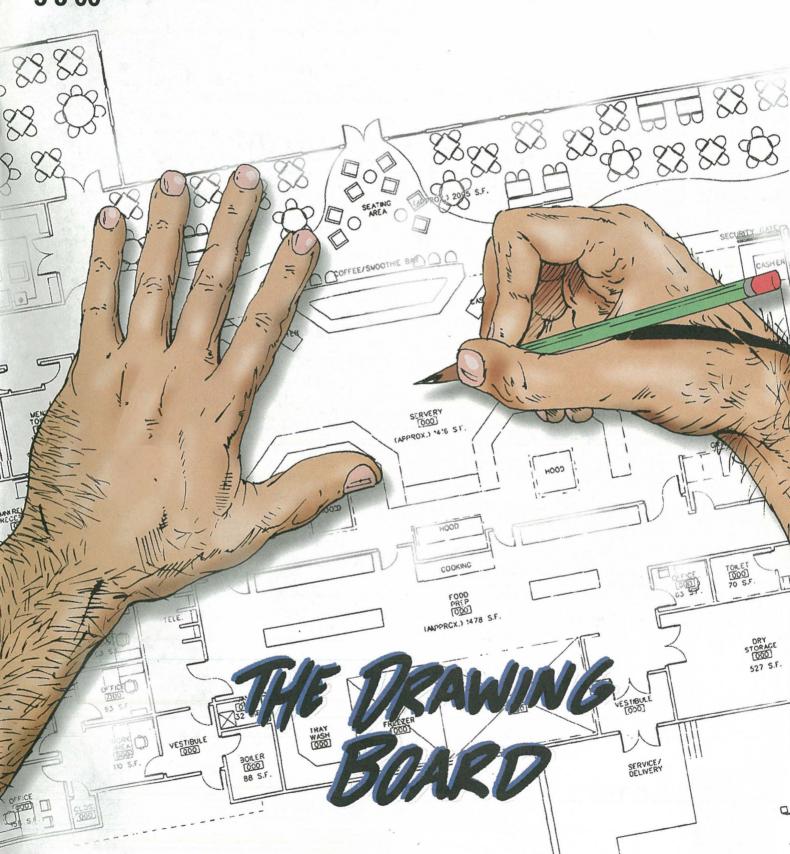
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#### **GREENER PASTURES**

I have noticed a disturbing trend on campus. As I sat down to eat my lunch during last week's College of Science picnic, I noticed the empty cans and bottles strewn across the lawn. I watched as student after student just tossed their empty beverage containers onto the ground beside them, or in the trashcans a little farther away. I watched as people cleaned up after the picnic, placing all the scattered cans in those same trash bags along with dirty plates, napkins, and leftover hotdogs.

This is not a new phenomenon. I see it everyday in my classes, in my office, and even in my own apartment. I am disappointed with each trip to the recycling dumpster as I find empty pizza boxes and full bags of garbage added in with the glass, aluminum, and plastic that are supposed to be recycled. I have one particular friend who likes to "taunt" me by throwing away soda bottles right in front of me, fully knowing that the recycling bin is just an arm's reach away. If it weren't for the five-cent deposit on soda and beer cans, I don't think those would even be returned appropriately.

Now maybe we are just too lazy. Maybe we just don't care. Maybe it's the "monkey see, monkey do" syndrome (how ironic). Whatever the reason, there is no reason that this should be happening.

Though I can't do it all at my RIT apartment, at my home, we don't throw out much of anything. Paper, glass, plastic, tin, cardboard, and aluminum all get recycled. Plastic grocery bags are reused or returned to the store. Most food scraps and waste are tossed into a compost pile in the back yard. Instead of paper towels, we use cloth. We never use paper plates or disposable utensils. Here at school, I find that it's pretty easy to do most of these things, *sans* the composting.

Perhaps this all sounds a little extreme, but is it really too much to ask? Why can't we all have just a little respect for our environment? Last week, another one of my friends said, "The world only has to support me while I'm hear. After that, what do I care?" I'm afraid that far to many of us take this type of attitude.

Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Everything we do now affects those that follow (including our own children and their children and...). Our inconsiderate attitudes will result in the end of quality land, water, air, food, etc. for some future generation. Sometime down the road, the "after that, what do I care?" attitude will end our world.

I am writing this, not because we recently happened to pass through another *unrecognized/unadvertised* Earth Day, although that would be a good reason. Really though, we shouldn't need a special day to recognize how important the earth is to us and that we should work to protect it. Whether you believe it or not, every little bit does help. If we all paid just a little more attention to what we are doing, we could make a world of difference—for now, and for the future.

Nicholas R. Spittal Editor-in-Chief

Corection: In last week's Colin Powell article, his book was incorrectly listed as My American Dream. The correct title is My American Journey.

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#### Knock! Knock! Open up the Doors!

A student strolling down the hallway notices that all office doors are marked "DO NOT ENTER," except one door labeled "ENTER HERE ONLY TO START CONFLICT-RESO-LUTION PROCESS." The aforementioned student grumbles due to the fact that entering through this door will result in a lengthy and frustrating process in an all or nothing gamble. This can happen if a proposal on the problem-resolution procedures, proposed by Center of Technical Studies (CTS) of NTID, is approved by NTID administration.

The proposal was made to clarify the conflict-resolution process for students. Strangely, the faculty wasn't aware of this proposal which states that after a student meets with the NTID Dean to solve a conflict between him/her and his/her professor, if the meeting is not successful, the student can meet with the Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) or the RIT Ombudsperson, ACC is designed to be another avenue for students to pursue after meeting with a professor and departmental chairperson unsuccessfully, as per RIT guidelines. Also, it has been quite clear that the RIT Ombudsperson is available at any point of a problem-solving process. After all,

the RIT Ombuds' motto is "Never the wrong place to 20."

NTID's proposal is vague because no guidelines accompany each step of the process. It should be expected that guidelines be included with the proposal itself, to make it complete. Otherwise, students may be in for a surprise.

Is any student here willing to go through a long and frustrating crusade to resolve an issue? No! We all have a life and those assignments to finish in this quick-paced quarter system. RIT guidelines have been flexible enough to permit several options to resolve a concern while CTS administration tries to limit it to only one avenue. To make it worse, the NTID Dean is thinking about implementing the proposal college-wide.

Regarding the time commitments, constraints, vagueness, and length involved in this proposed process, the NTID Student Congress strongly urges the NTID Dean and CTS administrators to reconsider this proposal. As for unlocking the doors marked "DO NOT ENTER," we the students will need to be aware of our rights under RIT guidelines.

-Matt Sickon

Academic Affairs Director and Mark Sullivan **President NTID Student Congress** 

#### **DSS** Is Trying

In the April 21 issue of Reporter, Kevin Bernadt described some items in the Gosnell computer labs that he felt needed improvement. ITS Distributed Support Services (DSS) wants to thank him for taking the time to bring them to our attention.

Most of the items had been taken care of by the time the issue was published, but some-particularly the printing policy-are still being discussed by faculty and staff of the College of Science. We should have a resolution soon.

We apologize for not responding to the message in our suggestion box in the lab. Through an oversight, the message was not picked up when it should have been. This

> problem has been taken care of. As an alternative, send comments and suggestions to www.rit.edu/~755www/. While there, note other helpful

pages, e.g., online computer lab class schedules, and software and hardware resources available.

Finally, there are many issues involved with keeping labs open 24 hours a day (security, staffing, budget, etc.) We do operate computer labs all across campus seven days a week. most days until 11 p.m. or midnight. Given a fixed budget, it appears that the only way to keep some labs open for 24 hours is to decrease the hours in others. That would inconvenience other students.

We have considered this issue in the past, however, not for quite awhile. Therefore, we will research what other universities are doing, survey what our lab users need, and then see if we can adjust our operations to meet those needs. Of course, in the case of the Gosnell labs, College of Science staff will have to be involved, because they are the ones paying the bills.

-Bob Weeks

Associate Director, ITS Distributed Support Services













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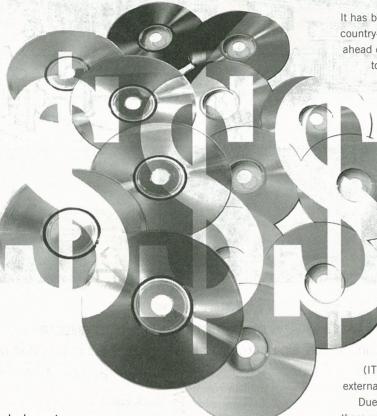
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## The Battle Continues

A New Player Emerges in The War Over the Use of Napster

By Jeff Prystajko



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#### No Average Gallery

The Media Café will be holding a Fine Art Video exhibition from 2-4 p.m. in room 2070 of building 7B on May 8. Presented by the Fine Art Photography Department, the Media Café strives to enhance the relationship between the audience and the artwork. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend the event for conversation and fresh cappuccino.

#### **Students Earn Top Prizes**

Nine manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology students earned top honors at the 14th annual Student Robotic Challenge, sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers at Robert Morris College near Pittsburgh. Their "journey robot" uses infrared sensors to navigate obstacle courses.

At the same competition, a second group of RIT students won the national award for its automation work-cell design of a miniature automobile factory producing toy trucks. RIT has taken home top honors at this event for two straight years..

It has been said over and over again, at many places across the country-today's techno-savvy students will always be one step ahead of system administrators. Nathaniel Lowndes has helped to prove this true by setting up a service that provides the searching and transferring power of Napster over the RIT

network. Over the past few months, both Administration and Information & Technology Services (ITS) have argued over a decision on whether to allow access

to the popular MP3-sharing program; possible legal action from the RIAA, along with decreased network performance prompted a shutdown (see "The Network Bytes", 4/14 Issue). Nevertheless, Lowndes, a first year computer engineering major, has found a way to circumvent that roadblock, without putting any added loads on the network.

Calling the service "Pagster," students download and configure a special program that reroutes Napster's default search location to Lowndes' own local server. All shared music files belong solely to RIT students connected to the internal network: Jeffrey Mahoney of Information & Technology Systems

(ITS) cooperated with Lowndes to ensure that access to external users is restricted.

Due to the recent debate over the controversial MP3 subject, there were some initial problems. "A couple 'techs' from ResNet caused me problems by submitting reports to ResNet that I was violating policy," said Lowndes. "After a few phone calls reminding the people to read my web site-which describes exactly why I'm not violating policy-things smoothed out all right."

Unfortunately, this doesn't resolve the issue concerning the reason (copyrighted material being transferred) many companies and artists are at odds with Napster. Dave Mulvihill, Systems Manager for ITS, noted that since Pagster relies only on internal network users, it "helps reduce consumption of the T3." When it comes to the legality of individual songs, however, he stated that, "We are leaving that decision to the responsibility of the student." Lowndes offered his own take on the subject: "The public, and myself, believes that CDs and cassettes are too expensive, and in the name of that indignation, music is often pirated in MP3 form. I think that CDs and such will continue to sell very well for a few reasons: many people don't collect MP3s, and often CDs are purchased for novelty purposes. To have the music is one thing, but to own the CD is often so much more; something along the lines of baseball card collection."

While Pagster will disappear for the summer, it will return for fall quarter. Those intrigued by the idea can visit the Pagster homepage at http://paqman.rh.rit.edu..

## world news By Jason Pacchiarotti STAFFWRITER

**MADISON, Wisconsin**—The big bad Easter Bunny strikes again! A 15-year-old girl working as a mall Easter Bunny got into a fight with her 20-year-old assistant on Wednesday, April 19. When the Easter Bunny took off her costume head while on a break, her assistant pushed her, causing the Bunny to trip over the mask. The 15 year-old girl got up and slugged it out with her assistant. The assistant was arrested, and the Easter Bunny was fired. (*AP*)

**PHILADELPHIA**—A Philadelphia radio station's contest wreaked havoc with the local mail system. WMMR-FM challenged listeners to mail a perfectly undamaged raw egg to the station. As one can imagine, not all contestants were careful enough to assure their egg would be properly packaged. Unfortunately, the contest coincided with the tax deadline, and many tax forms were damaged and destroyed. Postal workers spent days sorting through sticky, wet mail. *(AP)* 

**CHICAGO**—Oprah Winfrey, champion of the First Amendment, bars any employee of hers from speaking about their time in her company—for the length of their natural lives. The *Chicago Tribune* reported on Sunday, April 16, that a former Oprah employee tried to have the agreement overturned in a Chicago court, but failed. Even though Winfrey fought and won a court battle for her First Amendment Right against Texan cattlemen in 1998, she refuses to discuss company policy with the media. *(CNN)* 

**LONDON**—A dying man was given the opportunity to hold his newborn infant before dying of cancer. Doctors induced Angela Moon to give birth two weeks early when she found out her husband would die before giving birth to their first child. The three were able to share one embrace before the father died on Monday, April 17. (*Reuters*)

**MEDELLIN, Columbia**—A couple tried to smuggle seven pounds of cocaine into Mexico from Columbia on Good Friday, April 21. The unidentified man and woman concealed cocaine in the heels of their shoes and the lining of their clothing. Customs agents became suspicious when they felt how heavy their bible was. The couple, in their late fifties, was arrested. (*Reuters*)

**BUCHAREST, Romania**—The editors of Romanian *Playboy* have apologized to Romanian women and pledged to educate men about the danger of violence against women. This was in response to an April Fool's article entitled "How to Beat Your Wife Without Leaving Marks." *Playboy* also promised to fund shelters for battered women, and for projects to combat domestic violence. "The Romanian publication will also print stories to educate Romanian men against violence at home," local rights activist Oana Popa told Reuters on Monday, April 24. (*Reuters*)

**BEIJING, China**—Chinese research scientists are using panda porn to teach the endangered species to have sex—and it appears to be working. Sexually inept pandas at the China Giant Panda Research Institute have been a problem as scientists are trying to mate them to save the endangered species. Video tapes of other giant pandas mating seems to be stimulating the pandas as the percent of impotent pandas has decreased from 80 to 60 percent. (*Reuters*)

## **Alphabet Soup**

Greek Bi-weekly: A Year in Review

By Tricia Hunter

With final exams, graduation, good-byes, and new beginnings quickly approaching, it's the perfect time to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of the Greek community over the past year. The houses, although diverse and unique, have pulled together this year to create a larger sense of community while building the spirit on the RIT campus.

The fall started with the fourth Annual Mud-Tug, which is a philanthropy event that involves many Greek houses, independent Residence Hall floors, and campus groups playing Tug-o-War to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The fall also included some great programs such as the Dating Doctor, The History of Pledging, a Diversity Program, and a Sexual Assault Program.

Winter quarter began with the Tree of Angels project. This is another philanthropic activity in which Greek houses donate gifts for the holidays to those in need at the East House of Rochester; this year we donated over 160 gifts. Also this winter was the third-annual All Greek Scholarship Recognition Ceremony, sponsored by Order of Omega. At this event, 43 sorority and fraternity leaders were recognized for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Also, 157 Greek students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to 3.5 were honored. Some programming efforts this winter stemming from Greek Affairs and Greek Council were a Financial Management Seminar, a Career Workshop, and a program discussing the consequences of hazing.

This spring has been packed with educational and community events. During March, the women of the National Panhellenic Council sponsored numerous events, such as a panel of successful women speakers, in honor of Women's History Month. Shane Windmeyer came to RIT and presented a program titled "Truth and Brotherhood." Greek Affairs and Greek Council sponsored the Greek Leadership Retreat, in which 175 Greeks took part in a full day of leadership training and activities. Additionally, Greek Council fed over 600 students, faculty, and staff at a campus-wide barbeque on one of the first nice days this spring.

The year will be complete following the Greek Awards Banquet, where individual Greek members and houses will be recognized for their accomplishments. The Greek system is proud of our endeavors over the past year. Join us in celebrating our successes this year, and wish those who are leaving the best of luck for the future!

# It's Your Turn To Give Out The Grades

A New Teacher Evaluation Site
Facilitates Improved Class Choices

#### By Rebecca Alperstein

ith the end of the quarter fast approaching, finals once again loom over students' heads. Soon, all will be said and done, and grades for the quarter will be entered. Have you felt that you got the most bang for your buck this quarter, or do you wish you knew beforehand that

your professor needs a little work on his or her teaching skills? There's almost nothing as frustrating as realizing you know next to nothing compared with someone who took the same class you did, but chose a different professor. Of course, it's difficult to know how good or bad your teacher is without the opinion of someone who's been through his or her class.

A few students are trying to help in the goal to change that situation. Renato Arruda and a few friends have created a web site where students can go and vote for their favorite professors. This new teacher evaluation site was designed as a way for students to be better informed when selecting teachers. Ideally, a student could go to the site, click on any department, then on any professor, and find another student's opinion of him/her. Although the site is currently up and running, it's still in its early stages. There are currently 189 professors listed, mostly from technical departments such as Computer Science and Information Technology, with some Liberal Arts iand business professors as well. There are 119 votes so far.

According to Arruda, "I have 119 users, growing every day." Most of the teachers are from technical departments since Arruda, a first-year electrical engineering major, began entering teachers that he and his friends have had. However, any student can go to

the site and enter a professor for evaluation. All you need is the professor's first and last names, their department, and their VAX account username. You won't see them listed immediately, however; Arruda will first investigate to make sure they really do teach here and are in the department specified, a process which is usually quick since he checks the site several times a day. You can then go back and enter your comments for future users to read.

Currently the problem facing the site is where it will be hosted this summer. Right now Albert, a computer science major who helped in the construction

of the site, is hosting from the dorms. Since he will be unable to host it during the summer, it's unsure what will become of it. The best solution, it seemsand the one Arruda has been working towards-is for the site to be hosted on grace, which has all the necessary software to allow for smooth operation.

There has been some communication to Student Government on this matter, but there has yet to be any real action taken. However, Arruda is hopeful that eventually he will talk face to face with SG and be able to work out a plan for grace to host the site. In the meantime, you can still go and see what has been done so far at http://professor.n3.net.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or problems with the site, you can e-mail **profevaluation@hotmail.com** 

Party of the Year

**By Jason Pacchiarotti** STAFF WRITER

#### A Preview of

Emanon is dead. Long live the Spring Festival! It's no secret that last year's disappointing Emanon was merely the coup de gras in the slowly-dying annual event's history. This year, the College Activities Board (CAB) and Student Government have joined forces once again to create the very first Spring Festival-a bigger, better, and "badder" Emanon. Unlike the other end-of-the-year events of the past, the Spring Festival promises to bring the fun back to RIT. SG and CAB have worked hard to involve as many student organizations as possible, and have brought Train-a big-time headlining band-to RIT.

> Spring Festival 2000 is going to be jam-packed with exciting events and concerts, beginning today, Friday, May 5. As in the past, there will be carnival rides, games, and food located in M-lot by the Commons and Margaret's House. Friday night will be capped off by a thrilling fireworks display. The rides and carnival games will continue the following day.

> Special activities begin on Saturday, starting at 10:00 a.m. and going well into Sunday morning. Twenty-one clubs and student groups are involved in bringing non-stop fun and excitement to the festival.

> > For all you computer game fanatics, MacRIT is holding a Quake III/Unreal tournament from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Grace Watson hall. For all you outdoors people, there will be a women's cross-country 4K race at 10:00 a.m., and the Outing Club will be rock

climbing from 1-6 p.m. Various student clubs will

be setting up activity tables from 1-7:00 p.m. The Life Science Club will have a T-shirt tie-dying table, and Anime Club will have origami, calligraphy, and movies. Golden Key will have a caricaturist at their table. There will be an outside stage

hosting a Dave Matthews Band cover band, plus various RIT student singing groups, and more. Pepsi will be handing out free

All of these events are absolutely free, and made possible by SG and the CAB. Saturday night, Train will

bе performing in the Clark Gym. Riding the success of their hits "Meet Virginia" and "I Am," Train is bringing their unique blend of rock to the Brick City for one night only. This is one of only two events students will have to pay for, but the student price of five dollars is a good deal. Tickets are \$10 for faculty and \$15 for the general public. The concert begins at 8 p.m. with the Gas Giants opening, followed by the main act at 9 p.m. At 11 p.m., there will be an after-concert party hosted by **Unity** House, lasting until 2:30 a.m. It will have a small cover charge, but should prove to be well worth it.

For a full list of the activities, go to www.sg.rit.edu/SpringFest. The only way the Spring Festival will be a success. however, is if students come out and participate! For those who say there is never anything to do on campus, this is your chance to be pleasantly proven wrong.

# "Where the Heart Is" Hits Home

Imagine

secretly living in Wal-Mart for six weeks because you didn't have anywhere else to go. Abandoned and pregnant, seventeenyear-old Novalee Nation (Natalie Portman) lives that life in the film. Where the Heart Is, based on the best selling novel by Billie Letts.

Novalee and her boyfriend embark on a journey from Tennessee to California to make a better life for themselves. In Oklahoma, Novalee runs into Wal-Mart to use the bathroom. Meanwhile, her beau bolts, leaving her stranded. She finds herself out of friends, out of money, and out of luck. Novalee, then, is forced to stay in Wal-Mart and fend for herself. When she gives birth to her daughter Americus on the floor of isle four, her life is forever changed. She goes from another teenage pregnancy statistic to being the local celebrity-mother of the "Wal-Mart Baby."



Novalee, (Natalie Portman) and Lexie (Ashley Judd) become best friends fast.

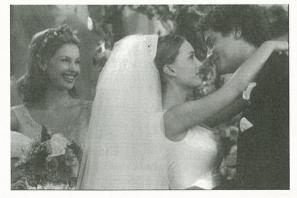
Novalee and Americus encounter love and friendship in this small Oklahoma town where everyone knows everyone else. While in the hospital, Novalee befriends one of the nurses, Lexie (Ashley Judd), who becomes a sister figure for her. Lexie has four kids of her own, all of which are named after snack foods (Brownie, Praline, Cherry, and Baby Ruth).

The people Novalee meets in the tiny town she now calls home make an unforgettable impact on her life. To satisfy her thirst for gardening books, Novalee becomes a regular at the library and finds a friend in the eccentric librarian, Forney Hull (James Frain). Forney is quick to fall in love with Americus and looks after her as if she were his own. During her stint as a Wal-Mart tenant, Novalee also meets Moses Whitecotton (Keith David), the store photographer. Moses helps Novalee to explore her artistic side by looking through a camera lens.

After reading the novel, I was hesitant to see Where the Heart Is on the big screen, since most movies are never as good as the book. I have to say, though, I loved it! It is one of the best "feel-good" films I have seen in a long time. It varies only slightly from the book and the script

is extremely well written. Portman fits perfectly in the role of a girl forced to grow up quickly. She is believable as a young teenager-pregnant and desperate-but also as a mother who would do anything to keep her daughter safe. Judd plays the part of Novalee's best friend to a tee. She is the essence of a young mother desperately searching for both a father for her children, and a little bit of true love along the way. They work together with an amazing amount of compassion and spirit.

With a star-studded cast and an emotional plot, this film has heart. It tells the story of a young girl who has no idea of what her future will hold. With a family of friends to surround her, Novalee finally learns what home is all about—you don't have to be a blood relation to be family. you just have to make the room in your heart for the people you love.



Novalee, (Natalie Portman) finds true happiness with Forney (James Frain).



By Andrew Quagliata

#### http://www.recordstore.com/cgibin/wuname/wuname.pl

With names like Rebel INS, Prince Rakeem, Method Man. Ol'Dirty Bastard, Ghost Face Killer, and U-God, have you even wondered what your name would be if you were a member of the Wu-Tang Clan? Probably not, but check out this page and find out anyway. Mine would be Inscrutable Drama Queen.

#### http://www.naotoikeda.com/

Naoto Ikeda, a former photography student at RIT, has created a truly unique web site to market himself. Using a Flash plug-in, the site incorporates constantly-moving images, complemented with audio. Ikeda's portfolio includes still life, portrait, fashion, feature, figure, abstract, and landscape photography images. His creative way of designing the site makes it worth visiting. Even non-photography majors will be impressed by the imagination of Naoto Ikeda.

#### http://www.pages2send.com/

The name says it all-this site has amusing pages to send to your friends via e-mail. Click through categories titled funny, cool and neat, and tasteless-among others-and find a variety of funny pages. Then send an e-mail to a friend with the URL so they can get a laugh too. The kid in me enjoyed pages that let me warp the faces of Britney Spears and Bill Clinton. You are bound to get a laugh out of at least one of the 50 pages this well organized site has to offer.

# By Kelly L. Pearson StreetRFAT

#### Friday, May 5:

"East End Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" East Avenue, 6:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. No Cover Charge, Must be 21 or Over

#### Tremors Sports Bar and Night Club

1509 Scottsville Rd., 235-0950 KISS 107's Official Club Night Cover Charges 21 and Over-\$3.00 18-20-\$8.00

#### Vihes

150 Andrews Street, 232-8970 Top 40 Dance with DJ Spin until 3:00 a.m.- 18 and Over

#### Saturday, May 6:

#### Toronto Lynx vs. Rochester Raging Rhinos

Opening Day at Frontier Field, 7:35 Tickets available at the Box Office or by College Night

#### Train

calling 454-KICK

Clark Gym, RIT Tickets available by calling the CAB

#### **Gotham City**

50 Liberty Pole Way, 423-GOTH 98PXY's Official Club Night 18 and Over

#### Lloyd's

289 Alexander Street, 546-2211 College Night 21 and Over

#### RFD

171 St. Paul Street, 234-0888 WBER 90.5 Club Night 21 and Over Only

#### Sledgehammer's Bar and Grill

Route 96, Farmington, 924-5548 KISS 107's Official Club Night 21 and Over

#### Vibes

150 Andrews Street, 232-8970 18 and Over, Doors open 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Please note that times and dates are subject to change.

#### Sunday, May 7: "Weird Al" Yankovic, touring

Auditorium Center, 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at all Ticket-Master locations

#### ■ Tuesday, May 9:

#### Maxwell's Bar and Grill

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By Edgar Blackmon

will tell you that a movie is bad even if I've never seen it. I wrote off *Gossip* as being another "Teensploitation" movie, along the lines of *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *She's All That*. I was wrong. *Gossip* is a very mature film. It deals with the subject of truth, and what we perceive truth to be.

Gossip focuses on the lives of three students, Jones (Lena Headey), Derrick (James Marsden), and Travis (Norman Reedus). These students decide that for their final project, they will start a rumor and see how far and differentiated it becomes. The rumor involves their classmate, Naomi (Kate Hudson), and her boyfriend, Beau (Joshua Jackson). Naomi has a reputation for being extremely chaste. Derrick and Jones start a rumor that Naomi and Beau had sex at a recent party. When Naomi doesn't remember the event, her two-faced friend, Sheila (Marisa Coughlan) convinces Naomi that Beau raped her. Suddenly, Beau is arrested for date rape. Jones, wants to come clean, Derrick wants to forget about it, and Travis seems more interested in his art than anything else.

The movie is a bit unrealistic, but that seems to be the intention of the director, **Davis Guggenheim**, and executive producers **Joel Schumacher** and **Bruce Berman**. Guggenheim explained, "In creating this film, we worked very hard to come up with a campus life that is hyper-real." However, this seems *almost overdone*. Everyone in this movie has an apparent drinking problem. It's almost as if the characters don't know what to do with their hands, so they put glass after glass of alcohol in them. The very choice of alcoholic beverages was unrealistic. How many of you have ever been to a party where strawberry, apple, and vodka martinis are pre-made, just sitting on the bar for you to take? I know I haven't.

Despite the lack of realism, there are a lot of great things in this film. Seasoned actors **Sharon Lawrence**, **Edward James Olmos**, and **Eric Bogosian** make excellent contributions to the story.

The movie poses the question, "What is truth?" The truth in this movie becomes a lie and the lie becomes the truth. Watching the film, it becomes difficult to discern between who is telling the truth, who is lying, and who can be believed. All in all, *Gossip* is worth seeing, and is not at all what I expected.





#### **LOVE IN STEREO**

Rahsaan Patterson's Music Comes Alive With Passion

Do you know who Rahsaan Patterson is? You probably don't recognize the name, but it is very likely that you've heard of some of the people he has influenced. He has written hit songs for Brandy, Chico Debarge, Tevin Campbell, and Christopher Williams. He's been on soundtracks for several movies, including Dr. Doolittle, Hoodlum, and Bulletproof. He is also a talented artist who has just released his second album, Love in Stereo. His soulful style is extremely underrated and his songs are more like conversations than ballads. On his first single, "Treat You Like a Queen," he sounds like he is conversing with a friend who is in an abusive relationship.

Patterson has a knack for making his songs uplifting, even if the subject is serious. On "Friend of Mine," he sings about what it's like to lose a lover to a friend. Patterson coolly sings the song from the perspective of a man and a woman without losing a step. It is refreshing to listen to an artist that is more interested in singing the song and telling the story than he is in labels. Listening to this album was a joy, and I never had to skip a track. The quality of the music and lyrics come together to make every song enjoyable. Regardless of the variety of the songs, they all contain elements of jazz, making this album a more than appropriate selection for "intimate times." The songs are relaxing, smooth, and fun at the same time. In an age where soul singers are not living up to their reputations, Rahsaan Patterson outdoes his. Sometimes you must seek out a good album, and Rahsaan Patterson's Love in Stereo is worth the journey.

Patterson is donating all the artist royalties from the sale of this album to the charity Soul Survivors. Patterson created Soul Survivors to rebuild inner city houses to provide shelter for abused women, runaways, and those in need of mental assistance.

#### THE FLAVOR OF TONIC

More than a Pretty Plate By Alison Liwush

If you have ever channel surfed late at night, you've probably run across a few cooking channels. Everything looks so delicious and perfect, you wish you could afford to eat like that. Well, now you can.

The new restaurant that opened in the club Tonic serves food that looks like a picture straight out of a gourmet cookbook. Not only does it look scrumptious, it tastes just as good. I had the chicken breast with asparagus and portabella mushrooms-delicious. The servings are nice sized portions; they won't leave you hungry, but don't expect leftovers.

As an added bonus, Tonic is a good date place. You can have a dinner that looks and tastes expensive for a relatively affordable price. It's not as cheap as a drive-thru meal, but two dinners run for about forty dollars; not an extreme amount of money to spend on an elegant dinner for two.

The food fits the atmosphere. which is a little more high class than the typical "club" scene. You might feel a bit underdressed wearing jeans to Tonic; rather, it's more of a nice pair of khakis or a cute skirt place. The dining area has big, comfy blue chairs and charming table settings, with a tropical flower and floating candle center pieces. The restaurant is separated from the bar and club area by tall green plants, giving it an intimate feeling. The service is polite and prompt. We were in and out in an hou-granted we went early-still, the staff was courteous and eager to fill

I would highly suggest this restaurant if you are looking for a fun night out on the town, and are not too strapped for cash. Tonic serves dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

Getting there may be a little tricky. The 336 East Ave. sign is not over the entrance. The entrance is near the parking lot around the corner on Lawrence Street, Parking on Lawrence saves a little bit of walking, but even if you end up hiking a bit, just the sight of your meal will be worth it.

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# **Finance Matters**

By Andrew Quagliata

Over the course of the year I have devoted this column to issues of personal finance. To conclude the year, I would like to step back and take a look at a bigger picture: that of Greater student I have those company complaints about the Flower City.

Rochester. As a student, I hear three common complaints about the Flower City: limited job opportunities, a lack of social activities, and dreary weather.

Community government, business, and education leaders cannot change the weather, but they hope to change the image of Rochester in the eyes of local college students. Each group came together for a Presidential Colloquium on April 25: "New York's Best & Brightest: Keeping Our College Graduates in Rochester."

The current concern is in response to a recent survey conducted for M&T Bank. It discovered that in the next five years, more educated young people plan to leave upstate New York than any other area of the country.

People between the ages of 18 and 30 (40 percent), with incomes of \$100,000 to \$150,000 (30 percent) and college degrees (26 percent), are planning to move out of the region because they believe there are better job opportunities elsewhere.

When the community hears about layoffs, they assume there are fewer opportunities in Rochester. "We are no longer a three company town," said Sandy Parker, president of the Industrial Management Council. The growth in Rochester is coming from small to mid-sized companies. According to David Hunke, president and publisher of the *Democrat and Chronicle*, Rochester has lost 8,000 jobs in the last two years, but it has also created 17,000.

The problem is, local businesses are not reaching out to students in area colleges; for the most part, students are not aware of the majority of successful small to mid-sized businesses that exist in Rochester. To keep the students in this community after graduation, these companies must get involved in the schools, form relationships early, make meaningful co-ops available, and market themselves to the best and brightest.

Once students start to realize that there really are good job opportunities in Rochester, then government, business, and educational leaders can start to market other noteworthy qualities in the community. "We must celebrate our strengths and let the rest of the world know about them," said Christine Whitman, president and chief executive officer of CVC Inc. Greater Rochester has affordable housing, excellent K-12 schools, strong performing arts, great professional sports teams, and no traffic. It's ideally situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, within a one-hour drive of Canada, only 30 minutes north of the beautiful wine country on the Finger Lakes, and is within a three-hour dive of the Adirondacks—the nation's largest state park. For those that enjoy the snow, four ski resorts are within a one-hour drive of Rochester.

These are a few of many strengths that community leaders need to market to improve the image of Rochester. One problem addressed by Parker is that college graduates "work hard and they want to play hard." Right now, Rochester does not have enough to offer in regards to downtown social activities for college students and young professionals. That must change.

"You can get things done here if you focus on it," said Hunke. The Presidential Colloquium discussed the problems and possible solutions; hopefully now, government, business, educational, and student leaders can work together to make a change. •

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

# A Career Spent Serving, Protecting, and Guiding

#### Campus Safety Director Dick Sterling Retires after 11 Years at RIT

Dick Sterling is described as an advocate for students. He is called systematic, visionary, a true leader. He is also called compassionate, caring, and sincere. These are just a few of the descriptions used to paint a picture of the man who has devoted himself to RIT as the Director of Campus Safety for the last 11 years. He is respected not only by the administration, but by his co-workers, employees, and the student body.

Sterling came to RIT in 1982 as the Associate Director of Campus Safety. He had already served 20 years as a commanding officer in the Rochester City Police Department, which may explain certain characteristics that his employees and co-workers will remember about him. Associate Director Chris Denninger recalls certain choice phrases like, "get the rascal."

If there is one thing that is obvious about Dick Sterling, it is the respect and admiration that he receives from those around him. Russ Tripoli of Loss prevention and Patrol Services describes Sterling as a true gentleman. Sterling's Assistant, Jackie Montione-Baldwin considers him to be her boss, and her friend. Transportation and Parking Supervisor Gary Caton went so far as to say that "He is a caring and dedicated servant of the Institute, whose first priority is always the students." Tripoli went on to say that "Sterling is responsible for 99 percent of the improvements that have been implemented at Campus Safety over the years. He is a man that I have the utmost respect for."

"RIT is a dynamic place," commented Sterling, on the Institution he has served with for the past 18 years. "Working in the university setting allows you to have more opportunities to be proactive." This has been the cornerstone of Sterling's career as Director. He has successfully and positively found ways to implement community-based security as the primary mode of operation for campus safety. This initiative stems from his belief that campus safety officers need to interact in positive ways with the student body in order to form a cohesive and beneficial relationship. Over time, Sterling has seen this policy of community-based security prosper with the use of bike patrols and regular appearances in certain areas by Campus Safety officers. "We have been able to put officers in better positions to interact with students, which is a big factor in improving the quality of life at RIT." Most importantly, Sterling believes the ideals that are active in community-based security promote a greaters ense of trust between the students and the officers.

Over the years, there is one thing that has never waned in the eyes of Sterling: his belief in the basic principles and philosophies of Campus Safety. "Programs come and go, but philosophies never change," stated Sterling. He proudly points to the creed that hangs on his wall as the underlying purpose behind everything he and his staff do. "Students are the most important people on campus," it reads. "Without them we would not be here. They are not an interruption to our work, they are the purpose of it." Sterling commented that, "Everything we do is directed towards that philosophy."

As Sterling prepares for retirement, he leaves behind a fairly



sizable legacy, including technological upgrades such as a computeraided dispatch area, and closed-circuit television monitoring of the parking lots. Moreover, he prides Campus Safety on its relatively large student composite, which he considers an invaluable component of operation. "It's great to watch students develop leadership and business skills that they will benefit from in the future," noted Sterling of his 40 student employees. He indicated that had it not been for the hard work and dedication of a staff that he considers one of the finest, his success as Director would not be nearly as great. "You're only as good as the people who support you, and I think the world of this staff." Being family-oriented, Sterling added, "I've had an opportunity not only to take a leadership role in safety a nd security, but I watched three of my children graduate from RIT and have seen the Institute from a parent's perspective."

Sterling's plans for the future include a trip to Europe, more time spent with his grandchildren, and fishing. Of course, it goes without saying that each of these activities will be interspersed with many trips to the golf course. "If I get bored, there is a tremendous amount of volunteer work that I can do," he added, with that large smile that has become his trademark. Looking back on his time at RIT, Sterling simply commented, "You give people a piece of your life, and you want to know that you really made a difference. I feel proud that I have contributed to making RIT a better place.".

# **Bright Future Ahead**

Millions of Dollars, Thousands of Ideas, and Hundreds of People are Transforming RIT for the Better By Jeff Prystajko

Death, taxes, and an increase in tuition. Yes, there are now *three* things one can be certain of in life.

But don't feel that your money is going to waste. Over the next few months, dozens of projects are in the works that are designed to provide new services, add new educational opportunities, and increase the overall quality of life.

Between projects, such as ongoing housing improvements and a new food service building, the campus will certainly be different come fall.

What follows is a definitive guide as to what to expect.

#### Perkins Green/Colony Manor

This summer marks the beginning of a three-year exterior renovation plan to Perkins Green and Colony Manor apartments, with the installation of brand new siding, trim, doors, and windows. The work on Perkins will take place both this summer and next, with work at Colony coming the following summer. Additionally, residents will receive free local phone access and new public laundry machines will accept debit and flex accounts.

#### **Field House**

Work on the affectionately dubbed "Simone-Dome" has progressed to the soliciting stage; President Simone is currently meeting with trustees who may be able to provide financial support. Dr. James Watters is also studying the RIT operating budget to determine what the Institute could support in terms of additional fiscal resources. Watters notes, however, that "The Field House is a \$17 million project, and must be weighed against all the other needs of the Institute."

#### CIMS

While rumors have surfaced saying that the area being cleared (where the recent wetlands controversy occurred) was going to facilitate a parking lot due to an extension of the north end of the CIMS (Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies) building, in actuality the land is merely being leveled and landscaped. There are currently no funds available for such an expansion.

#### **Racquet Club**

While the townhouses only have one year left before demolishment, expect to see a few minor changes next year, including new laundry machines that accept debit and flex. Plans for the site after the closure are currently undetermined, although there is a Request for Proposal (RFP) to convert the location into a retirement community for alumni and professors; a number of other universities have had success with such an operation.

#### **Dirt Mountain**

Dubbed the "Richard Dreyfus 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' Mound" by Finance & Administration Vice President James Watters, many have wondered what will become of the area south of S-lot. Contrary to rumors of a parking lot expansion or a new building, it will instead be removed and landscaped into a grassy field.

#### Sol Heumann Hall

Over the summer and fall quarters, the remaining tower in RIT's \$50 million residence hall renovation project will be finished. The original corner store (a new one opened beneath NRH on March 5) will be renovated into a complimentary store focusing on beauty and healthcare items.

#### Nathaniel Rochester Hall

NRH, which had completed renovations during winter quarter, is undergoing three major changes. First, work will continue on furnishing the new Corner Store, which has been in operation for two full months now. Also, the new NRH classroom will function as a true classroom, under control by the Registrar (as will the Gleason classroom). And lastly, a new central post office will replace existing locations in Grace Watson Hall and Hettie Shumway.

#### Student Alumni Union

When the Alumni Relations office moves to its new home within the Marketplace Building, it is expected that staffing for the new Freshman Experience Program will secure the empty space on the second floor. Another noteworthy addition will be the installation of wireless capabilities into the building, a step up from the initial successful trial in the library.

#### **Wallace Library**

Undergoing several noticeable changes this year is the library, with the most obvious addition centering on the coffeehouse. Additional services offered will include the continuation of extended hours, the inclusion of e-books into library resources, and the availability of 10 more PC and MAC wireless laptops.

#### **Marketplace Center**

In what is likely to be the biggest change to the campus this year, this 10,000 square foot facility is designed to include a convenience store, a full-service copy-center, and a food court serving a wide variety of international and traditional foods.

#### **Engineering Building**

The yearlong work on the building's renovations will conclude this summer, with a new glass atrium capping off improvements such as a new multi-purpose auditorium, new classrooms and laboratories, and the general refurbishing of all corners of the 30-year old structure. There will also be a change in leadership for the college, as Harvey Palmer replaces Paul Petersen as dean.

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# MARKETPLACE CENTER

Students in the dorms, Perkins Green, and Colony Manor have both Gracies and Hettie Shumway Dining Commons; off-campus students primarily enjoy the Ritz and SAU Cafeteria (or non-RIT food, for that matter). But with the addition of nearly 800 students from University Commons plus the existing population in Riverknoll, the need for a separate food service building became evident. A new building, tentatively called "The Marketplace," is being constructed to fulfill such a need. On the same token, other services are being included within the Marketplace that will fill a gaping hole, providing what students often look for in other businesses-a full-fledged printing and copying service and a convenience store; all will be RIT-administered.

Unlike the Ritz and SAU Cafeteria, which were constructed with relatively small kitchens-thus limiting the selection of food-plenty of cooking space is being built into the new facility, thereby providing an array of options that includes international foods, burgers, subs, pizzas, and more. Set up similarly to a mall food court and using a "scramble format," where the food is cooked in front of you, the dining room will seat 195 patrons, and will be able to support more when an outdoor patio is built next spring. Although a common student request on campus is to include fast-food restaurants such as Burger King and Taco Bell alongside RIT cuisine, Bill Batcheller, Director of Business Services, notes: "While nothing is ruled out yet, we have studied other schools that have brought in franchises like Pizza Hut. Since there are year-long contracts, after one year sales usually go down, and then the operation fails."

The copy/print area was made part of the plan in order to compete with businesses such as Kinko's and OfficeMax, where it was found many students were going for their needs. Intending to provide competitive prices, customers will have the option of purchasing bindery, poster, fax, and lamination services. Workstations will be available for digital high-resolution and color printing. Last but not least is a postal drop-off, as well as stamp sales.

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Another feature of the building likely to satisfy students is a convenience store along the lines of the Corner Store. Bill Batcheller points out that "the convenience store will be competitive with a convenience store, not a store like Wegmans," as those stores frequently buy their stock in bulk, and can therefore sell at cheaper prices.

The final section of the building will include the new office for Alumni Relations, which is migrating from the second floor of the SAU.

Hours are yet to be determined, but the building was designed to allow certain sections to be independently closed off, thereby allowing for extended hours at the copy center, for example. As one may have noticed, construction has already begun in the area between S-lot and Riverknoll. Providing that the weather cooperates, the Marketplace may open to students in September or October.

## CAMPUS LIVING

All students residing in the dorms or apartments can expect to experience a variety of changes by next year. In the residence halls, Sol Heumann will close down for the summer and fall, after which the \$50 million renovation project will be finished. To prepare for the shutdown, the Corner Store was recently moved to the old "Nathaniel's" location underneath NRH. Although the new store is not yet completely furnished, one thing is for certain—magazines and tobacco products will not return. Batcheller: "[This was due to the] amount of [low] sales, and additional complications arose."

Another major change in the tunnels is occurring directly across from the store—the new central post office, set to begin operating in June. Eliminating the need for offices in both Grace Watson Hall and Hettie Shumway, the new setting will include enough boxes to eliminate the need for sharing between multiple residents; each student will have their own mailbox. It is unknown as to what will become of the current post office in Grace Watson.

Another migration from Grace Watson to NRH will be the computer lab, which, according to Carla Dilella, assistant director of Residence Life, "was often very difficult to locate in Grace Watson Hall's basement." The new lab will feature "Mac OS and PC workstations, software, printers, and internet access."

Although there are no concrete plans yet, discussions have begun on the eventual construction of separate housing for Greek fraternities and sororities. Hoping for a possible Fall 2001 opening, preliminary talks have called for an initial phase of 9 buildings; however, due to the necessity for the individual organizations to help subsidize the costs, that number could change. Dr. James Watters, Vice President of Finance & Administration, states that there is no rush. "We will end up with a better product as a result of waiting and evaluating [the costs involved]."

According to Bill Batcheller, an engineering study was undertaken three years ago to determine the life expectancy of the Riverknoll complex. Relative to now, about four to six years remain for the apartments before drastic changes are required; either an extensive amount of money must be poured in to improve conditions there, or the apartments will be demolished with new ones constructed in their place. While that step may involve the building of additional University Commons apartments, there are currently no plans to construct more within the next several years.

In terms of campus resident occupancy, Watters explaines: "I'm concerned about putting too much supply into the market at the University Commons price level. Housing is an issue in September; rather than maintain a

smaller supply before [students leave for] co-op, we'd rather maintain high quality living standards." In the meantime, small improvements will be made around the UC area. Light poles will be installed along recent sidewalk additions, and a new sidewalk along the road from Andrews Memorial Drive to S-lot will be paved. Lastly, a trafficisignal will be put up on the intersection of Institute Drive and East River Road; this should occur by December.

Two benefits most of the apartment residents will receive are RIT-provided local phone service, and replacement public laundry machines sans University Commons apartments, which have individual washers and dryers). Batcheller says that for the new machines, "debit cards can be used. Also, prices will not

go up next year." As for the phone service, Dilella quipped, "No more dealing with Frontier."

## WALLACE LIBRARY

Come fall quarter, when students enter the library, they won't find the after hours area directly to their left; instead, they'll be welcomed into a coffeehouse. According to Dr. Watters, administration and library staff are currently reviewing two or three proposals pertaining to what business/franchise will operate it; one in consideration is Starbucks.

With the success of the wireless connectivity to the network in the library, the trial is expanding to include 10 more wireless-equipped PC and Macintosh laptops, according to Sarah Reynolds, Outreach/User Services Coor-

dinator for Wallace Library. "All of the laptops will be equipped with the wireless cards so that patrons may use these laptops anywhere in the Library on all four floors."

While traditional books on paper are certainly not yet out of style, the library will be adding e-Books to its collection. A Monroe county grant has given the library the opportunity to circulate five RocketBooks, which are hand-held devices that can hold up to 10 best sellers. Other e-Books for now will concentrate primarily on books pertaining to Information Technology and Computer Science.

Also, to accommodate students' study habits better, extended hours have recently been made available. The after-hours room is now open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 a.m., and on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 a.m.

# **EDUCATION**

Not all changes to the campus this summer involve some sort of construction or tangible additions. A few curriculum changes and a radically different program for freshmen will take place.

The First-Year Enrichment Course, which has been scrutinized in several revisions by both the Academic Senate and Institute Council, has finally attained fruition. The result is a two-quarter consecutive series of classes, which will replace the current requirement for a wellness class and a physical education activity. The non-credit program, required for grad-

uation, will concentrate on topics such as alcohol and drugs, stress management, and cultural and social diversity. To be taught by staff at Student Affairs, the \$510,319 program will attempt to unify freshmen learning and experiences.

For both incoming and current students, new degree programs will be offered, including a liberal arts major in Public Policy, as well as three new Computer Design Programs within NTID. Plus, the upcoming year will be the first of full recruitment for the New Media program.

One plan, which is still being debated, is an Institute Honors Program, an idea that has been in limbo for years. According to Dr. Stanley McKenzie, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the program would entail a special track in general education, as well as changes to one's core curriculum (decisions to be made by individual colleges and departments). "It would also be open to all

[qualified] students, not just incoming students." Although some hope for the proposal to be approved for incorporation next year, there is still some controversy. While certain groups agree that an Honors program would be beneficial to students deserving of it, others tend to dissent, saying that it is already an honor to be at RIT.

On the technology front, Diane Barbour, Chief Information Officer, announced that ITS will be upgrading the Internet connection with an OC-3 line. Although there is no timetable defined as of yet, estimates project a target of possibly September or soon after. Plans also may include a link to Internet2, a consortium led by over 170 universities working in partnership with industry and government to do advanced research and foster improved Internet applications.

On the web, McKenzie notes improvements to the Student Information System-features that will foster easier online assessment of what you need to graduate. Also, Webmaster Dower Chin says that, "RIT's many portals will probably be undergoing a lot of changes as well...by fall, things should be looking better."

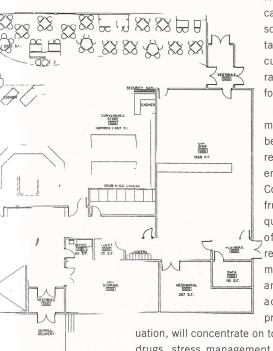
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As for the changes that don't fit into the previous categories, expect a few upgrades relatively soon, with some that may have a strong impact, years down the road.

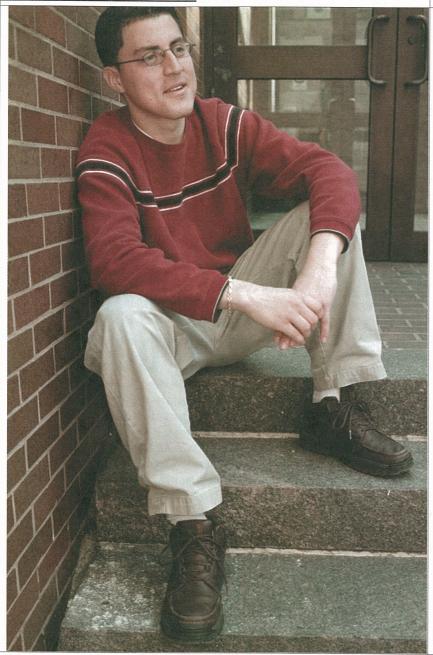
First, those who find it inconvenient to walk more than ten minutes to get to an ATM machine will be glad to hear that six new Automatic Teller Machines will be installed (three of which will replace existing machines). Located in the new Post Office, Grace Watson Hall, The Lyndon B. Johnson building (NTID), the George Eastman building, the Marketplace, and the SAU, four will be operated by HSBC, with the remaining two belonging to M&T; it is unknown which will be located where.

While this development will most likely not affect students anytime soon, the potential benefits make it worth mentioning. The southeast corner of RIT (near Bailey Ave. and John Street) is currently being negotiated with the town of Henrietta for industrial rezoning. While original hopes centered on the possibility of a business setting up a chip fabrication plant, many town residents were uncomfortable with such a prospect. Instead, Dr. Watters notes that the current strategy is to receive permits that will bring in a wider array of industries, rather than limiting the area to one. If successful, such a venture could boost the local economy, funnel capital into RIT, and provide students with co-ops and future careers.

For the students who are graduating, you may be asking yourself, "why are all these things taking place when I'm leaving?" Keep in mind that change is constant, and all of us, at one point or another, will end up asking that question. But for those who will be here next year, there is definitely plenty to look forward to.



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Things To Come

New SG-elects present their plans for the coming year Interview by Edgar Blackmon Photograph by Kevin W. Lorenzi

There will be many new things on campus next year. A new store near Riverknoll, a coffehouse in Wallace Library, more renovated dorms; even a new Student Government President and Vice-President. Representing the students will be President **J. Felipe Giraldo**, and Vice-President **Leroy Griffith**. In a previous interview, Felipe and Leroy explained their campaign strategies, and some of things they hope to implement next year while in office. I sat down with the two of them to find out how they felt about their new positions, and if they are really going to try to do what they said they would a month ago.

Reporter: Were you stunned by the slim margin by which you won the election? It was only 40 votes you know.

Leroy: It was 45. I wouldn't say stunned, but I was disappointed. Not in the fact that we won by a slim margin; I was disappointed in the fact that only a thousand people voted. I really expected more people—we handed out over 2,000 pieces of literature. To say that people didn't have two seconds to vote is just very disappointing. Hopefully, we will work on this next year, to have more people voting, and to reach a goal of 2,000.

Felipe: When we are on our way out next year, we have to make a full effort–150 percent–to campaign and just advertise the elections themselves. We need 3,000 people voting every year. One thousand people are not representative of what the students want. We need 3,000 people saying, "We want these guys to be our president and vice president."

**Reporter:** Last time we talked, you mentioned online voting. Do you really think you can get that off the ground?

**Felipe:** It's possible, we have the technology. It's just a matter of setting it up and making sure that it's...

**Leroy:** Reasonable, in the form of keeping track of who did what, and staying in line with the regulations of the school.

**Reporter:** A lot of people don't know that the two of you have already started working with SG to familiarize yourselves with the organization. What have you seen so far that has surprised you?

**Felipe:** People are contacting me left and right saying, "We want you to be our representative here," or "I have this idea." It's good; I'm getting input from a lot of different people coming up to me, offering to help out. It's nice to see people out there that care enough to approach me.

**Leroy:** When I was trying to get people to vote in general, I was hearing "I don't care, I don't care." I was starting to think that the entire campus felt that way. But like Felipe said, since the elections, people have been coming up to me volunteering their services. I didn't realize how popular SG was among the administrators and students. People are contacting me left and right...and I love it.

Felipe: I want more people to contact me.

**Reporter:** Leroy, there are rumors that you won't be here next year, because you will be in California, or Atlanta, or somewhere. Would you like to shed some light on these accusations?

**Leroy:** I will be in California in the summer, working for Intel. I accepted the position before I finalized my decision to run for office. And I can't turn back on that position. As for the fall, I was offered a co-op with IBM, which I turned down for this position before I even found out if we won or not.

Reporter: So you will be here for fall quarter.

**Leroy:** Definitely. And I'll fly back every month during the summer to work with Felipe.

**Felipe:** I'll be here all summer, hanging out with the trustees, playing golf–living the good life.

**Reporter:** How do you think you can make the campus better for incoming freshmen that haven't had a chance to really meet anyone?

**Felipe:** I'll be working with the Freshman Experience program over the summer, so I'll get a better feel of what freshmen want.

Leroy: One question that Peter Leighton (Head of Greek Affairs) brought to me is, "Why have [activities] on the academic side when you know kids don't come here?" Throw a barbecue, have a DJ right in the quad. They're going to hear the music, and smell the food. They can come down, interact with upperclassmen. They'll see the Greeks on a different level. Instead of "Look at us, join us," they'll think, "Hey, he's really cool. I actually want to know this guy."

**Reporter:** What have you learned from the previous President and Vice-President, Pat and Josh?

**Leroy:** I've learned that [being in SG] takes a lot of dedication with no applaud. It takes a lot of motivation, it takes time effort, and it's fun.

**Felipe:** I've never been an outgoing person, but I realized that I need to go out and be visible. I need to make it my priority that people know who I am. Hopefully, people will see me as approachable.

**Reporter:** I like to get my groove on, as do many other RIT students. You've said you are planning on doing some activities on the dorm side, but what about those who don't live in the dorms?

**Leroy:** That goes back to the union party, one of our ideas during the campaign. Once a quarter, we own the [SAU]. Have a band, have a DJ, so that once a quarter, you can support Greek life, RIT athletics, just support the fact that you go to RIT. With that, you'll have your chance to get your groove on.

**Reporter:** How can you increase support for the arts? We always talk about supporting our sports teams, but it's disappointing when you put on a play, or a concert, and nobody comes to see it.

**Felipe:** I went to go see *The American Clock* and I loved it. I was very impressed. Next time something like that happens, I'm going to tell all my friends to come. We need to let people know that these are quality programs.

**Leroy:** That goes back to what Pat and Josh were doing with the Freshman Seminar. We can have one of the seminars more social. They'll go see the plays and be really impressed. Then we'll have a chain effect, where they tell their friends, and so on.

**Reporter:** If you could say anything, and make sure that all of RIT heard it, what would it be?

**Felipe:** RIT has a lot of potential, so make an effort—you never know. **Leroy:** Life is what you make of it. If you think sitting in your room, playing Quake is all college is...it's not.

Felipe: I play Quake, what's wrong with that?

Leroy: Shut up. You have to know when to have fun, and when to work.

Look for Leroy and Felipe on campus next year. They want you to approach them no matter what it is you want to talk about. And don't let past differences get in your way, Leroy said, "What's past is past. Now we need to get together and handle this business."•



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Yahoo! Internet Life Once Again Places RIT Near The Top of its "Most Wired Colleges" List

By Jeff Prystajko

With a high-speed internal data network, an abundance of "smart" classrooms, and an incredibly strong selection of distance learning classes available online, it comes with no surprise that RIT has once again ranked high on Yahoo Internet Life Magazine's list of the 100 Most Wired Colleges. Moving up seven places from last year's survey to 14th place, RIT has proved its technological capabilities beyond such campuses as Drexel University (16th), New York University (29th), and Rutgers University (50th).

This year, surveys were sent out to over 3,600 institutions across the country. From those, nearly 1,300 responded—quadrupling last year's response rate. Taking into account the rapidly changing state of technology, the questions were revised to include a wide gamut of criteria in which to judge by. These included support for cutting-edge equipment such as that supporting wireless connectivity; administrative services, including online course registration and class schedules; to computer support such as technical hotlines.

RIT fared well in the majority of the categories, scoring the highest possible values for some, including the amount of wired classrooms (100 percent) and providing several different methods for electronic registration. Even so, some results fell short of other colleges; the amount of web space delegated to students is

relatively moderate, with some universities—such as the New Jersey Institute of Technology (3rd) and Indiana University (4th)—offering at least 25 MB to upwards of 100 MB. ISC currently provides 20 MB for personal use.

Another category which appeared to hurt RIT's ranking was a thirty

percent grade for dorm equipment, which takes into account residential computer labs; however, it should be noted that a strong emphasis is not placed on providing several labs due to the large number of students owning their own equipment, coupled

with the availability of academic labs and resources.

Dave Mulvihill, Systems Manager for ITS, summed up RIT's ranking with one word: "Nice!" He also commented that a lot of the effort put forth into residential network connectivity—particularly within

many of the apartments—has given RIT an edge.

Dr. Stanley McKenzie, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, was appreciative of the national distinction, but noted that in the end, they're only numbers. When comparing RIT's wireless capabilities (which have just recently been implemented in Wallace Library) to the top-rated wired university, Carnegie Mellon—which has a completely wireless academic network—McKenzie pointed out planned future improvements. "The [SAU] should have wireless capabilities by the end of summer," with more areas slated for the coming years ahead.

The 2001 survey is already being written; who knows how RIT will rank in a technological era where educational institutions scurry not to be left behind in the dust. But until then, feel confident that the networks you connect to and the services made available are amongst the nation's best.•

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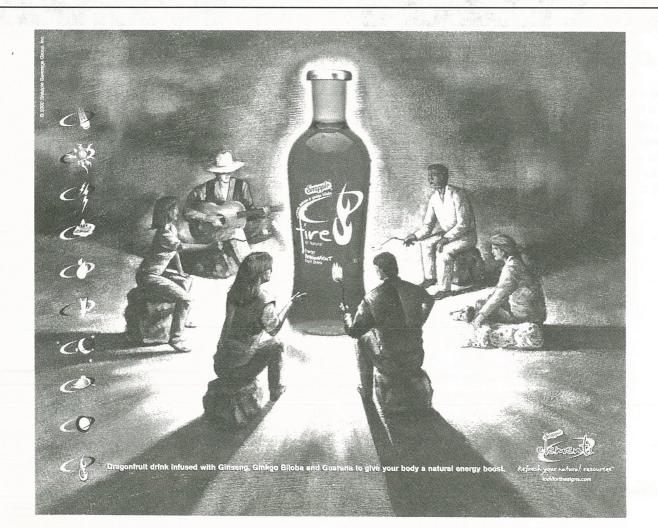
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# Lobster Man, Poetry, Great Outdoors

#### RIT Crew Coach Jim Bodenstedt

Walking along the docks of Alaska, Jim Bodenstedt found something that would present him with a tremendous opportunity later in life. A fisherman was selling an old fishing dory and Jim decided to buy it. Rowing had introduced itself to this young man from Ohio.

On fishing boats off the coast of Alaska, there was plenty of work to be done, plenty of money to be made and plenty of halibut to catch. Jim found something else; the world he had read about in the works of Walt Whitman and Herman Melville was there to be seen for his own eyes. This is how he wanted to spend his summers during his time as a student at Ohio University. He would later graduate with a bachelor degree in English.

Jim went to Ohio University to embark upon a career in the field of journalism. He got a job at the school newspaper and grew to love it. "It was like my whole world became the newspaper," he says. After getting a feel for the journalism program and taking a few literature classes, he lost interest in it and switched his major to English. "Then I just became an artsy-fartsy beret kid of the eighties," he recalls. While he does not regret his life now as the coach and founder of the RIT crew, he does wish that he had received better guidance during those days at Ohio University.

#### ABOVE: Crew coach Jim Bodenstedt stands on the dock near RIT's new boathouse on the Genesee River.

The vibrancy of youth called upon him and brought him here to Rochester. After arriving, he started working at the Archives and Special Collections in the Wallace Library as the Archive's Assistant. He was also pursuing his Master's degree in English at SUNY Brockport at this time. While working in the archives, he learned quite a bit about the people involved in RIT's development. "It awakened within me the desire to contribute something to the Institution, much like all the fascinating people and their lives that I would unearth in the archives.

As Jim and his first wife, Margaret Fallon Bodenstedt, drove along East River Road on their way to work at RIT, they would frequently notice the University of Rochester crew on the river. They had recently started rowing themselves, and they decided to hold a meeting at RIT to gauge the interest level among students to start crew as a club sport. The sport's future looked bright as more than sixty students showed up at that first meeting. "Quite honestly, I really didn't know what I was getting into," says Bodenstedt.

As Jim's love for rowing and coaching grew, so did the popularity of the sport at RIT. It soon gained the attention of President Al Simone and some of the trustees. In the fall of 1996, crew became a varsity sport for both men and women.

Bodenstedt's background in literature sometimes makes it out onto the water with the team. Occasionally, the coach will read a poem before embarking upon the river. "Racing is fun and the competing is fun. But the swing of the boat and that poetry of motion is what they take with them when they leave." he says of his rowers.

The role of coach is also the role of teacher for Bodenstedt; he sees the two as intertwined. "Spending four years, two hours a day, you become an important person in their life," he says. Bodenstedt remembers all of his coaches and is aware that if not for them, he would not be the person he is today. He has also benefited from the rich experience of all the other coaches that he works with here at RIT. "It is an awesome and huge responsibility to be a coach," Bodenstedt says.

Coach Bodenstedt's love of crew springs from those things that he finds within the sport: the rhythm of poetry, the outdoors, and the chance to teach; as well as being a guiding hand among rough waves..

## The Press Box

By Andrew Quagliata

#### O Patel named Sports Woman of the Year

Ushi Patel won the Twenty-Second Annual Rochester Sports Woman of the Year Award in the collegiate category on April 24. The luncheon, which is sponsored by WHAM 1180 and the Heart of Gold Children's Foundation, honors Upstate New York's finest female and male athletes. Patel was one of 15 finalists in three local high school, college, and at-large categories. Sports information directors from the 15 colleges and universities in our area submitted nominees. They were judged by the following criteria, in order: athletic excellence for the 1999 spring through 1999-2000 winter sports seasons, overall intercollegiate career, and academic performance.

#### Mamon records 100th strikeout

Krissy Mamon struck out eight batters in the softball team's 5-1 win over St. John Fisher (16-9). In her 15th victory of the season, she became the first pitcher in school history to record 100 strikeouts in a season. At the plate, Mamon also had an RBI double in the second inning and scored the eventual game-winning run. Ashley Kennedy drove in the game-winning run with a one-out RBI double off the left-center fence to improve the #24 ranked Tigers to a 22-8 record.

#### Gladziszewski reaches century mark

Monica Gladziszewski became the first women's lacrosse player in team history to score 100 career points by netting two goals and an assist in the team's 14-2 victory over St. John Fisher. Sarah Kasoff added two goals and four assists, a new single game school-record for assists. Sarah Maneri, Amber Mescher, and Heather Savage each scored three goals while Alicia Novi stopped nine shots in net for the Tigers. In the team's 15-12 loss to Brockport, Mescher, and Savage each scored three goals for RIT (7-5).

#### This Week in Sports

Sat. 5/6 Baseball hosts St. Lawrence at 1:00 p.m.

Sat. 5/6 Men's Lacrosse travels to Mercyhurst at 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 5/7 Baseball hosts Hartwick at 12:00 p.m.

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Andrew Quagliata's column appears weekly in Reporter. Send him an e-mail with your comments: abg8020@rit.edu

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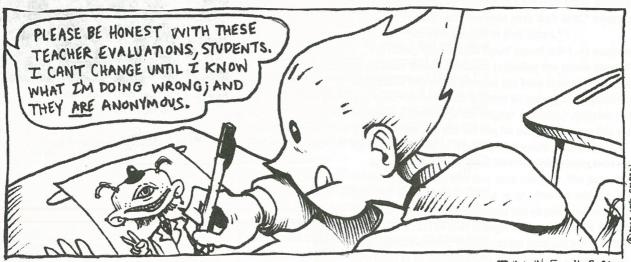
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### **Nazareth Soars Above RIT**

Local rivalry falls short of expectations in blowout

By Miguel Samper

Immediately upon arrival at Flyer Field on Saturday, April 22, one received the impression that something big was about to happen. With fans cooking in the parking lot before the game, news crews roaming around the field, and the stands filled to the hilt with 2000 spectators, it was clear that this was no ordinary intercollegiate game. To realize why, however, all you really needed to know was that it was a men's lacrosse game between RIT and Nazareth.

This is a contest that has become a true rivalry over the years, and with this season, has become more than just a game for local bragging rights; it was a game between two nationally ranked teams. RIT entered the game ranked 8th and Nazareth 3rd. Nazareth led the series 9-3, but RIT posted a 10-6 victory against the Golden Flyers in the first round of last year's NCAA tournament. Unfortunately, that was past history, and this game would have a very different outcome.

The Flyers struck first with a goal from their leading scorer, Eric Goodberlet, a little more than a minute into the game. Senior Craig Whipple responded with RIT's first goal a minute later. This back and forth scoring and changing of momentum is how much of the first quarter was played. The quarter ended in a 3-3 tie and, as neither team was able to get the upper hand



**ABOVE:** Midfielder Kevin Duckworth sprints ahead of two Naz' opponents

**BELOW:** Craig Whipple is pursued from behind as he launches his shot at goal

Undeterred by the steady drizzle and cold temperature, the RIT fans were out in force. You could feel their excitement and enthusiasm throughout the first quarter as the Tigers played really well against a tough opponent. With a tie at the end of the quarter, it appeared as though this was going to be a close neck-and-neck game. Unfortunately, the Tigers and their fans were in for a big surprise come second quarter.

As the rain picked up during the second quarter, so did Nazareth's level of play. In fact, the game eventually turned into almost total domination by the Flyers. Nazareth started off with six unanswered goals from six different players. It wasn't until about twelve minutes into the quarter that RIT finally got on the scoreboard again with a goal from Tim Hunt. Nazareth, however, would score two more goals to finish off the half. This brought their lead at halftime to 11-4.

The artificial turf prevented the field from becoming a muddy mess, but it did make the surface extra slick. Footing became an issue for the players as they began to slip and fall with increased frequency. It didn't seem to bother the Nazareth defense too much, however, as they went on to shut out RIT in the third quarter. The Flyers also scored four more goals and increased their lead to 15-4 before the quarter's end.

In the final quarter of the game, RIT seemed to gain a little more life. They began playing at the same level as Nazareth for the first time since the game's opening quarter. RIT outscored Nazareth 3-2 in this quarter, but after falling into such a big hole, it was too little too late. Sophomore Chris Vallone scored all three of RIT's goals in the quarter. With a final score of 17-7, RIT dropped to 8-2, while Nazareth continued their undefeated season and improved to 10-0.

What makes Nazareth such a strong team is their defense. As Head Coach Guy Van Arsdale said, "They really come after you and put a lot of pressure on you, and for the middle part of the game, we didn't handle that pressure real well." Nazareth was able to control and dictate the pace of the game throughout most of the four quarters. They didn't allow RIT to have possession of the ball for long periods of time, limiting them to few shots on goal. RIT was only able to get off 31 shots, compared to Nazareth's 52.

While Adam Platzer made 16 saves in goal for RIT, the team still allowed 17 goals, the most scored against them this season. Coach Van Arsdale, however, reassures that this team is still a very confident one and will continue playing hard as they work towards getting into the NCAA tournament.•

# ON THE REBOUND

Tennis Team Wins Big After Loss To U of R By Aaron Landers

The strength of a team can be measured by a number of things: wins, losses, points for, and points against. One factor that is often overlooked, however, is the ability of a team to rebound after a difficult loss. That is just what the Men's Tennis team had to do when they faced Alfred on the road on April 27.

Just one week earlier, the Tigers dropped their first match of the season to the University of Rochester. Although they were defeated 6-1, the contest could have gone either way. "All of the matches were really close," says junior captain Gustavo Epelbaum. Despite the loss, which is the only blemish on the team's record this year, the squad was able to put the match behind them and focus on defeating Alfred.

The match was the second of the season for the two teams. RIT faced Alfred less than two weeks earlier at the Empire Eights tournament, defeating the Saxon's 7-2 en route to the tournament championship. While Alfred may have been looking for revenge in this contest, RIT would not be outdone, as they had strong performances from everyone on the team—including senior Andy Thompson, who was playing in his second-to-last match as a Tiger. Thompson won his match in three sets and improved to an almost perfect 6-1 season record.

Gustavo Epelbaum continued the streak that he has been on this season, winning in straight sets and improving to 10-0 on the season. Luke St. Georges, Brian Barvian, and Jason Furgal also all won their matches in straight sets. In doubles action, the pairs of Joe Neely and St. Georges, Bavarian and Matt Rice, and Thompson and Furgal all won their matches. "We played really well. Everyone gave their best," comments Epelbaum. "We were pumped to play Alfred."

The victory improved the Tigers' record to 9-1. As mentioned in previous Reporter articles regarding the tennis team, the main factor this year's success has been their ability to work as a team. "We've worked together all season...and helped each other out a lot through the tougher moments," explains Epelbaum. "I think this was the key for our good season this year, and will definitely be a key for next year's season."

As far as next season goes, the team should enjoy even more of the same success that they have this year. The only player that the team will be losing to graduation will be Andy Thompson. While his contributions will be greatly missed by the squad, RIT should be even stronger next season due to the experience of the returning veterans on the team and will once again be a force to be reckoned with in the world of college tennis.



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