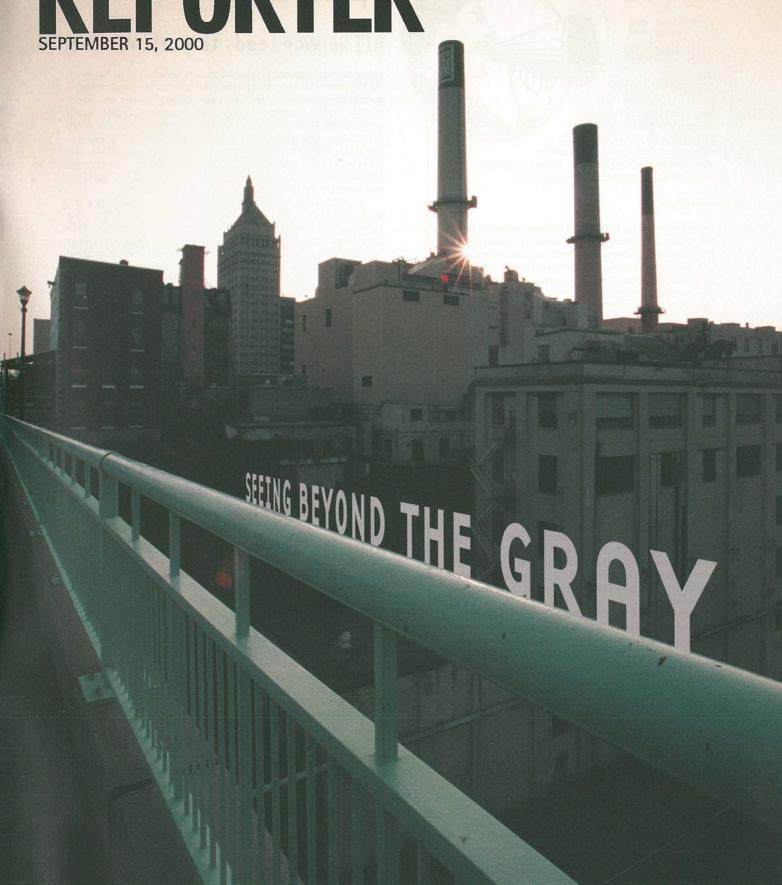
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dot-What?

The popular dot-com suffix is intended for commercial organizations. As an independent publication closely affiliated with RIT (a non-profit educational institution) the address www.reportermag.com seems odd. Wouldn't a dot-org or dot-net suffix have been more appropriate?

### -Raul Duke

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-Rich Trifeletti, Online Editor

### Service with a Smile?

I am writing to inform you of one student's dissatisfaction with Residence Life's ability to assist students and treat them with respect.

I went to ResLife to complete the simple process of adding my name to an apartment lease—for an apartment I am already living in—so I could give RIT money and get my keys. We have had to leave the back door open, putting the security of our property at risk. My roommates and I have tried to iron this out, but every time a phone call is made, it is ignored or forgotten.

ResLife was short, quick, and somewhat nasty in dealing with me when I tried to explain what has happened. It is a simple thing we must do to fix this, but I should expect at least some respect and decent treatment if I am paying ridiculous rent for a small, poorly built apartment that I have no other choice but to live in.

We the students of this Institution are adults who realize that in any real residence, this kind of ignorance and contempt for those who live in a complex would result in a sharp decrease in revenue. People like me who have to limit ourselves to 20 hours of work and cannot afford a vehicle are given the "opportunity" to live on campus. Does anyone in this Institute realize that their, "Hey kid, take it or leave it!" attitude is a huge underlying problem with RIT, affecting things like morale, retention, and RIT's reputation.

After witnessing repeated similar incidents that have involved either myself, my friends, or other students, as a three-year representative of RIT (I work for both the Bursar's Office and ITS), it is the small things we do that affect the way students feel about, talk about, and do about this school.

-David Camell, Information Technology

# opinion

### RIT Service Leads to World War III!

I know this has happened to every RIT student—especially if you're among the 43 percent of students that RIT doesn't retain. You have some problem—perhaps the yellow jackets gave you a parking ticket because you were in the SAU circle for three seconds longer than you should have been, and, of course, we are lucky the quarter—mile didn't implode on itself as a result. Or maybe you were running late for class and after obediently stopping at the 14 new campus stop signs that are erected every 9 feet, you find that the nearest parking spot is located at the southwest border of the country of Eastermore, forcing you to fight your way through a band of bloodthirsty mercenaries to get to class.

Or perhaps your problem doesn't have to do with parking at all. Maybe you tried to register for a class required for graduation, but before you could register, everyone majoring in the subject got in. Then those concentrating in the subject got in. Then those who actually enjoy the subject got in, followed by students who have a vague notion about what the subject is about, those who can spell the subject, those who can't spell the subject...then, finally, you. That's OK—you didn't really want to graduate anyway.

Obviously you didn't have a problem with food service because James Bingham would have fixed it yesterday, right? Regardless of what the problem is, you are a little miffed, and you need to talk to someone. Just don't try calling someone on the phone. You will be transferred to forty different departments before you get to talk to someone who can pronounce service, let alone deliver it.

You know, your problem isn't even that important? If you think about it, it's not that big of a deal anyway, but it is so annoying you would rather have it fixed. Now, though, after the only person in the whole Institute who knew about how to help you was on vacation, after you somehow managed to get transferred to Kodak's Antarctic Shipping Department Janitorial Staff on the phone, and after you finally made it over to the department office to find out they were closed at 4:28, you are ready to bust some heads.

Ending 1: You angrily speed away from the SAU Circle in your car, only to have Campus Safety on your tail. But you assume they would never follow you off campus for a speed infraction. Wrong! You seek sanctuary at a nearby church, but as you step out of your car, the state police are waiting for you. The officer makes you put your hands on the hood of the car as he pats you down, the impact of which causes a passerby to have a flashback to his days in 'Nam. The old pedestrian begins beating people senseless with his cane—including the Prime Minister of Japan who had been visiting Rochester that week. His aides give word to fire the nuclear weapons and WW3 has begun, all because of poor customer service.

Ending 2: You run home and write a sternly worded e-mail, but accidentally send it to simone@rot.edu because the "o" is close to the "i" on the keyboard. The message is mistakenly rerouted to the Prime Minister of France, and as a result, WW3 ensues.

OK, so I exaggerated a little here, I know. There are really only like ten new stop signs. But what is the point of the story—stop complaining? Nope. Get your parents involved. I think all of the departments at RIT went through one day of "training," and that brainwashing was so effective that if you mention the word "parents," RIT staff begin salivating like Pavlov's dogs. Make sure you talk to this year's Student Government as well, as they are the ones who can influence the big-wigs to make a move on customer service at RIT, because RIT students know that we are not going to be retained any faster with service like this. I guess I should stop writing now, I'm still on hold with Kodak's Antarctic Shipping Department Janitorial Staff.

-Jason R. Parry



### editorial

### **VOTER WITHOUT A CAUSE**

A recent Gallop Poll suggests that about one-eighth of the voting public is composed of complete morons. This is, of course, a completely subjective opinion on my part, as the folks over at Gallop have not conducted any surveys to specifically test the intelligence of Americans. Nevertheless, here are two alarming statistics that stand out in my mind:

- •12 percent of George W. Bush supporters have chosen him because Al Gore is associated with Bill Clinton.
- •13 percent of those voting for Al Gore believe he is best simply because he is a democrat; they are voting along party lines.

Herein lie just a few of the MANY problems with our current political system. Of course, delving into all of the predicaments of the two-party system and its current state could easily fill every page of this magazine for the rest of the school year, but let's focus on the two at hand for the time being.

I do not claim to be a political know-it-all; however, I think I have a decent understanding of the goings-on in American politics and the ability to make informed decisions. Still, you don't have to know a damn thing about any of the candidates or issues to see the failed logic in the examples above.

First, is Al Gore the same man as Bill Clinton? Clearly not. One is a (slightly) chubby southerner who devotes his free time to women and Big Macs while the other is a cleancut southern politician who spends his free time surfing the Internet and saving trees. Should Al Gore be thought of as "bad" simply because he served with Bill Clinton? Should I be thought of as "troubled" if I have a friend who is using drugs?

Whether you like Clinton or not should not make any difference regarding your opinion of his vice president. In fact, though he may not be a moral family man, Bill Clinton really hasn't done anything wrong politically. In any case, Bill Clinton slept around. Al Gore did not. They are different men with different views, values, and objectives.

Point number two involves one of my biggest grudges with voters: voting along party lines. I know of someone who registered and voted as a democrat simply because he thought being a democrat was "cooler" than being a republican, even though he was about as liberal as a rock. Being a registered democrat or republican means only one thing: you can vote in your party's primaries. There is no rule, written or otherwise, that says you have to vote with the party you are registered under. If you aren't voting for the person who shares your opinions and ideas, you are doing yourself and the United States a great disservice.

For many of you, this will be your first opportunity to vote for a president, or to vote at all for that matter. This will be my second chance to pull the lever, but the first time that I actually feel like my vote will mean something. This will be the first time that the winner of an important political election will have a true impact on people our age.

With that in mind, I would first encourage that everyone take the time to go to the booth in November. The United States is one of the only places in the world that people have this opportunity and to forego it is a huge error in judgment. However, if you aren't going to take the time to learn about who and what you are voting for, don't bother. Think critically about the person you are voting for (not his friends or neighbors) and vote with your brain; and not necessarily with your party. Don't be a lemming.

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### Corrections

In last week's article, "Help Wanted," it should have stated that the following documentation is required for RIT student employment:

All documentation to complete the I-9 Form must be original. Certified copies of birth certificates (with raised seals) are acceptable. Foreign students need their social security number along with their passport and I-20 (F-1 Visas) or IAP-66 (J-1 Visas).

Also, the correct address for the SEO office is www.rit.edu/seojobs.

We would also like to clarify that the "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Brick City" did not intend to imply that the Co-op office should not be consulted at all, just that it should not be your ONLY resource. Reporter apologizes for these errors.

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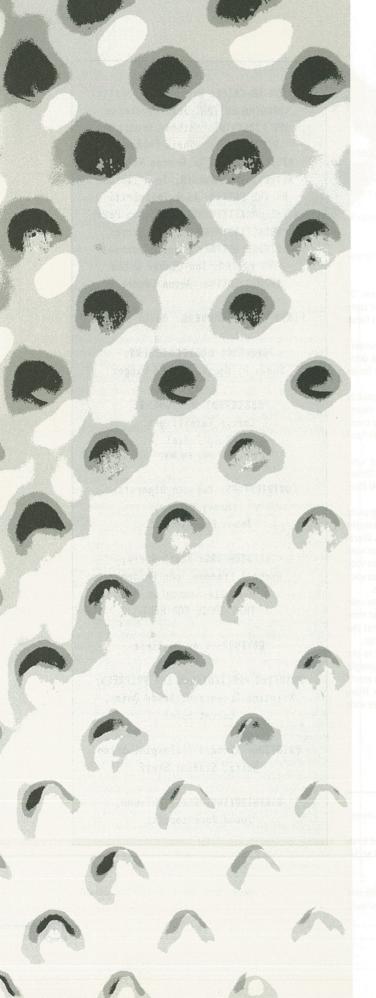
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### Simone Addresses the Community

On September 5, 2000, faculty and staff attended President Simone's Annual Address to the Community. After a discussion on the importance of diversity from Alfreda Brooks, from the Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Academic Senate Chair Dr. Paul Ferber presented an argument about the importance of requiring qualified professors in a time when prepackaged courses and content can be taught by low-cost teachers. Following a faculty-oriented slide show from Staff Council Chair Kim Shearer, President Simone addressed the audience. First mentioned was a review of the previous school year, before touching upon RIT's current and forthcoming plans.

Several items worth mentioning included the possible introduction of a new College of Computing and Communications Technology to house many of the computer-based majors including Information Technology, Computer Science, and Management Information Systems. In addition, future projects on the drawing board include a Coffeehouse in the Wallace Library, a "College Town" area, a new Greek Residential Community, and the field house; several of these would require external private funding.

### You Can Do It All In Rochester

Also on September 5 was the Convocation for New Students, a gathering that is meant to introduce the Freshman Class to some of RIT's academic traditions and ceremony. Highlights included an introduction by President Simone, stating that this year's record-breaking freshman class (about 2,350 students) for the first time in RIT history had a mean SAT score of over 1200.

Next, local Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter gave students a warm welcome to Rochester. Described as "one of the most powerful women in Congress," Slaughter remarked on many items that were invented in Rochester over the years: the marshmallow, cereal, jello, voting machines, and fishing poles-among others. Brimming with enthusiasm for the community, she noted, "if you can't do it in Rochester, it can't be done."

While other members of the RIT Community presented their own speeches, the most noteworthy moments involved guest Ivana Vrdoljak-Croatia's top musical artist—singing both her country's national anthem and ours, as well as four American pop songs from the past two decades. (For those who are unaware, RIT has a sister school located in Croatia.) Accompanied by members of her own band, Vrdoljak clearly entertained the audience with several students even dancing in the aisles.•

### voter 2000

# DEMOCRAT S REPUBLICAN

Same old views, but highly publicized race.

There is nothing extraordinarily different about the New York Senate race this fall, except for the fact that the Democratic candidate happens to also be the first lady. Besides that, and the unprecedented amounts of money being raised for a Senate campaign, there are no big differences here. There is an average amount of trash talk between the candidates, and they are sticking to their parties' views. Clinton is the classic Democrat worried about social issues and giving government funding, and Lazio in turn is playing the part of the Republican who wants to have major tax cuts. Essentially the candidates follow the format of "say what you want to accomplish in office, attack your opponent's views, and reinforce your views when they are attacked." This formula tends to keep things interesting.

The main aspect of Lazio's campaign is his tax cut plan. In the last month he has slowly brought it out to the public, revising it along the way. The plan has undergone much scrutiny from his opponent. She draws parallels between Lazio's plan and that of Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush. Clinton also dismays the plan as misleading to Voters, saying that the numbers are false and don't truly represent this plan. Lazio's plan would allow for taxpayers to deduct their payroll taxes from their federal income taxes at the end of the year. It would also include a cut in the capital gains tax, and the abolishment of estate taxes and marriage penalty taxes. One of the more controversial aspects of this plan is the rolling back of federal taxes on Social Security benefits. With the issue of social security being very sensitive, this could be an issue that could either really help or hurt him. Clinton

By

By George Valenti

attacks this plan saying it is targeted at helping the upper class and has little impact on the middle class. The details will probably slowly unfold over the next few months. One aspect of the plan that Lazio has been stressing is that it is supposed to be over a 10-year period so its impact would not be as drastic as Clinton makes it out to be.

Most of the recent developments in the Clinton campaign have to do with endorsements by groups or individuals. The environmental group, the Sierra Club, has recently endorsed her. She also received an endorsement from Robert F. Kennedy Jr. who is an environmental lawyer in Westchester County. Her current strategy seems to be to try and win over the environmental groups and attack Lazio on this issue. Although she attacks Lazio, he has gotten some of these groups' support in the past when trying to clean up the Long Island Sound while serving in the House of Representatives.

Essentially the campaign right now consists of Lazio trying to get his points across to voters because he entered the race in June after Mayor Rudy Giuliani's departure. Clinton has already expressed most of her positions on issues since late last year, so she has them out and is now just attacking Lazio's views and trying to gain more support for her campaign. In which case she will probably run more of an attacking campaign while Lazio will try to defend and express his positions to voters before November.

All the same, this should be a very interesting and exciting race to follow. If you would like to learn more about these candidates' views on specific issues you should check out their websites: www.Lazio.com and www.hilary2000.org.

### world news



By Jason Pacchiarotti

### BAGHDAD

Iraq plans to build a commemorative monument to what it calls the "Mother of All Battles"—their nickname for the Gulf War. The monument would depict the brave battles fought by the Iraqis against the 30 nation force of aggression. Even though Iraq overwhelming lost the war, they celebrated the tenth anniversary of their invasion of Kuwait with defiant rhetoric, despite harsh economic condition brought on by UN sanctions. (Reuters)

### KAUNAS, Lithuania

Jurgis Kairys, 48, flew his Russian-made SU-26 plane under a bridge along the banks of the Nemunas River on Saturday, September 2. The incredible thing about the stunt was not that he reached a speed of 180-mph, or that the bridge was only 10 meters (33 feet) above the water, but that Kairys completed this feat in an upside-down plane. Over 200,000 spectators gathered for the exhibition. (CNN)

### MEXICO CITY

A drunken and disorderly Mexican congressman has been ordered to make a public apology. Felix Salgado, a Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD) was videotaped fighting with police who ordered him to quiet his motorcycle in his upscale Mexico City neighborhood on Saturday, September 2. The PRD initially threatened to expel Salgado from the party, but cut sanctions short, requesting just an apology in a city known for its weak police force. (Reuters)

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### REED POINT, Montana

It's a lot like the running of the bulls, but with...sheep. Started in 1989, every year, hundreds of sheep are let loose down Main Street as a parody of an annual cattle drive, but within a few years it became more popular than its inspiration. On Sunday, September 3, about 6,000 people took part in what is actually a gentle trotting of the sheep. (CNN)

### COLLEGE PARK, Georgia

Five bucks sure can add up after 69 years. Malberry Smith, Jr. learned that the hard way when a \$5 fee for renting a ballroom turned into \$518.50. On December 18, 1931, Smith, now 85, rented a ballroom for his senior class dance, but forgot to pay the fee. He recently realized the oversight, calculated the interest, and voluntarily paid the fee plus \$513.50. He referred to it not as a gift, rather a satisfaction of a debt. (AP)

### GUWAHATI, India

The world has a new chili pepper champion. The Tezpur, an Indian chili pepper, has overtaken the Mexican Red Savina Habanero pepper has the hottest chili pepper on the planet. Scientists using the Scoville unit of pure capsaicin, measured the heat of both peppers and found that the Tezpus has 855,000 Scoville units compared to the Mexican chili, which contains only 557,000. (Reuters)

### CAPE TOWN, South Africa

There's nothing like coming home to your house after a long day and relaxing in front of the fireplace. That is, unless it's not your house. An unidentified man with a history of mental illness broke into South African President Thabo Mbeki's Cape Town house apparently thinking he was in his own abode. Luckily, the President was not home and there was no breach of security as the President's study and bedroom were both locked. (Reuters)

### COLORADO

Scientists at the University of Colorado have proven that at least a few of the early Southwest Native American dwellers turned to cannibalism around 1100 AD. The study, released on Friday, September 1, proved the presence of human tissue in preserved human feces at an Anasazi site in southwest Colorado. The human blood, spilled cooking pots, and cut up bones suggested that humans were killed at this spot, but the debate remains as to whether this was simply a funeral ritual. (Reuters)

On Friday, September 8, the TRIPPIN BILLIES gave a free show on the Greek lawn. Sponsored by CAB and WITR, the Dave Matthews cover band delighted a huge RIT audience.



# AXIMUM WING

Have you ever had a craving so intense that sex, bubble gum, and video games couldn't satisfy you? No matter how you indulged yourself, there was still something missing? Enter the Buffalo Wing. Most likely, it was a small and tasty piece of meat that your glands were demanding. The only problem is that you live in Rochester, and Buffalo is a little out of the way for a simple dinner. But don't fret-we've gone and sampled some of Rochester's finest wings and put together the scoop for you.

BY JONATHAN HURLEY

### TASTES LIKE CHICKEN? WING DNA

The first task was to The final judgment for the various wings is the most important. Does it taste like chicken or phlegm? All of the wings identify what kind of had a good taste (as they should since these are "Rochester's Best"). The only wings that tasted like grilled, premium wings we were going to breast came from the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que. There was no "inner-taste" to the wings beyond the thick layers of excite ourselves with. Being a sauce on the top, but then again, they're not advertised as Buffalo Wings. Zebb's really wasn't anything more wing veteran, this writer likes than average; You'd be able to tell the difference between their wings and orange juice but nothing more. them hot, spicy, flaming and tasty. The hot, meaty wings of Hooters had a traditional Buffalo flavor to them. Amidst the distracting atmos-From Zebb's Deluxe Grill & Bar we phere, their wings were noticeably tender and moist. And now we come to The Distillery, Despite chose Zebb's Original Chicken Wings the small wings, whatever meat was on the bone must have been magical. The Distillery's ordered "very hot." The Distillery served up Buffalo sauce is superior to the rest of the contenders—every succulent ounce made me want their version of "extremely hot" Buffalo Wings, to eat more, and believe me, I did!

and the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que contended with "hardcore hot" Bar-B-Que Wings. Finally, we headed over to **Hooters** where we took the bull by the horns and evaluated Buffalo Wings "911" style.

### FLAMING OR FLACCID?

they still offer a neat environment and a fun time. For a more rustic Zebb's wings were ordered "hot," but we whispered on the side to make and sloppy fun time, the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que fills up the old gut them hotter. Hoping they'd cause some kind of bodily damage, we met and leaves you sapping up the saucy goodness. Second place with serious upset when they arrived. Vanilla pudding has caused more of falls to Hooters. This is the place to go after you've taken a party than the mild wings that were offered. The Distillery and Hooters faired finals, been dumped, or just downright feel like much better in this category. Both establishments prepared a dark red feast of hurting your intestines. If the servers don't cheer taste and pain. Luckily, the feeling left after ten minutes, allowing us to resume the you up, the excellent wings will. But the sampling. Dinosaur Bar-B-Que was the only oddball of the group since they only maximum wing verdict declares that The serve Bar-B-Que wings. "Hardcore Hot" was surprisingly spicy, but what really helped to Distillery is the best choice for that make them flaming was the vast assortment of do-it-yourself sauces they give you. craving you can't live without satisfying. For the chicken amateurs,

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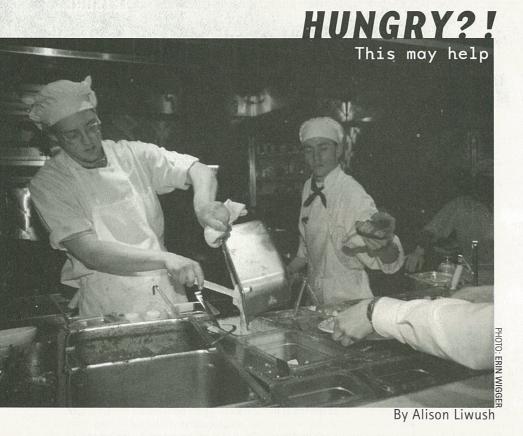
If you have the choice between sitting in your room and counting the pixels

in your monitor or getting some fresh air, Zebb's is a good choice. Granted, they ranked just a hair above frozen dinners in the wing department,

### HOW BIG IS YOUR DRUMSTICK?

to those who have Buffalo Unfortunately, only two of the restaurants selected proved to have meaty wings. We expected Zebb's sauce in their veins, The to have wings which were about the average size for Buffalo Wings, and they did. What was not Distillery is a prime choice for a expected was their disappointingly low drumstick-to-breasts ratio. The more drumsticks I see on my plate, fantastic meal the bigger the tip is. But the biggest kick in the groin came from The Distillery. The ratio was acceptable with of wings. about 40 percent of the pile being drumsticks. The shock came when I saw the pitiful size of the wings.

In contrast, the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que was a real nice surprise. With half of the wings being drumsticks, I smiled and began drifting away into my happy land of flavor. With each bite I noticed a nice amount of meat was on every wing. Hooters proved to be a very similar experience. Although the breasts once again marginally outnumbered the drumsticks, most of the wings were large and chock full of chicken.



f you haven't discovered by now, one of the best opportunities for something to do in the immediate RIT area is to go out to eat. There are tons of restaurants to choose from and if you are not from around here, making the choice of cuisine can be somewhat difficult. Hopefully this article will make your decision a little easier by giving some info about a few of the restaurants in the Rochester area.

Around here there are really only three types of restaurants. There are the ones you take a special someone to when you want to have a romantic evening. There are the middle of the road restaurants that you would meet your friends at for a late night bite, and then there are the relatively cheap places that you can drive-thru or run in and out in about ten minutes. I tried to touch on a few from each category by breaking them up according to price.

### **Big Spenders**

Plan on dropping about fifty to one-hundred dollars for two people in one of these places. Remember that at a more expensive restaurant, you are paying for the atmosphere as well as the great food. The first is **Portobello Ristorante**, located at 2171 W. Henrietta Road. If excellent pasta is your style, then this is the place to go. They have great Italian food as well as a cozy atmosphere. The restaurant itself is not too large, but that adds to the character of the place. You will (for sure) drop a pretty penny at this place. Next is **Tonic**, which is mostly known for its dance club, but they have just recently added at restaurant. So now you can have dinner before you go out dancing. This is a classy, no jeans kind of place. Here too, they have excellent food that looks like a masterpiece on your plate when it is served. Located at 336 East Ave, Tonic is a great place to take a fun date for some fine dining. The last expensive restaurant on our list is actually located in the **Geva Theatre**. You can have dinner—either from the menu or buffet style—and watch a great play all in one spot. You can also

arrange to have your dessert waiting for you during intermission. If you really want to impress, this dinner/show combo is a nice choice since there won't be too much walking around the city.

### The Jefferson Strip

Let's face it, not everyone is going to have a car on campus and even if you do, the price of gas is so crazy that you may not want to drive far. In this case you chose the right school, because the "Jefferson Strip" has more restaurants than you would ever actually want. Most of these too are pretty reasonable. This writer's personal favorite is Ruby Tuesday's located in the Kmart plaza. It has a very inviting and comfortable feel about it. You can wear pretty much whatever you feel like and it has a wide variety of great food and a fun atmosphere. Think Applebee's or TGI Friday's if you need a comparison. Down the strip a little ways is Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen, which has awesome Mexican food if you can get over the cheesy dÈcor. They have a huge selection of tacos, burritos, enchiladas, and tortillas; anything you could think of putting together. It is a

little bit more expensive than Ruby Tuesday's but the portions are large, so you end up getting what you paid for. Diagonally across the street from Don Pablo's is **Bugaboo Creek**. Bugaboo's has a fun, friendly atmosphere, geared more towards younger families, but this is a favorite on parent's weekend, so go early if you wanted to take your parents out for a treat. Bugaboo's is first a steak house, but they also have ribs, chicken, fish, pasta, really anything you want. At any of these places you will drop between thirty and fifty bucks for two people.

### On the Cheaper Side

Besides maybe not having a car, many of us are also strapped for cash during the school year since it's hard to work and go to school full-time. In that case there are some cheaper alternatives. Dibella's is said to have the best subs in town (maybe even on the planet). They are located at the end of the Jefferson Plaza. You can take it to go or sit down at one of the booths inside. This is a favorite among students, since it is fast, cheap and satisfies those hunger pains. A couple of other fast places for breakfast or lunch would be either Bruegger's Bagels in Southtown or Manhattan Bagel down on Jefferson. These places are a cheap alternative to ordering pizza every night.

Whether you are ready to spend money or have none at all, there are plenty of places to eat around campus that accommodate every student. This was only a quick overview; there are dozens of restaurants around here that offer great food If you would like to find some other choices, you can go to www.thebigguide.com and click on restaurants. You can choose any type you want and in any area of Rochester. This site also gives a little blurb about the restaurant and its location, which is nice for all you out-of-towners.•

# Nights on the Town

### A Guide to the Rochester nightlife hot (and not so hot) spots By Lindsey Manley

There's a lot to do in "Rockchester" if you know where to look. All it takes to find a weekend party is a quick check online, in City magazine, or through word of mouth. Rochester is a pretty diverse city, with something for everyone just around a corner. While there might be something going on almost every day, the majority of the clubs hold events on weekends...some much better than others.

### Clubs to Check Out!

GQ (www.ggclub.com) Promoting itself as "Rochester's HOTTEST gay night club" (although possibly the only gay night club), GQ is overall a decent venue. Although definitely a gay club, it does cater to those outside the community, mostly the college crowd. There are weekly drag nights and contests and the music is generally popular dance music. GQ has two bars, a pool room and a crowded dance floor. There are cheap drinks, friendly bartenders, drag queens and great music. GQ is worth a visit now and then.

### Centers (www.thecenters.com)

A fairly new place located on the waterfront (and near Jillian's), Centers is small but really nice. It has a balcony overlooking the water. The place is well kept and quite pretty. Centers plays primarily dance music.

Tonic Tonic is a more upscale, trendy club found on East Ave. It plays techno, house and trance music and has an "urban cafe" look to it, complete with hardwood floors and black lights. The crowd is decent and there aren't any fights (unlike some clubs on the "other list"). Tonic is 21 and over and the drinks are expensive, but the atmosphere is friendly, not too crowded and the bathrooms are clean.

Red Technically called the Red Social Lounge, Club Red holds frequent live music and techno/rave nights. Very beautiful and well-kept inside (and primarily red in color), Red has a bar, a lounge area and a nice stage in the back. The bathrooms are clean, too, and even decorated with velvet and leather. Red hosts many local bands, ranging from electro-industrial rock to a more grungy style. It's even open later than normal bar hours (but not serving, of course).

Piranha A wonderful place for the raver scene, Piranha is located right next the Water Street Music Hall (actually the same building). A huge warehousetype atmosphere, there are three levels—a chill out area on top, a bar/open space/DJ booth and entrance in the middle, and "The Dungeon" on the bottom. The dungeon frequently hosts live ethereal/ambient electronic acts (local and international) and special events. The place is pretty well kept and the bathrooms aren't that bad.

Bug Jar (www.bugjar.com) Bug Jar is a great place for frequent local music. There are three sections: a dance floor, a bar, and an open table area. The theme is a little strange—there's a whole retro-'60s "kitchen" sort of glued to the ceiling, and the end of the dance area has a bunch of oddly shaped lamps all over the place. The music is mixed and there are guest DJ's, although the Goth/darker crowd seems to frequent. Bug Jar is mostly 21/over, but there are 18/up nights. The bathrooms aren't exceptionally gross, but not exceptionally clean, either.



PHOTO: DAVID LaSPINA

### Clubs to Avoid!

Tremors On Scottsville Road close to RIT, Tremors is not Rochester's finest. It's a dual club—one side has live music/cover bands, the other is a dance club. On Friday and Saturday nights the dance side gets very busy and cramped, and with no place to sit, it's not a very relaxing atmosphere. There's plenty room on the live side but the band usually sucks. It seems there is a lot of violence too—people are often removed for fighting. There is a mixed crowd, college age and older. Maybe the only good thing is the bathrooms are well kept.

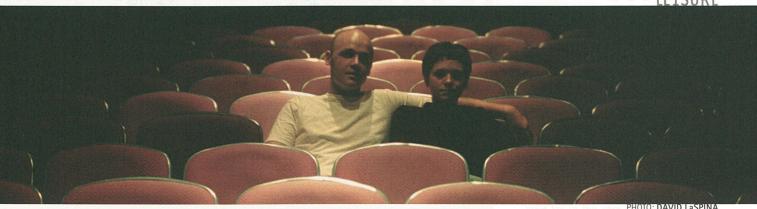
Ahhh's Having a beer-bar sort of attitude, wet t-shirt contests two days a week, and a very gay-unfriendly atmosphere, Ahhh's isn't Rochester's finest either. The dance floor is small—when the club gets packed it is very hard to get to the bar—and the music, primarily dance, is not the best selection. Ahhh's has a mixed crowd, with college age but not really college material.

### Other Hot Spots

Jillian's (www.jillians.com) Not really a club but an entertainment center, Jillian's comes complete with a sports bar, bowling alley, arcade, and nightclub. The place is clean and the food is decent. There are 23 Jillian's locations across the nation, and they seem to cater mostly to the 21/over crowd.

Vertex on the Road Recently suffering a fire and hopefully to be rebuilt, the former Vertex is on the road now. It can be found at GQ on Wednesday nights. Vertex plays a lot of Gothic/industrial music, as well as the slower Goth and underground '80s stuff. A small, clique-y atmosphere, there is a lot of social interaction between smaller crowds of people, which many like better. Hopefully very soon, Vertex will get its makeover and open up again.

GQ	444 Central Avenue	546-7274
Centers	60 Browns Race	423-0000
Tonic	336 East Avenue	325-7720
Red	171 St. Paul Blvd	234-0888
Piranha	204 Water Street	232-2810
Bug Jar	219 Monroe Avenue	454-2966
Tremors	1509 Scottsville Road	235-0950
Ahhh's	400 Center Place Drive	663-1110
Jillian's	61 Commercial Street	454-6530



# SHOWTIME!

By Jeff Prystajko

There are just some occasions when making it a Blockbuster night just isn't good enough.

If you're a movie buff-or just like to catch the newest in film entertainment-Rochester is home to multiple movie theatres that are sure to fit your interests and budget. Independent films? Cheap movie tickets? Luxurious stadium seating so you can watch the latest Hollywood drivel in style? You can find all of these within less than a 20-minute drive from the campus.

### Movies 10

One glance at CalendaRIT in this magazine will beget noticing a "Talisman Presents:" movie listing. Every one or two weeks the College Activity Board shows a recently released film in Ingle Auditorium. What may surprise you is that just a few years ago, the Talisman shows ran several times a week. What happened? Rochester witnessed the opening of the first local "dollar theatre."

After certain films have grossed roughly about as much as they possibly can at a normal, full-price movie theatre, they're usually picked up and shown here—sometimes months before the movie even makes it to rental outlets. So, rather than shell out eight or nine bucks for a new release, wait a few weeks and only spend a quarter of that.

### Regal

Of course, if you *do* want to see the newest flick because everyone is talking about it, Regal 18 Cinemas are within close range as well. With stadium seating in every theatre and Dolby Digital Sound, you'll always get a good view and an intense listening experience.

In addition, the Regal Complex often has several showings a week in which movies are shown with open captioning (audio supplemented by textual representations at the bottom of the screen).

### The Little

It may not have plush, reclining chairs. Nor does it have sound blasting at you from every direction. What it does have, though, are some of the best artistic movies that wouldn't be found anywhere else. Not interested in independent movies? You say they're not exciting enough, are too dull, too cerebral-or just plain weird? If so, you may be surprised to learn that before *Shakespeare in Love* became a household name, it was only released to theatres such as this one. Only after the movie became a serious contender for several Oscars did Miramax re-release the movie to thousands of screens. The same principle applies to more recent movies such as *American Beauty* and *Being John Malkovich*. So while not every movie playing at The Little may be popular, there's a lot to be missed by skipping out on this one.

### Tinseltown USA

Regal may have some wonderful amenities going for it, but after asking anyone who's ever been to Tinseltown what they think, you'll discover that this is the undisputed crown jewel of cinemas in Rochester. Even viewed from a distance, the building casts a notion of glitz and glamourespecially at night. This continues once one enters the main lobby; an atmosphere of light, sound, and movement envelops you as the smell of popcorn entices your hunger and movie trailers play on large screens everywhere. Have time before a movie begins? There's a cafe as well as an arcade, complete with plenty of video games and skeeball machines.

The real pleasure, however, comes from the movie watching experience. Besides stadium seating, comfortable reclining chairs, and Sony digital sound, Tinseltown features some of the largest screens around-to the point where sitting in the center of one of the first few rows puts the edges of the screen outside of your peripheral vision.

What also sets Tinseltown apart from every other complex in Rochester is its IMAX theatre, which has the capability to showcase a range of 2D and 3D IMAX films. In short, Tinseltown is nothing short of impressive.





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### oddz-n-endz

### Chow Down

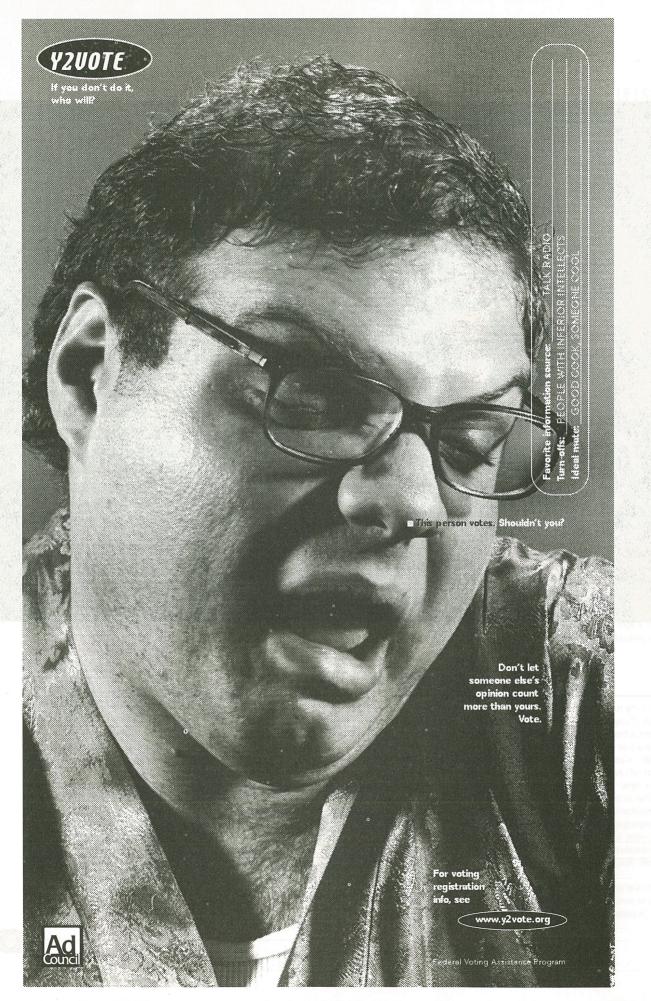
Student Government is holding a Bar-B-Que on Saturday, September 16 at 4 p.m. All RIT students are invited to come out to the Greek lawn for the free meal.

### A Two Beverage Day

Pepsi may be RIT's drug of choice, but for one day only, there will be a little competition for the cola giant. On Monday September 18 from 1–2 p.m., the Snapple Tour will visit RIT. Students are invited to the area behind the SAU for free Snapple giveaways and a live performance by the band Big Sky.

### Cheers!

For all you wine connoisseurs out there, CAB is sponsoring a trip to the Niagra Grape and Wine Festival. Busses will leave RIT early on Saturday, September 30 for the daylong event that includes lunch and a winery tour. Two types of tickets are available: Regular (\$10 student/\$20 other), and ones that include the winery tour and wine tasting (\$30 student/\$40 other). Contact the CAB office for more information.



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

### Almost Famous

In the opportunity of a lifetime, a young music fan gets the assignment of his dreams: following a rock band for *Rolling Stone*. Set in the early '70s Cameron Crowe's latest stars Billy Crudup, Frances McDormand, Kate Hudson and Jason Lee. Opens nationwide today.

### Bait

Though he seemingly knows nothing about anything, Alvin Sanders (Jimmie Foxx), is selected as the human bait to help draw out the criminal mastermind that just robbed Fort Knox. This comedy opens nationwide today.

### Duets

With \$5,000 up for takes, six karaoke lovers of all walks of life collide in a comedic showdown for the top prize. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Scott Speedman (Felicity), Huey Lewis, Maria Bello, and Andre Braugher. Opens nationwide today.

# Uncle Plum & Brass Taxi & The Andy Calabrese Band with Ronnie Leigh

The Centers at High Falls \$3 cover charge

### Irondequoit Oktoberfest

Featuring traditional German food, dancing, music, and other activities at Camp Eastman, 1301 Lake Shore Boulevard. Events start at 11:30 a.m and run to 11 p.m. Call 336-6070 for more information. \$5; ages 7 and under free

### Art

Geva Theatre's current production is a comedy about three men whose relationship falls apart over a painting. The winner of the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, *Art* runs through October 1. Visit www.gevatheatre.org/ or call 232-GEVA for ticket pricing (\$7.50-\$36.00, student rush tickets) and availability.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Led Zeppelin Laser Show Strausenburgh Planetarium \$6, 10:15 p.m.

### Penfield Fall Fest

For just \$2-5, dozens of area restaurants will be providing samples of their specialties during the "Taste of the Town" and New York State vineyards will have a wine tasting tent set up to complement. Other festivities include arts and crafts, children's activities, and two stages of live music.

### Rochester Print Fair Memorial Art Gallery

Featuring dealers from the United States and Canada, fine art prints will be sold at unbeatable prices. Includes workshops on print-making and print appraisal. Tickets are \$5.

Noon-5p.m.

### Special Ed & The Brad Batz Quartet

The Centers at High Falls \$4 cover charge

### Irondequoit Oktoberfest

11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. See September 15 for details

### Art

Geva Theatre See September 15 for details

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

WCW Fall Brawl HSBC Arena, Buffalo

Tickets \$15-\$35 call 1-888-223-6000

### Penfield Fall Fest

See September 16 for details0

### Rochester Print Fair

Memorial Art Gallery 10 a.m.-3 p.m. See September 16 for details

### Irondequoit Oktoberfest

11:30 a.m - 6 p.m. See September 15 for details

### Art

Geva Theatre See September 15 for details

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -

Open Blues Jam

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

Call 325-7090 to get sign up

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sarah Brightman

Auditorium Theater, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$36-\$56

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Art

Geva Theatre

See September 15 for details

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Art

Geva Theatre

See September 15 for details

# Scyber corner

### ROCHESTERNIGHTLIFE.COM

Not the most well-designed site, RochesterNightLife does have some good content. You can find information on almost every club, coffee house, restaurant, bar, theater, and radio station in the city. There are even listings on tattoo and piercing places and the city of Rochester events and travel information, as well as local discounts. This URL is very informative and generally has accurate and up-to-date information.

### ROCHESTERDANDC.COM

The official website for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, RochesterDandC.com is complete, professional, and extensive. Here users can find out virtually anything in the Rochester area-from news, entertainment, sports, events, jobs, cars and houses. It has the entire print newspaper and more online.

### WBER.MONROE.EDU

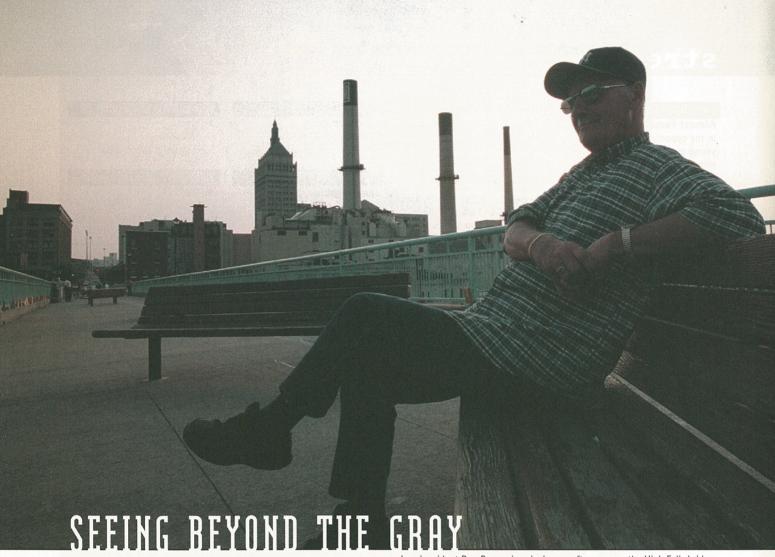
Although WBER radio doesn't support local music as much as it could, it is still one of the best alternative stations in Rochester. If you have RealPlayer on your computer, you can listen to WBER online no matter where you are, which is one of the best features on their website. Also great is the online concert calendar (which covers all of the Rochester area and extends throughout Western and Central NY and Canada) and the daily shows listing. The website is simple and easy to navigate, and the design is not insanely horrid...just not award-winning.

### WWW.GAYROCHESTER.COM

A website for "gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Rochestarians," GayRochester.com has links to events, places and people of interest to the gay community. The site is simple and pretty. There are announcements, resources, listings, reviews, photos, personal and classified ads, a chat room, links and a special section for women. Gay Rochester Online is a great source for information, especially to newcomers in the area.

### **HECATESPUPIL.COM**

A small local shop on Monroe Ave. recently going online, HecatesPupil.com is more important for its potential than anything else. The owners try to do so much for the local rapidly-growing underground scene in Rochester. Still improving the content of their website, visitors cannot only buy great merchandise, but find links to local artists, musicians, other stores and web communities. Hecate's Pupil moderates an email web group much like the House of Hellfira group (www.houseofhellfira.com), which helps to unite those involved with the underground Rochester scene. Acting alone and in conjunction with other promoters, Hecate's helps bring to the area new ideas, outside shows and events and unites the many people out there, regardless of musical or fashion affiliation.



By Jon-Claude Caton NEWS EDITOR

Local resident Don Bowen is enjoying an afternoon on the High Falls bridge.

### Sometimes the sun does shine, even in Rochester.

If you are just arriving in Rochester for the first time, you may be realizing that it is not the most welcoming place in the world. This is not to suggest there isn't a ray of light attached to life here. Yes, gray, cloudy skies do abound in this place, but there are glimpses of sunlight passing from time to time, and this probably best captures the essence of the city. The bright spots in Rochester are less obvious than most places, but that is no reason not to look.

Rochester is an industrial city. This is an undisputed fact. If it weren't, RIT itself may not enjoy the academic tradition that it hsa. Monroe County is home to prestigious industrial powerhouses which include Kodak and Xerox. It has been said that, many years ago, high percentages of the Rochester populous found security within the sturdy confines of job opportunities that big industry offered. Over the years, behind businesses like these, Rochester has built a strong tradition of economic, and financial prosperity. Local businesses likewise prosper due to the strong economic roots planted by large industry.

Despite the somewhat rigid industrial structure of the Rochester historical perspective, there are many features to the city that one might consider lively. Beyond the smokestacks that normally epitomize this town, there is a human side. In many ways the flashes of light that the city offers are married to these industrial overtones.

One of Rochester's most frequented hot spots is the High Falls entertainment district. What many people don't know is that until five or six years ago, the High Falls area was nothing more than run down abandoned factories littered at the base of Kodak headquarters. These factories and warehouses, with sanctions from the city, were remodeled in a fashion similar to that of the restored waterfront at the flats in Cleveland, Ohio. Currently many upscale businesses operate within the district including The Empire Brewery, Center's Bar and Night Club, and the ever-popular entertainment escape Jillian's. In addition, Rochester's Frontier Field hosts two sports teams, concerts, and has some of the better facilities offered by a venue of comparable size and capacity. All of these attractions are located next to the beautiful scenery surrounding the immense waterfalls, where laser light shows are frequently shown. One might consider it ironic that one of Rochester's most popular leisure areas lies in a bed formerly occupied by many of the early industrial giants that can be attributed to the city's reputation.

No, Rochester does not have a professional sports team at the hightest level in any one of the four major sports (baseball, basketball, football, and hockey). Regardless, Rochester still enjoys a rich athletic history, and provides several attractions throughout the seasons. There are several professional sports teams that call Rochester home. The Red Wings baseball team is perhaps the oldest existing sports club in Rochester. It is currently the minor league affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, and for several years prior to the late fifties and early sixties, was the affiliate to the St. Louis Cardinals. Such notable stars as Stan Musial, Boog Powell, Frank Robinson, Rip Collins, and Cal Ripken Jr. played here.



PHOTOS: SHAWN P. HEASLEY

In the late forties and through the fifties, Rochester had a professional basketball team called the Royals. In 1950, the team was crowned NBA champions. If you enjoy soccer, the Rhinos have been a perennial superpower since they first took the field in 1996. Since then, they have won an A-League championship and have enjoyed success at every turn. The Rochester Knighthawks lacrosse team has also had a successful run since they were launched in 1994, as they have also captured a league championship. Finally, the Rochester Americans hockey team is the minor league affiliate to the NHL's Buffalo Sabres franchise. Known as the Amerks, the team provides a great night out through the winter months. While the Night Hawks and Amerks compete at the newly renovated War Memorial—now called the Blue Cross Arena—the Red Wings and Rhinos play at Frontier Field.

Rochester is also widely known for its celebration of community festivals that are held here frequently. Examples of such festivals include the Corn Hill fest, East Ave fest, Park Ave Fest, and of course the city-wide Lilac Festival in May. Normally vendors and craft makers line the streets of these particular areas as city dwellers and other locals shop and enjoy the Rochester scenery. The Lilac Festival hosts musical acts, and in 1996 Rochesterians were fortunate enough to see a band on the verge of super stardom, the Barenaked Ladies. Yes, the typical Rochesterian is an awful driver, who leaves his or her blinker on for a quarter of a mile after switching lanes. Yet there is more to the people that live here, and celebration of community festivals are an excellent opportunity to understand this to be true.

If there are three places you must go to truly experience Rochester, they are Java's, the House of Guitars, and the famous-no, infamous-Nick Tahous. Java's, located on Gibbs Street next to the grand Eastman Theater just off Main Street in Downtown, plays host to an ambient atmosphere conducive to long, intriguing conversations, and a wide variety of patrons who spend their time there. The House of Guitars on the other hand, is a world-renowned musical wonderland. There is a large assortment of musical instruments, and an extensive room jammed with albums from just about every group that you could name. Finally, the "restaurant" known as Nick Tahou's is a must for anyone living in, or just passing through the area. Patrons at this establishment enjoy Tahou's famous "Garbage Plates" packed with enough cholesterol to clog anyone's arteries. The food is amazing, and notable musicians such as Diana Ross and Van Halen have been known to stop there. Over the years, Tahou's has become a landmark establishment in Rochester.

Over the past seven years, Rochester has seen unprecedented social growth. In that time, Frontier Field was erected, the art Memorial was remodeled, and High Falls became one of Rochester's hotbeds for entertainment—rather than a painful eye sore. These examples all show how the city is growing up and growing beyond the confines of its label of a mere industrial quarters. There is truly a bright skyline peaking through those gray clouds.

## **GOTTA GET AWAY**

By Rebecca Alperstein

Believe it or not, there is more to Rochester than brick buildings and the quarter mile. Once you find yourself a friend with a car, or are ambitious enough to attempt public transportation, you'd be surprised by what you'll find. Rochester is, after all, the third largest city in New York—but despite being well known for its technical side, it has more sites on the National Register of Historic Places than any other city its size. So get out there and explore. Four years from now, you'll probably want to remember more about Rochester than that boring teacher and the roommate with bad breath.

For those of you who believe that you learn just as much—if not more—outside of class than in class, here are some cultural and educational things to do in Rochester. Whether you're viewing photographs from the 19th Century at the Eastman House, or exploring the child within at the Strong Museum, you just might have a good time learning something. It'll be our little secret.

### George Eastman House

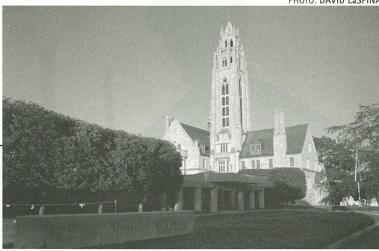
900 East Avenue • www.eastman.org

The world's leading museum for photography and film is right here in Rochester. Located on historic East Ave., the 12.5-acre museum site was the urban estate of George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak Company. You can tour Eastman's restored house and gardens, as well as numerous galleries full of photography from the earliest photos taken. Current exhibits include: Nathan Lyons: A Survey, 1957-2000, and In Our Time: The World as Seen By Magnum Photographers and the Brownie At 100. (Not the edible kind, the Brownie was the first camera Kodak introduced to the public.) There are also numerous ongoing exhibits. For information on any exhibit or more info on the museum, call (716) 271-3361 (voice) or (716) 271-3362 (TTY). The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10-4:30, Thursday until 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 1-4:30. Student admission is \$5, so remember to bring your ID. There is also the Dryden Theatre, which shows classic as well as contemporary films Wednesday through Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Admission to the theatre is just \$4 for students.

### Rochester Museum and Science Center

657 East Avenue • www.rmsc.org

The museum features hands-on science and technology exhibits and programs. Two such programs are Launch Pad where you can take a simulated ride beneath Lake Ontario, and Raceways, which explores the science of moving objects—in this case roller coasters. There are also several permanent exhibits, including the contents of Rochester's 1873 Time Capsule. Collections include thousands of items related to the anthropology, geology, biology, history, and industry of the Genesee Region. Hours are: Monday-Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 12-5. Admission for students with ID is \$5. For more info, call (716) 271-1880 for recorded info or (716) 271-4320 to reach an operator.



### Strasenburgh Planetarium

The Planetarium is located within the RMSC; it shows large-format movies on a four-story high dome. There are also star shows, and laser shows set to music. Currently they are showing Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets, and the current laser show is set to the music of Led Zeppelin. For show-times, call (716) 271-4552, x411. Admission is \$5 for college students with ID. The laser shows are Saturday nights at 10:15 and cost \$6.

### Susan B. Anthony House

17 Madison Street • www.susanbanthonyhouse.org

Susan B. Anthony lived in Rochester during the most politically active period in her life. You can visit her home, which is now a historic landmark. This was also the site of her famous arrest for illegal voting back in 1872. Besides several exhibits, there is a museum shop where you can buy suffrage memorabilia. Hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 11-4. Admission is \$3 for students. For more info, call (716) 235-6124

### Strong Museum

One Manhattan Square • www.strongmuseum.org

This museum is geared more towards kids, with plenty of hands-on learning exhibits. But you might enjoy a little regression to childhood now that you're supposed to be grown up and all. The museum has various world-renowned collections such as toys, miniatures, and dollhouses, as well as the world's most comprehensive collection of dolls. There's even a 1918 carousel you can ride. Hours are: Monday-Thursday 10-5, Friday 10-8, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 12-5. Admission is \$5 for students with ID. Also located in the museum is the Skyliner Diner, a 1950's themed diner, and Louie's Sweet Shoppe, an old-fashioned soda fountain specializing in ice cream; both are open during museum hours. For more info call (716) 263-2702.

### Memorial Art Gallery

500 University Avenue • www.rochester.edu/mag/

The gallery displays art dating 5,000 years old to contemporary works. The permanent collection boasts more than 10,000 pieces—everything from exhibits displaying Native American artifacts to work by CEzanne and Monet. There is also a restaurant and an indoor sculpture garden. Admission is \$4 for college students with ID. On Tuesday nights from 5 to 9, there is a reduced general admission of \$2. Hours are Tuesday 12–9, Wednesday-Friday 10–4, Saturday 10–5, and Sunday 12–5. For more info, call (716) 473–7720.



### Word on the Street

Compiled by Jason Pacchiarotti Photographs by Chris Ehrmann

Coming to college can be a traumatic and intimidating experience. This time of year, freshman all over the country must acclimate themselves to college life. So this week, Reporter asks the students:

### What was the most intimidating aspect of coming to RIT, and why?



"Being able to perform as well as my "Moving next door to a peers artistically.'

Adam Rackoff 4th year Illustration/Animation



fraternity."

Alyce Smith 4th year Advertising Photography



"Not knowing what to expect from classes and meeting all new people."

Jennifer Rasmussen 1st year New Media



"The girl to guy ratio. I was afraid there'd be no women here at all."

Shawn Smith 1st year Computer Science

"Eating at Gracie's! Have you had the food!?" Molly Hegarty 1st year Mechanical Engineering

"Moving my stuff up eight flights of stairs without a working elevator." Amee Lemieux 1st year Mechanical Engineering

"The housing. I have to live off campus. It's very scary, especially after dark."

Yu Li 1st year Masters Finance

"Living with deaf people. I live in Ellingson--it's something new." Patty Dykeman 1st year Graphic Design

"There is a lot of responsibility placed on your shoulders very quickly. It can be overwhelming." Glenn Bernius

4th year Professional Technical Communications

"I was scared I was going to have a really bad roommate." Matt Aggleton 2nd year Physics

"I was afraid of getting lost in the tunnels."

Jeremy Kelley 5th year Computer Science

"The quick pace of classes and being on your own." David Siova

4th year Information Technology

"The classes; the transition from high school to college." Anthony Gonzalez 2nd year Mechanical Engineering

"Going to my first class and all these people. Getting around was difficult--I felt so lost." Katharine Carbone 4th year Advertising Photography

"That you are all alone. Your parents are gone--you're on your own." Julia Washington 3rd year Photography

"The curriculum and the workload were intimidating. It was all up to you--time management. ' Josh Torres 3rd year Illustration

"Not being sure of my major. The size of the campus and all the people."

Kathy Teeter 1st year Industrial Design

"Girls. I don't want to be around a lot of guys." Jeff Wiltsie 4th year Mechanical Engineering Technology

"Being poor. You always hear college students are poor. I don't want to be poor." Marisa Santiago 2nd year Marketing



"Not knowing anyone when I got here. [I was] overwhelmed with how many people were here."

Isobel Werner 1st year Photography



from home. [There are] not many Latin American students."

Henry Garcia 3rd year Electrical Engineering



"The distance; [RIT] is pretty far away "I was worried I was not going to have anyone to sit with at Gracie's."

Kate Woolbert 2nd year Film and Video



"My roommate and sharing a floor with 50 different people."

John Torcivia 2nd year Biotechnology

# FAR BEYOND THE BRICKS

By Jeff Prystajko Illustration by Keith Avery Rochester. It's a great city. Wonderful people, lots of places to see. Nevertheless, after a while—be it two months, perhaps two days—the city lights become dimmer and the interest subsides. Thankfully, Rochester is located within about an hour and a half from some first-class, even world famous, attractions.

### NIAGARA FALLS

One of the world's most incredible spectacles is located almost right in our own backyard. Water from the western Great Lakes flows through the mighty Niagara River before finally cascading over the two cliffs known as the American Falls and the Canadian Falls. While there may be higher falls around the world-these are 176 and 167 feet tall, respectively. The sheer power of hundreds of thousands of gallons of water per second flowing off the edge is incredible. While viewing the falls is beautiful at any time during the day, intense spotlights bathe the falls with vibrant color at night.

One of the biggest caveats people have with the falls is the surrounding skyline man created. On the American side are factories galore (decades ago, the city was an industrial center), and tourist attractions litter the Canadian side. One of the prime violators is Casino Niagara, whose massive tower beckons gamblers from miles away. Aesthetic arguments aside, the casino should be one stop on your Niagara itinerary (unless you're a gambling addict...). Three floors of slot machines, as well as Roulette, Baccarat, Blackjack, and

Poker tables are available. Players must be 19 years or older.

If all that gambling stirs up an appetite, take the escalators to the lower level and stroll on over to the Hard Rock Cafe. Although there is one located on the American side as well, this location boasts a much larger eating area and bar—and the bathrooms even have attendants! As current and classic rock tunes blare from overhead speakers, take a few minutes to notice the vast collection of memorabilia from famous artists. The food is excellent as well, and prices on the menu are listed in both American and Canadian currency.

Directly adjacent to Hard Rock is Clifton Hill—a street saturated with tourist attractions, shops, bars, museums, and more. Alive with tourist at almost every hour, it can almost

be compared to a mini-Times Square. One of the major destinations on the Hill is Rumours Nightclub, a hugely popular music and dance establishment. And why is it so popular? Could be that 19-year-old legal drinking age...

For something a little less lively but fun nonetheless, further down Clifton Hill is Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum. Inside are thousands of exhibits collected from around the world which are truly meant to astonish. See the gigantic painterly picture consisted solely of dryer lint. Play on a harp that possesses no strings. Witness ancient civilizations' torture devices. Believe it...or not.

Lastly, if that big body of water looks too enticing, you have a few options short of going over the falls in a barrel. The Maid of The Mist is a large boat which journeys precariously close to the foot of the Canadian Falls. Everyone is provided with raincoats, as you WILL get wet. For something a little more adventurous however, a few miles downstream from the falls is the Niagara Whirlpool Jet Boats. Imagine the excitement of cruising through level five rapids (six being the highest, and downriver is the only place in the world you can find them), waves crashing into the boat as it feels the currents are prepared to rip you apart. Don't wear your Sunday best—you will get soaked.

# WIN A TRIP

### BUFFALO

As far as tourist destinations go, Buffalo has yet to bring in the types of masses that are magnetically attracted to the falls. Still, just like any other city, Buffalo has its collection of interest points and hot spots, as well as some internationally recognized landmarks. And trust us-you'll never laugh at another Buffalo snow joke again after roughing it out in Rochester this winter.

Like so many downtown areas throughout the nation, Buffalo fell into a period of steep decline over the past two decades. Crime rates rose, suburban shopping malls competed for customers and won, and businesses that were once optimistic about setting up shop quickly had to close their doors (even former Bills quarterback Jim Kelly had his Bar and Grill go bankrupt after a few months). Thankfully, over the past couple of years a part of downtown known as the Chippewa District has reversed this trend, bringing vast numbers of crowds to the many bars, nightclubs, and restaurants that populate the area. And for those who are 21 and over, Buffalo allows alcohol to be served until 4:00 in the morning, compared to 2:00 in Rochester.

Everywhere you go, restaurants *try* to imitate the Buffalo Wing. Some come close, others fail miserably. But if you're going to Buffalo, let nothing prevent you from stopping at the world-renowned home of the true Buffalo Chicken Wing, the Anchor Bar. Legend has it that back in 1964, some friends of the owner's son stopped by around midnight for some food. When his mother, Teressa, brought out the food, there were these unknown curious-looking things on the plate. Had the friends not ordered food, what would later be known as "chicken wings" would have ended up in a stock pot to be made into soup! Teressa said that "It's a shame to put such beautiful wings in a stock pot." Thus bred a new tradition, and the legend continues...

While not as well-known as its wings or record snowfalls, Buffalo is home to several landmarks from two of our country's most famous architects. Frank Lloyd Wright, perhaps most famous for his 1936 creation "Fallingwater" in Western Pennsylvania, designed six houses in the city including Graycliff, Gardener's Cottage, and the Darwin D. Martin House, all of which can be toured. In addition, Frederick Law Olmstead, the famous landscape architect who designed New York City's Central Park as well as our own Genesee Valley Park, planned the entire Buffalo major park system. Combined with the city street layout, Buffalo was called one of the world's best designed cities back in the late 1800s.

And even though RIT doesn't have a football team, nor does Rochester have a professional football team, it's only about an hour and a half drive to see a live Buffalo Bills game at the Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, NY.

### OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

If you're planning a day trip, there are a few places not too far away that offer a day's worth of excitement and/or scenic majesty. First off, if amusement parks are your thing, Six Flags: Darien Lake is guaranteed to get your adrenaline flowing. Five roller coasters, including the 208-foot tall mammoth Superman: Ride of Steel, are sure to twist, loop, and hurl you in all types of directions. Besides the dozens of other flat rides that are there, the park is situated in the middle of farm country, seemingly isolating it from civilization. Darien Lake is located on Route 77 off exit 48A on the Thruway, and will be open weekends until Halloween.

Finally, nature lovers will delight in some of the surrounding area's incredible locations. About a half-hour south down Route 15 is Reynold's Gully, a mile-long stream that when hiked, spans two medium-sized waterfalls before the end, where a majestic 45-foot tall waterfall awaits. The entrance to the Gully isn't labeled; drive until you re-enter Livingston County after passing through Ontario County, and there will be a small parking lot on both sides of the road a short distance ahead.

Going further south (down the 390) is the incredible Letchworth State Park. Labeled as the "Grand Canyon of the East," it boasts a winding Genesee River that cuts through cliffs reaching 600 feet high. Besides the scenic areas such as the lower and upper waterfalls, the park has 66 miles of hiking trails, as well as several historic landmarks. Although the park is beautiful no matter what season of the year it is, Letchworth's vast amounts of trees turn vibrant colors in the fall.

To learn more about many of the locations and attractions listed above, start out at http://nysparks.state.ny.us, http://www.buffalo.com, and http://www.infonia-garafalls.com.•

### GOTTA GET AWAY continued from pg.18

### Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra

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With performances featuring today's top performers of classical music, this is definitely something you want to experience at least once. Tickets start at \$10 for Casual Matinee Sunday and can go as high as \$44, but there are student discounts for same day purchases. For performance schedules and tickets call: (716) 454–2100.

If you're not in the mood to stroll the halls of a museum, then here are a few more things Rochester has to offer:

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The zoo houses over 300 animals including New York's only African elephants and the nation's only Eurasian Artic wolves. There are visiting animals as well, including White Bengal Tigers, and special events, such as Spooktacular 2000, going on from October 20–22, 27–29. You can buy tickets at Wegman's or call (716) 336–7200. Admission to the zoo is \$4. Hours are 10–4, 7 days a week. For general info on the zoo, call (716) 467–WILD.

### Centers at High Falls

60 Brown's Race

Besides the main star of the attraction—High Falls—part of Brown's Historic District includes a small museum exhibiting area history, as well as 3–D interactive exhibits, including a talking Brownie camera. There's also a small gallery displaying work of local artists. Several interesting events are the laser and light shows put on here. One such show called "River of Light" features lasers, lights and fireworks telling the history of Rochester. Best of all, admission to any of these places is free. Hours are Tuesday–Saturday 10–4, Sunday 12–4. Call (716) 325–2030 for more info and show times.

### Mount Hope Cemetery

Mt. Hope & Elmwood Avenues . www.fomh.org

You might not think hanging out in a cemetery is a fun way to spend your day, but this is no ordinary cemetery. Formed by glaciers, America's first municipal Victorian cemetery has high hills, deep valleys and almost bottomless kettles. Incredible sculptures are all over the grounds, which house more than 350,000 graves. There are many famous residents at Mt. Hope including Col. Nathaniel Rochester, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, John Jacob Bausch, and Henry Lomb, as well as numerous poets and inventors. Throughout Sundays in October there are guided tours you can take. For more info, call (716) 461–3494.

### Monroe and Park Avenues

You can find all types of boutiques, specialty stores, restaurants, and cafEs along these two streets. Everything from body piercing, vintage clothing, and music and poster stores on Monroe, to pet stores, shoe stores, and homemade candy stores on Park.

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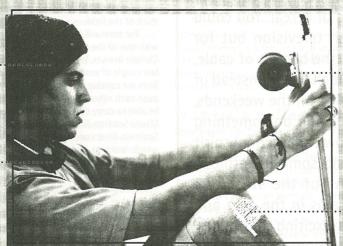
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# Fall Sports Preview

By Aaron Landers SPORTS EDITOR

So what do you do when you wake up on a Saturday morning after a night of partying and you have nothing to do? Well, you could do homework, but you probably won't. You could go to Gracie's, but you can only handle so many bowls of cereal. You could sit around and watch television but for those of you without the benefit of cable, there really isn't too much to see. Instead of doing the same old thing on the weekends, why don't you get out and do something different. Why not show some school spirit and get out and attend some RIT athletic contests. RIT has one of the strongest college athletic programs in the area and the games are always exciting and entertaining. Before you head out to Clark Gym to cheer on the volleyball team, out to the courts to root on the tennis team, or out to the field to support one or both of the soccer teams, here is a little preview of this years fall athletic teams that will help you become a true RIT athletic supporter; well, at least and informed fan.

### By Aaron Landers SPORTS EDITOR

### Women's Soccer

Last year's women's soccer team was talented but very young. With a season under their belts, the strong freshmen class of last season will make an immediate impact this fall. "We're going to be young again," says Head Coach Tom Natalie, "but we've taken another step up talent wise." Strengths of this year's squad include more skill and more speed. The team will also be more tactical as last year's players have matured some. To be successful in 2000, the team will need to work on their attack in the final third of the field.

The team will have a great amount of depth this year, especially in goal with two of the top women goalkeepers in the area: Carrie Terwilliger and Christie Brewer. Terwilliger was a starter in 1997, but has not played in the last couple of years. Brewer made All-Conference last season as a freshman. Both are capable of stepping in and leading the Tiger defense and both will push each other to get better as the season progresses. No one player will be able to carry the lady Tigers this year. Key veterans on the team include Maura Scanlon, Megan Condon, Carol Rivers, Candace Blodgett, and Heidi Spalholz. Rivers and Blodgett, along with Terwilliger, will captain the team, which looks to improve upon a 4-11-1 record that included a 0-0 tie against national powerhouse Ithaca last year.





### Men's Soccer

Every cloud has a silver lining. This was the story of last year's men's soccer team. Although they had a dismal 7-10 record, they concluded their season by winning five of their final six contests with their only loss in that stretch coming at the hands of eventual national champion Saint Lawrence. Now, in the second season as a member of the Empire Eight Conference, the Tigers will look to make up for last year's disappointment.

"From top to bottom, we're definitely more mature, especially defensively," says Head Coach Bill Garno. "Last year we gave up a lot of goals late in the game and we gave up five or six different one-goal leads last year. A more, mature team shouldn't do that." The team will also need to be more dangerous in attack. "We've been able to possess the ball even against the best teams over the past couple of years, but we've got to be able to create more scoring opportunities."

"I don't think we have any superstars," says Garno. Despite this, the team is returning 17 juniors and seniors and has incredible depth in almost every position. First year players who will step in and make an immediate impact include defender Zianeh Kemeh-Gama, and forwards Trae Lower, Bradford Roy, and Blake Harrison. Chris Mbaakanyi from Botswanna is another newcomer who will have an immediate impact at the midfield position. Veteran leadership on the squad will come from captains Eric Truscott, Adam Cisz, Garrett Schmidt, and Ryan Riskosky.

"Our goals have to be to improve continuously, game to game and week to week," notes Garno. The Tigers will also be looking to win the Empire Eight Conference and compete with the top teams in the region. "We need to take it a game at a time and really a step at a time to see how the team comes together."

### Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team will be strong once again this year. There is a good mix of returning players and newcomers. Pacing the vets will be juniors Melanie Lowe and Kristen Sylvester. Lowe had a 17-4 record last season, was the first player in school history to be a finalist in the in the ITA Regional tournament, and was a semi-finalist in the NYSWCAA Tournament. Sylvester had an impressive 13-3 record last season and will look to continue her success. Other top returning players include seniors Sarah Brett, Michelle Kurowski, and junior Jenn Giovinazzi.

There are seven new players on this year's squad. Gabriela Ruiz will be expected to step in and make an immediate impact, while Sara Kula and Carlie Schubert will see plenty of action on the court as well. "We have a lot to look forward to," says Head Coach Ann Nealon." There's a lot of talent returning and a number of newcomers that can make an immediate contribution to this team."

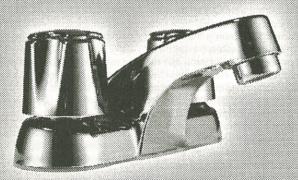
### Women's Volleyball

Once again, the Tigers should be a national volleyball powerhouse. Last year's team, which made it to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, lost just two players to graduation. The most notable loss from last 1999's lineup is All-American and NCAA record holder Ushi Patel. Another notable change is in the Head Coaching position. Mary Powell will lead the Tigers this year after a short stint as an assistant at Division I Moorehead State University. Previously, she was the Head Coach at SUNY Fredonia for four years.

Emily Verbrdidge and Jill Brewer will lead one of the best frontcourts in the nation. Casey LaFrance and Rachel Levy will guide the setters on the young Tiger squad. The team has a good mix of youth and experience. There are only two seniors on the team and all of its sophomores saw a good deal of time on the court last fall. The team will be participating in its first full year in the Empire Eight Conference. The Tigers play a very competitive schedule and will be looking to accomplish more of the same success they enjoyed last year.



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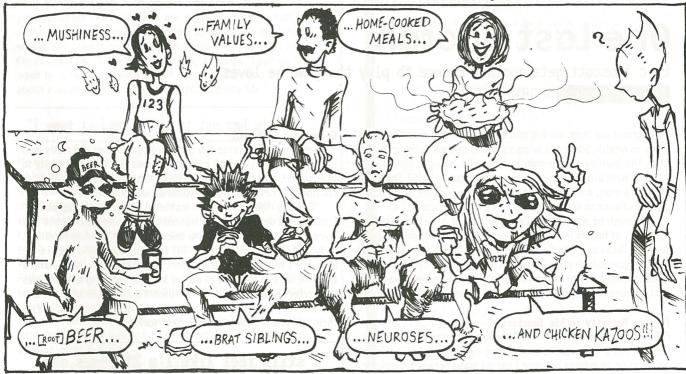
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### Player Profile

Name: Eric Truscott Sport: Soccer Position: Defender

Age: 29 Height: 5-11 Weight: 180 Year: Fourth

Major: Woodworking and

Furniture Design

# One Last Hoorah

Eric Truscott gets another chance to play the game he loves.

By Aaron Landers SPORTS EDITOR

Throughout our lives, we will partake in many journeys. Some will bring us wealth. Some will bring us love. Some will bring us happiness. The journey of one man in particular brought him along a winding path around the country, and eventually to RIT. This is the story of a man, who against the odds, turned his life around, and got the chance to start over. His name is Eric Truscott.

Although he was born in Canandaigua, he only spent the first few years of his life in Western New York. His family moved down south to Texas and spent a few years there. When the economy in Texas began to look poor, Truscott's family picked up and went to Massachusetts where things looked more prosperous. It was there that a young man honed the skills of the game he loves.

### Finding Maturity in his Immaturity

Following his graduation from Medway High School in Massachusetts in 1990, Eric went to work doing odd jobs. "I knew I wasn't going to go to college because I knew I wasn't ready for college," says Truscott. "I knew I would have just partied and flunked out and wasted my parents money." While he may not have been mature enough for college right after high school, his recognition of this immaturity clearly shows that Eric was smart enough to make adult decisions at a young age.

A few years after high school had ended, Truscott began to think about his future. "I decided that my life wasn't going where I wanted it to." Eric became active in his church and began to turn his life around. "I figured I'd give that a try and it worked for me. So I went on a mission." His mission took him to Phoenix Arizona and lasted two years. He went around talking to people about the church and about Jesus Christ and about the happiness that he had found. He tried to share what he had discovered: "There's more to life than just kickin' around this world doing nothing; that there is a purpose for being here."

### Going Back To School

"I never thought I wanted to go to college. I never did really well in high school because all high school was was an opportunity to play soccer, so I did good enough so that I could play." Truscott continues "I never thought I would do well in school."

"One day right before I got married, I kind of had an epiphany." Truscott had decided that he wanted to build furniture. It took him a year before he found out how one goes about building furniture. In July of 19997, he learned of RIT from an uncle who lives in the area. Eric's wife, Jenn, who was from Skaneateles New York, wanted to come back to the area to do her student teaching and this was the perfect opportunity for the Truscott's. Eric applied to RIT and without receiving an official acceptance, the Truscott's packed up their things and moved back to New York.

# "I still feel like I'm 21 years old. I don't feel like I'm 29"

### Returning to the Game

Although he had not played competitive soccer since high school, Eric decided that he would give it a shot. Even though soccer is a simple game, certain things had changed since Eric had last played. Eric is from the old school, where players relied on heart and desire to win matches. Today's game is much more technical than it was in the late '80s and players are much more skillful. "I found that as I came back after not playing for so long, my skills were not as good as they once were, so I depend more on my heart, desire, and intensity."



Truscott walked onto the RIT team shortly after the 1997 season had begun. The players on the team did not really know what to expect from the longhaired stranger who had a bandana wrapped around his head. Stepping onto a team that was a mix between the squad that former coach Doug May had built and the one current coach Bill Garno was constructing, Truscott fit in almost immediately. What he lacked in skill, he made up for tenfold with heart. "That intensity and that desire is what I think coach saw," notes Truscott.

That intensity and desire that Truscott speaks of is what fuels him to compete with players who are as much as ten years younger than him and are what have made him a captain on the RIT squad. Although some players probably would, Eric does not see his age as a problem. "I still feel like I'm 21 years old. I don't feel like I'm 29," he quips. "I just don't want to grow up because grown up people are too serious about everything and they don't seem to enjoy life."

### "I want to have a lot of fun and win"

He has been known for his physical and gutsy style of play, which sometimes leaves his opponents rolling around on the field injured and usually earns him quite a few yellow cards during the course of the season. One of his goals this year is to not get any yellow cards. "Besides no yellow cards, I just want to have fun. It's my last year...I'm sure I'm never going to play again, so I just want to have a lot of fun and I want to win. I want to make it to the NCAA tournament." Although making the tournament is something that the program has not done in since 1994, Truscott is ready to lead the team into battle. With a team that is deep in every position and with hard working players like Eric Truscott on the field, the Tigers are sure to turn things around after last year's disappointing season.

Day in and day out for the past three seasons, Truscott has been sacrificing every ounce of blood, sweat, and energy in his body for the Tigers. He is proof that skills and technical prowess can only take you so far in the game of soccer. Eric knows, and has shown his teammates, that all you need to win soccer games is guts and determination. Sure, Truscott feels the aches and pains that most players do, especially since he is a few years older than most of the guys on the team, but when he is on the pitch, he has only one goal. "When I'm off the field, my body aches and it's hard to get out of bed because everything hurts. But when I'm playing, nothing hurts. Everything just goes blank and all I want to do is win."

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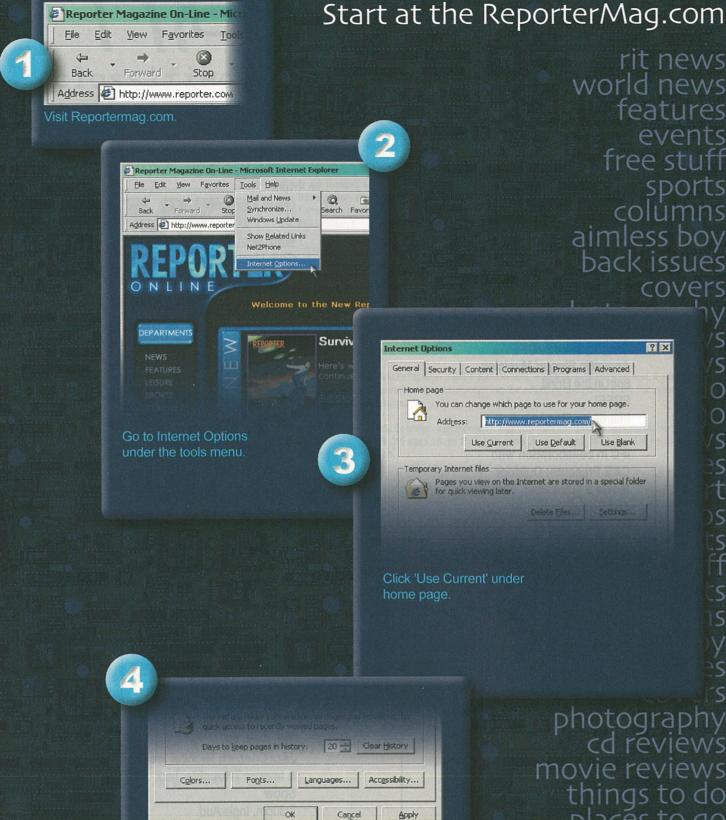
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