand when facing the elements and BackCountryGear.Com features a variety of their products ranging from \$11-\$200 dollars. Yes, it can get pricey, but so can hospital visits for frostbite. <http://bcgear.com>

LEGS AND ARMS: Long Johns. This is a great solution for all you hipsters trying to look cool out there. Just add another layer down there. Yeah, I know leggings are in, but you're art kids. Get creative and find a solution to make it work. Outer Sports sells Genuine U.S. Military Issue Polypropylene Thermals for under \$20! <http://outersports.com>

WORD OF THE WEEK

JETSAM: n. the part of a ship, its equipment, or its cargo that is cast overboard to lighten the load in time of distress and that sinks or is washed ashore.

The captain looked on at the floating remnants of jetsam from the bow of his sinking ship; the wind so rough that night he could barely hear his first mate calling, "Help is on the way."

Definition taken from <http://merriam-webster.com>

FILL IN THE LYRICS:

Classic Sitcom Theme Songs
"When I wake up in the morning / (SIX WORDS) / I don't think I'll ever make it on time."
"Saved by the Bell"
"What ever happened to predictability? / The milkman, the paper boy, (TWO WORDS) / You miss your old familiar friends, but / waiting just around the bend. Everywhere you look (everywhere)..."
"Full House"
"Oh, It's like I started breathing on

the night we (ONE WORD) / And I can't remember what I ever did before. / What would we do baby, Without Us?"
"Family Ties"
"Well then there must be some magic clue inside these (TWO WORDS) / Cause all I see is a tower of dreams / real love burstin' out of (TWO WORDS)."
"Family Matters"

"Sometimes you want to go / (FIVE WORDS) / And they're always glad you came / You want to be where you can see / Our troubles are all the same / You want to be (FIVE WORDS)."
"Cheers"

Winter Word Scramble:
LOGEV - _ _ _ _ _
OFENRZ - _ _ _ _ _
STMRAHOTTE - _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _
DBLRIAZZ - _ _ _ _ _
RBHEAT - _ _ _ _ _

Unscramble the highlighted letters and solve the puzzle with this clue:

Both lakes and crows do this in the winter.
Answer: _ _ _ _ _

Solutions:
BLIZZARD, BREATH, FREEZE, GLOVE, FROZEN, THERMOSTAT,

University News Mad Lib:

The following news clip, modified by you for your own reading pleasure.

Mahdi Nezamabadi and Mahnaz Mohammadi were (VERB) ing (NOUN) in Iran when they became interested in (NOUN) . That (VERB) ed them to RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science.

"We found RIT on (NOUN) ," says Nezamabadi. His wife, Mahnaz, was first to apply and be accepted into the imaging science (noun) . They intended to move to Rochester in fall 2001. But it was (ADJECTIVE) to get (NOUN) . They finally received the (ADJECTIVE) (NOUN) and Nezamabadi, Mahnaz and their four-year-old

son Navid (VERB) ed in the U.S. on January of 2002. As that was in the middle of RIT's (NOUN) , they (VERB) ed with her sister in Albany, N.Y., and (VERB) ed to Rochester in time for spring quarter...
For the real story, visit <http://rit.edu/news>.

"May the wind always be at your back, and the sun always upon your face, and may the wings of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars."

JOHNNY DEPP AS GEORGE JUNG IN "BLOW"

SUDOKU

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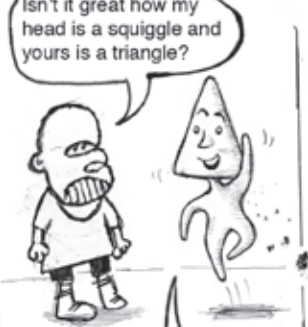
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CARTOON BY BEN RUBIN AND JAMIE DOUGLAS

Out to Lunch



Translation: "Look at the colorful variety of organisms on this planet!"



Translation: "Our sterile location is ruined! Let's go before we catch their germs."

OVERSEEN & OVERHEARD

Male NTID student gets pantsed, underwear and all, in crowded laundry room under Ellingson Hall.

Penis snow carving in field behind NRH.



- "Who was that?"
- "I don't know, it looked like an Asian man-woman."

CONFUSED STUDENTS, REFERENCING A WAVING DRIVER BY UNIVERSITY COMMONS.

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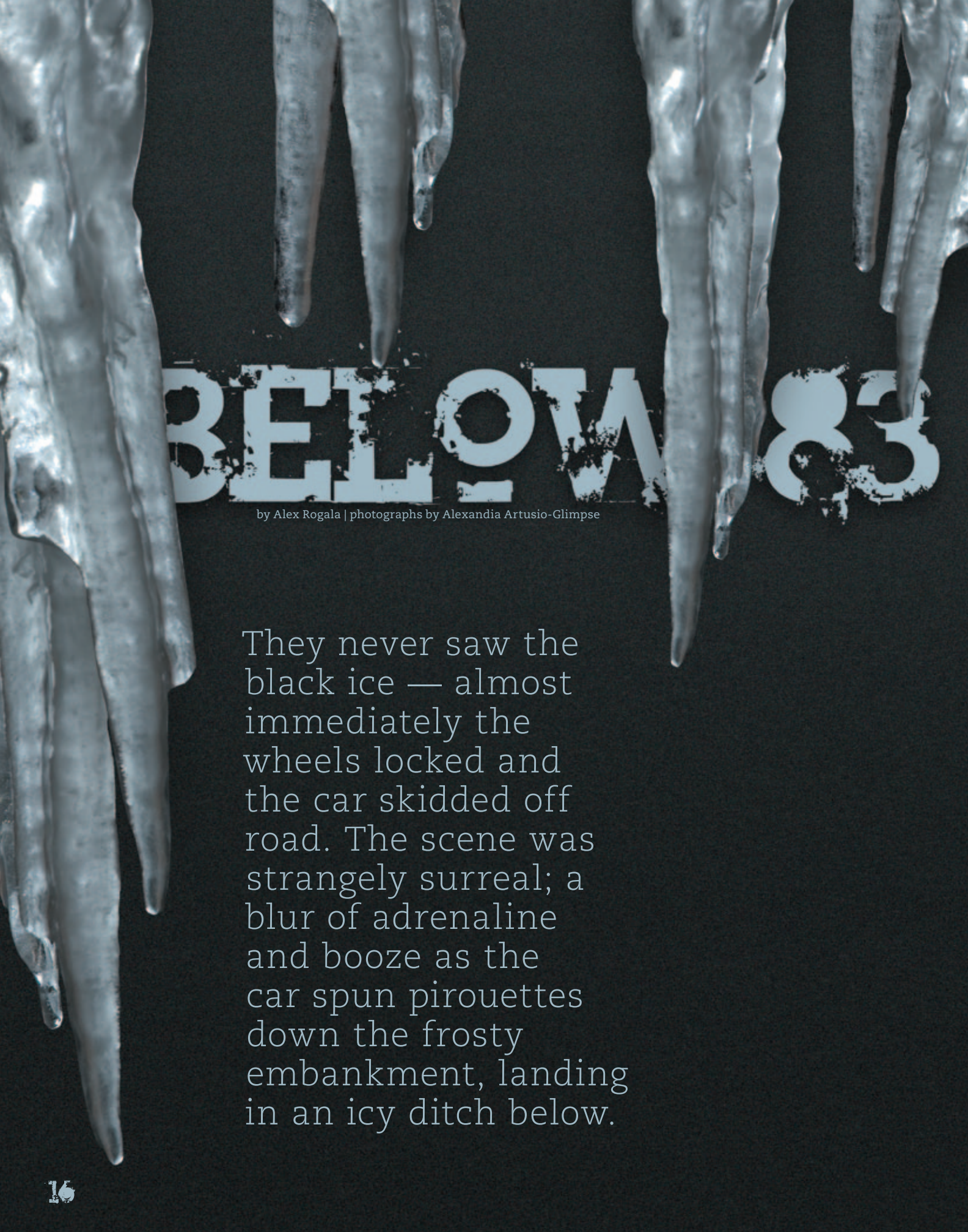
"If I was cold blooded, I'd be the hottest girl on campus right now 'cause everyone looks fat in their puffy jackets."

FEMALE STUDENT TO MALE STUDENT, OUTSIDE OF SAU

"Have you guys even seen how many legos I have in my room?"

STUDENT TO FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE THIRD FLOOR COMPUTER LAB IN LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING

"When the Saints Go Marching In" car alarm blaring from a car in L lot.



BELOW 83

by Alex Rogala | photographs by Alexandria Artusio-Glimpse

They never saw the black ice — almost immediately the wheels locked and the car skidded off road. The scene was strangely surreal; a blur of adrenaline and booze as the car spun pirouettes down the frosty embankment, landing in an icy ditch below.

Four students emerged from the car, bruised and battered. It was only a few minutes ago when they had been at a party where the ground rumbled with alien music and cheap vodka flowed like water. Now, they stood in the aftermath of the wreck, dwarfed by the vast sea of snow in front of them. No cell phone service. No warm clothes.

Being lost is usually a manageable frustration. Yet, in the near-arctic temperatures of upstate New York during mid-January, such a situation could quickly turn fatal when hypothermia sets in.

Defined as a body temperature notably lower than normal, hypothermia is a medical emergency especially common with outdoors activities, such as hunting and fishing. Although fluctuations in human body temperature are normal and to be expected, with hypothermia, there is a marked difference in temperature enough that various, serious medical problems begin to occur. The specifics vary from person to person, but hypothermia typically sets in around roughly 1.5-2° Fahrenheit below normal body temperature.

For many years, the medical community at large generally ignored hypothermia as a serious medical condition. In 1964, blizzard-like conditions during the Four Inns Walk, an annual hike set in England's countryside, led to the death of three participants and the hospitalization and injury of many others. Many newspapers cited the cause of deaths as "exposure" or "freezing." This lack of awareness led many scientists to conduct further research into the effects of cold on the human body.

DI STANT EARLY WARNI NG

Kevin leaned casually against the wreckage, the smoke from his cigarette trailing thin arcs into the frigid night air. They shouldn't have taken Sean's detour back from Geneseo, he reasoned to himself. They should've stayed the normal route, and they would've been home by now.

But none of that felt relevant now as they stood outside debating what course of action to take. "Why don't we split up?" asked Jeff. They did, deciding to mark their tracks as a guide back to each other.

The placement of the four could not have been worse. After walking for about 20 minutes, Kevin stumbled upon a massive slope, leading up to what appeared to be a roadway. He tripped multiple times, the moisture from melting snow covering his jacket. This was odd to him; he was usually a rather coordinated climber. He shrugged it off as a result of his partying and carried on. Once he reached the summit, he stared at the roadway in triumph; he had found it, a stretch of highway. Yet 10 minutes went by, and as 10 turned into 20, it became apparent that this ghost town of a road was virtually useless to him.

After an hour of searching, the group met up back at the wreck. Having been exposed to the elements for quite some time, all four were showing definite signs of cold exposure. Yet as the four sat around discussing their plans, Sean couldn't help but notice something off about Michelle.

Shaking almost violently, she was virtually uninvolved in the conversation, staring blankly into space instead. "No, I'm fine, really! I just drank a bit much tonight," she said, smiling shyly. She probably was right, after all. Sean failed to notice was that he too was shivering almost as badly as she was.

They agreed they would leave immediately for Kevin's road. Time was of the essence. As they began to walk, Kevin felt warmth spread throughout his entire body. With a sigh of relief, he continued on; things were getting better already.

Hypothermia can set in very rapidly, depending on several factors, including temperature, wind speed, and body weight. It comes in 3 stages, each progressively worse, with the final stage usually leading to death.

In its early stages, it can be very easy to miss, as most of the early symptoms are vague and prone to misinterpretation.

One of the first signs of hypothermia is shivering. As a defense mechanism, muscles begin to shake, generating heat through motion. Typically, the victim will begin shaking mildly, then progressively more violently. By extension, physical activity generates heat in a similar manner. Along with adequate dress and sustained food intake, exercise is one of most useful ways to thwart hypothermia in its tracks.

However, exercise can only help so much. As body temperature continues to drop, the blood vessels temporarily dilate, causing a rush of blood to give the skin a "warm" feeling. This leads many to feel they are recovering. However, this is often a sign of the opposite, an indicator of quickly dropping body temperature, and a warning the second stage of hypothermia isn't far away.

THE BLOOD THICKENS

The walk was proving to be long and arduous. Wind gusted violently and cut through sweatshirts, stinging skin. Kevin was confused. He recalled the walk as being considerably shorter before. After a while, he began to feel sick to his stomach, as though something was distinctly wrong. Leaning over, he started to vomit profusely, retching again and again as each wave of nausea hit him.

The others stopped, staring in panic. Standing up, he replied, “I’m not feeling so hot.” Although they were concerned, they kept marching forward. Morale was low, and everyone was beginning to get irritable. Kevin was worried though. He had drunk much more than this many other nights, so why was he feeling sicker tonight? He swallowed the feelings of nausea and plowed onwards.

structure looming in front of them. Even if there was nothing there, the chance was enough to keep him going. At this point, they could only hope.

As core body temperature continues to drop, mental ability rapidly diminishes, and people begin to behave erratically or irrationally, usually in ways that causes their situation to deteriorate. A desire to “sleep through the cold” is one of the most commonly cited examples, and actually, the one that usually results in death. Another is %paradoxical undressing%, a tendency of near-death victims to undress partially or completely, furthering their demise.

Although exercise is one of the best ways to fend off hypothermia, it only works if there is sustained energy to maintain exercise; otherwise it will inevitably lead to exhaustion. In hypothermia cases, this tends to aggravate the situation.

The second stage of hypothermia, which signaled by a body temperature below 94° Fahrenheit, indicates that more serious complications are about to set in. Extremely violent shivering to the point that it can interfere with movement is common. %Vasoconstriction%, the contraction of blood vessels and limitation of blood flow, occurs as the body attempts to control blood pressure and flow. This is usually a normal function of the human body.

However, as a result of the fluid loss that accompanies hypothermia, vasoconstriction results in inadequate blood supply. Muscle coordination is diminished, leading to jerky and awkward movement. Skin and limbs may turn a bluish color, resulting from oxygen shortage caused by hypothermia.

BELOW 90

The alcove seemed to be all the salvation Sean had hoped for and more. As they neared, there was a shallow cave extending into the stone. Jeff was willing to jump for joy at the news, almost bolting for the entrance. Although he had merely been cold up to this point, now he was beginning to shiver.

Helping Kevin and Michelle into the cave, he and Sean sat down on the cold stone floor, catching their breath. It was a complete haze of white outside with heavy snowfall and poor visibility.

The shelter was definitely helping. Michelle and Kevin were somewhat more alert, but Jeff already knew it wouldn’t last. The cave was still freezing; the rock walls and floor were dangerously cold, and it could only get worse. It was agreed that he and Sean would find dry wood for a fire.

The storm conditions were brutal, and as they searched, they began to feel progressively worse. It was impossible to see, and the landscape was devoid of trees. They slowly collected timber, and began walking back. Jeff purposely hurried up as he was finally starting to feel worse himself.

Yet, as they re-entered the cave, they didn’t expect what they saw. Michelle, in a stupor, was frantically pointing at Kevin. She tried to speak, but only gibberish came out. Slumped against the wall headfirst, Kevin was completely unresponsive and no longer shivering. Reaching in Kevin’s pocket, Jeff fumbled, trying to pull his lighter out. Sean arranged the wood in a pile, and checked for a pulse on Kevin. “He doesn’t have a pulse!” he yelled, just as Kevin managed to grasp the lighter. The flame caught onto the pile of wood, and slowly the logs began to burn. Smoke once again swirled up into the night sky.

Although caves are a good source of shelter, they unfortunately can also perpetuate many of the problems faced outside, due to rock’s ability to amplify the cold.

The third stage of hypothermia, which occurs when the body temperature falls below 90° Fahrenheit, is usually fatal. Shivering stops as the brain begins to shut down, muscles and speech become generally useless. Coma and death are expected.

Treatment at this stage is incredibly dangerous. Blood, thick and highly acidic by now, tends to pool in the arms and legs, where it quickly loses heat. Attempting to heat or move the victim causes this blood to surge towards the already weakened heart, leading to *ventricular fibrillation*, a condition where cardiac muscles fire sporadically and out of sync.

Normally, ventricular fibrillation would be deadly within eight minutes; the heart usually stops within three minutes and irreparable brain damage occurs in the next five. However, hypothermia slows damage to the brain for an incredibly long time, and tales exist of hypothermia victims being resuscitated up to an hour and a half after their heart has stopped.

SUNRISE

Sitting at the cave’s edge, Jeff gave a sigh of relief. They were safe for the moment. The fire, albeit small, was a welcome release from the harsh outside. It was still snowing, but the storm was dying quickly. Sean, and Michelle lay asleep, cuddled next to the swirling flames. Kevin was still slumped in the corner, but was once again showing a pulse and occasionally moving in his sleep.

It had been one hell of a night, Jeff thought to himself as he sat there, thinking. He smiled to himself, leaning against the wall of the cave, just as the first golden hues of the sun began to light up the sky. **R**

“Below 83” is a fictionalized account of an emergency situation. The information provided by the author is not meant to treat or diagnose a medical condition. This article is not a substitute for professional therapy or advice.

WINTER EXHAUST

by Jessica Hanus | photographs by Aly Artusio-Glimpse

At this point in the school year, many RIT students may be wondering why they chose to go to college in Rochester. With all of the cold, wind, snow and ice, it can make walking around campus a dreadful experience. Driving and taking care of a car even worse. Car care in the winter can be a costly and irritating task, but it doesn’t have to be. The following tips from local mechanics will help keep you safe, and save time and money. They will also make taking care of your car a lot less stressful. You and your car *can* have a good relationship, even in the winter.

INSTANT DEATH: JUST ADD IDIOT

Because many RIT students are coming from areas that do not get as much snowfall as Rochester, and some are relatively new to driving, general driving advice for winter conditions may be helpful.

Slow down: The posted speed limit is for ideal travel conditions. When roads are slick and visibility is low, it is safer to go at a lower speed.

Give yourself space: Allow more space between your car and the one in front of you. It takes more time to stop in the snow. In ideal conditions, you should pass a mark on the road two seconds after the car in front of you passes it. That factor should increase as weather worsens.

Give yourself time: Driving at a slower speed means it will take longer to get to your destination. Also, allow time in the morning to clean off your car.



YOUR HONDA’S HYGIENE

TIRES

Snow vs. All Season: For the winter months, you will need tires with adequate tread. Ben Lee, a mechanic at Ferrel’s Garage on University Avenue, recommends buying snow tires over new all season tires, prolonging the life of your current all season tires and saving you money in the long run.

According to Stephen Kean, a Manufacturing and Mechanical Systems Integration graduate student and previously a certified mechanic, if you cannot afford winter tires, it is a good idea to invest a new set of all season tires or rims for your snow tires.

Kean said that having rims for your snow tires means you can rotate the tires yourself and save money. “It’s just like changing a spare tire,” Kean said. Even if you do not want to change the tires yourself, it will take a mechanic less time to rotate the tires if they have rims.

Air Pressure: “Every 10 degrees that the temperature drops, the air pressure in your tires drops by one pound,” said Ron Epner of Ron’s Auto Repair in Webster. Epner has been a mechanic for over 41 years. According to him, air pressure needs to be checked more often in the winter. This is an efficient and free way to extend the life of your vehicle’s tires as well as improve on gas mileage; a win-win.

WIPER BLADES AND FLUID
Wiper Care: “I would always recommend keeping wiper blades in good condition because if you can’t see ... that’s kind of a big deal,” Kean said. He advised against going for the cheapest brand in Walmart when it came to purchasing a new set of winter blades.

BATTERY

For Lee, the only thing more common than white fields and freezing winds during a Rochester winter are dead batteries. If your battery dies, he recommended going to a parts store where free battery tests are common.

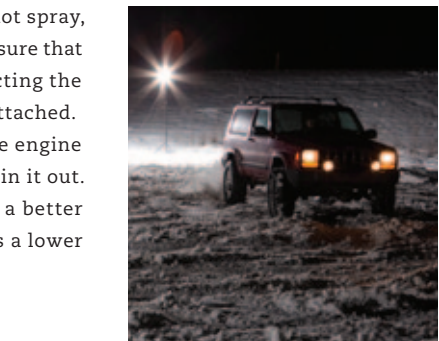
However, it is good to keep in mind the potential sinister nature of “good” advice. Kean warned that some shops have the goal of selling you a battery, so be sure to have them prove that yours is worth changing. A car battery should last five years, and if it dies earlier, you may be eligible reimbursement from the manufacturer.

Changing wiper blades yourself is easy and free. “If you pay someone else to do that, I’d be embarrassed,” Kean said. To care for wipers, be sure to clean them *before* turning them on if there is any chance they could be iced down. Failing to do so can damage the rubber on the blades, their motor and/or transmission, added Epner. Lastly, if it is going to snow overnight or during

class and your car is outside, bend the wiper arms up so they are not touching the windshield. This will prevent ice buildup.

Wiper Fluid: This is another liquid that often freezes in the cold weather. If your fluid dispenser is not functioning properly, first check to see if there is buildup on the sprayer nozzles. If there is, try to melt it.

If the nozzles still do not spray, open the hood and make sure that the rubber hoses connecting the fluid to the nozzles are attached. As a last resort, run the engine to melt the fluid and drain it out. Frozen fluid means that a better brand is needed that has a lower freezing point. **B**



WORDS FOR THE ROAD

Selecting a Mechanic

Kean stressed the importance of forming a relationship with the person who is working on your car. Do not just communicate through the receptionist at the front desk. Ask if the employees are paid hourly or on a flat rate. Flat rate means mechanics get paid per job. A standard flat rate book lists how many

hours it should take to complete a repair. The mechanic will get paid for that number of hours regardless of actual hours worked. This does not mean that you need to avoid one type of place. “It will give you a better idea and a better understanding of how things are working,” said Lee.

Wash It Up

Kean recommends washing your vehicle regularly in the winter time. Having salt in the crevices of your car can significantly degrade its performance and value. Spare change in the cup every couple weeks can help avoid this.

Warm It Up

Your vehicle is designed to run optimally at a specific temperature. Therefore, your car needs a chance to warm up (30 seconds on modern engines) before starting to drive. “It’s just like waking yourself up in the morning. You don’t want to go that fast, and if you do, you’re going to hurt something,” Kean said.

Know Your Car

This is especially important during the snowy season. For instance, does your car have ABS brakes? If so, the myth your grandmother told you about pumping your breaks is ineffective. The ABS braking system pumps the brakes for you. Do yourself a favor and put your owner’s manual in your apartment bathroom so that you can read up every now and then. It may save your life one day. Most importantly, drive smart and drive safe, RIT. Life’s a journey, not a destination.



COOKING UP SOME TEAM SPIRIT: **TAIL GATING**

photographs by Chris Langer and Mohamed Sadek



Hosted by WITR, a winter tailgate party was held outside of the Ritter Ice Arena. An event that brought people together under the auspices of free food, it fired up the spirits of those fans who stuck around to see the Tigers beat the Crusaders 2-0. See the full article on page 25.



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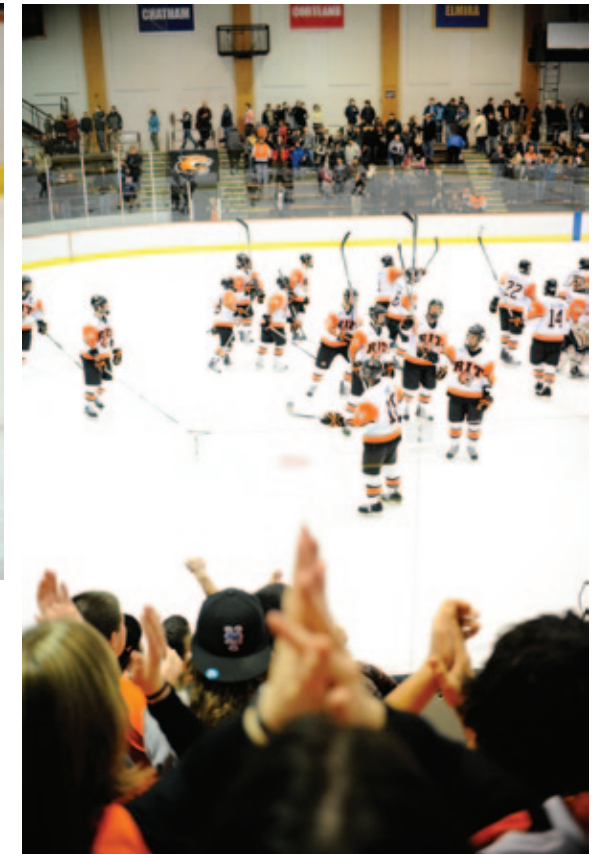
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TIGERS SHUT DOWN CRUSADERS

by Leanne Cushing | photographs by Chris Langer



The RIT Men's Hockey team (11-8-1) faced off for the second day in a row against the Holy Cross Crusaders at the Ritter Arena. With an as-to-be-expected full crowd of supporters decked out in orange and brown armor, the 2-0 home game win for RIT is no surprise. The night before, the Tigers not-so-narrowly stole the win against the Crusaders with a final score of 5-2. Friday and Saturday's victories brought RIT to 12-8-1 this season.

In the first period, the teams took to the ice with a great strength and visible determination. Just over 16 minutes in, the Tigers slapped in their first goal. Second year Business major Cameron Burt forced the goal with an agile assist from fellow second year Business major Tyler Brenner. This play upped Burt's goals this season to seven, making him the highest scoring Tiger on the team; no easy feat.

Less than a minute later, following the first goal, the Tigers pushed the puck in again to a massive orange and brown fanatic response; this time led by second year Biomedical Sciences major Taylor McReynolds. The assist wizard behind the bedlam was fourth year Packaging Science major Brent Alexin. This was a good few minutes for RIT as goaltender Jared DeMichiel, a fourth year Business major, denied what was almost surely a goal.

Frustrated by poor luck and a tougher resistance, one of the Crusaders tried taking it out on the team; but before he could get his jersey off, he found himself thrown in the box with a 10 minute penalty for misconduct, much to his indignation. The first period wrapped up with the score of 2-0 in favor of RIT. The Crusaders were getting anxious, and the roar and raucous of the Corner Crew aimed at their back wasn't helping.


In the second period, the Holy Cross men came back with gusto and renewed vitality, determined to put a hurt on the unbreakable RIT defense, but it wasn't quite enough as both teams went scoreless for the half. With quick reflexes and a keen eye, DeMichiel continued to skillfully keep the goal clear of any shots the Crusaders attempted to take. Try as they might, the Holy Cross offense just couldn't pull it together in time, and they were continuously neutralized by RIT's solid all-around performance.

The tension rose as the third period rolled around. RIT started to slow down, giving Holy Cross a window of opportunity and a slight momentum gain over the Tigers. The clock was winding down, penalties were at

an unusual minimum, and the count was still 2-0 Tigers.

Holy Cross, as one might expect, started feel the first tinges of desperation. A time out from Holy Cross was called with a few minutes left in the game, and then at just over a minute, the Crusaders pulled their goalie out in a last ditch effort to try and overpower RIT.

The time wound down and for the second night in a row, Holy Cross suffered yet another defeat against the Tigers, bringing their all-time record against the Crusaders to 19-6-1. DeMichiel chalked up his second season shut-out, blocking all 22 shots taken on him, while Coach Wayne Wilson looked forward to earning his 200th career win, Holy Cross being 199.

Wilson earned his 200th win against the University of Connecticut in a 4-0 decision on January 15. The Tigers are now 12-9-1 overall for the season. 

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STUDENT'S STOP IN AWE OF A 10 FOOT HIGH SNOWMAN THAT APPEARED IN THE KODAK QUAD ON FRIDAY, JAN. 15.
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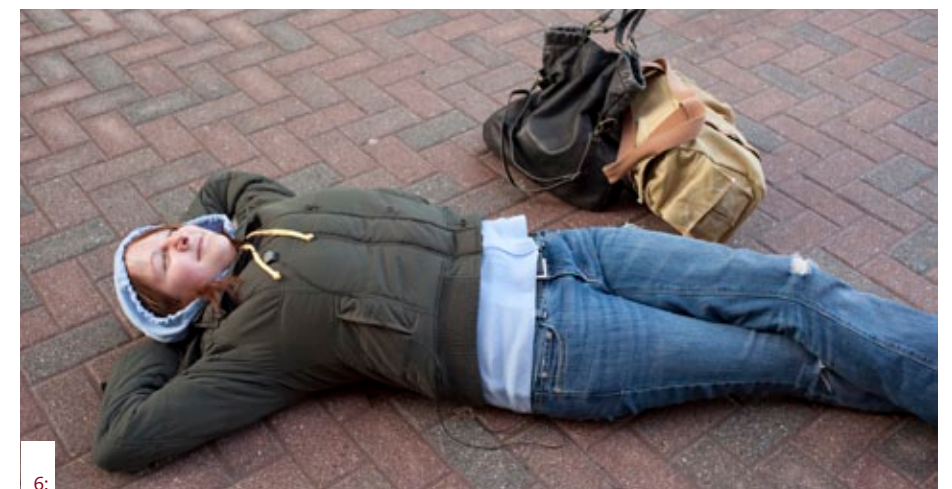
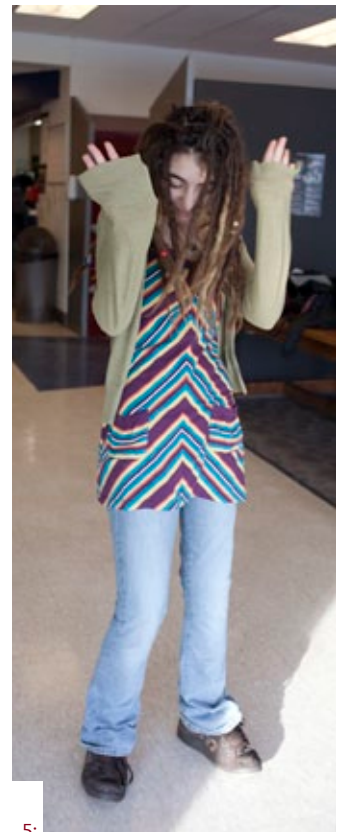
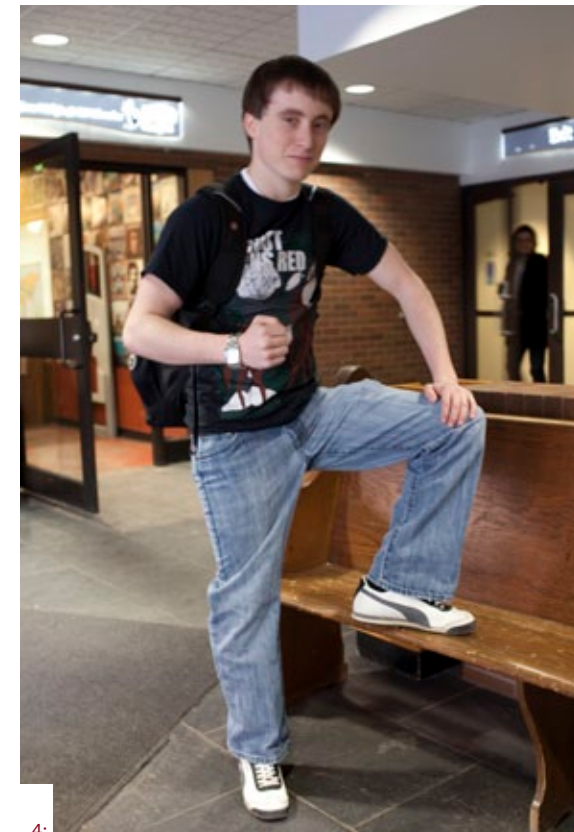
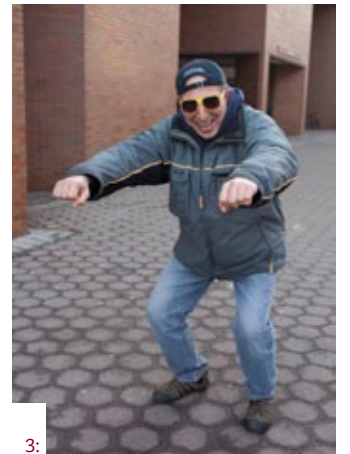


WORD ON THE STREET

How would you like to be
frozen alive?

photographs by Aly Artusio-Glimpse

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Visitor
"HEISMAN"
ROB FEDERICI (L)
Digital Cinema
Third Year
- 2: "WAVING"
DAN PONTILLO
Imaging Science
Graduate Student
- 3: "RIDING A MOTORCYCLE"
JOHN ABSI
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- 4: "THE CAPTAIN MORGAN POSE"
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Applied Networking & Systems
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- 5: "A DANCE MOVE"
SARA ROGER
Fine Art Photo
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- 6: "LAYING DOWN"
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Mechanical Engineering
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SATURDAY, 3:44 P.M.

JUST SAW THE RIT AMBULANCE GOING THROUGH THE TACO BELL DRIVE THRU.

from text

MONDAY, 4:30 P.M.

SO I HEARD THAT DESTLER IS DYING HIS HAIR BASKETBALL ORANGE AGAIN. IT'S KINDA SAD THAT IT TAKES THE PRESIDENT DYING HIS HAIR TO GET NERDS AT THIS SCHOOL OUT OF THEIR ROOM AND TO A [FREAKIN'] SPORTING EVENT.

from voicemail

SATURDAY, 1:31 P.M.

HEY I AM DRUNK AND AT JAY'S DINER. HONESTLY, WHO HERE ISN'T INTOXICATED? NOBODY, EXCEPT THE COPS!

from text

TUESDAY, 7:15 P.M.

HEY **RINGS**, I JUST GOT MY [LOLLIPOP] SUCKED IN THE STACKS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY. TAKE THAT TO-DO LIST!

from text

WEDNESDAY, 12:41 P.M.

TODAY, I LEARNED THAT DESTLER PUT OUT A FOLK ALBUM IN 1973. APPARENTLY, HE WAS BIG IN KOREA.

from text

SUNDAY, 11:47 P.M.

HEY **RINGS**, IN SOL CIRCLE I JUST SAW SOME NOOB TRY TO TOKYO DRIFT AROUND K LOT, HIT A PARKED CAR, AND THEN SLOWLY DRIVE AWAY AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED. WAY TO GO [PAUL WALKER WANNABE].

from text

MONDAY, 6:35 P.M.

I GAVE A GUY MY NUMBER. I FOUND HIM ON FACEBOOK. HE HAD ANNOUNCED TO THE WHOLE WORLD VIA HIS FACEBOOK STATUS THAT HE GOT A "BIDDY'S DIGITS." SERIOUSLY?!

from text

WEDNESDAY, 12:07 P.M.

I FOUND A NEW WAY TO SAVE MONEY IN THIS ECONOMY: BY GOING #2 AT WORK AND SCHOOL, YOU SAVE ON TOILET TISSUE, WATER EXPENSES, ELECTRICITY AND AIR FRESHENERS. FTW!

from text

TUESDAY, 8:54 P.M.

I WENT AROUND OUTSIDE TO ALL THE GARBAGES AND RECYCLING BINS TO COLLECT RETURNABLES SO I CAN PAY FOR GAS FOR THE WEEK, AND I JUST WANNA SAY, "[BY THE BEARD OF ZEUS] RIT! YOU CAN DRINK!" QUITE SURPRISED, QUITE IMPRESSED.

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