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TRADITIONS

While many of you were enjoying a nice turkey dinner with your friends and relatives, my family was relaxing on the beach in 80-degree weather. We never really got into the habit of celebrating turkey day; and quite honestly, it’s more likely that my family will gather around a roasted pig than a turkey fresh out of the oven during the holidays. But that’s just how we roll. Everyone has their own unique way of celebrating significant events. These practices have endured the test of time and are repeated because they evoke an emotion. It could be general feeling of happiness or a sense of pride. Whatever it is, each tradition comes with a sentiment, a personal connection.

Traditions are important because they promote a sense of identity and spirit. This is something that RIT lacks and has become a major concern for Student Government. The RIT community is so diverse that it has become difficult to pinpoint what exactly it is to be a Tiger. The engineers build pumpkin catapults. The Greeks paint their rock and hold their annual mud tug. *Reporter* releases the Distorter. However, RIT lacks something that represents the Institute as a whole. Imagine RIT might be a step in the right direction because it captures and showcases its community’s innovation and creativity — heck, it’s in the tag line. Unfortunately, RIT needs something more.

Many universities identify with their sports teams and show their school spirit during athletic events; therefore, it’s only natural to consider hockey a starting point. An existing but poorly-adopted “tradition” is wearing orange and brown on Fridays. If spotted by Ritchie, participants receive tickets to that night’s hockey game. However, there are a few problems with this scenario. First, many have Fridays off and are less likely to head towards the center of campus. Second, students genuinely interested in watching the game and most likely to dress up purchase their tickets early to ensure a spot in the crowd. Third, college students are lazy by nature and the most you’re going to get is an orange RIT hoodie or one of the free Tiger Den shirts. I hate to break it to you, but you’re going to have to find *some* way inspire the student body to plan their wardrobe every Friday.

To kick off SpiRIT Fridays this winter, SG will dye the fountain in the Campus Center orange just as they did when RIT made the Frozen Four last season. It was amusing the first time around but trying to manufacture a tradition out of it is a tad bit ridiculous. It takes less effort to turn water orange than it does to stir up a perfect glass of Kool-Aid. Where’s the sense of pride in a job well done? Where’s the effort and creativity? More importantly, it took weeks of cleaning and more than a pleasant amount of cleaning chemicals to get the orange stain of the pipes and stones — and you can still see the effects. As someone who had to walk by that fountain everyday to get to the *Reporter* office, I’ve seen the result; it’s disgusting.

The truth is, you can’t force a tradition. It just sort of happens. Just ask Steve Schultz, the RIT alum who donated the first \$1 million for the new ice rink (see “Campaign to Fund New Ice Arena Begins” on page 5). Too lazy to change out of his Halloween costume, Schultz showed up to a hockey game as the Grim Reaper, and after being credited for the Tiger’s victory, he wasn’t allowed to ditch the costume for nearly a decade. That’s something that can’t be scripted. Holding an event and hoping it sticks is about as effective as using the lottery as an investment strategy. The key is finding something that people are actually passionate about and supporting them. Helping an existing effort be the best that it can be only encourages others to get involved and keep it alive. A gimmick will only take you so far. That’s why Banjo Bill only dyed his hair once.

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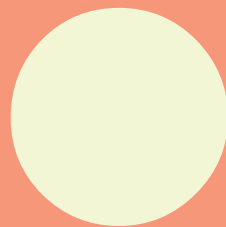
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cover photograph by Chris Langer

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CAMPAIGN TO FUND NEW ICE ARENA BEGINS

story and photograph by Robert Shook

Standing in the 42-year-old Frank Ritter Memorial Ice Arena, President William Destler introduced the drive to supersede it. The campaign, dubbed Power Play, intends to raise \$15 million over two to three years for a new on-campus arena. Destler also introduced Steve and Vicki Schultz, RIT alumni who donated the first \$1 million.

The new arena will be larger — seating 4,000 to 6,000 fans. It will cost between \$25 and \$30 million, half of which will come from RIT. The arena will be designed to accommodate tournament-scale demands.

While Ritter has served the team well, it is unable to keep up with the expanding needs and popularity of the Tigers.

“Unfortunately, we are turning away hundreds and hundreds of students and members of our community who want to attend RIT hockey games,” said Destler. “This problem has gotten worse over the last couple of years and was a growing problem even before that.”

Plans announced in September for a \$3.5 million expansion of Ritter Arena will go ahead. One goal of the new campaign is to leave Ritter intact. The new arena will be used by the men’s and women’s official hockey games. Meanwhile, Ritter will be used by the Tigers, club sports teams and the community for practice.

As co-founder of the Corner Crew, the prominent orange and brown section of Tiger fans, Steve Schultz has long been a fan of RIT hockey. He arrived at a season opener wearing the Grim Reaper costume he hadn’t bothered to take off after leaving a Halloween party. The outfit was credited for the Tigers’ come-from-behind victory that night, as well as a similar victory the next night. “I was not allowed to ditch that costume for the next eight or nine years,” he said.

Steve described the campus in the 1980s as even more austere. “It was cold. It was desolate. Every building was brick,” he said. “There was really an attitude problem on campus. A lot of people left here saying, ‘RIT: Great education. Hated it.’ Some of the exceptions were the people who got involved.”

“I learned that early on and got involved all over the place,” he said.

Steve also helped found Computer Science House and was an editor for *Reporter*. After graduating in 1989 with a Computer Science degree, he co-founded Pictometry, a local company that sells geographic information software. The company has since grown to 250 employees.



President William Destler thanks Steve Schultz for his \$1 million donation toward a new ice arena.

Vicky Schultz received her bachelor’s and master’s in Business Administration from RIT. She worked in RIT’s development office and, at one time, handled the University’s “United Way” campaign. “I guess she’s fairly familiar with this whole process,” Destler said.

Destler pledged that the money to finance the arena will not be taken from tuition; but instead, it will be taken from ticket sales, concessions and advertising at the arena. “It’s a wonderful thing for our students to enjoy such a successful program, but we’re absolutely committed to doing this from private funding and from a business model associated with the new arena.”

Steve said he has been asked why he is contributing so much money to hockey rather than to academic programs. “The more connected that your students are, the more connected your alumni will be,” he replied.

To learn more about the new arena plans or the Power Play campaign go to <http://rit.edu/powerplay>. 

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GERARD BUCKLEY: NTID STUDENT ASCENDS TO PRESIDENT

by Alex Rogala | photograph by Joi Ong

Gerard Buckley’s office is filled with reminders of his past. On his desk lie countless photographs, and among the various decorations that adorn the walls is an aging photo of a long-haired RIT student: himself.

Buckley will replace James DeCaro, interim NTID president who took over when Alan Hurwitz left the position last January to become the president of Gallaudet University, which is a federally sponsored deaf and hard-of-hearing college in Washington, D.C.

While sporting a more conservative haircut, Buckley maintains the energy of a student. With a twinkle in his eye, he speaks enthusiastically and occasionally pauses for a friendly joke.

“I’ve been very blessed throughout my life and career,” said Buckley. “I come from a very middle class, Irish Catholic family, very close to one another, very supportive.”

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., Buckley grew up as the only deaf person in an all-hearing family. “We found out there was a history of deafness that we didn’t know about,” said Buckley, “and that’s often the case.”

In 1974, Buckley entered RIT’s College of General Studies — now the College of Liberal Arts — to study social work. “I had never really gone to school with other deaf people,” said Buckley. “For a deaf person, RIT is almost an island of opportunity; you come here, and this is a place where your identity is respected and where communication goes on 24/7.”

During his time at RIT, Buckley was an active member of the Deaf community, serving as both the vice president and president of the NTID Student Council. He remembers how he became NSC president very well. “I was [NSC] vice president for about two weeks and then the president said to me, ‘I’m going on co-op,’” said Buckley.

After graduating from RIT in 1978 with a bachelor’s degree in social work, Buckley returned home to begin teaching in Kansas City, Mo. “I wanted to go back to home,” said Buckley. “I wanted to go back to what I called the real world.” There he began graduate work, eventually earning a master’s degree in social work from the University of Missouri and a doctorate in special education at the University of Kansas.

In 1990, Buckley was recruited as chairman and assistant professor for NTID’s Department of Educational Outreach. For Buckley, involvement in NTID is a way of giving back to the community that helped him grow.

This legacy continues on with Buckley’s family; his daughter Jennifer graduated from the College of Science in 2006, and his son Ryan, currently a fourth year Biomedical Sciences major, is Chief of Operations for RIT Ambulance. Buckley attended Midnight Breakfast at the end of last quarter and recently had the RIT Ambulance crew over his house for chili. “Of course it was 19 guys and one girl — typical RIT crowd,” Buckley joked.

On Jan. 1, Buckley will become the next president of RIT’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and the first NTID alumnus to head the school.

Therefore, when he was approached by the search committee, it was not only a professional goal for Buckley, but it was also another way of supporting the RIT community. “I wouldn’t be where I am in my life professionally or personally if it hadn’t been for those friendships and mentorships [I gained at RIT],” said Buckley. “Part of the reason I applied for this job was to give back.”

As both a student and administrator, Buckley has had the opportunity to watch NTID grow, and in the 30 years since he was a student, the Institute has grown tremendously. “We only had 15 interpreters, so every day there were about 20 or 30 of us that had lunch with the interpreters,” he said. “Today, we have 1,300+ students and over 120 of the best interpreters in the country.”

Buckley hopes that RIT and NTID students hold the key to further bridge the communication gap, not only for themselves but for the world at large. “One of the hearing students was showing me a [Droid phone] ... and he was saying, ‘I’m trying to create a speech recognition program so if you don’t understand me it will recognize it and print it out,’” said Buckley. It’s exactly this atmosphere of innovation he hopes to foster. “It’s not that far-fetched,” he continued with a hopeful grin.

And interest in deaf culture is booming. “We have 16 sections [of American Sign Language]; we’re beefing it up to 20 next year; and we’re having conversations about adding [more advanced courses],” Buckley said.

Buckley is particularly excited about the planned RIT center for Deaf culture, a project aiming to court this growing interest. The center, which is currently being constructed on the second floor of the Student Alumni Union, will feature a video library and conversation practice area among other resources. According to Buckley, it will bring the Deaf community, which resides largely in NTID’s Lyndon Baines Johnson Hall (LBJ, 60), closer to the heart of campus. “LBJ is seen as over there,” said Buckley. “What we’re trying to do is expand into the center of RIT.”

Despite these changes, however, Buckley feels that there is always room for improvement. “We’ve made a ton of progress; are we there yet? No.”

“I go into the cafeteria or bookstore or wherever, and someone fails to communicate with me: I need to put myself in the mindset of the deaf student that I was 30 years ago and say, ‘What can we do to improve this?’” **R**

BEYOND THE BRICKS

by Christina Belisle | illustrations by Joanna Eberts

GM TAKES STOCK PUBLIC

In one of the largest initial public offerings in history, American car manufacturer General Motors offered over 450 million shares to the public on Nov. 18. The stocks were initially offered at \$33 a piece, but rose to a peak of \$35.99, and ended the day at \$34.19. The offering captured \$23.1 billion for the company.

The sale helped recoup the government’s \$50 billion bailout of GM. Government ownership of the company went from 61 percent to 26 percent after the public offering. To break even, the remaining 500 million shares held by the government would need to be sold at \$53 each.

The Obama administration defends the bailout; and a recent study estimates that it saved not just the company but over 1.1 million jobs in businesses connected to the automotive industry.

IRELAND GETS IMF/EU BAILOUT, GOVERNMENT TO BE DISSOLVED

Due to the country’s worsening finances, Ireland requested and received a \$100 billion bailout package from the International Monetary Fund and European Union. Current Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen announced on Nov. 22 that he would step down once the financial packages and new budgets are in place in December. The move follows calls for him to step down from his party’s coalition partner and the opposition.

Fellow European Union member Greece once faced a similar financial situation. After it received a bailout from the IMF and EU, their Prime Minister lost much of his popularity; but his party managed to remain in power. Ireland has been in a recession for the past three years.



POPE SAYS CONDOMS MIGHT BE STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

In a recently-published book, Pope Benedict XVI suggested condom use was a step toward moral responsibility, particularly for male prostitutes. The comments were published in the “Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times,” released on Nov. 24.

“There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility,” Benedict said in an English translation of the book. The church “of course does not regard it as a real or moral solution.”

In a prior interview, the Pope suggested that using condoms in Africa doesn’t help control HIV. “On the contrary, it increases the problem,” he said. And he didn’t address condom use in a monogamous married relationship if one partner has HIV and the other doesn’t, a suggested scenario for which the Catholic Church’s policy should change. Benedict reiterated the Church’s position that the only sure way to stop HIV is abstinence and marital fidelity.

FOUR LOKO SCRUTINIZED BY FDA, BANNED BY STATES

Spurred by several high-profile incidents, the Food and Drug Administration moved to end the sale of caffeinated alcoholic beverages. Several states including New York and Massachusetts banned the most popular, Four Loko, outright, and so did a number of college campuses.

The FDA calls caffeine a dangerous food additive for alcoholic drinks, causing the consumer to be at risk for alcohol poisoning and to participate in risky behavior. The bans have caused some college students to stock up on the drinks. Four Loko contains up to 12 percent alcohol in a 23.5 ounce can, often priced at just \$2.50 a piece.

Despite arguments that its products are safe, Four Loko manufacturer Phusion Projects is taking steps to remove the caffeine, taurine and guarana from the drink’s formula in response to FDA pressure.

ACADEMIC SENATE

by Chris Zubak-Skees

SOFTWARE TO TACKLE PRIVATE INFORMATION

A software application will soon hunt for social security numbers on RIT-owned computers. The Information Security Office tested an antivirus-like program and will soon coordinate its release to Institute computers in an attempt to reduce the risk of identity theft.

John Zink, assistant vice president for Global Risk Management Services, briefed Academic Senate about the preventative measure at their Nov. 4 meeting.

The push to add this software began after a laptop was stolen in late 2008. The laptop disappeared from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and shortly after, three others were discovered missing from an equipment cage. The discovery forced RIT to mail thousands of notification letters explaining that identities might have been compromised.

“It’s a very embarrassing thing,” Zink said. “You get your name splashed all over. We are a technical institute, and we do not want to be seen in that light.”

The program, Identity Finder, is trained to look through documents for number sequences that resemble SSNs, credit card numbers and bank accounts. It sends a report back to the Information Security Office containing a count of private information found, and then it gives the user the option to securely delete or redact documents containing the information.

SSNs are particularly widespread because the institute kept track of students with them

before switching to separate, generated University ID numbers.

“If you’ve been here since before we switched [to] the University ID, you probably have social security numbers on your computers,” Zink told the faculty members who comprise the Senate. “It could be your old grade books or class lists, whatever.”

A similar program tried briefly after the discovery of the laptop theft was rejected because it lacked capabilities deemed important. It found 1.6 million instances of SSNs, an amount that included multiple instances of the same unique number on computers in a single college.

Some computers were encrypted in response to the thefts, but the encryption has problems too. It can slow computer startup times and isn’t universally compatible.

Elizabeth Lawley, senator from the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, voiced concerns about potential software conflicts, performance issues and the necessity of the program.

“I have a real problem with the intrusiveness of software that is going to be running full time in the

background on my computer,” Lawley said. “The potential for conflicts is enormous, and the overhead is precious.”

Zink believes the software will operate on a schedule and not run in the background.

The program will be rolled out to Institute computers shortly.

PROMOTION POLICY STALLS OVER COLLEGE OR DEPARTMENT CONTROL

Academic Senate members debated an almost completely rewritten policy for promotion from associate to full professor. Several senators praised the revision in general terms, but there were a number of minor suggestions and one major sticking point: should professors be promoted by their department or college?

The policy supposedly allowed a choice of college or department level promotion, but problems with this ideal surfaced upon closer examination. For example, the policy charged colleges with drawing up the criteria for promotion.

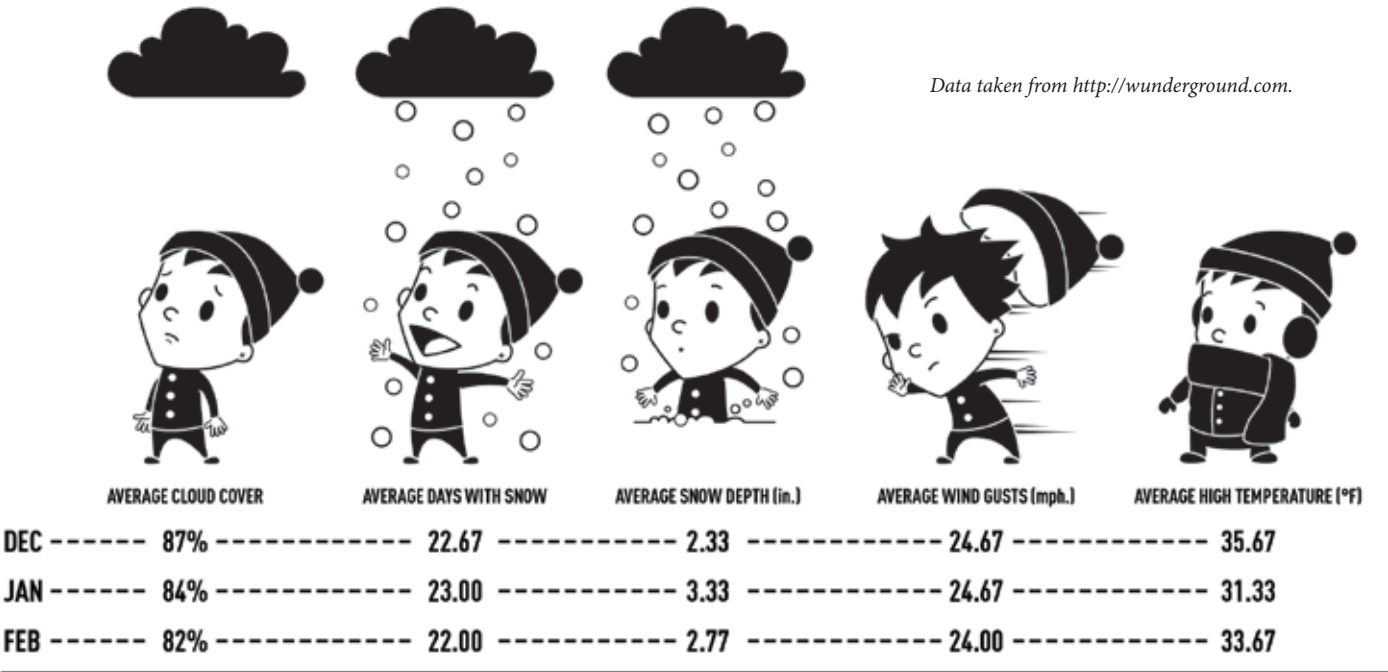
Further complicating the discussion, not everyone agreed about where the power should lie. Jeremy Haefner, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said he thinks promotion should be decided by the college or maybe even the Institute. Lawley said that in GCCIS there is such a diversity of programs that a one-size-fits-all policy wouldn’t be acceptable.

Tom Policano, a member of the committee revising the policy and the president of the RIT chapter of the American Association of University Professors, asked for a vote on whether the Senate felt there should be college or department level promotions. Other senators, however, wanted more time before making that choice.

The Senate tabled the new policy for further revision.

Winter Quarter Weather compiled by Chris Zubak-Skees | infographic by Ko Kawazoe

Ever wonder which winter month’s weather will be the worst? Judging by REPORTER’s round up of the last three years the answer is all of them.



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COLA DEAN STEPS DOWN

by Christina Belisle | illustration by Joanna Eberts

On Nov. 1, Jeremy Haefner, the provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs, announced that Robert Ulin was leaving his position as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, according to a post on the Academic Affairs website. History professor Glenn Kist will take the leadership position in what the announcement described as a “temporary role” for four to six weeks until an interim dean can be found. Kist previously served as interim dean of COLA before Ulin was selected.

Thomas Cornell, a history and public policy professor who represents COLA in Academic Senate, responded to the change with some consternation. According to Cornell, it was one more thing on the college’s plate on top of finishing fall quarter, converting to semester and changing general education. “This came as a complete surprise,” he said.

E-mail messages seeking comment from Haefner and Ulin were not returned.

“The reasons for Ulin’s departure have not been made public,” said Patrick Scanlon, coordinator of undergraduate degree programs at the Department of Communication, in an email.

Ulin took the position of Dean of COLA on Aug. 1, 2008. He had been the chair of the Department of Anthropology at Western Michigan University before coming to RIT.

“I welcome this exciting opportunity at RIT because it coincides with my long standing interests in global education and interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship,” Ulin said before taking the position.

Recently, Ulin worked with departments in the COLA to rework programs for the semester conversion scheduled for fall of 2013. He also worked with the University of Malmö in Sweden to bring international education to the planned urban studies track of the sociology program.

Ulin will remain a professor in the Sociology and Anthropology department.



FORECAST

by Michelle Spoto

3 FRIDAY

“A Christmas Carol”

Geva Theater, 75 Woodbury Blvd. 7:30 pm. Now that Thanksgiving is over, it’s time to get into the holiday spirit. Start early with this wonderful rendition of the classic Christmas story. Cost: \$26-65.

4 SATURDAY

The Winter Gala

Fireside Lounge, SAU. 8 - 11:45 p.m. Enjoy an evening filled with music, food and dance, sponsored by the College of Science Student Advisory Board. Remember to dress to impress! Cost: \$8.

5 SUNDAY

Evening with the Captains from “The Deadliest Catch”

Auditorium Theater, 875 E Main St. 7 - 10 p.m. Listen to the thrilling tales of Captains Jonathan and Andy Hillstrand of the Time Bandit and Captain Sig Hansen of the Northwestern. Cost: \$37.70 – 84.50.

6 MONDAY

Ballroom Dancing: Tango

DancEncounters Dance Co-op, 1115 E Main St. 7 - 8 p.m. Drop in for an hour to brush up on your tango skills or learn a few new moves. Cost: \$8.

7 TUESDAY

Men’s Basketball vs. SUNY Oswego

Clark Gymnasium. 7 - 9 p.m. Prove that RIT spirit extends beyond hockey by cheering on your men’s basketball team as they face off against SUNY Oswego. Cost: Free.


8 WEDNESDAY

“One Peace at the Time”

USC-1600. 5:30 - 9 pm. Enjoy a screening of this excellent film, hosted by Global Union and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion. This film addresses issues concerning the lack of clean water, education and healthcare in many countries. Cost: Free.

9 THURSDAY

“The Nightmare Before Christmas”

Ingle Auditorium, SAU. 10 - 11:30 p.m. Enjoy this exciting holiday tale, presented by the College Activities Board. This Tim Burton classic tells the story of how Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas. Cost: Free. 

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so naughty!

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so raven!

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so witty!

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so bold!

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AT YOUR LEISURE 12.3.10

by James Arn

“Censorship is never over for those who have experienced it. It is a brand on the imagination that affects the individual who has suffered it, forever.”

-Noam Chomsky

Logorrhea *n.* - excessive and often incoherent talkativeness or wordiness.

Though he showed great ambition, the new manager was prone to unfortunate bouts of **logorrhea**.

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

There once was a man from Ukraine,
He decided to go home by train,
He was rushed for a date,
But the train was so late,
That his wife left him to go to Spain.

Female student: “I’m so pissed. I’m wearing cloth shoes, so my socks are soaking wet.”
Male student: “That’s funny. I thought you liked having soaking wet socks.”

- In Golisano Hall (GOL, 70)



GCCIS decided to start teaching its own language classes

Reporter Recommends
Tryptophan
It has become common knowledge that the mysterious substance tryptophan is the source of many a Thanksgiving Day food coma. But what is lesser known is the importance of tryptophan in our everyday lives. The truth is tryptophan is one of the 10 essential amino acids that humans need to synthesize essential proteins. Besides providing that pleasant post-turkey drowsiness, tryptophan can help regulate appetite, elevate mood and unsurprisingly improve sleep. The symptoms of tryptophan deficiency include depression, irritability, insomnia and weight gain.

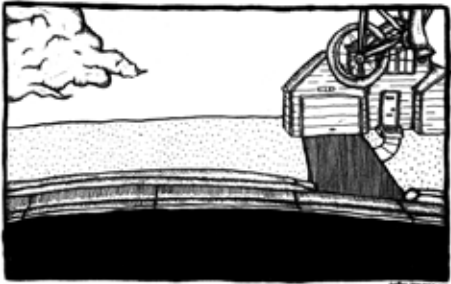
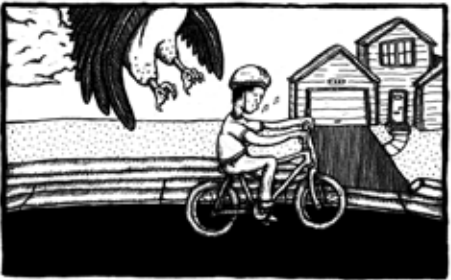
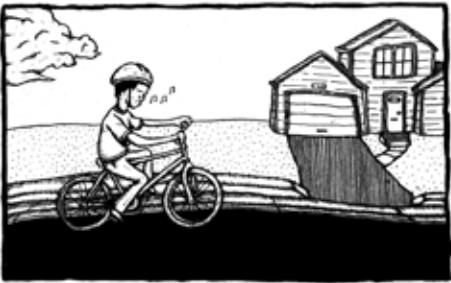
Stream of Facts
In January 2010, thousands of credit cards across Germany stopped working. The problem was caused by a computer glitch involving how different computer systems stored the binary data of a calendar date, which caused any date in 2010 to be interpreted as the same date in 2016. The problem was nicknamed the “**Y2K** +10 glitch.”

Due to a **Y2K** glitch, roughly 2000 cars from model year 2000 were registered as “horseless carriages” by the **Maine** Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

In 2006, the **Maine** Army National Guard purchased over 200 life-size cardboard cutouts of soldiers stationed overseas. These “flat daddies” were given to families with small **children** to help them cope with their parent being away.

A 2008 study performed at Ohio State University shows that **children** between the ages of 6 and 10 believe that kids who wear glasses are more intelligent than those who do not. However, the children did not discriminate against kids with **glasses** when determining who was more athletic or who to play with.

Only two players who wear **glasses** have been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. They are Chick Hafey and Reggie Jackson. **R**



cartoon by Justyn Iannucci

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REVIEWS

CASA MORENO



MEXICAN | \$6 - \$14 ENTREES
200 PARK POINT DRIVE

by Matthew Herrington



Casa Moreno is a fresh face among the restaurants that adorn the first floor of Park Point buildings 100 and 200. Sporting a Mexican theme, the interior is fairly well-decorated, warm and nicely lit. I took advantage of their take-out service.

I ordered Ensalada de Tortilla (taco salad), a side of napalitos (grilled cactus) and a decent \$2 bottle of strawberry soda to wash it all down. Upon opening the take-out container, I was surprised at the sloppiness with which the items had been thrown together. After the first bite, I realized I should have taken the presentation as a warning; the flavor was lacking. The food was in no means bad tasting, but I was expecting a bit more of a kick, considering the enormous banner showcasing Mexican chili peppers.

For \$6.99 plus tax, I received one pork and one

chicken tortilla bowl filled with tomato, spices, lettuce and shredded cheese. Other meals ranged from \$5.99 to \$13.99 with many meat and vegetarian options available. The bowls were each about the size of my palm, leaving me disappointed after anticipating something more like a cereal bowl. The napalitos were interesting as I'd never tried this dish before; it was like a cross between onion rings and fried zucchini.

Although I didn't take the opportunity to try their alcoholic selection, I did notice a full line of Svedka behind the bar, as well as a tempting array of three varieties of Patrón tequila. Though my meal was decent in a quick pinch, I'd like to see more value for my buck, more of a spicy kick (or at least the option of one) and deals for RIT students before I return for more.

NATHAN'S SOUPS & SALADS



With a quick transformation, the once lonely Candy Counter is now a bustling Nathan's Soups & Salads. Nathan's started downtown on Park Ave. in 1980 and has a reputation for good, home cooked food.

The soup options range from traditional choices like chicken noodle to modern twists like potato with bacon, onion and chive. Flavors rotate daily, and there is usually at least one vegetarian option available.

The cheesy pasta with meatball was a different take on Italian wedding soup, where the base was creamier instead of a broth. The pasta was cooked just enough that it stood out from the thick soup. The healthy serving of meatballs added texture and flavor. The potato soup with bacon, onion and chive was thinner than a basic cream of potato, but its flavor was more complex. The pieces of bacon tasted artificial; but the potatoes were cooked perfectly, and the chives offered a balance to the soup.

Sandwiches were served on flakey croissants, and even the half-sized portions were generous. They

were all typical mayonnaise salads like tuna and egg. Even the buffalo chicken sandwich was mayo and hot sauce mixed with chunks of chicken. The chicken salad with grapes and walnuts had about one grape and one walnut, but the flavor pulled through somehow.

Nathan's also serves different types of bread to dip or eat the soup with. These are a better option than the mayo-laden sandwiches.

However, the big question is: Where are the salads?

Currently, Nathan's only offering soups and sandwiches.

For quick service and good soup, Nathan's is a great lunch spot. Nathan's decision to serve sandwiches and salads seems to be a bit overambitious for this soup counter. **R**

SOUPS COUNTER | \$2.50 - \$10 | SAU

by Emily Bogle



A group of Computer Science House students argue about the use of the Apple iPad while taking a break from studying for finals on Nov. 15.



THE HOUSE THAT CS BUILT

We've all seen *him* or someone like him. You're passing by the elevator lobby in Nathaniel Rochester Hall, arms laden with groceries from your emergency Corner Store run. You spy someone waiting there, sporting a fedora atop an unkempt mane of hair with a case of Mountain Dew under each arm. Part of you doesn't want to judge, but it all fits. The look, the location and the product all imply one thing: Computer Science House. But who exactly are these people? What goes on within the confines of their floor? In this special investigation, I go explore CSH and find out what makes CSH members tick.

by Brendan Cahill | photographs by Chris Langer

THE HOUSE WITH A HISTORY

Computer Science House was founded in 1976. That's almost 35 years of staying up way past bedtime, and they show no indication of slowing. CSH's members' late nights have paid off, however. As an example of the influence that the special interest house has on the RIT community, Thomas Schellenberg, a fifth year Computer Science major and chairman of CSH informed me that CSH was likely responsible for the creation of the NRH computer lab. "A couple weeks ago, I was rummaging through some files in our library, and I found a proposal to create a computer lab in the dorms," he said.

This recognition extends far beyond campus. On a national scale, a 1994 issue of "Wired" named CSH the nation's "most connected dorm." That honor was echoed in 1999, when "Yahoo! Internet Life" bestowed upon CSH a similar honor. Over the years, CSH has enjoyed mentions in publications from "PC Magazine" to the "Wall Street Journal." Indeed, walking the CSH halls is like walking through a living museum of computing history. There's a server room full of hardware of varying ages and an arcade cabinet in the conference room. All around, there are projects just beginning to take shape, while past projects stand (sometimes in non-functioning states) as testaments to the ingenuity of students past.

Schellenberg stresses that the connection that modern CSH has with its roots is not to be underestimated. "We have a big impact on your experience here at RIT," he explained, and their alumni play a great role. Once members graduate, they will enter the workforce, either with jobs at Microsoft, Google or companies that they founded themselves. When it comes time to hire, these alumni are sure to support their former home. "They send special recruitment efforts here specifically," said Shellenberg. "In September, I set up four or five different recruitment events." Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Scribd and others sent representatives directly to CSH in an attempt to find the curious and the keen, a reputation that CSH has fostered since its beginning. Then you graduate and become one of those people. Schellenberg describes it as a sort of time line, "stretching out in either direction from you." On CSH, members have access to a growing community of alumni and current members willing to lend a hand.

Alumni are also known to be active in the RIT community. Along with his wife Vicki, founding member Stephen Schultz, donated the recent \$1 million pledge towards a new RIT ice hockey arena.

WHO THEY ARE

With a penchant for acronyms and slogans, CSH is ready-made for the papers. A number of sayings get passed around the floor, sound bites capturing the essence of CSH. "Getting more work done after 2 a.m. than most people do all day" is one notable for being the CSH slogan on their brochures and website. "Don't be dirty motherfuckers," is another, far less official in its capacity, but still of note. CSH has its own culture, and it's one that frequently finds itself the butt of the jokes about nerd hygiene and poor life choices, especially concerning sleep. But what that culture really entails is problem solving and embracing individuality while remaining within a team. Michael Pierattini, a first year Game Design and Development major, sums it up by saying "I like to be an interesting person, and I like a place where I can be interesting ... and this is a very 'go and be free' kind of place."

"We have people from majors all around the college," says Schellenberg. "We have a lot of people from Golisano, but also a lot of engineers; even some math and science majors, art majors, liberal arts majors ... Really, it's just anyone with a passion for technology." Yes, energy drinks are ubiquitous; Schellenberg seems quite proud to say that the people of CSH are night owls. But, that realization hints at CSH's core: a group of individuals fueled by caffeine, adrenaline and the elation of problem solving. Producing something after a long night of work or doing something new simply to prove they can is a good feeling, and the members of CSH understand that and internalize it. Schellenberg acknowledges that they are a rather insular community and that may be seen as odd by outsiders. As a learning community, CSH is more or less self-sufficient, and as a result, their interaction with other groups can be minimal — but it is by no means discouraged. Working with people is, after all, one of the goals of CSH.

WHAT THEY DO

To oversimplify, it would be easy to sum up Computer Science House in one word: projects. Among these projects is their primary claim to fame, a series of much-hyped internet-connected drink machines dubbed Drink. Among the first of its kind — a similar machine was developed at Carnegie Mellon University around the same time — Drink allows users to log in and purchase their drinks online. Additional tinkering has led to increased

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functionality, including a delay so that the drink is dispensed when you get to the machine, not before.

Essentially a whole slew of projects rolled into one, Drink has evolved over the years to incorporate more advanced computers, touch screen interfaces, iButtons for touch-and-go access, and an attached snack machine appropriately referred to as Snack. Obviously, Drink is not the first (or last) project that CSH will ever work on. The streaming music in their bathrooms with the DJ lights that synch to the beat and many of the electronic locks on the floor began as projects. Members are required to be involved with one or two of these projects a year, which can range from solo tinkering to building projects that change the landscape of the floor (with the proper approval from housing and FMS, of course).

As Gabbie Burns, a third year Computer Science major and CSH’s evaluations director, explained, “It’s a lot about the learning activities.” One of her current projects is outside of her expertise, in a field she knows almost nothing about. “Someone that’s already experienced in that area could probably do it in a day,” she admitted. What matters, though, is that she wants to learn it, and she’s surrounded by other people who are also eager to learn. “You’re surrounded by other people in the same space, so we all kind of motivate each other,” Burns said. It would be easy for her to spend the time that she spends on her project doing other things. Fortunately, there are people around her who she can work with and that makes it easy to learn.

As I said, however, this is an oversimplification. Projects are a major part of CSH, but they aren’t the only part. Andrew LeCain, a fourth year Computer Engineering major and CSH’s research and development director would elaborate. The projects exist to “encourage people to build and create,” he said, explaining that your average CSH member enjoys building and making things. Projects are a way for CSH to nurture the desire that its members already have. It all starts at a project level, but the end result is a community of tinkerers and makers. It seemed to me that the number one desire of the CSH members I spoke with was to have something to show for their time there: something new that they hadn’t done before and that allowed them to get the most out of their time at RIT.



Thomas Schellenberg is the chairman of the Computer Science House.

WHY THEY DO IT

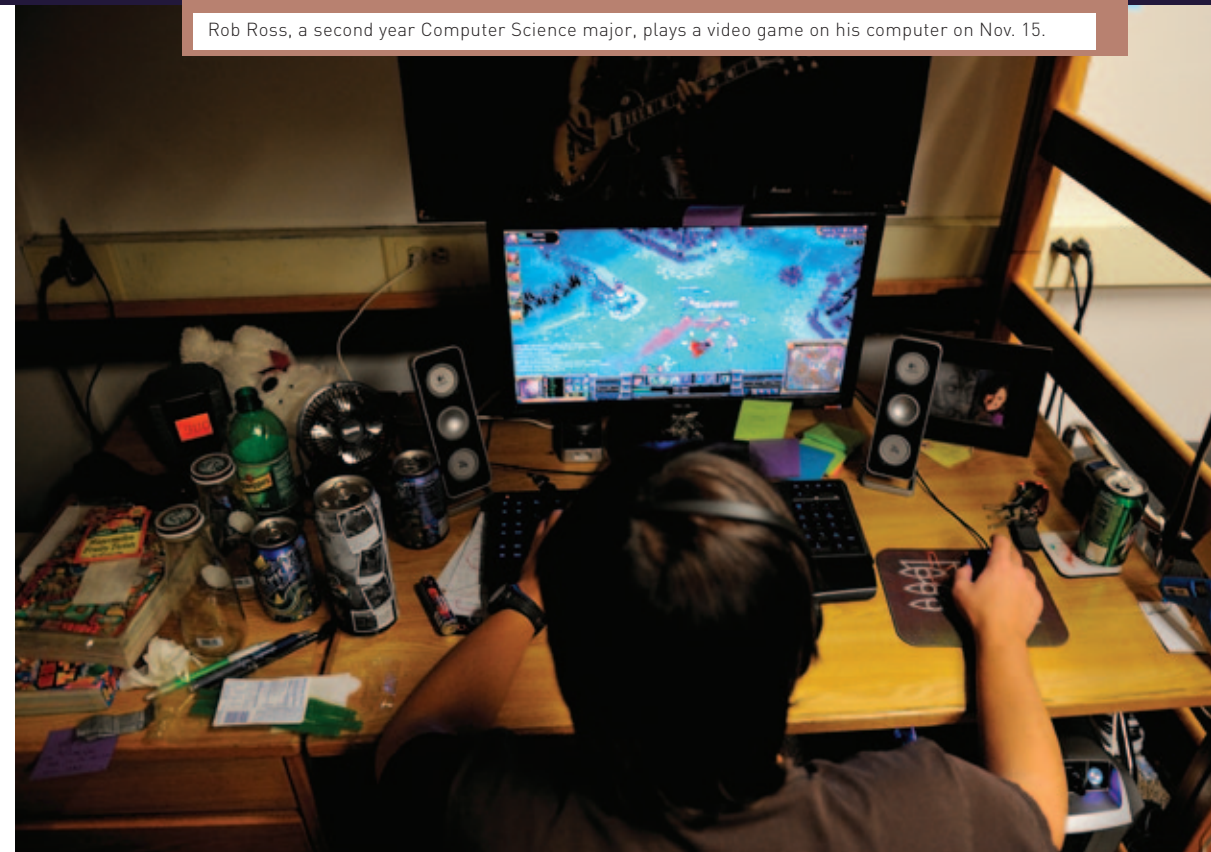
It’s easy to look at CSH and say that it’s a lot of work. In addition to the mandatory projects, incoming members are required to have an introductory packet signed by all on-floor members and 15 off-floor members. I asked around; I spoke to the higher ups; and I spoke to the new first years. As I conversed with these people, I could feel myself caught up in the moment. I saw a trend forming. There was a common reason for all these people joining CSH after all. It’s actually quite simple, and it stems from the community aspect of CSH.

As Burns told me, “[Before I joined CSH,] I lived in a different dorm and everyone’s doors were always closed; and I didn’t really know many people.” What drew her to CSH was the community aspect of it. “It’s a lot more fun to be on than a regular floor,” she said. LeCain went so far as to call CSH one of the main reasons he decided to go to RIT. “I really liked the idea of being with a group of people who were interested in this type of thing and who wanted to work on projects and do cool things,” he said.

The new freshmen shared this sentiment. Chris Stevens, a first year Information Technology major, explained that he thought “it would be cool to be in a group of people who I can get help from if I need to because they have experience and ... [to] get the most out of RIT.”

When you mix this with the project work and add a few study sessions, you see that CSH is exactly what it sets out to be: a learning community. While that might not come as a surprise, it is important because CSH isn’t your average club nor is it your average dorm floor. It is, for lack of better words, a family. CSH members look out for each other and help each other out. There is a selection process in place to ensure that members will be productive and will function well together. In short, the community nature that RIT is known for is distilled and concentrated in CSH, and it makes for a unique place to be.

Rob Ross, a second year Computer Science major, plays a video game on his computer on Nov. 15.



I left CSH somewhat confused. When I arrived, the lights were on, the bathrooms were clean, and there was a distinct lack of mystery (unless you consider a group of friends hanging out and helping each other mysterious). I uncovered something, but it wasn’t what I expected to uncover. What I found was a tight-knit community, learning by doing and helping each other do just that. There’s something to be said for that, and I consider my time on CSH time well spent. As for the skeletons in their closets, well, I’ll try and dig them up next time I stop by. **R**

THE ULTIMATE PUZZLE: ZACK BUTLER AND HIS PECULIAR PASSION

by Kristen Maslanka | photograph by Joi Ong



To solve, answer the following.

1. **ACROSS:** Something that makes Zack Butler excited.

Answer: Robots

5. **DOWN:** Something that makes Zack Butler extremely excited

Answer: Puzzles

Combine puzzles with robots and what you have is an extremely hyperactive adult.

Meet Zack Butler, an RIT professor currently teaching first year computer science courses on artificial intelligence and robotics. If you haven't been his student, you've likely seen him around campus or at the very least, walked past his office door — the one in Golisano Hall (GOL, 70) plastered with puzzles and Meeple People. With his peculiar passion for puzzle solving and robots, one could say that Butler has a very unique identity. He is one of the most dedicated puzzle solvers in the U.S. So much in fact, that what began as an addiction inspired his present success.

Butler seems like your average friendly guy; he's fun to talk to, tells interesting stories and has a stylin' office. But turn the conversation towards puzzles, and the previously "interesting" conversation is blown out of the water by a world of excitement and wonder. Butler can hardly speak fast enough to keep up with what he wants to say. For this CS professor, puzzles are a hobby, an inspiration and an art. Solving them simply isn't enough for his hungry mind. He not only analyzes these puzzles, but he also creates them.

For Butler, the addiction began as a young child, when his mother introduced him to crossword puzzles. At 14, she lured him to a crossword competition, and from then on, he was absolutely hooked. In his office is a shelf brimming with trophies, a testament to his success.

Crosswords weren't enough though, and Butler's logical mind craved more. After discovering a puzzle magazine, Butler's interest expanded to all types of puzzles: Sudoku, Shikaku, Yajilin and beyond. It would only be a few more years before he discovered the U.S. Puzzle Competitions and his interest became a competitive hobby.

For the competition, the puzzles would be faxed to each participant who then had only two and a half hours to solve and fax back all the puzzles. Butler had found his calling and refused to let such an opportunity pass him by. After discussing the matter with one particular college professor, he actually showed up late to a final in order to compete in his first competition. When taking the final afterwards,

Butler was so pumped from solving puzzles, "[I] blew through [it] in the very first hour!"

The U.S. competitions blossomed into the World Championships, and in 1995, he was chosen to be a U.S. team member for the World Puzzle Championships held in Brasov, Romania. Puzzles led him around the world, from Croatia to Japan. "Would I ever go to Bulgaria otherwise?" asked Butler, adding that although traveling around the world may have been difficult to organize, it was well worth it.

Butler bubbles with enthusiasm when he discusses his puzzles, and it's no wonder that he chose the career he did — as this passion for problem solving converted itself into a career and a dream come true. After completing his B.S degree in engineering at Alfred University, Butler read about a Carnegie Mellon University program offering a Ph.D. in robotics, something not prevalent at the time. For an avid science fiction fan like Butler, the program represented a dream come true. "I'd get to play with robots. That seemed so cool!" exclaimed Butler. Much to his surprise, he was accepted into the program.

Years later, he is teaching Robotics and AI technology at RIT, a place where he can concentrate on developing his ideas and continue his favorite hobby: puzzle solving.

But what, exactly, is the connection between puzzles and robotics? Naturally, a math whiz attracted to mathematical puzzles would be attracted to robotics, but the connection runs deeper. To illustrate this, Butler quotes a statement common in the field of robotics, "Artificial intelligence is all the stuff we don't know how to make computers do yet." Thus, all there is left to do is figure out how. There's hard work at hand and many algorithms to figure out. In other words, Butler considers robots to be one big puzzle.

Currently, Butler is working on designing robots that can assist in search and rescue situations by re-configuring themselves to fit into tight spaces. He's planning on programming them with the intelligence to divide into groups according to whatever a situation demands. It's an intense project and one reflective of countless science fiction dreams.

With puzzle competitions, robot designing and teaching cluttering Butler's plate, it would be surprising to think that the man could find the time to busy himself with anything else. Yet, there's another, more integral part of this genius: his family.

Butler is the husband to a fellow puzzle enthusiast and the proud father of two children. It seems Butler's passion will run in the family; one of his children is just as interested in puzzles and is quick to solve them. Just outside the professor's office door proudly hangs a puzzle Butler created for his son, solved and returned with the words, "I love you Dad" scribbled across the bottom.

His children adore his hobbies as well as the profession it lead to, and in fact, Butler admits his room is currently stripped of most of its friendly robot dwellers. "Usually I can point to robots," he said. After his son marched in and asked, "Why are these in the office? They should be at home!" Butler made the only natural decision: bring the robots home.

Butler loves traveling and eagerly looks to his future. He sees the world of robots expanding, and he encourages his students to continue growing with it. Puzzle solving has always been, and will remain to be, an integral part in this proud father's life. **R**

4. **ACROSS:** Who is a really fun guy with a peculiar passion for puzzle solving?

Answer: Zack Butler

“I'd get to play with robots. That seemed so cool!”

For those interested in trying their hand at some of Zack Butler's favorite puzzles, be sure to visit <http://nikoli.com>.

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

MEN'S BASKETBALL

by Jeff Mc Kinzie | photograph by Ashley Conti



RIT's Randy Muldrow goes up for a layup on Dec. 12, 2008 against Houghton College. RIT won the match up 89-73, allowing them to advance to the finals of the 23rd annual Harold J. Brodie Tournament.

Thirteen returning players. Four seniors. Five captains. Throw in a 10-1 tear to close the previous season, and you've got what should equal a pretty good chance at success for the upcoming Men's Basketball season. It doesn't hurt that the team has been picked to finish third in the Empire 8 conference preseason coaches' poll, especially when they are gunning for their 20th consecutive winning

season and an eighth NCAA tournament bid.

Need more numbers? The team's scoring average from last season was 71.9. Although they were not the highest-scoring team, they always managed to play smart defense and keep games close, with an average of 9.8 steals per game.

Among the few notables in the starting lineup are fourth year Management Information Systems major

Anthony Terry and third year Engineering major Brendan Harder. Terry averaged 16.2 points per game on 51 percent shooting last season and Harder, who backed up Terry on the boards, grabbed 6.8 rebounds per game while also averaging a cool 12.6 points per game. Your first chance to watch the team in action and show your spirit is Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. in the George H. Clark Gymnasium (CLK, 03).

INDOOR TRACK

by Jeff Mc Kinzie | photograph by Oscar Durand

Smart and good — those are the operative words for indoor track and field athletes at RIT. Michael Dempsey, a third year Mechanical Engineering Technology major, Fourth year Computer Science major Brecht Moulin, second year Mechanical Engineering major Mike Kurvach and second year Jennifer Adams were all recipients of the 2010 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Track and Field honors in August.

“Clearly, these are student athletes with student first and athlete second. That said, our track teams exemplify the harmony and achievability of excellence in both physical and mental pursuits. You do not have to be good at one and bad at another; they work well together if you are dedicated,” said Head Coach David Warth.

The Tigers consistently placed in the top five in six meets and came in 27th at the 2010 Indoor Track and Field Championships last season. On the men's side, they had nine runners and four field athletes who were Eastern College Athletic Conference qualifiers — a nice addition to the women's three runners and two field athletes who also qualified.

And what goals do the team have this year? According to Warth, there is an overall team goal as well as individual goals for each athlete.



Runners compete in the men's 5000-meter race during the 2009 Empire 8 Track and Field Championships held at the Gordon Field House on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009.

“The team goals are for the men to win the Empire 8 title [hosted by RIT Sunday, January 30] and come in the top three at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) Championship. For women we want to be top two at Empire 8's and top five at the NYSCTC,” said Warth.

“Individually, our goals are to get as many athletes as possible qualified for the NCAA Championships in March. We have several men who are contenders,

including Michael Dempsey who placed second last year in pole vault. Matt Marion has a good shot in the pentathlon and qualified for the outdoor championships last year in the 400-meter hurdles. Brecht Moulin our school record holder in the 400, and the 4-x-400 meter relay team of Moulin, Marion, Ryan Warner and Chris Webb. For our women, Jennifer Adams is a returning NCAA qualifier in the long jump and looks to build on last year's success.”

MEN'S HOCKEY

by Michelle Spoto | photograph by Michael Conti



RIT's Chris Saracino struggles to return to the play after colliding with Cornell forward Nick D'Agostino during their game on Oct. 30 at the Lynah Rink in Ithaca, NY.

At this point in the season, most students are not strangers to RIT Hockey. Last winter, RIT was home to one of the best college men's hockey teams in the nation. After a string of losses early in the season, the Tigers came back with an eight-game winning streak mid-season. The Tigers continued to skate a historic season and landed themselves in the Division I Frozen

Four. This year, the question whether the Tigers have the ability to go just as far, or even further still remains. Certainly, they have the talent with key players returning this season such as forward, Andrew Favot, a fourth year Marketing major, and defenseman, Chris Haltgin, a third year Biomedical Sciences major.

This year's team is a young one, having lost many

important players. RIT hockey lost five seniors to graduation and one freshman to the NHL. Then-first year Finance major and defenseman Chris Tanev signed a three-year contract with the Vancouver Canucks, becoming the second player to sign with the NHL since RIT moved to Division I in 2005. The loss of six talented players is definitely a blow to the confidence held by last year's team. Despite the loss, this season's team must push forward in developing a good group dynamic, something that is important for any young team.

Currently, the Tigers have a record of 4-6-1, but it is still early in the season. They must continue to win games to match last year's impressive record of 28-12-1. There are several important upcoming games for RIT, including matches against Mercyhurst, Canisius and Merrimack. A good outcome at these matches would be a big step to help bring the Tigers

SWIMMING AND DIVING

by Justin Claire | photograph by Robert Brevdad



A member of the Women's Swimming & Diving team competes at a meet in the Judson Pool on Nov. 13.

Swimming and Diving is an RIT sport marked by disparity. On one side, there is the men's team; a record of 8 wins and 3 losses last year, and already off to a roaring 4-0 start in 2010. On the other, there is the women's team. During 2009 – 2010, they fought with intermittent success to end with a 5-7 season. This year, things have not improved thus far with one win and 3 losses. Both teams have rosters laden with hard workers, skilled athletes and students who can and will give RIT a shot at aquatic glory.

The men's team has already found success, and their new recruits are certainly doing their share. First year Biomedical Engineering major, Kevin Hom was named the Empire 8 Swimmer of the Week on Nov. 8, after he swam in three separate events to help the Tigers defeat Alfred University. They stand undefeated after soundly thrashing St. Lawrence, 163-69. If they keep it up, it seems as though men's swimming and diving has nothing to worry about.

The women's team has faced a tough off-season. Graduation in May costed them Stephanie Davis and Caitlyn Burr, the latter being an NCAA competitor and ESPN Magazine Academic All-American.

The lone win (granted, in a so-far very short season) came against Alfred University with RIT being led by Courtney Schwarting, a third year Graphic Design major. Schwarting swam to victory in two individual events and competed as part of a relay team that also won its event of the day.

But the women's team has by no means accepted defeat, as the season is just beginning. A comparatively young team that is bereft of any seniors and dominated by a majority of second and first years can always be expected improve dramatically early in the season after the squad settles down and starts clicking. Look for both women's and men's swimming and diving to return to action on December 3, when RIT hosts the Don Richards Memorial Tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

by Ali Coladonato

While getting off to a less than spectacular start this season, RIT's Women's Basketball team shows a lot of promise this winter. A younger team comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores, these Tigers have started off slow with a pair of hard-fought losses in the Tiger Tip-Off Tournament. In games versus Hamilton and St. Lawrence, the Tigers had trouble holding on to the ball, with the opposing team scoring an average of 25.5 points off of RIT turnovers. The Tigers finished with 11 wins and 14 losses last season; they look to improve on that record with the addition

of a few new players as well as another assistant coach.

Last year's RIT Sportsperson of the Year, Emily Hughes graduated this past year, leaving room for someone new to bring a spark to the team. Stepping up are two first years, Business Management major Courtney Tennant and Biomedical Engineering major Kayla Wheeler. Tennant is playing center for the team and is already having a standout year. Standing 6 feet and 2 inches and averaging 23 points a game, Tennant deservedly made the 2010 all-tournament team for her performance in the Tiger Tip-Off Tournament. Kayla Wheeler, a first year Biomedical Engineering major, has scored 13 points

for the team and is averaging eight rebounds a game. Also a strong presence on the team is returning player Leslie Havens, a second year Biomedical Engineering major. Named the 2010 Empire 8 Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year, Havens is an all-around leader, maintaining the same powerful presence that led the team to many a victory last year.

Despite the tough losses, the women's basketball team looks poised to rise from the ashes in the regular season against other Empire 8 teams, with students having plenty of chances to cheer the women on throughout January and February against such teams as Ithaca, Nazareth and Utica.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

by Michelle Spoto

In recent years, RIT women's hockey has been a significant player in their division, ranking second during the 2008-2009 season and fourth in 2009-2010. Now off to a strong start, this season's team may prove to be no different. Women's hockey is definitely on a roll, with eight consecutive victories over teams such as New England College, SUNY Cortland and Utica. These eight wins have placed women's hockey third in Division III, behind only Amherst College and Plattsburgh.

Although last year saw the graduation of key players Kelly Prom, Shireen Irani and Missy Hall, the team roster is still largely intact from last season. This team consistency is something that certainly shows in the

record books. Having already played together and formed a team dynamic this season's team seems to be heading towards exceeding last year's remarkable record. Talent and confidence has brought the team success so far, but they still have to confront tough opponents ahead. Scheduled for late January, the Lady Tigers will face off against second place SUNY Plattsburgh in what is sure to be an exciting and important game. Last season, RIT saw two tough losses to Plattsburgh, first losing 3-4 and then again, 2-5. Hopefully, a more experienced team and home rink will bring RIT more success versus Plattsburgh and other Division III opponents this season.

WRESTLING

by Ali Coladonato | photograph by Evan Witek



RIT's Nick Ryan goes for a knee grab on Notre Dame's Mark Smilek in a consolation round of the wrestling tournament on Dec. 6 at RIT's Clark Gym. Ryan wins the match 8-3 against Smilek.

After ending last year with only a single win, the Tigers, ranked 13th in New York state, are again off to a rough start again this winter. Already 0-2, the team has been struggling in both their matches and tournaments at the start of the 2010-2011 wrestling season. The Tigers placed fifth out of nine teams at the King's College Tournament and eighth out of 11 at the Oneonta tournament. RIT has also lost both of their away matches this November, getting off to a similar start as last year.

Fortunately, there's hope. In all, the team has 17 new recruits as well as returning standouts, fourth year Industrial Design major Mike McInally and third year Computer Engineering major Ben Johnstone will be able to help bring this team new life and perhaps a winning season. McInally holds a record of 4-0 with one pin to start off his year. Following his example are first years, Dave Sickler, a Civil Engineering Technology major, and Dominic Montesanti, a

Computer Science major each with 4 wins and a pin to their name to start this season off.

Perhaps all our Tigers need is some home-team lovin' to bring them a victory or two, and with matches against SUNY Cortland, Morrisville and Brockport being played at Clark Gym in the coming months, you'll have a chance to take a break from all that hockey and help lead another hard-working team to success. **R**



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WRITING CONTEST 2010 Winner

by Lauren Kelley | illustration by Stu Barnes and Jamie Douglas

Last fall quarter, REPORTER held a writing contest. Participants were asked to write their interpretation of an illustration in 600 words or less. The REPORTER staff selected five finalists out of the 22 submissions, and the winner was chosen based on a public vote on <http://reportermag.com>.

I ran along the power lines, easily jumping over where it connected to the telephone pole. I was above the world, among the birds and the sky.

The people rushed through their lives below, never looking to the majestic blue grey sky or even gazing at the glassy sun. I laughed and squealed as the birds flew from my path. I ran far from the city with its faces and metal machines. I ran toward the woods, toward the greener world until a tiny dwelling caught me eye, my coat was flapping in the gentle wind.

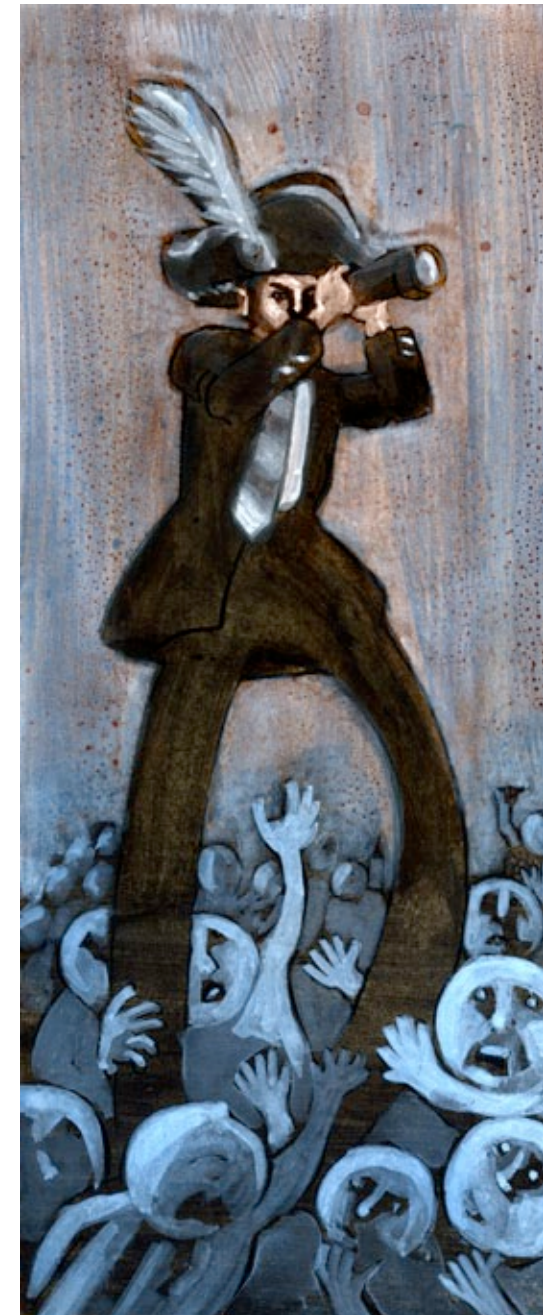
It was a cute little house, with a white fence out front. A quaint street that lead to the rough driveway; I peered in with wonder at the obscure people moving about inside. The woman came out with a tray; she looked first to the left then to the right before intently smiling up at me. I cocked my head at her, why did she stare at me? She spoke some words to me, but I didn't hear her. She lifted her tray to me, and I saw the food she had prepared. I shook my head, so she set it on the front steps and withdrew.

As night fell, I shimmied down the pole and across the street. I tiptoed toward the wooden steps, slipping between the shadows. I shifted the hat on my head and looked down the street before holding the sandwich. I crouched on the last step and concentrated on the darkening sky. I heard a noise inside the house and turned to see a light in the window. I gripped my bag and began to run back across the street. I was halfway up the pole when she made it to the window to peer out at me.

I was up on top when she was at the door, calling back to me. I stood mounted on the pole as she screamed up at me. She seemed to think I would be shocked by the lines. It was simple; after the last bald eagle died, the lines were coated to be safe for birds to land. There was no harm in the natural world. I began to walk along the lines, distancing myself from the cottage. I soon heard the wail of cars and the lights trailing behind me. I looked back at them and ran faster.

I stopped and stood still on one of the poles. I squinted down the line, there was fire truck chilling in the road. I looked behind; the other cars were closing in. I slowed down but kept walking toward the people. They were closing in on me, watching me. I stopped and my eyes widened, this was the end. The cable dipped from the last pole toward the lonely house and the road continued along without its companion. I turned back to retrace but the people had lifted grand beams toward the cables.

I stood atop the pole in the middle; the last pole to my left and the firefighter's pole to my right. The faces called out to me, reaching their hands toward my body. I turned my face from them and adjusted my hat. I looked longingly toward the expanse that stretched beyond my grasp. Their faces with fear and anticipation reached for mine but I was above them, I lifted my eyes to the horizon and didn't let them pull me back toward their screaming metal monsters and their ugly faces. **R**



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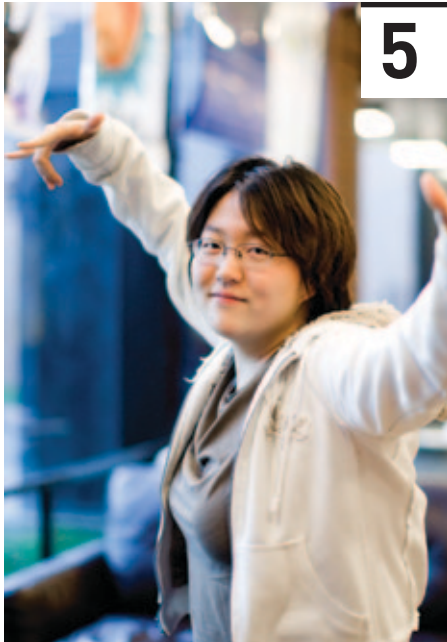
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WEDNESDAY, 9:13 P.M.

Drinking a 40 down to the label and putting in Four Loko. Good idea or great idea?

(from text)

WEDNESDAY, 4:28 P.M.

I thought I saw a homeless guy on Greek row today, turns out it was just a Triangle. My mistake.

(from text)

SATURDAY, 11:50 P.M.

I'm so high right now that I'm past the point of being a towel; I'm a [dangnabbit] Shamwow.

(from text)

WEDNESDAY, 1:08 A.M.

I've had enough. RIT has taken my money, virginity and mental health. Now, the RIT wind tunnel has broken my pink umbrella with penguins. I'm going home.

(from text)

WEDNESDAY, 2:44 A.M.

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?!

(from text)

SUNDAY, 2:20 A.M.

ALWAYS, I WANNA BE WITH YOU! AND MAKE BELIEVE WITH YOU! AND LIVE IN HARMONY, HARMONY OH LOVE!

(from text)

FRIDAY, 12:21 A.M.

Dear Rings: which is a more awkward climax saying, "Yahtzee!" or "Boom goes the dynamite!"? I need an answer ASAP!

(from text)

TUESDAY, 11:17 A.M.

From a distance, deaf people look like they are rapping.

(from text)

THURSDAY, 2:24 P.M.

OMG I just saw a street named B'jaysville.

(from text)

TUESDAY, 12:18 P.M.

Dear RIT: please build us a playground. I want to play on a playground.

(from text)



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