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SG Says Sorry

I would like to take the opportunity to apologize to those of you that were offended by the Student Government advertisement placed in the January 7 issue of Reporter. The ad was a spoof of Victoria's Secret advertisements and was created to promote our new ListServ.

When we designed the advertisement, we did not feel it would offend our constituents on campus. Each week, SG spoofs popular ads such as Snickers, MasterCard, Calvin Klein, and many others. We saw the Victoria's Secret ad as just another spoof that would attract attention, not objection; however, we were wrong in that judgment.

In the past week I have received e-mails from members of our student body who voiced their dislike for the advertisement. Comments I have received as well as a visit from FACES (Feminist Action on Campus for Every Student) has assisted me in viewing the ad from a different perspective. The depiction of the woman in our advertisement did have a sexual connotation to it and I see how that projects an image of sexism.

I would again like to apologize to those that were offended by the advertisement. I would also like to thank those that voiced their concerns and assisted us in understanding why the advertisement can be seen as degrading to women. I hope the advertisement did not permanently blemish anyone's image of SG. Everyone should understand that designing the ad was human error and had no malicious intent.

I encourage you all to contact SG anytime if you have ideas, questions, or concerns with anything going on at RIT. Thank you for your time.

—Patrick Bavaro-Phelan
President, Student Government

Reporter Women Retort

On behalf of the female Reporter staff, I would like to say a few things in response to the letter that ran in the January 21 issue, "Tits Sure Do Sell!" None of us saw any problem with the ad for several reasons. First, it was a paid advertisement placed by Student Government and we do not necessarily condone content in the ads we run. Secondly, there was an assumption that the woman's breasts in the ad belonged to a white woman. Did you notice the ad was in black and white? The model could have been Caucasian, Latino, Asian, green, striped,

lesbian, straight, or whatever. Thirdly, we are aware that the ad contained possibly offensive material and we felt that as mature adults who see this kind of thing everyday, our audience could handle it. As for the pictorial about the racial comments, give me a break; if you have ever read Reporter, you would know that we strive to fairly represent as many groups of individuals as we can in our magazine every week.

—Jennifer Tipton (and all Reporter Females)
Advertising Assistant

Going Digital

I share Nicholas Spittal's hopes that there always exists a printed, or "hard copy" version of Reporter. I wish for that because one cannot read a digital version of the publication while lying on the couch or sitting on the toilet (no reflection on the Reporter's content). Long live publications that I can hold in my hands and wet my fingers to turn their pages!

—anonymous

"Religion—The People's Drug of Choice."

This is the phrase on a series of posters posted in the area beneath the dorms. It is accompanied by the blurry image of a Catholic priest selling drugs. This blatant attack on organized religion, and Catholicism in particular, is appalling. After investigating a poster further, I found no sign of who had distributed it.

If the poster had any constructive purpose, it failed. If it was meant to "free people from the evils of organized religion," it only alienated the people it was aimed at. If it was meant to open an intelligent discussion, it failed because there was no way to contact anyone responsible. I can only conclude that the people who put these posters up meant them as an attack, and that they were too cowardly to leave their names in case someone objected.

I would be glad to hold a discussion with anyone about my beliefs, but unless people take responsibility for what they say, and leave a name, such a discussion cannot take place.

—Dan Clark
1st Year Computer Science

Communication Breakdown

As an outsider to RIT, I came to the campus interested in discovering the culture and diversity it held, yet I was surprised to find that it was unlike anything I had expected. The deaf and hearing community here is so severely self-

segregated that it took me two days to even spot any students signing to each other. What surprised me even more, however, was the recent opinion, "Bringing Down the Wall," in the January 7 Reporter. As someone who has had more than the normal amount of contact with the deaf community, I found Alim Chandani's outlook to be pessimistic and self-victimizing. He generalizes the hearing community as a group of insensitive jerks who make no effort to communicate with the deaf community. On the contrary, I see the deaf community at RIT making a large effort to not communicate with the hearing students. This self-segregation reaches to the dorms, Gracie's, and even the hallways. I have taken four years of ASL, yet I have not signed once while I have been here. I feel that a large reason for this is the indifference on the part of the deaf community at RIT toward learning to communicate or socialize with the hearing students. While this is also a generalization on my part, I have seen little evidence to the contrary in the past week and a half. I have not come into contact with any hearing students during my time here who have not been willing to overcome communication barriers with a deaf person, yet I see very little "cross-cultural" friendships. My hope is that the deaf community of RIT will come to the realization that hearing students are more than willing to communicate and begin friendships with them, provided that temporary barriers can be overcome. While it may be frightening for both sides at first, like everything in life, it will become easier over time. The loss of the idea that deaf students are victims in any sense of the word must begin before any changes can take place.

Unfortunately, Chandani's article only serves to reinforce this idea. College is the place to grow and challenge our ideas, instead of believing what we have grown taking for granted. My hope is that deaf students who feel as Chandani does will come to challenge those old notions. These changes are the only way students will begin to understand and accept each other. So I challenge both communities to stop "judging the book by its cover," and make an effort to "bring down the wall" themselves.

—Padi Hallam
Class of 2004, University of Akron, OH

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A Binding Agreement

Two stories—one old, a second recent—have led me to do a lot of thinking about a single word: *contract*. What exactly is a contract, and what are its implications? Perhaps this seems to be a trivial question, but descriptions of two particular events may better detail the specific problem in my mind.

First, the old story, taken from a case study in my biomedical ethics class.... On February 6, 1985, a woman by the name of Mary Beth Whitehead signed a contract with William Stern to be the surrogate carrier of Stern's baby (Elizabeth Stern, William Stern's husband, did not want to become pregnant for fear that it may cause onset of multiple sclerosis; a disease she was likely to get later in life). To make a long and complicated story short, Whitehead carried the baby to term and upon its birth, decided that she no longer wanted to "give it up." The case went to court and after an initial ruling strongly in favor of the Sterns, the New Jersey Supreme Court, which concluded that surrogacy contracts were illegal, overturned the verdict.

The second story comes from an arena where contract disputes are daily occurrences: the world of sports. Following the recent close of the regular NFL season, New York Jets Head Coach Bill Parcells decided to retire. As per agreements with the team, and included in his contract, Assistant Coach Bill Belichick was to take over once Parcells stepped down. Just one day after Parcells' retirement, however, Belichick quit, saying that he did not want to assume the head coaching position. At the same time, the New England Patriots had shown interest in Belichick to assume the position of head coach for them. Considering this "coincidence," adding that Belichick was meeting with Patriots officials, it became quite obvious that Belichick was just abandoning the Jets to go somewhere else, even though he was under contract.

The dilemma in both of these events is clear in my mind: the breaking of contracts is wrong. A contract, by its definition is a written binding agreement, enforceable by law. It is not just a piece of paper that can be torn up if someone decides he or she doesn't like it. A contract is something that must be abided by.

Perhaps you think I am a cold and heartless male who cannot understand the bonding between a mother and her baby, but Mary Beth Whitehead was absolutely wrong in her dealings with the Sterns. Though surrogacy contracts may have since been ruled illegal (though I cannot see any reason why they would be), at the time the contract between Whitehead and the Sterns was signed, there was no reason for Whitehead to assume she could just change her mind.

Likewise, it seems that athletes and coaches do not have any understanding of what a contract is. In sports, when someone decides they want to leave their team for any reason, they usually find a way to do so. There is little loyalty to the team or responsibility to uphold a contract. At least in the Belichick case, the NFL ruled that Belichick was still under contract with the Jets and that he could not leave until the Jets made some sort of agreement with the Patriots.

I think my point has been made by now. There is too much selfishness in our society when it comes to formal agreements. When I sign a contract of any sort, or even if I give so much as a verbal agreement to do something, I fully intend to fulfill that pledge. A contract is a promise and I fully recommend that before you sign one of any type, you make sure that there aren't any reasons you may change your mind down the road, because that is just plain wrong.



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Response to Dr. Kuk

I have to agree with the editor of the *Reporter* in that the article "Changing the Guard" did not attack RIT athletics or Mr. Spiotti. I personally believe the Athletics Department and Dr. Kuk (not Mr. Spiotti) should be criticized.

I have three separate vantage points of this whole merger: I work in the SLC, I use the SLC, and I help run a club team that attempts to use the SLC.

In working at the SLC, I can say there have been no changes. Student athletes haven't taken all of our jobs or anything like that.

In using the SLC, it seems that the athletic teams have started sending players to the SLC weight room, instead of to the weight room specifically designated for athletes. Granted the athletes are also students, and the varsity gym does suck—but groups of players should not be in the SLC room running through their team workouts.

The largest concern I have comes from running a club team composed of students that either don't have the time to play on the varsity teams or just don't have the skill level. We have to go through this giant paper trail to sign up for early morning or weekend hours that are of no worth. Yet I can't help but notice that varsity lacrosse has the privilege of not one, but three of the SLC basketball courts. To make the story better, they have the courts from 3-5 p.m. every day of the week—peak hours, when everyone gets out of class and wants to play basketball. At other schools, when an athletic team needs the use of a student facility, they either use it before or after hours.

So, hey Dr. Kuk, what happened to "first and foremost for the students?" Oh yeah. When you say that "non-athletic students and other members of the community are likely to see access to these [athletic] facilities," does that mean that club teams will have access to varsity practice fields? Or will we still be stuck playing out behind Gracies, hoping not to trip over the chunks of asphalt poking out of the ground?

Then again, that ditch in the middle of the field really throws off visiting teams!

—Matthew Petrangelo

The problem with doing stupid acts

Sol 8 was rewarded with the National Community of the Month award for September by the NRHH, an award that reflects their combined floor enthusiasm. Who cares? No one on campus should, except the people who got the reward. And why should no one care? Because caring would require maturity that RIT does not possess now, and may never possess.

I am proud to be a Sol 8 floor member, but had I wound up on any other floor I would have had the

same enthusiasm that helped the floor achieve success. My impression of the RIT campus is one of people who couldn't give a damn if we paid them. The first sign I had of this was a junior who told me that the Sol 8 chalking incident was "the gayest thing I have ever seen on campus in all my years at RIT." I cannot understand his motivation to say this. Maybe some people do not yet understand that RIT is a college, meaning that all the high school mentality should be abolished and some maturity should take hold. If he was the only one, I would have laughed and ignored him, but everyone I talk to seems to hate Sol 8.

Why do you hate Sol 8? There are over fifty individuals who make up my community, each of whom have different opinions and different personalities. To attack us as a whole is to attack at least twenty other people from other floors and buildings. But let me clarify the true problem: Sol 8 has been the victim to numerous attacks that are not in the name of fun, but intended to hurt and destroy our joy of living where we live.

On Sunday, January 16 at approximately 3:30 A.M., the south-side lounge of Sol 8 was covered in blue acrylic paint. The walls, several doors, several couches, and the floor of the

lounge were doused with the disgusting liquid. I do not care who did this anymore. I think that what they did was cruel and stupid, a trend that repeats itself on this campus. Do not attack my floor anymore. I want any retaliation for us being a happy and enthusiastic group to come directly to me. If you want to hate Sol 8, hate me instead. If you want to destroy Sol 8, destroy me. I do not want to see my RA cry again. I do not want anyone plotting how to ruin our lounges or our stuff. Ruin me, not that floor. There are too many people on Sol 8 who are innocent victims.

My statement about RIT is going to sit in my head until I see proof that there are people here who care. If you are one of the immature people who think that the only way to achieve happiness is by making people sad, then sit and think about whom you are affecting. If you are someone who is sick and tired of the immaturity that is displayed on this campus, then come to Sol 8 and we'll sympathize with you. RIT's social reputation should be as honorable as the academic one. One day an employer may turn you down because "RIT is a school that simply does not care."

—Peter Vigeant

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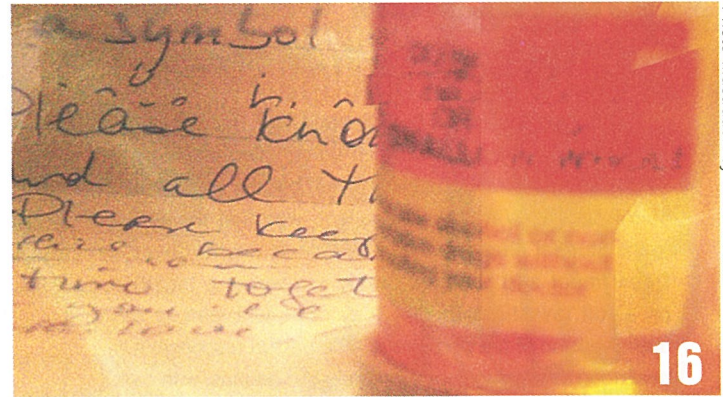
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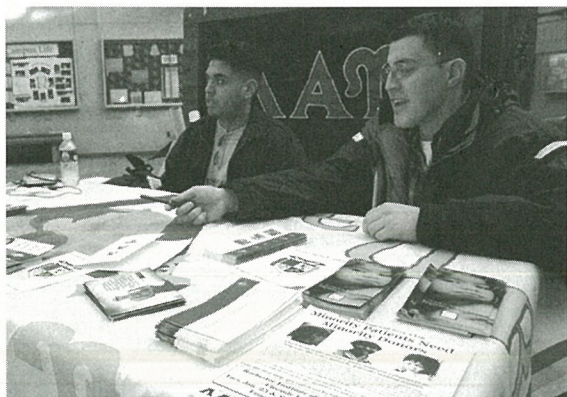
ASSAULT ON CAMPUS

By Jon-Claude Caton

On Sunday, January 16, a female RIT student was approached and assaulted by an unidentified male in the Clark Gymnasium. A struggle ensued, but the student was able to get away from the assailant, who fled the scene to the Student Alumni Union. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department and Campus Safety are working together on a full investigation that they hope will lead to the apprehension of the perpetrator. The person responsible is described as weighing approximately 150 pounds, with dark brown hair, and brown eyes. On the evening of the assault, he was wearing Nike sneakers. The incident has opened the institute's eyes considerably, and has served as a basis for increased awareness for the future.

Associate Director of Campus Safety, Chris Denninger stressed the seriousness of the issue. Currently Campus Safety has five people working on the investigation in hopes that a suspect will be found. More so, he has put an emphasis on taking measures to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. "No matter where you are, or what time of day it is, we need to be aware of our surroundings," Denninger commented. He further described Campus Safety's reaction to the situation as diligent. In looking ahead to the future, he says that Campus Safety will be stressing greater visibility. Overall, Denninger maintains that such behavior is unacceptable, at RIT, or anywhere else.

Immediate response to the incident became visible on campus as flyers went out promoting a safety forum being held by Campus Safety. The flyers listed topics of discussion that included the campus escort service, sexual assault, and rape prevention. While the forum was set for January 20, it has been moved to a future date, still yet to be set. •



Photograph by Chris Ehrmann

Right: Felipe Giraldo and Carlos Flores with Lambda Alpha Upsilon are recruiting minorities for donor registry since minorities are currently under represented in the registry.

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CITY SLICKER VS. CARPETBAGGER

By George Valenti



Photograph by Tim Steipen

Hillary Clinton at Tops market in Rochester on Tuesday, January 11, 2000.

In the upcoming November election, the residents of New York State will have to vote on their next Senate Representative. Although neither has officially declared candidacy, both First Lady Hillary Clinton and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani have publicly announced that they plan to run for the seat. Amidst all the trash-talking, neither candidate has explained in any detail what they are planning to do if elected; rather, both Clinton and Giuliani discuss accomplishments at their current positions.

It appears there will already be a great deal of negative campaigning for the duration of the race. Guilliani has accused Clinton of being a carpetbagger, trying to portray her as an outsider to the New York community, based on her recent acquisition of a home in Chappaqua, New York on January 6. Guilliani, who was born and educated in New York City, feels that he can better serve the constituents of New York because he himself is a New Yorker. He has also attacked Hillary on the basis of soft money, claiming that Clinton has already raised large amounts of soft money towards her campaign. In order to calm the accusations, Clinton has her campaign chief, Bruce Teitelbaum, attempting to negotiate a deal with Giuliani's campaign chief, Bill DeBlasio, to restrict the amount of soft money in the campaign. DeBlasio replied by saying that they would agree only under the terms that there be a set accounting format under which both parties must follow. In addition, Clinton must deduct the amount of soft money spent on TV ads run in upstate New York late last year. Teitelbaum took the reply as a refusal to negotiate and accused Guilliani's campaign of not wanting to cooperate.

As far as the issues are concerned, both candidates flaunt their accomplishments as examples of what they intend on doing. For instance, on Guilliani's web site (www.rudyyes.com), he discusses the improvements made in New York City since he was elected mayor five years ago. His accomplishments range from increases in the economy to better educational reforms—amongst the improvements are higher scores by children in a citywide reading test (the increase is currently 3.9 percent). There have been many programs enacted to increase reading, art, and computer use for the children. In regards to the economic environment, New York City's economy has grown faster than the national economy in the last five years. This is the first time anything of this sort has happened. The amount of tourists has increased, as well as the number of jobs in the private sector, which has led to a decrease in the amount of welfare recipients.

On Clinton's web site, www.whitehouse.gov, she talks about her dedication to the education of our youth. Clinton suggests programs like those Guilliani has implemented. She has pushed policies that favor working parents, so that all children can have opportunities to learn. In addition to the issue of education, she also believes in a strong health care plan. This has been a goal of Hillary since Bill Clinton took office in 1993. The president and the Secretary of State have supported her in her travels around the world, during which she promoted human rights, religious tolerance, and democracy.

With all this in mind, who's to say that a former first lady or mayor of New York City is able to competently represent New York State in the U.S. Senate? Well, if you are a registered voter in the state of New York next November, you can state your opinion by voting. •

World News

By Jason Pacchiarotti

LONDON—On January 13, an ambulance taking a 74-year-old woman with severe respiratory problems to the hospital was held up at a tunnel under the Mersey river. The toll booth attendant demanded the ambulance pay the £1.2 fee for entering the tunnel. After fifteen minutes of pleading the severity of their situation, the ambulance driver found enough money to pay the toll. *(Reuters)*

DUBLIN, IRELAND—Marian Gahan, who was locked overnight in a pub, won \$5,135 in damages from the bar's owners on January 14. In December, the Irish woman fell asleep on the toilet in Searsons Pub in central Dublin, and did not awaken until 2:00 a.m.—by which time the pub was closed. Gahan sued the pub's owners, Guinness Ireland Group Ltd., for failing to check the toilets before locking up. Perhaps she had one too many. *(Reuters)*

LONDON—Charles Darwin suggested it, Hollywood producers have long insisted on it, and British and Polish scientists have now confirmed it—tall men get the girls. Research published this month shows that tall men are more sexually attractive, and are more likely to get married and have more children than shorter men are. *(Reuters)*

POOLE, ENGLAND—A panic-stricken grandmother was rushed to a hospital suffering from a suspected heart attack after getting trapped in a supermarket car wash on January 14. Doreen Ward feared for her life when the washer's automatic rollers pinned the doors of her car shut. She started having chest pains and honked her horn. Unfortunately a landscape gardener using a lawnmower had drowned out the sound of it, and it was 20 minutes before she was eventually freed. *(Reuters)*

LONDON—British police say they had arrested a 70-year-old man on January 13 after he walked into a Northamptonshire school in central England and held up the deputy headmaster with a plastic gun. Northamptonshire police said they sent armed officers to the scene after the man forced his hostage to call the police. No children were involved at any stage, and police said they had not yet established a motive for the man's act. *(Reuters)*

SAN FRANCISCO—Walt Anderson, a U.S. tycoon, has been pumping millions of dollars into a plan to save Russia's Mir space station. Hoping to transform the empty outpost into an orbiting business park and vacation resort for highfliers, he has put up \$7 million and plans to spend another \$14 million to lease the 14-year-old station. Any official deal with the Russians has yet to be made. *(Reuters)*

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA—On January 16, a South African man, trapped up in a tree by a lurking crocodile, escaped by jumping on its back after it had fallen asleep. Elmos Khumalo was stranded for five hours on a branch by the edge of a lake. The crocodile got a huge fright and vanished back into the lake. Khumalo quickly gathered the fish he had caught and ran to shore. *(Reuters)*

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL—Police in Rio de Janeiro have cracked down on topless sunbathing at a famous beach. On January 16, five beach police officers enforced the city's public decency code by asking dozens of women on trendy Reserva da Barra beach—west of the more famous Copacabana and Ipanema—to cover their breasts. Most of the women refused and the beach police called in reinforcements—20 officers in full uniform toting assault rifles. Most residents cannot understand the fuss, since Rio's famous "teeny bikinis" leave little to the imagination. *(Reuters)*

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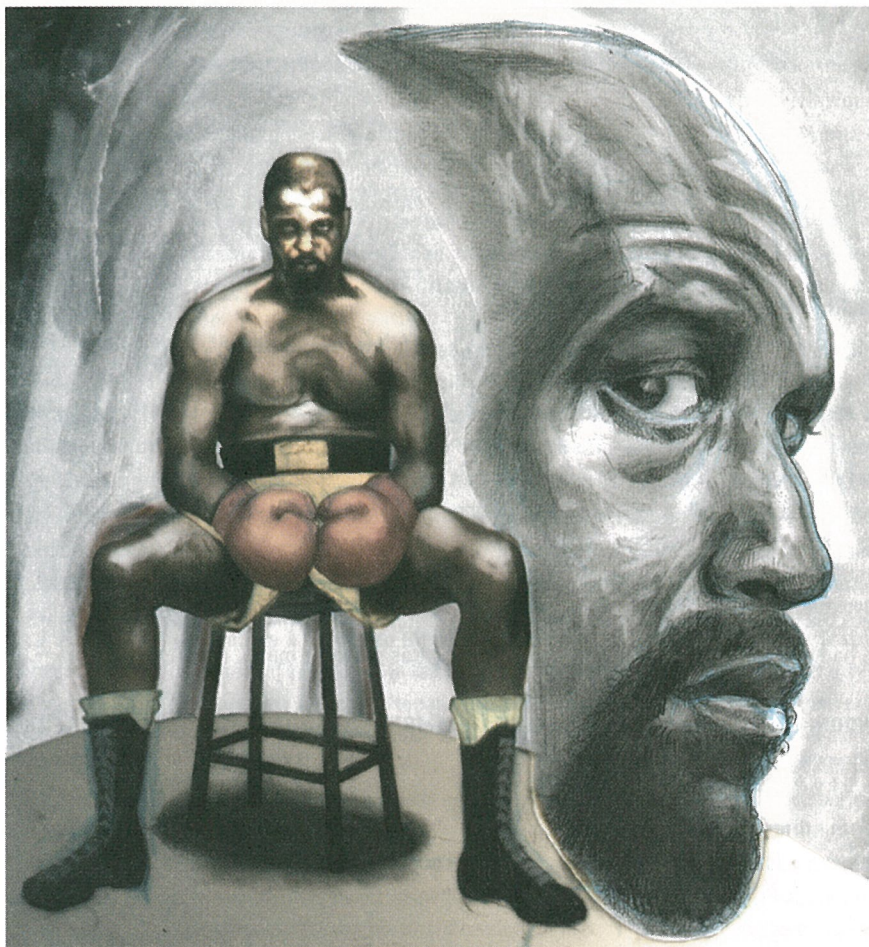
THE Hurricane BLOWS CRITICS AWAY

"It is important to transcend the places that hold us," muses Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. The film *The Hurricane* is an inspiring account of one man's spirit and struggle against hopelessness. Transcendence is the central idea in this story. Carter came close at times, but he could not surrender to despair when locked behind bars; he was never truly a prisoner.

The film, guided by Norman Jewison's unforced directorial style and Denzel Washington's phenomenal performance, follows Carter's life from childhood to incarceration, cutting back and forth through time a bit in the beginning, and becoming more linear during the prison years. Carter starts life as a lad playing on the city streets. But, in his first lesson in the realities of being black in America, a racist cop named Vincent Della Pesca (portrayed by Dan Hedaya) has him sent to a juvenile detention facility for defending himself against a white child molester. Carter escapes, joins the army, becomes a prize fighter, but ends up back in Della Pesca's clutches—"You still owe me time," he hisses to Carter when he sees him in town. After his first brief stint in prison, Carter enters professional boxing, channeling his childhood resentment into his fists; "I made up my mind to turn my body into a weapon that would set me free." But ultimately, Della Pesca has his way again. After losing a controversial decision in a championship bout, Carter visits a bar and is framed for a mass murder that took place there.

Della Pesca is a sort of Inspector Javert, pursuing Carter like Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*. Unfortunately, the film doesn't analyze his character or expand on his motivations. Why is he so hung up on Carter anyway? Does he have a twisted sense of justice, a desire to further his career, or is he simply a racist bastard? The movie points to number three but offers no details.

In fact, Carter is the only character the film really has time for, and in that



"I made up my mind to turn my body into a weapon that would set me free." ~"Hurricane" Carter

respect Washington does not disappoint. His key strength as an actor is his ability to portray outer toughness and inner vulnerability, and here he is in top form. In the film's most moving sequence, Carter sits in solitary for several months for refusing to wear a prison uniform. Time passes as he talks to himself—his boxer side expressing his invincibility, his more human side crying in despair.

As a psychological study of an individual maintaining sanity and spirit in the face of persecution, *The Hurricane* is exceptionally good; as a commentary on

racism or the legal system, it comes up short. The last quarter of the film gets overly involved with the details of the crime—which aren't very interesting. The only other memorable performance is by Rod Steiger, who brings considerable screen presence to his empathetic judge.

The Hurricane presents a fighter who uses different weapons throughout his life—first his fists, then words, then love and the emotional power of his ordeal. Although the film neglects other aspects of the story, the theme and the actor who plays it out brings an important message to the screen. •

Korn's Newest Presents NO ISSUES

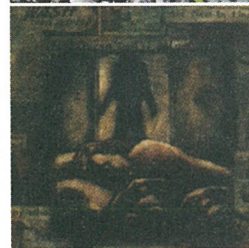
By William Huber

Korn's last album, *Follow the Leader*, was both a blessing and a curse. The band mixed more hip-hop into their type of bass-heavy hardcore, and that helped them break into mainstream radio. Then, their video "Got the Life" hit MTV and the rest is history. That's the blessing.

The curse is that the hip-hop in their new music alienated Korn's original fans—the ones who bought their first album, *Korn*. Rather than hip-hop flavor, their first album was guitar-heavy hardcore. Remember "Shoots and Ladders" and "Blind?" Well, the old-school fans do.

Issues leans a little bit towards regaining lost fans. Although "Trash," "Dirty," and "Hey Daddy" sound like they could have come off of *Leader*, this album as a whole is nowhere near as hip-hop oriented. "Wake Up" and "Counting" are magnificent returns to the days of *Korn*, big on guitars and with a chunky, thunderous bass. "Somebody Someone" has definite destructive force behind the chord progressions in the chorus and the song's final barrage. My favorite track, "Let's Get This Party Started" is, to quote a friend of mine, "a good song to fight to." There are several media intermissions throughout the CD, starting with "Dead," which is about the most light-hearted song I think Korn has ever come up with. There's also "4 U," "It's Gonna Go Away," "Am I Going Crazy?" and "Wish You Could Be Me," which is a catchy little ditty. All of the above songs clock in at under 1:30, so in reality there are only 11 full-length songs here. Not bad, but still a little on the thin side.

Issues is a CD with which all of Korn's fans can get into. Even if you haven't been into Korn in the past, this album is a good introduction to their true material. •



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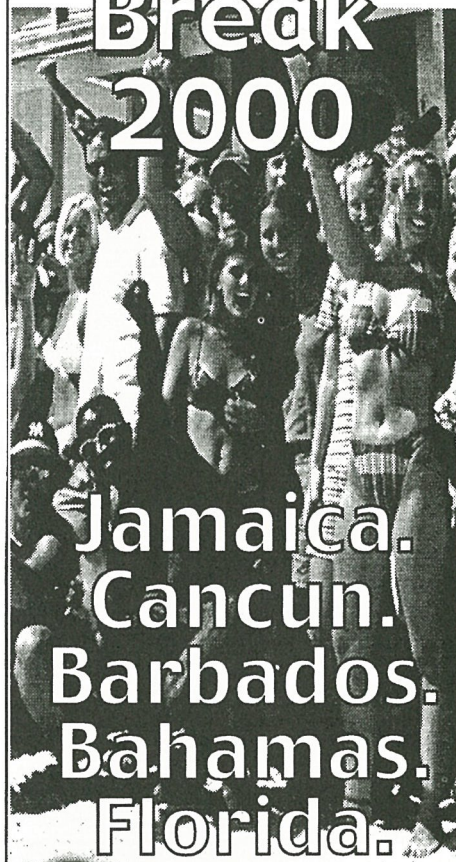
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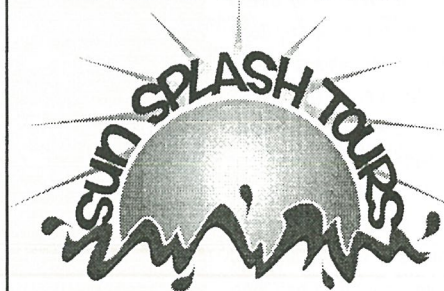
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“AY, Carumba!”

By Kelly L. Pearson

The infamous FOX family, *The Simpsons*, celebrated their tenth anniversary on January 14. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie have become cultural icons, providing fans with a decade of laughs—amidst controversy. “I don’t think you can anticipate a cultural phenomenon, but once the series premiered we knew we were on to something special,” mentioned Sandy Grushaw, Chairman of FOX TV Entertainment Group, in a recent interview. The celebration kicked off with the dysfunctional cartoon family receiving a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Fans of TV’s longest-running animated series will have the opportunity to participate in the frenzy, as FOX has launched The Simpson’s Global Fanfest—including a new web site (www.thesimpsons.com), the Bart Bowl Trivia Challenge, video games, and PEZ dispensers featuring the beloved family.

Headed for PARADISE?

By Alison Liwush

Spring break is less than a month away, and **Cancun** is the winner for the most frequently advertised Spring Break destination this year. But don’t feel limited—other hot spots include **Panama City**, **Daytona Beach**, **Jamaica**, and **Acapulco**. If you don’t know where to start when searching for prices and accommodations for your trip, here are a few Internet sites to check out: www.spring-break.com has everything from hotels and accommodations, to packages and maps, to answers concerning those burning travel questions. The site features Cancun, Jamaica, and Acapulco, but it is useful to anyone who has questions about traveling. Another site worth skimming over is www.yourvacation.com. They give hotel accommodations, package rates, reservation forms, and include a chance to be a college representative. The pros and cons of each destination are laid out and compared according to price at www.dormfoodsucks.com. If surfing the ‘Net is not your style and you’re looking for a local travel agency to fill your needs, try Liberty Travel, located in Marketplace Mall. They have tropical as well as ski vacations, for those of you who would rather hit the slopes than hit the beach.

Cyber Corner

By Ashish Jaiswal

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webmail.rit.edu

Access your RIT mail from the web? That’s right! This simple web site uses the HORDE, an IMAP client that runs in a browser (it is accessible with any IMAP). The Grace IMAP server can be accessed at osfmail.rit.edu and the VMS server at vmsimap.rit.edu. Since IMAP doesn’t remove mail from the servers, you can use any IMAP client and see your mail. The program runs well and is relatively easy to use. Webmail.rit.edu—a good idea from ISC.

www.kkrs.net

The Kanakaris Communications Network is a great site. The News section may be weak, but the books and movies are brilliant. The books section has a few free titles that you can read on-line, however many are for purchase to download and read. The idea is great, as it can help save a lot of paper. In the NetMovies section, you can view movies in a streaming Windows Media format (thus you need Windows Media Player to view them). The movies include “Black and White” classics and more modern “B” movies; Most of them are really strange, but it’s fun to watch and make fun of them.

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www.thumb.com

What is this? We could truly spend the money and resources wasted on this URL for something better. The site is really ugly and the text is nearly impossible to read. At least www.HamsterDance.com is cute at first. This isn’t even funny. Please! If you want to put something on the web, make it worthwhile.

www.poor.com

This site is for the Poor Design Group. The group is responsible for some of the best sites on the ‘Net, not to mention great print work, logo design, and sculpture; they were responsible for the retro-style Netradio site and Jim Dryden’s web site. So why does their site suck? I’m not sure why they didn’t put a little more work into their own web site to make it better.

Classics Rock the Arena

LYNYRD SKYNYRD AND

By George Valenti
Photos by Chris Ehrmann



ZZ TOP: An Unforgettable Show

Two giants of the rock community gathered at the Blue Cross Arena on Wednesday, January 19 to put on a scorching show. Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top played to a smaller than average audience, yet rocked the house.

Taking the stage first was the legendary Lynyrd Skynyrd band, which played many of their classic songs from the past—and a few new ones, as well. Unfortunately, the sound quality was not as good as it could have been and the instruments were not mixed proportionally, as some of the lyrics were hard to understand. After finishing their set the band left stage, knowing full well that they would be called back for an encore performance because they had yet to play one of the songs that Skynyrd is known for.... “Free Bird” was amazing! They were able to rise above the poor sound quality to perform the unforgettable song to a beloved audience.

After a brief intermission, the “Lil ol’ band from Texas” took the stage, opening up with a burning version of “Under Pressure.” You could tell right away that ZZ Top was going to bring down the house. Billy Gibbons’ guitar work demonstrated his full understanding of the instrument, while his singing in a gritty blues voice would have made old-school bluesmen proud. Not only could the band play, but they are true showmen as well; while keeping a steady tempo, Gibbons and bassist Dusty Hill synchronized their movements just as we’ve seen them do so many times before in their videos—all the while Frank Beard was kicking out some heavy drumming. After playing songs spanning their entire 18-year career, they closed the set with a scorching version of “Legs,” while playing on their patented fuzzy guitars. At this point I didn’t think it could get any better—the music was great and the sound quality was some of the best I’ve ever heard at a concert. However, then came the encore. They began with “Tube Snake Boogie” and followed with a blistering version of “La Grange.” ZZ Top finally concluded their memorable performance with an extended version of “Tush.”

The Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top concert was definitely one of the best I have been to in a while; although Lynyrd Skynyrd was good, ZZ Top clearly reigned the evening by putting on a well-rounded, high quality show. Overall I found it an extremely pleasurable experience. •



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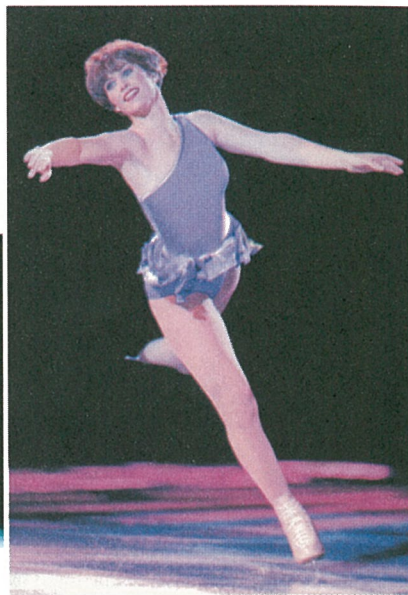
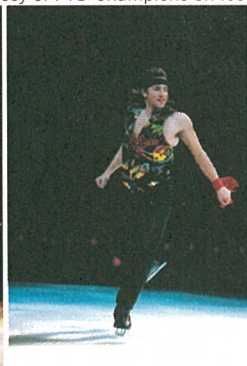


Champions On Ice

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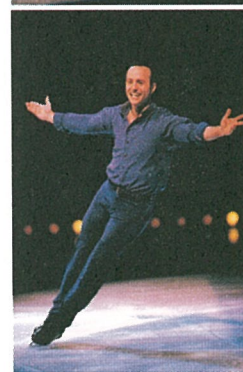
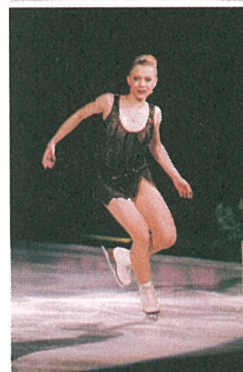


As the halfway mark approaches the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, new, young athletes are stepping into the lime-light. Figure skaters such as Michelle Kwan will be followed closely as the Games approach; but what becomes of these champions after the medals are won and the curtains are closed? Some will continue to work for the next four years at another chance to take home gold, while others will go on to the professional ranks, touring with exhibitions such as Tom Collins' *Champions On Ice*, sponsored this year by FTD.

The *FTD Champions On Ice* tour took to the ice of the Blue Cross Arena on January 21 for an amazing presentation, full of Olympic, U.S., and World champions. Brian Boitano, Katarina Witt, Oksana Baiul, Philippe Candeloro, Dorothy Hamill, and many others dazzled the crowd with their jumping abilities and amazing technical footwork. Without the pressures of competition, these champions were able to put on highly enjoyable performances to modern music selections from the Bare-naked Ladies, Shania Twain, *Braveheart*, *Austin Powers* and Lou Bega's "Mambo #5"—combining humor, grace, drama, and acrobatics.

A medley of today's popular hits and New Age music set the tone for the evening as each skater was spotlighted in the opening number. Audience favorite Philippe Candeloro electrified the crowd with his interpretation of the *Braveheart* soundtrack. Candeloro concluded his performance with his signature back flip, bringing the crowd to their feet. Six-time world champion and Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano proved to be a true showman. He is known for skating to classical, operatic, and international music; yet he brought smiles and laughs to the audiences' faces as he skated to *Austin Powers* and other 60s music. Few can compare to these brilliant athletes who set the standards for figure skaters today.

In a recent interview, basketball phenomenon Michael Jordan said that there are very few athletes that don't rely on music as inspiration to set the mood for their performances. Figure skating is one of the few sports that does focus on combining music and technical ability into highly creative interpretations. These talented athletes continue to capture the hearts of generations as remaining some of the most prominent sports figures for years to come. If you get a chance, I highly recommend the *Champions On Ice* to both ice-skating fans or those who simply wish to be inspired. •



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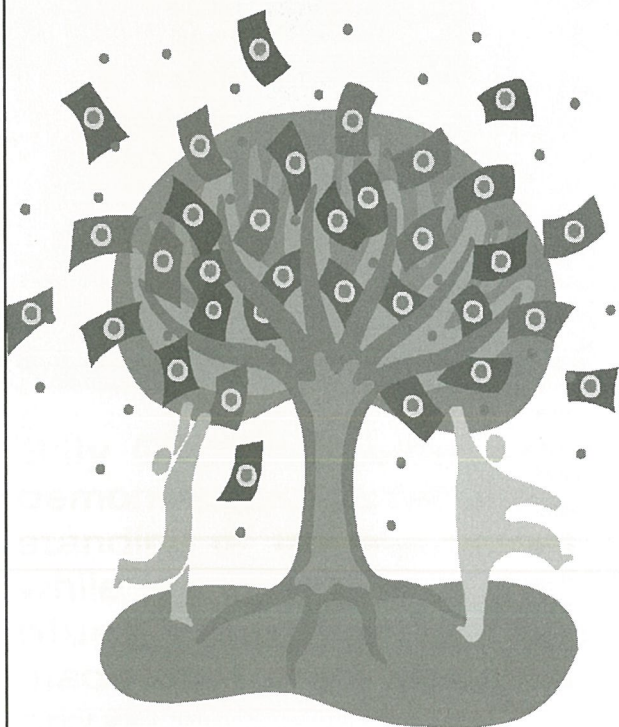
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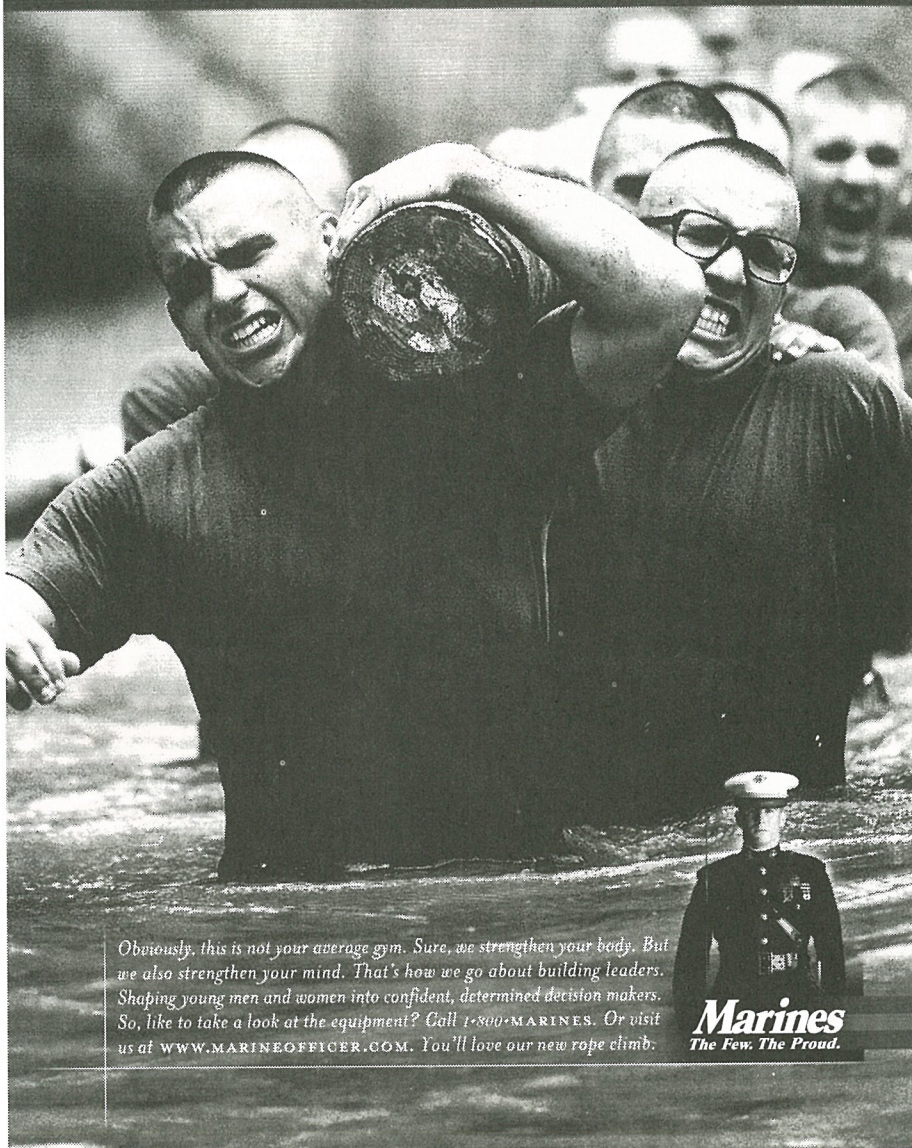
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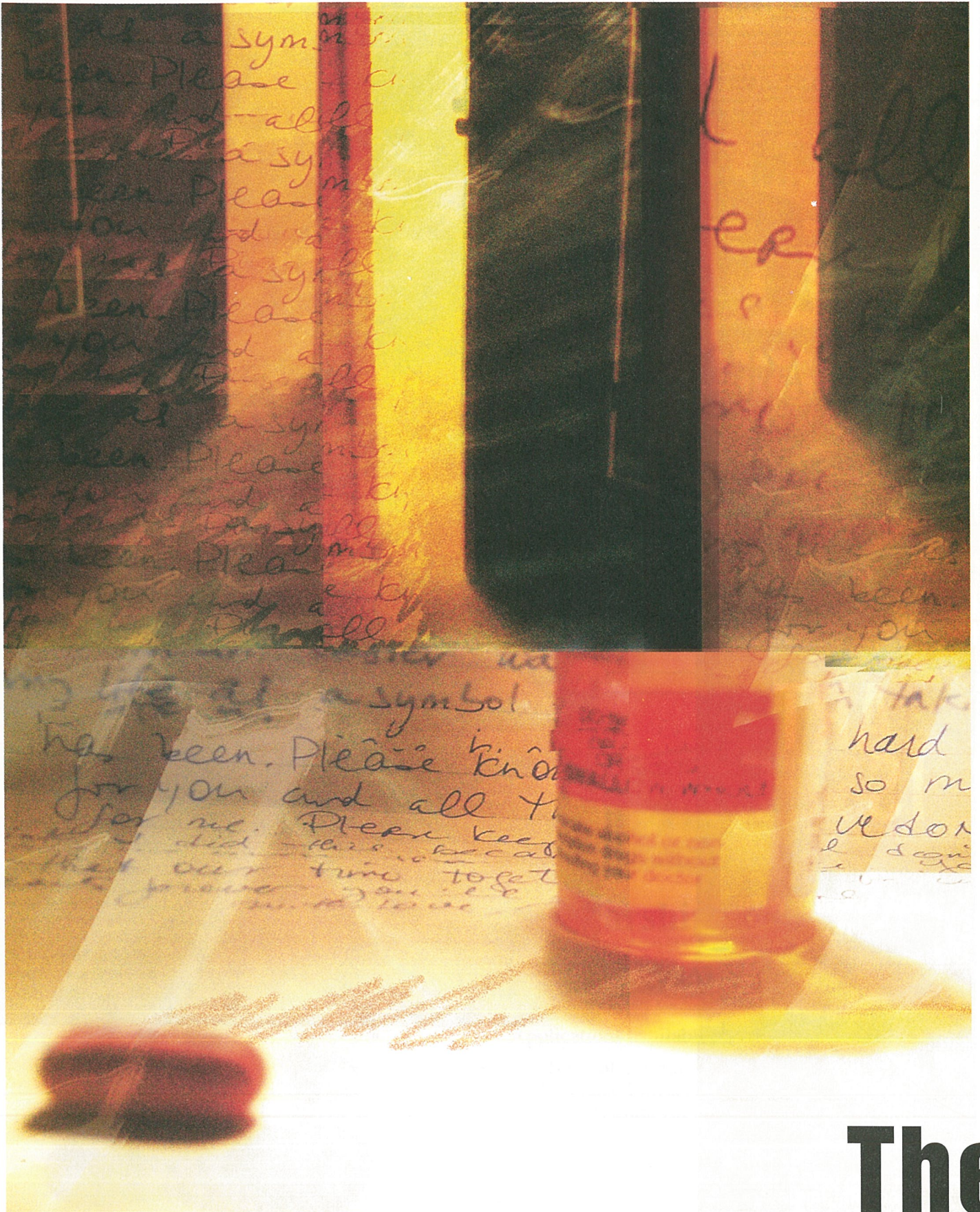


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Suicide. The second leading cause of death among college students....

This statement is true according to the Rutgers' psychology website. While to many, this statistic may seem shocking, to the average student, it is sadly just a part of the college experience. At Cornell University, there is a bridge that students refer to as the "last resort" due to its infamous reputation for being the final stand for a number of students who have gone there in the past. Still, even when students speak of the bridge, they refer to its reputation with a seemingly indifferent tone. The fact that college students take their own lives with tragic frequency is unquestionable. Yet these instances of teen and post teenage self-destruction raise questions as obvious as: "Why?"—and as complicated as "How are institutions like RIT trying to cope with the problem?"

Accompanied by a warning in some 80 percent of cases.... While the numbers vary in accuracy, there were five official self-inflicted student deaths at RIT last year—a significant number for RIT. "Generally people who commit suicide are ill," said Laura Cann, director of the Counseling Center at RIT. While five suicides may not seem to be an overwhelming number for an Institute the size of RIT, Cann does not take the issue lightly. She stated that more often than not, a person teetering on the brink of suicide can be helped. "Most suicides are preventable," she added. Cann cited several warning signs displayed by people with suicidal tendencies. These signals include despair, hopelessness, and helplessness. Rutgers added sadness and guilt. Reoccurring suicidal persons possess a negative but realistic view of themselves. While drugs may be linked to suicide, they are usually not the cause, but just another symptom. Cann attributes many suicides to these factors, which can often lead a person to believe that he or she is without another option.

80 percent are depressed.... Suicide is a major health issue that remains a constant in our lives, especially in a college setting. The reasons or causes of student suicides are often linked to several reoccurring factors. One of the more notable factors is depression. According to Rutgers, depression is caused by numerous elements, including biological factors and psychoanalytical responses. Of the biological factors attributed to depression is a malfunction of the brain's neurotransmitters; this causes a shortage of nor epinephrine, a chemical present in the brain. In addition, there is also a biological condition that causes brain hyperactivity. From a psychoanalytic approach, depression is caused by aggression that is turned inward. Bi-polar disorder plays into five to 10 percent of all depressions, and up to 15 percent of those that suffer from this disease take their own lives. It is simple to see that the effects of depression can often lead to extreme and final consequences.

Women make more attempts, but men are more successful.... While there is no real way of telling for sure whether or not gender is related to suicide, it is a fact that more women make the attempt than do men. On the other hand, more men actually follow through with a decisive end result than women. The reasons for this are vague, although many feel that it is because women use techniques that are less extreme or final; that is not to say that those methods are any less dangerous.

RIT has taken measures to try and prevent and educate people at the Institute about suicide and depression. Cann pointed out that the Counseling Center participated in National Depression Screening Day in an effort to improve the condition. Furthermore, counselors from

the center spoke to faculty and students in the various colleges on campus, as well as educating many student representatives about the dangers of depression and the ensuing threat of suicide that lurks around every brick. These efforts have been utilized in educating the RIT community about this dangerous epidemic. "We feel that our service is a form of suicide prevention," said Cann. Regardless of how we go about it, Cann believes that persons who may be suicidal or seriously depressed, need to be referred to places where they can be treated.

Cann stated, "I just think suicide is tragic, final, and heartbreaking." The preventive and helpful actions being implemented by the Institute suggest that RIT has recognized this growing problem, and has taken great steps to cope and amend the perplexity of the situation. Overall, suicide and depression are dilemmas that we must together face wholeheartedly. Cann agrees with this notion; "As a community, if we care about each other, we can go far in preventing suicide." Cann summed up her thoughts by conveying an important message: "No matter how bad things are, there is always another way out; there are always other options."

Regardless of how we approach suicide, the underlying questions surrounding the topic will always remain. Why do people do it? Is it the pressure of the academic atmosphere? Or could it be social isolation that we all sometimes feel? There are really no solid answers, only the hope that through education, and awareness, we can all work together to try to prevent these tragic circumstances that seem so unavoidable. •

The Harsh Reality of Suicide on College Campuses

By Jon-Claude Caton
Photo-Illustration by Rose O'Neill

Last Resort?

Unpretty

Women *and* Men try not to eat their hearts out

By Rebecca Alperstein
Illustration by Michelle Scarcello

With so many of us unhappy with our bodies, it is no surprise that eating disorders among women and men are at a very high point. According to information published by Eating Disorders Awareness & Prevention, Inc. (EDAP), five to ten million girls and women, and another one million boys and men in this country alone are struggling with anorexia, bulimia, or binge eating disorders. This is over five times the number of individuals in the United States with HIV and AIDS. Recent studies have put the numbers at 650,000 to 900,000 with HIV and 271,245 with AIDS, which totals nearly one million people.

A 1995 survey showed that 91 percent of women on a college campus had dieted; at least 22 percent dieted often or always. This is even more startling when you consider that 35 percent of normal dieters progress to pathological dieting. Something else to consider is the fact that 90 percent or more of all dieters will regain their lost weight within five years. Two-thirds gain back all the weight or more within one year. On any given day, approximately 25 percent of American men and 45 percent of American women are on a diet. Dissatisfaction with their bodies is also affecting girls at younger age; one study showed that 40 to 60 percent of high school girls are dieting on any given day, and more than half of eighth grade girls report dieting during the past year. It doesn't stop there; recent studies found that 40 percent of six-year-old girls wish they were thinner and 50 percent will have tried dieting by age eight. Self-esteem concerns regarding body image in teenage boys are also on the rise. How does all this translate to life here at RIT?

According to Julie White, coordinator for the Women's Center here at RIT, "We haven't done any scientific surveys. Many women who have eating disorders do not come in for services. It's really hard for anyone to get valid statistics because there are different levels of severity [regarding] eating disorders." White explains, "There are people who don't have a full-fledged eating disorder but have what's called disordered eating, which means that they're obsessed with their weight; that they're obsessed about counting calories and fat grams; that they're very dissatisfied; they may be almost an obsessive exerciser. Those people are at risk for eating disorders, but depending on what definition you use, don't have what's called a clinical eating disorder." Aware of the statistic of how

high the number of women on college campuses have dieted, White pointed out, "Dieting doesn't mean having an eating disorder. But, dieting is a precursor to an eating disorder—a lot of people don't understand that."

Although there are significantly fewer men than women with these disorders, there are also even fewer studies and statistics on men. "Men can develop eating disorders too, and it's estimated actually that eating disorders in men are increasing, particularly in young men," White notes. "Generally the pressure in men is to be bigger and that leads to things like steroid abuse and taking supplements that are unhealthy. But, that in and of itself is a mental health concern and sometimes a physical health concern. It's estimated that maybe three to seven percent of men have eating disorders."

According to EDAP, the three most common types of eating disorders are anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorder or compulsive overeating. Primarily self-starvation and excessive weight loss characterize anorexia. Symptoms include refusal to maintain weight at or above a minimally normal weight for height and age, intense fear of weight gain, distorted body image, loss of three consecutive menstrual periods, and extreme concern with body weight and shape. As the weight loss progresses, more severe problems may develop such as increased susceptibility to infections, stress fractures, ketosis (severe chemical imbalances), and weakness of the heart muscle that can lead to death.

Bulimia is characterized primarily by a secretive cycle of binge eating followed by purging. Symptoms include repeated episodes of bingeing and purging, feeling out of control during a binge, purging after a binge (vomiting, use of laxatives, diet pills, diuretics, excessive exercise, or fasting), frequent dieting, and extreme concern with body weight and shape.

Signs of a binge eating disorder are periods of impulsive gorging or continuous eating.

While there is no purging, there may be sporadic fasts or repetitive diets. Body weight may vary from normal to mild, moderate, or severe obesity.



Many factors can contribute to the development of an eating disorder, and it varies from person to person. Some factors that White believes contribute are biochemical and genetic predisposition. Bulimia, in particular, has been shown to have a higher correlation with family alcoholism and depression. "Like I said, it's a combination of things. One person may have the same biochemistry [as someone with a problem] and not develop an eating disorder." A second factor is family dynamics, which can include an emphasis on perfectionism to the extreme. There also appears to be a higher incidence of sexual abuse victims among people with eating disorders, so eating disorders may be one way people who have been traumatized deal with that. The last would be the general socio-cultural environment, which doesn't cause eating disorders outright, but contributes to an environment in which being "thin" is seen as the only way to be. "Eating disorders are at a higher proportion in our society now than they ever have been and we have a higher saturation of media images that we're being hit with everyday. One of the reasons there is particular issue on college campuses is that people who live together contribute to dieting and to obsession about weight and appearance."

There are, of course, preventive measures that can be taken to prevent people with body image issues from getting a full-blown eating disorder. Identifying a disorder in its early stages leads to a much higher rate of successful treatment. On February 16, RIT will have an Eating Disorders Awareness Day which brings together the planning efforts of many departments including the Women's Center, The Counseling Center, Health Center, Sports and Recreation department, the Dietetic School, Residence life, and NTID; the event will take place in the Student Alumni Union. A portion of the day will be dedicated to focusing on private screenings, which are one-on-one confidential meetings with a counselor. In addition, there will be tables full of information, and Julie White will be hosting at least two body image workshops that will focus on discussing the media's role, and developing a healthy body image. •

Julie White, 475-7464 V/TTY, M-F 11-2.

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February 16

Eating Disorders Awareness Day in the SAU



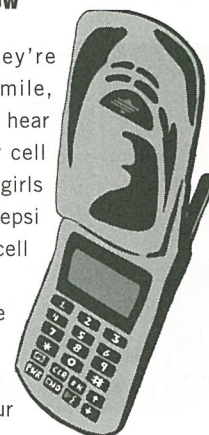
Finance Matters

By Andrew Quagliata

Illustration by James Snow

Cellular phones, they're everywhere! On the quarter mile, outside of classrooms, and I often hear them ringing in the library. Over the last year cell phones have invaded our campus as much as girls who can't dress, guys with spiky haircuts, and Pepsi Machines. Now people are telling me, "I want a cell phone, but I'm not sure where to start."

The main problem is that there is not one cell phone plan that is a good fit for everyone. Because each company offers a variety of rate plans, you need to find the plan that best fits your calling patterns.



A low monthly service charge will often result in lower free airtime and a higher charge when you go over the initial free minutes. In contrast, a high monthly service charge gives you more free airtime and a lower additional cost after you use your free minutes.

That is why it is important to ask yourself a few questions before signing on the dotted line: how many calls do you plan to make? What time of day will you make your calls? Will you mainly use the phone on weekends? If you know what you want ahead of time, you can save yourself a lot of cash once that first bill arrives.

If you plan to go on co-op anytime soon, ask how their coverage is in other areas of the country. "A lot of times when I travel I don't get coverage between major metropolitan areas," said Conrad Cheslock, a fifth-year telecommunications engineering student, about his service with Sprint PCS. Know the difference between digital and analog—some companies offer a great rate plan, but once you leave their digital footprint, you will be charged more for the analog call.

In addition, you should ask about activation fees, roaming fees, off-peak hours, the cost of a phone versus a free phone, and long-distance charges (e.g. some service plans offer 10 cents a minute).

Now that you know what questions to ask, I recommend sticking with the more-recognized service providers. They tend to provide better customer service and probably won't skip town on you. Shop around and find the best plan for you. And if you have a phone already, don't keep resigning your contract. See if another company is having a promotional plan that can save you money.

Here are a few companies located within minutes of RIT:

- Bell Atlantic Mobil: (formerly Frontier Cellular) 321-7200, 951 Jefferson Road (close to Hooters)
- Sprint PCS: 272-1400, 621 Jefferson Road (next to Chi-Chi's Restaurant)
- CellularOne: 766-6575, 3144 Winton Road South

Finance Matters is a biweekly column written by Andrew Quagliata. If you have and questions or comments, feel free to e-mail him at abq8020@rit.edu

Word on the Street

WOTS

Compiled by Brian Moon
Photos by Elizabeth Torgerson

Though we don't know if it can be done, this week we polled the RIT community to get their views on creating the "perfect" child...



Males: Why wouldn't you want to purchase supermodels' eggs to create a perfect baby?

Females: Why wouldn't you genetically alter your embryos to create a perfect baby?

1 "I like imperfections. I don't think supermodels are attractive."
—Carlos Flores
2nd year, Information Technology

2 "If I could prevent illnesses or diseases, then yes. But, I wouldn't do anything to change their looks or personality."
—Rosie McLeod
2nd year, Graphic Design

3 "I want my own child. I want my own product."
—Parag Bhutada
2nd year, Information Technology

4 "They should pay me for my sperm instead of me paying for their egg."
—Leroy Griffith
4th year, Electrical Engineering

5 "Every child is unique, and that's what makes them special."
—Kristi Belknap
Graduate student, School Psychology

6 "Looks don't matter that much. I just don't buy [into] it."
—Abdul Kawara
3rd year, Mechanical Engineering Technology

"I think it's more than having a perfect baby."
—Steven Barston
4th year, JPHL

"You're born the way you are, and that's how you should stay."
—Jessica Gugino
4th year, BBUT

"Humans were created to all be different. It wouldn't be fair to create a perfect child."
—Hilary Stanley
1st year, Biology

"I'm not looking for beauty for my kids. I'm good-looking enough as I am."
—Ragu Gullapalli
4th year, Packaging Science

"I would definitely want to be with a female; it would be with someone I love."
—Zach Fuller
2nd year, Industrial Design

"I wouldn't, because I would like to choose [where the egg] is coming from."
—Daniel Perez
Graduate student, Information Technology

"I don't see the point. I think it's pretty stupid."
—Mike Loviello
3rd year, JPHQ

"I wouldn't change the baby because when two people are together, it shouldn't matter."
—Nina von Albedyll
3rd year, BUAG

"Nope, because I'm cheap, poor, and it would be a waste of my time."
—Amado Figueroa
2nd year, Management Information Systems

"I'd fertilize the supermodel and not the egg."
—David Elliot
5th year, Computer Engineering Technology

"I couldn't see the reason why you would do that."
—Clinton Hazel
3rd year, Management Information Systems

"No, because."
—Patrick Bavaro-Phelan
3rd year, Marketing

"It's just not right. [You want a kid] with whom you want to be with."
—Jason Rager
2nd year, Information Technology

"I think nature should just do its work."
—Aruna Sooknarine
2nd year, Computer Science

"Life is a thing of chance. What's going to happen is going to happen."
—Sarah Jacobs
3rd year, Industrial Design

"I want to be surprised."
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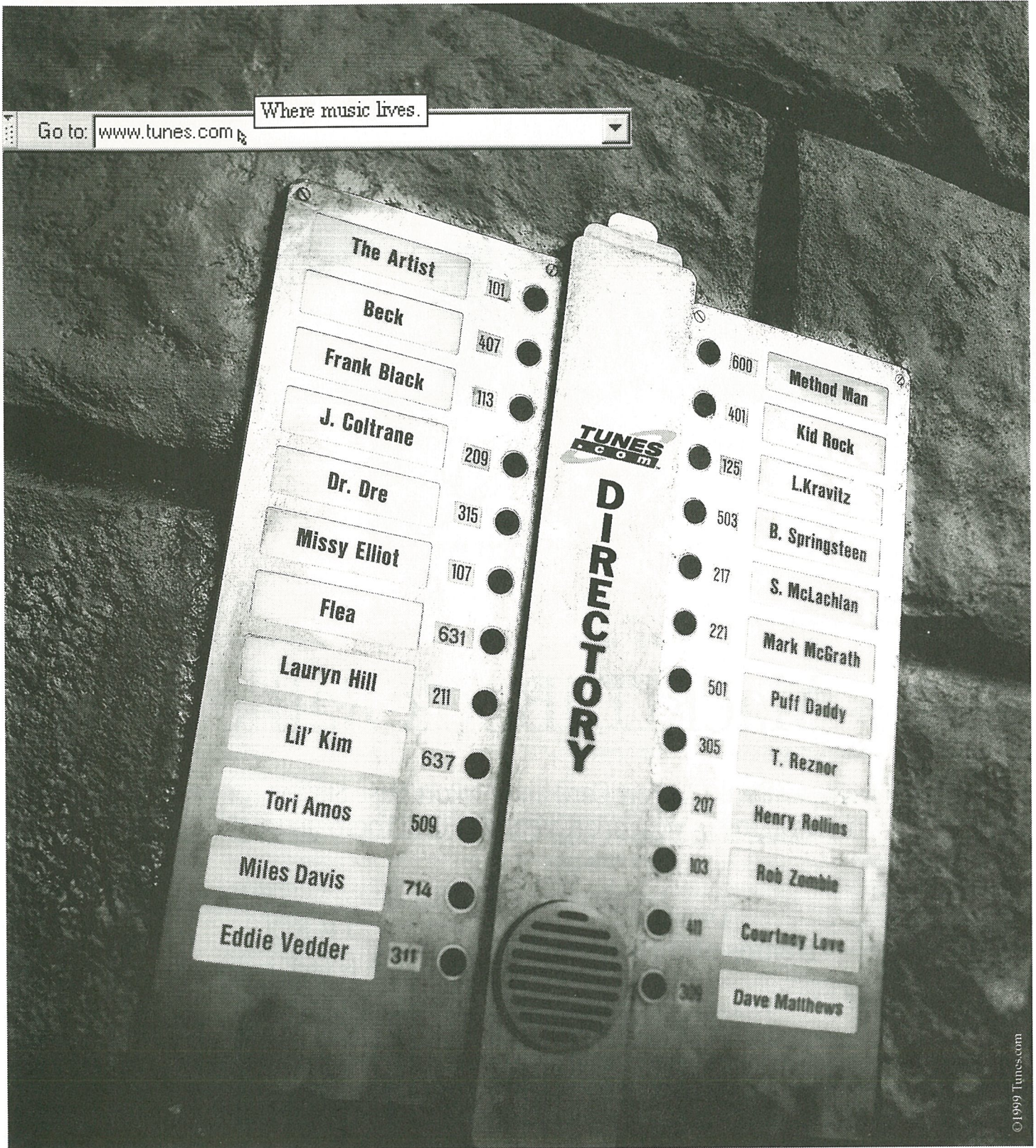
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Third Place at Chase

Men's Basketball Still Undefeated in Conference Play

By the Reporter Staff

The Men's Basketball team is off to an impressive 10-2 start, and hopes are still high that they can obtain their goal of receiving a NCAA Tournament bid.

An early test of the team's potential came at the Chase Scholarship Tournament. The Tigers, seeded second, faced local rival Nazareth in the first round. On the opposing team's home court, RIT went into the locker room at halftime down by one, 32-31.

The Tigers looked to pull away in the second with sophomore Brandon Redmond scoring all 14 of his points. But the Golden Flyers' Tom Keenan and Mark Renkas forced the game into overtime, tying the game with 31 seconds left in regulation. RIT stepped up their game in overtime and brought home a 76-74 victory over the seventh seed team. In the game, Kalonji Butler became RIT's all-time three-point scorer, finishing with 25 points on the night. Drew Miller, Rob Hagemann and Garth Louis each finished with nine.

With the victory, RIT faced a new addition to the Empire Eight Conference—St. John Fisher—in the semifinals. The Cardinals entered the tournament seeded sixth, but the Tigers never doubted the talent of two-time defending champions. Fisher looked to have control of the game, taking a 40-26 lead at the break.

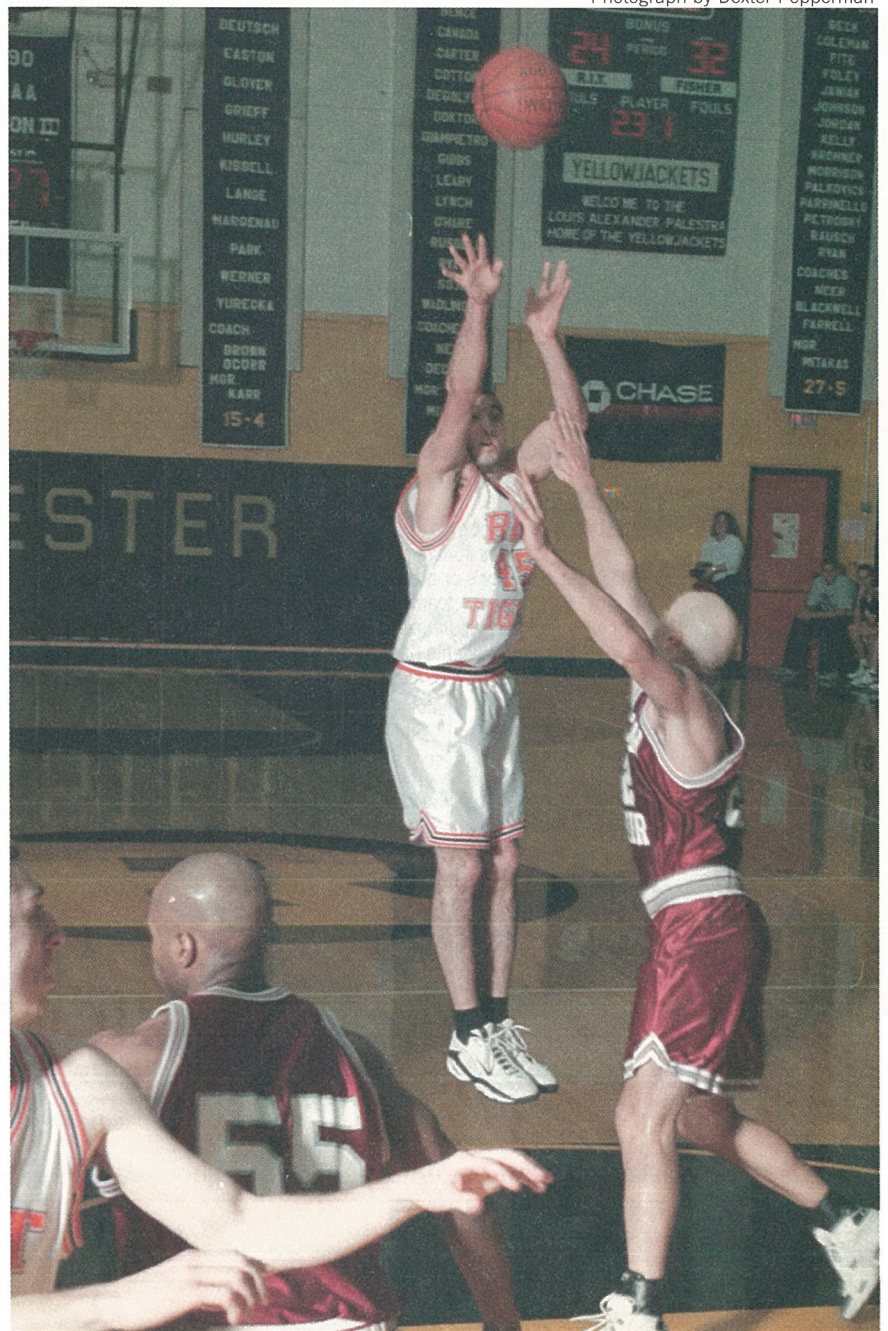
The Tigers came out hot in the second half, giving the Cardinals a run for their money. However, St. John Fisher struck back and shot the ball exceptionally well, winning the game 80-65. Redmond led the team effort with 15, Nick Panepinto 12, Louis 10, and Hagemann and Butler nine for the Tigers.

In the consolation game of the Chase Tournament, RIT went head-to-head with Geneseo. From the beginning the Tigers seemed to have the upper hand; the team rolled to an easy 68-58 third-place victory. Shooting 9-of-13 from the field, Hagemann led the Tigers with 22 points and eight rebounds. Butler and Louis each scored 16 on the night.

In non-conference play the Tigers defeated Geneseo again three days later, 57-45, and upped their conference record to 4-0 with an 80-77 overtime victory over Ithaca on January 21.

The team plays at St. John Fisher Friday, January 28 at 6 p.m. Get a group of friends together and take the short drive (20 min.) to St. John Fisher and support the team. •

Photograph by Dexter Pepperman



ADDITIONAL INFO: To get to St. John Fisher, head east on Jefferson Road. In the Town of Pittsford, turn left onto Route 96. After two stoplights you will pass Nazareth, but keep going until you reach the traffic light where Route 96 (East Avenue) meets Route 31F (Fairport Road). Enter St. John Fisher and follow the signs to the gym.

Press Box

By Andrew Quagliata

Men's Hockey goes 1-1 on the road

Tyler Euverman had 46 saves in the teams 3-2 overtime loss to Elmira, and the Bournazakis brothers each scored in the effort. At Fredonia, Peter Bournazakis put in three goals for the hat trick in the Tigers 5-0 win. Derek Han became the nation's leading scorer with 25, assisting on three goals. Euverman made 25 saves in his second shutout of the season.

On the Slopes

The Men's and Women's Alpine Ski team had a strong showing at Song Mountain. Out of a field of 14 teams, the men's team placed second and the women's team placed fifth overall. Matt Banta placed second overall for the weekend, finishing fourth in the giant slalom and second in slalom. Captain Josh Nordquist finished seventh in giant slalom and fifteenth in the slalom. Both teams race at Swain Mountain this weekend.

Men's Swim Team out-swims Geneseo

The Tigers won the 200-meter freestyle to defeat Geneseo 126-116. Pat Graham won the two-meter diving (259.6s) and three-meter diving (251.8s); Pat Thompson doubled in the 50m freestyle (22.7s) and 100m freestyle (49.9s); and Chris McKee won the 200 IM (2:02.6s) and the 100 butterfly (:54.6s).

Nesbitt's on fire in the pool

Keeping with her streak of being a double winner in each of her first five meets, Tara Nesbitt did it again in the Women's Swim team's 140-81 loss to Geneseo. She won the 200 IM (2:18.4s) and 100m backstroke (1:02.8s).

This column appears weekly in the Reporter. Send Andrew an e-mail with your comments: abq8020@rit.edu

Amie Banis breaks school record

Junior forward Amie Banis became the school's all-time leading scorer in the Tigers 72-54 loss to Brockport at the Chase Scholarship Tournament. Banis hit a three-pointer at 17:11 of the second half to set the school record of 932. On the day she led the Tigers—adding 14 points (6-of-9) from the field—and is now looking to become the first player in school history to reach 1,000 career points.

Women's Hockey crushes Trinity College-

Sandy Payne led the Tigers to an 8-0 win over Trinity with a goal and three assists. Jessica Rogers finished the night with the eventual game-winner, just 1:13 into the game, and also added two assists. Rebecca Grandy, Tina Bessette, and Jill Johnson all added one goal and one assist. Michelle Ault, Kristen Albright, and Katie Fennessey each put in one goal for the Tigers. In goal, Heather Lovejoy and Heather Savage shared the shutout, making a combined five saves.

This Week in Sports RIT (January 28-February 3)

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- Fri. 1/28 Women's Basketball
at St. John Fisher at 8:00 p.m.*
- Sat. 1/29 Men's Swim team
at Nazareth at 1:00 p.m.*
- Sat. 1/29 Women's Swim team
at Nazareth at 1:00 p.m.*
- Wed. 2/2 Women's Basketball host
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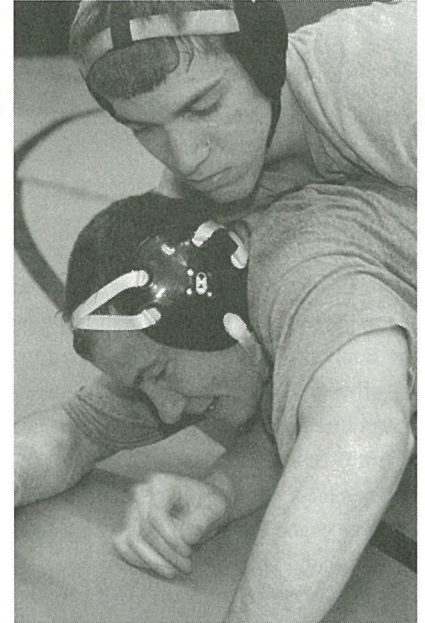
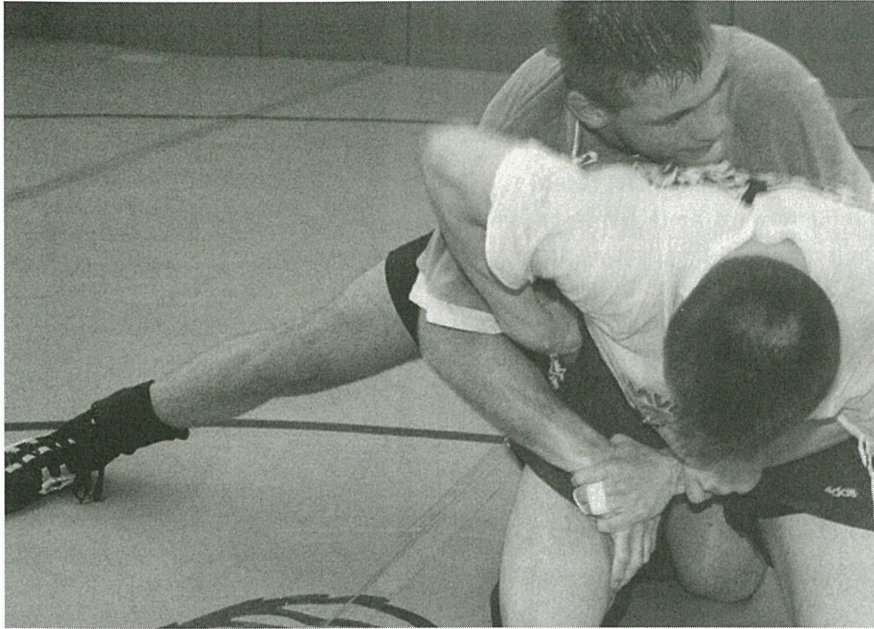
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Wrestlers Hope to Peak

Conditioning and technique prepares wrestlers for nationals

By Andrew Quagliata

At the beginning of the season, first-year wrestling coach Scott Stever wanted to improve his team's technique and conditioning. Now, with almost a month away from nationals, "there is no other team that is going to be in better condition than we are," says Stever.

Hoping his wrestlers will peak in the next few weeks, Stever says, "As a team they are improving, many are learning new techniques...at the time of the conference and nationals they will be at their top condition."

The team certainly looks to be hitting their stride, most recently placing third at the Heidelberg Tournament and second at the Washington & Jefferson Invitational.

Tony Wallace (184 lbs.) improved to an undefeated 6-0 record at the Washington & Jefferson Invitational. He finished the day 2-0 and is currently ranked fifth in the nation. Matt Laschauo (167 lbs.) recorded his first career championship victory, going 2-0 in the tournament. "He has progressed sharply," says

Stever. "He displayed some of the new techniques that he has learned, and he has disciplined himself well."

Jason Alvarez (141 lbs.) finished in second place in his first collegiate championship. Pat North (157 lbs.) came back to defeat his opponent 6-5 in the consolation final; he finished with a 4-1 record in the tournament. Freshman Brett Kimball (167 lbs.) also placed third with a 9-2 victory.

Right now the spotlight is on Tony Wallace. His personal goal is to win a national championship before he graduates, "I am in a very good position to do that this year," says Wallace.

"The amount of pressure is unbelievable," says Wallace. "Wrestling is one of those things where anybody can be beat on any given day."

Wallace credits coach Stever for working with him all season to prepare him for the high level of competition he should face in the upcoming weeks. Wallace says he is peaking at the right time and his main goal is to stay focused.

Upcoming Matches

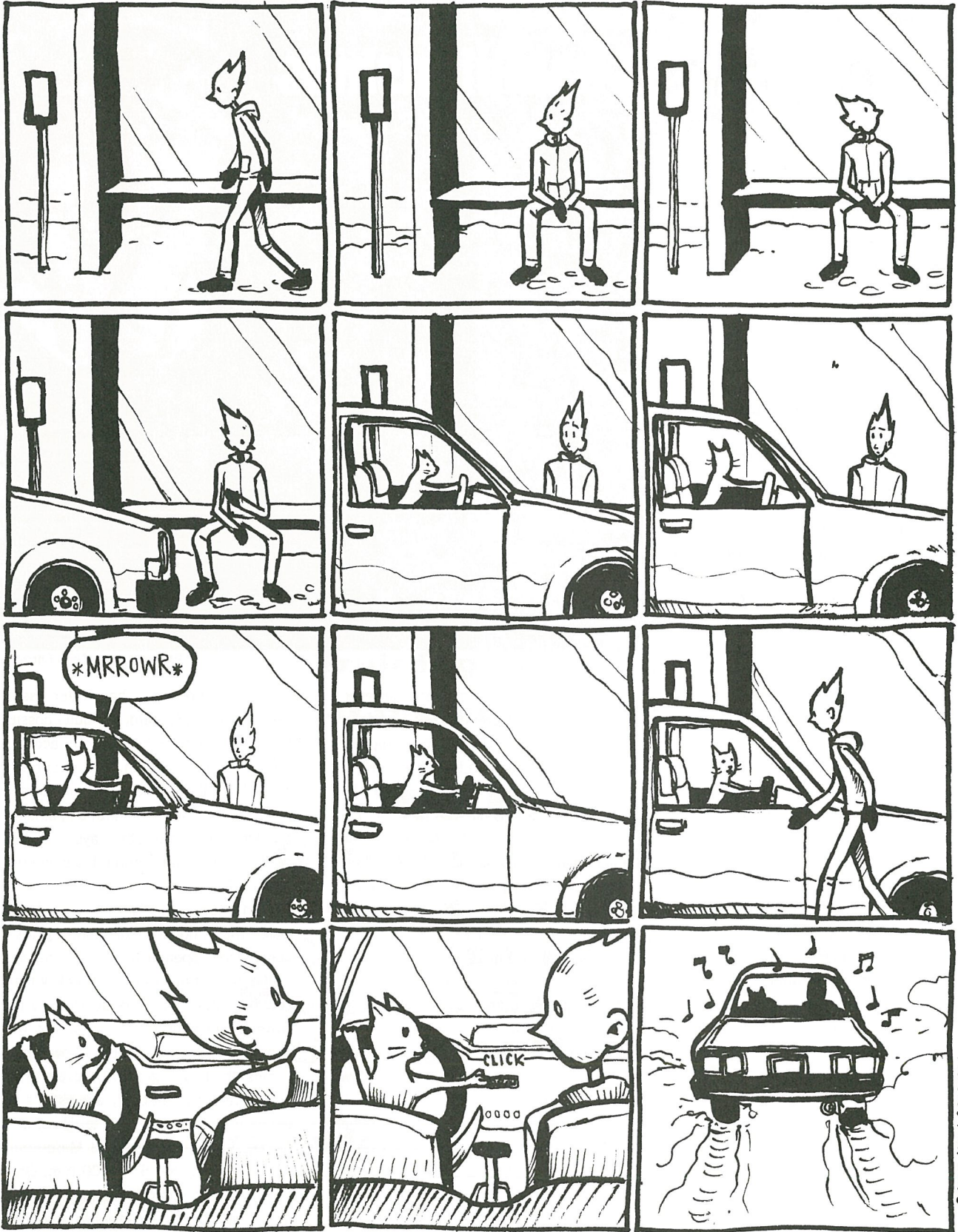
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| 2/19 | at ECWC (Cortland)
at 10:00 a.m. |

Ashley Grillo "has given the team tremendous leadership as a captain," says Stever.

Grillo comments, "We all have the desire to win. We are a close bunch of guys...and I think that is the way we have been able to get through the coaching changes the way we have." He adds, "Tony Wallace has stepped up and now it's a matter of everyone else stepping up and doing their job."

To qualify for the National Tournament, individual wrestlers must place first at the Empire State Tournament or be selected as one of four wildcards in each weight class. "We would like them to peak at that conference and have them wrestling their best so that they can qualify to go to the nationals," says Stever. He expects three of his wrestlers to qualify for nationals, but adds, "There could be some surprises." •

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Offense Wins Games Defense Wins Championships

Katie Obyc's Role in the Women's Hockey Team's Success

By Aaron Landers

She averaged over 30 points in her first two seasons. Last season, she led the team in scoring with 36 points, and also led the team in assists with 26. Before the season started, RIT women's hockey fans expected Katie Obyc to be the leading scorer for the Lady Tigers, as well as one of the top ECAC forwards. However, what they have seen so far this season is entirely different.

A New Role for the Star Forward

Katie Obyc has been a huge asset for the Women's Hockey program, going from being one of the top goal scorers from the last two years to playing a much different role now. With preseason injuries sustained to senior defenseman Andrea Talerico and rookie defenseman Michelle Ault, Obyc found herself preventing goals instead of scoring them. Coach Robert Scuteri comments, "We always knew she could play two-way hockey, and we needed someone strong back there."

"It's quite a bit different," says Obyc. "I'm free to rush the puck whenever I feel, but I'm always second-guessing whether or not someone's going to be there to cover for me, so I have to make sure that when I rush it, I'm 100 percent sure that I'm going to get the puck all the way down." Obyc continues by saying, "If coach asks me to play defense, then that's what I'll do because that's what the team needs."

One would think that such a high-scoring forward would also be a high-scoring defenseman, rushing the puck every chance that she gets. This has not been the case with Obyc. She, along with the other Tiger defensemen, tend to play a "stay at home" style of defense which does not allow them to take many chances. "We're not allowed to pinch unless we're 100 percent sure that we're going to keep the puck in [the offensive zone]," notes Obyc. She still manages to

lead the team in shots this year, however. "My shots that are coming now are all from the blue line," says Obyc, explaining why her offensive production has been low this season. "They have to make it through a lot of players, and the goalie has more time to see a shot coming from the point than me trying to deke them."

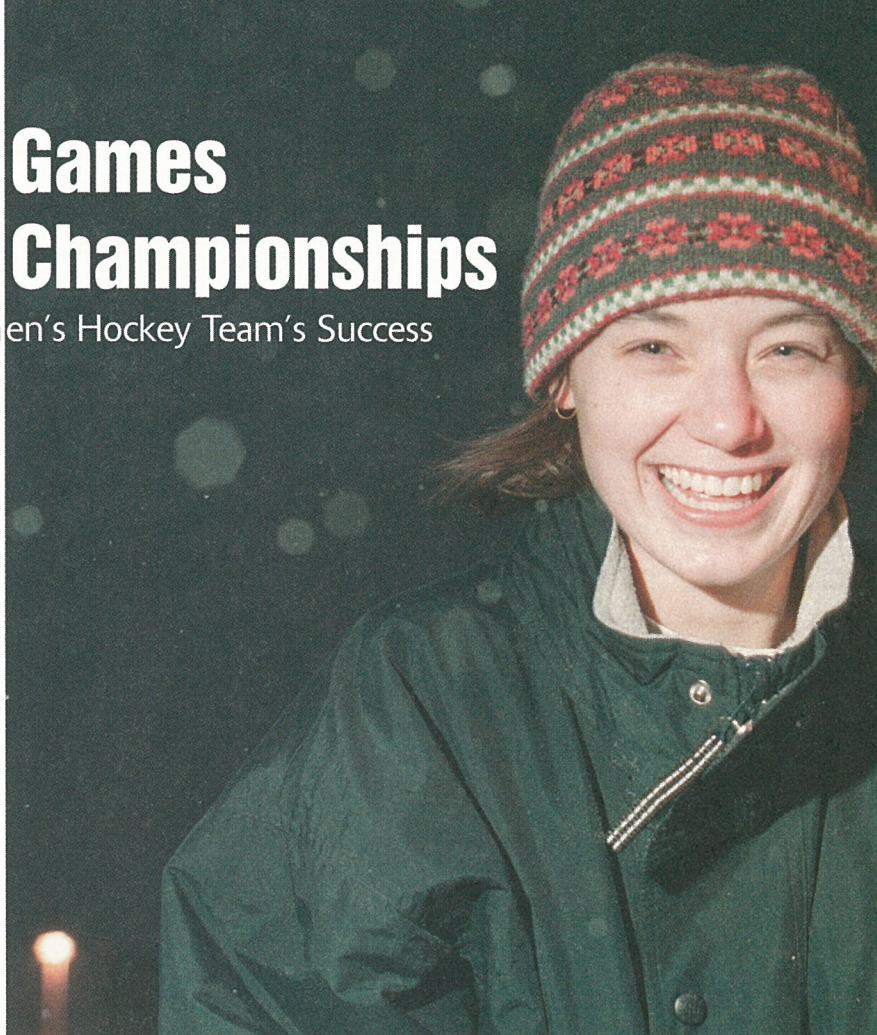
This season, the Lady Tigers have struggled to score goals in some of their games against ranked opponents, accumulating three 0-0 ties. These low-scoring results might possibly be because of the loss of Obyc's scoring power. Regardless, Obyc has been a huge part of the best defense in the ECAC, which has allowed only five goals this season. Even during low scoring games, Obyc does not take any unnecessary chances, "As the game wears on, we kind of have the philosophy that a tie is better than a loss."

Breaking Records

Entering this season, Obyc found herself 36 points away from breaking the career points record, and only 13 points

away from breaking the career assists record. Playing forward, it is quite possible that she could have broken both records in the 1999-2000 season. She is currently ranked eighth all-time in career scoring—just one shy of seventh—with 65 points. On breaking the record, Obyc says, "I'd like to do it, but if I don't, I'm not too concerned about it."

In a team situation, it is important to weigh the importance of scoring goals or keeping the opponent off of the scoreboard. In the case of the Women's Hockey team, coach Scuteri made his decision to play Obyc on defense and it appears to be a good one. Despite a number of low scoring games, the Lady Tigers only have one loss and have played strongly against the top teams in the nation. Their toughest challenge, number one ranked Middlebury, visits RIT February 5 at 4:00 p.m. Obyc, along with the rest of the Lady Tigers, will do everything in their power to defeat this Division III powerhouse. •



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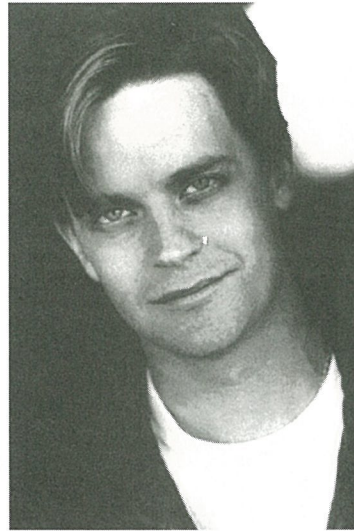
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*Tickets on sale in SAU at Candy Counter,
Game Room, and CAB office*

Sat. Feb. 5

CAB Ski Trip to Bristol Mountain
bus leaves RIT at 8 am; leaves Bristol at 5 pm
\$25 students, \$30 faculty/staff
Includes lift tickets and lunch.
Ski rental \$8 extra; Snowboard rental \$13 extra
Tickets available at CAB Office, SAU room A402

Mon. Feb. 7

SG Presents... Dr. Drew!
7:30 pm
Clark Gym
Tickets \$3 RIT student; \$5 fac/staff; \$7 public
available in SAU at SG office (in RITreat) and Candy Counter

Sat. Feb. 12

Spotlight Cultural Series Presents...
Hezekiah Walker & the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir
with the RIT Gospel Ensemble
7:30 pm
Clark Gym
\$5 students, \$10 fac/staff, \$15 public
Tickets in SAU at Candy Counter & Game Room

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