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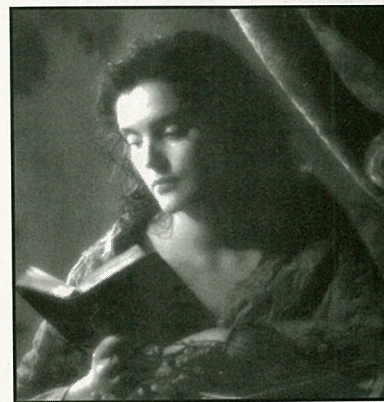
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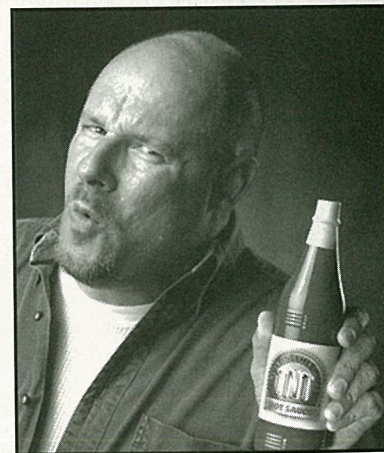
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EDITORIAL

WELCOME TO DECISIONS 2000

Not to be confused with "Decision 2000," the ironic, all-purpose reference to the presidential election. *Decisions 2000* is the annual nationwide struggle to find presents before the holiday we'll call "Christmas 2000." For those not up to speed on current events, "Christmas 2000" falls smack-dab between "Desperate Toy Hunt 2000" and "Mass Gift Return 2000." Don't forget to mark your calendars for "Unattainable Resolution Making 2001" approximately a week later.

Planning for Christmas 2000 began soon after Christmas 1999 (a rousing success) when retailers assembled into planning teams and laid out basic strategies. First came the decorating. In the holiday spirit, no less than 90 percent of stores adorn their interiors with lights, trees, and empty yet wrapped boxes of presents—no sooner than right after Halloween 2000. The sale circulars are beginning to pop up, displaying wonderful examples of how happy your loved ones will look wearing the latest trendy fashions.

Following Thanksgiving (not 2000—it's still just a holiday, not an event), millions of brave souls make the pilgrimage to the local malls in search of the perfect gifts. Shoppers walk up to the cash register and plop down money in exchange for a wrapped mystery box (how else would you explain half the items you get every year?). This continues until the shopper's credit cards are maxed out.

In some other cases, those individuals wishing to avoid the devastation of Mass Gift Return 2000 actually make out wish lists. They comb through circulars for the latest, greatest, and most expensive toys, gadgets, jewelry, computers, kitchenware, shoes, software, and more. You can be sure that if it's sold in stores, costs twice as much as anything you were planning to spend, and comes in a wide assortment of fruity colors, it'll be on a wish list.

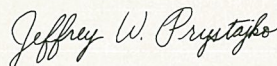
Others are more evil. They will test your love by meekly asking for "nothing at all." Be on the lookout for this! They're testing you. You know full well that presenting them with "nothing at all" will result in years and years of guilt, headaches, and unpopular gifts.

All seriousness aside, come Christmas 2000, nothing will compare to watching the happy, smiling faces of friends and loved ones as they open up the crap you bought them—it's just magical. You know they're secretly dividing it up into the "keep" and "return immediately" piles, but it doesn't matter. Nobody complains. Everyone smiles! Someone frowns? More eggnog! It's all good.

In fact, if Christmas 2000 is so exciting, why not have it more often? It's good for the economy, people come together to be merry, and somehow everyone comes out of it looking as fabulous as the people in Gap commercials.

Oh, and there's that little-remembered notion that Christmas is a sacred, religious celebration. Don't let the stores find out I told you though. •

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OP/ED THE PULPIT GET YOUR OWN DAMN HOLIDAY

by edgar blackmon

I'm not Catholic, so when Ash Wednesday rolls around, I don't sweat it. I don't give anything up for Lent, no matter how much I hear about it. However, there are many people in this country who break from tradition in their beliefs. These people are atheists.

Atheists are people who do not believe in God or deities of any sort. So if you don't believe in God, or Jesus Christ, then why celebrate Christmas? I've heard all the excuses before, "It's commercialized into a national holiday, so it's really everyone's holiday."

That's a load of crap. You celebrate Christmas because you don't want to be left out. I realize that the holiday is commercialized, but does that make it okay? Simply because our popular culture has embraced Christmas so deeply they celebrate a holiday based on values that you don't believe in?

Our schools give us "holiday break," but it's really Christmas break, because I see Hanukkah going down before we leave every

year. But that doesn't mean that just because you're home you have to celebrate Christmas. The Jewish kids don't go home and celebrate Christmas just because they got break, so why do you? No matter what you tell yourself, you're piggybacking. The name of the holiday is CHRISTmas.

So here is my solution: Make up your own holiday. Hell, I'll do it for you. The new winter holiday for atheists is Sock It To Me Day. You can have it on the 26th—that way there won't be any confusion. Everyone will sit around the Sock It To Me tree, and when it is your turn to receive your Sock It To Me presents, you look at your family and yell, "SOCK IT TO MEEEE!" Then everyone throws gifts at you.

I know that this holiday intersects with Kwanzaa, but I'm sure all you Kwanzaa celebrating atheists will figure it out. So have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Joyous Kwanzaa, and finally, "Have a Kick Ass Sock It To Me!" Pretty catchy, huh?•

OP/ED LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear RIT Community:

First and foremost Student Government would like to thank everyone that attended the open forums, voted online, emailed SG, or simply took the time to express your view on the recent calendar debate. Student Government is committed to creating opportunities that ensure and expand student participation in Institute decisions.

It is our responsibility to solicit and receive student issues, concerns, and opinions with open arms. We take pride in the role of liaison between the students and the Institute as a whole. Student Government is expected to know "What do the students want?"

Recently, this question was posed to us concerning the calendar debate. Through online voting, open forums, informational pamphlets, and individual responses via email and in person, we were able to gather enough information to present a solid and firm student opinion to the Administration. Thankfully, we were listened to.

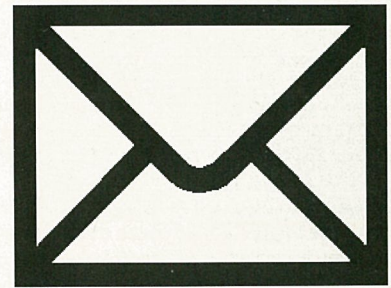
We are attempting to create a culture at RIT that when students speak, we are listened to. Our collective voice can only be heard if each individual takes the time to make SG and the Institute aware of it. This can easily be done but unfortunately isn't always the case.

The calendar debate seemed to have sparked great interest from everyone and we received a great amount of feedback. We urge the student body to make this a rule rather than the exception. Administration was impressed by the student turnout, and ultimately persuaded by it. In the past, students have complained about monumental decisions being made without their input. This has definitely been an issue at RIT.

We thank the student body for taking the time to express your opinion regarding the Quarters vs. Semesters debate. Our voice was clearly heard by the Institute. A strong student voice can simply never be ignored by Administration. Student Government will continue its commitment to expressing the student voice and we ask that you help us in doing so.

Looking forward to a productive year,

Johan Felipe Giraldo
President
RIT Student Government



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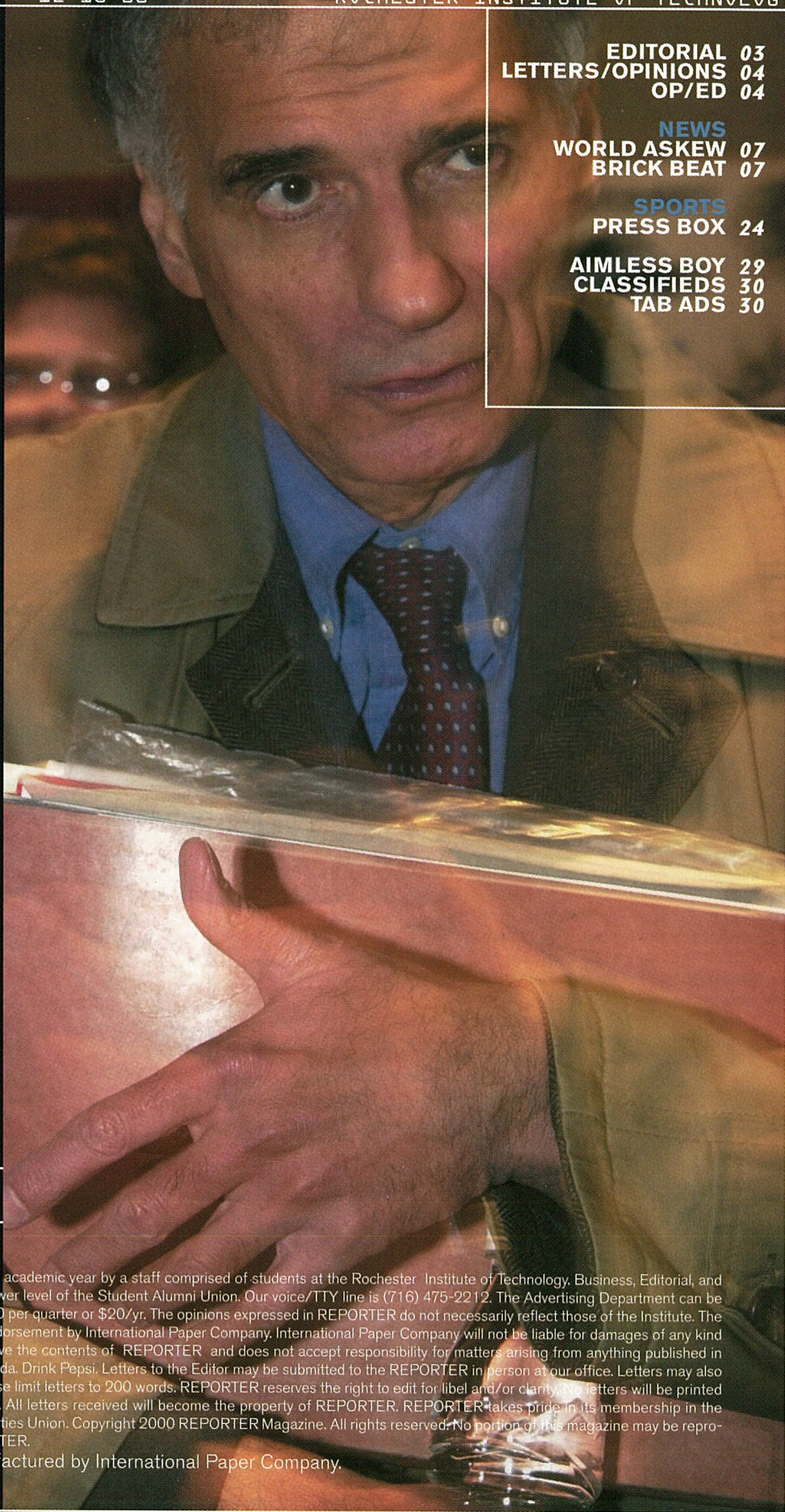
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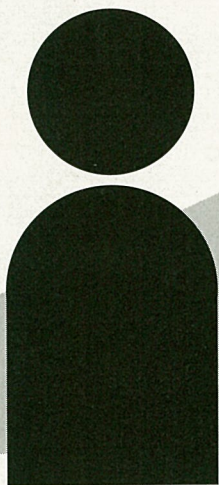
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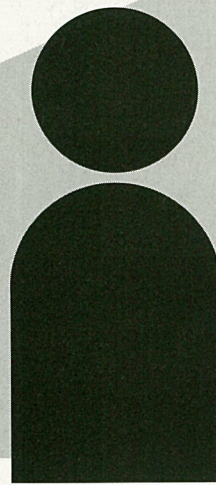
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NEWS WORLD ASKEW

by jason pacchiarotti



Find the fake news item monkey-children!

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—Robert McMillan, an astronomer at the University of Arizona, claimed on Monday, December 4 to have found a "minor planet" in the outreaches of the solar system. 2000 WR106, as it is known, is the second largest "minor planet" to be found located beyond Neptune's orbit. It is roughly 750 miles in diameter and 43 times further from the sun than the earth.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—George W. Bush's gubernatorial mansion was broken into on Friday, December 1 by three vandals. While inside, the perpetrators plastered several rooms and hallways with thousands of left over "Gore/Lieberman 2000" stickers. They also filled the drawers of his desk with hundreds of blank election ballots.

MIAMI, FLORIDA—Just months after starting his life anew in a Miami suburb, OJ Simpson is once again in trouble with the law. On Monday, December 4, Simpson allegedly attacked a man, Jeffrey Pattinson, after the former football star ran a stop sign. He allegedly left his Lincoln Navigator, yelled at Pattinson and tore the sunglasses from his face. Pattinson plans to file battery and burglary charges. Juice must have been in a hurry to find the real killers.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK—According to a new study released on Monday, December 4, men spend more time shopping for gifts for their bosses than they do for their wives. According to the 714-person study, men only spend 45 minutes for their wives, but three hours for their bosses. Before you women get in an uproar, the study also found that women spend more time getting a present for their pet than they do for their husband.

TOKYO, JAPAN—Women report over 300 gropings per year on Japanese trains. December, a time for holiday parties, is also a time of heightened groping on Japanese trains. To combat the problem of drunken male partiers becoming too frisky with the female passengers on crowded train cars, some late night trains in Japan during the month of December will have female-only cars. Hopefully, the "grope-free" zones will be effective in making women feel more safe - unless Japanese lesbians are also drunken party-goers.

ANKARA, TURKEY—This couple would make Henry VIII jealous. In an attempt to produce a boy, a Turkish couple kept having children until they ended up with 25 children - only 4 of whom are boys. The couple began their family with 10 girls until finally the eleventh was a boy. Just like Lays Potato chips, though, one is never enough. The couple kept having children until they had a total of four boys and 21 girls. They already have 10 grandchildren.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA—Benjamin Harrison Holcomb, the world's oldest man, died on Sunday, December 3 at the age of 111. Holcomb was a cotton and wheat farmer and cattle raiser for most of his life in southwestern Oklahoma. He is survived by three children - all in their 80's. While many WWII veterans have not survived to see the new millennium, Holcomb was too old at the age of 51 to fight in WWII.

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BRICK BEAT

RIT REJECTS NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

The long-awaited redesign of the Institute's main website and accompanying pages was rejected by administration, for reasons not yet made known.

The prototype (<http://victim.rit.edu>), designed by a team led by webmaster Dower Chin, was scheduled to be unveiled next month. It is still undetermined what direction the project will take.

FORMULA-CAR TEAM LANDS DOWN UNDER

Eight mechanical engineering students and their advisor recently traveled to compete against other universities in Victoria, Australia the weekend of December 9-10.

The team was judged for their engineering design, cost analysis, solo performance trials, and a grueling high-performance track endurance trial. This year, their vehicle was powered by a four-cylinder, fuel-injection, 70-horsepower engine and six-speed transmission, allowing it to max out at 100 mph and accelerate from zero to 60 mph in four seconds.

"RIT Formula-team members, talents, and dedication make them among the very best in the world," said Satish Kandiklar, mechanical engineering department head. "We're excited and proud about their participation in Australia."

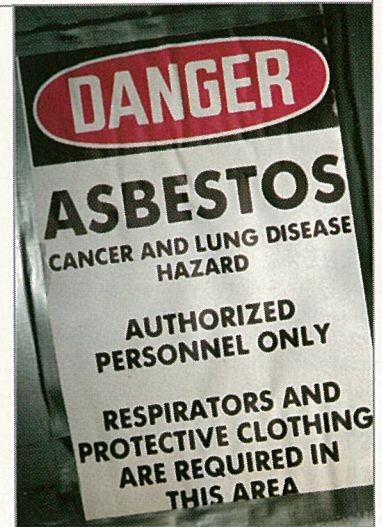
Results of the competition were not known as of press time. Please visit www.reportermag.com for further updates. •

NEWS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

by steven towle



PHOTOS: DAVID LA SPINA



▲ A warning sign on the dumpster outside Ellingson Hall.

◀ Student Amanda Tinks enters Ellingson Hall through a makeshift tunnel, separating the students from the asbestos.

THE CONUNDRUM OF THE REMAINING STUDENTS IN ELLINGSON

The housing situation, already bad, is about to get worse for the students remaining in Ellingson Hall. Asbestos removal is creating shortages of available space for existing residence hall tenants.

safety regulations apply there is no danger to any of our residents or staff living and working in the building."

The opening of Sol Heumann was insufficient to cover the number of rooms shut

To make the situation worse, only half of the expected number of students actually checked out of housing at RIT. Some other solutions have presented themselves, though.

"We did have just before the end of the

"THIS TYPE OF ABATEMENT IS NOT THE (EASILY CRUMBLER) TYPE SO ALTHOUGH ALL ASBESTOS SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY THERE IS NO DANGER TO ANY OF OUR RESIDENTS OR STAFF LIVING AND WORKING IN THE BUILDING."

The caulking in the windows of Ellingson has contained asbestos since it was built, but people were allowed to live in the building because it was considered to not be airborne.

However, as the windows are taken apart, the dismantled junk is thrown out the window and onto the ground—including the asbestos-laden caulking.

This seems to be a non-issue though, according to Associate Director of Administrative and Student Services at Residence Life Carol Reed.

"This type of abatement is not the (easily crumbled) type so although all asbestos

down in Ellingson. Now these students are being scattered to apartments or the Radisson.

Carol Reed said, "The options as we saw them were:

"1. Not house any students on these floors. This was not viable with the largest freshmen class in our history coming.

"2. To house students on these three floors with the expectation that over fall quarter break and in the first three weeks of winter quarter we would be able to reassign them all to new residence hall or apartment assignments."

quarter a fraternity in housing lose their national status and have to be moved out of housing. So we are presently turning this floor around and students will be able to move in there starting this Thursday.

"Also, we are seeing some students who returned leaving due to grades."

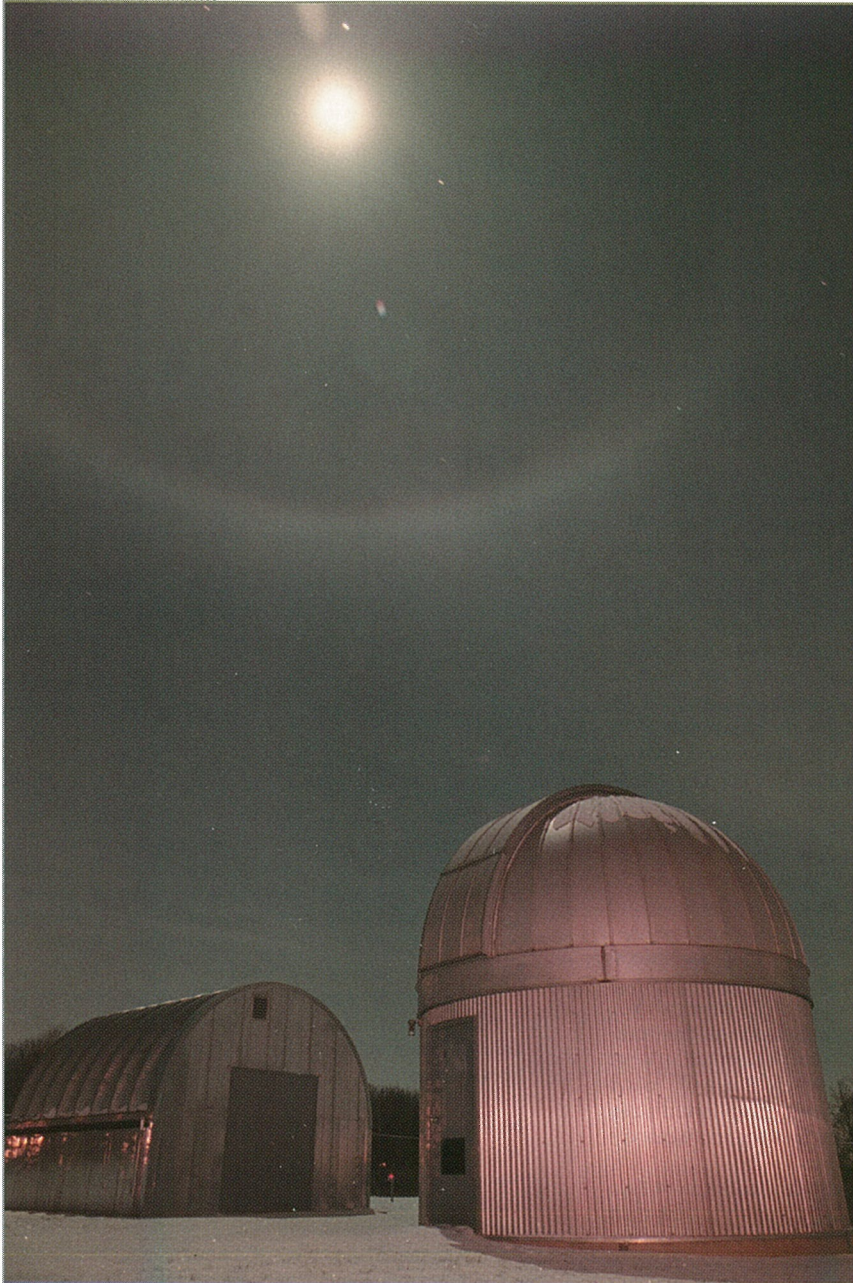
In an unprecedented move, they have moved a few first-year students into apartments at University Commons.

However, there are about 40 students for whom no space can be found, and these students will end up in the hotel if no other arrangements can be made for them. •

NEWS SEE THE STARS @ RIT'S OBSERVATORY

by Laura Chwirut

PHOTO: CHRIS EHRMANN



Celestial curiosity? Your resources may not be as far off as a distant galaxy—in fact, the stars are right at your finger-tips here at RIT. Regardless of one's program of study, all interested students, faculty and staff have access to the RIT observatory located at 645 John Street on the east side of campus. This three-building facility is home to the Astronomy club, and is a meeting place for monthly open observations.

Astronomy, while not a major at RIT, is a program shared by the department of Physics and the Carlson Center for Imaging Science, two parts of the College of Science. Established to provide research and observational opportunities, the observatory is a classroom for a variety of classes using precision equipment. Available for observers to use are a 16-inch telescope, an 8-inch Dobsonian, 2 Meade Starfinder 6-inch Newtonian (f/8 and f/10), and within the 5 meter-dome on premise, a 10-inch Meade-Schmidt Cassegrain is housed.

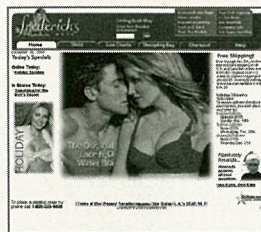
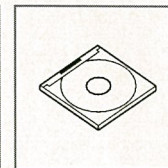
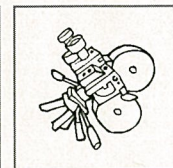
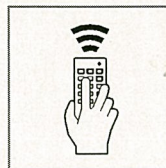
The observatory is open to the public for several viewing sessions that correspond with astronomical events. Given a clear sky on the selected night, anyone can observe using the specialty telescopes at the site.

For more information as each event draws near, log on to the Astronomy Club webpage www.rit.edu/~ritacwww/

< The observatory is open to the general public for celestial viewing throughout the year.

Sessions are held once a month and scheduled around the prime viewing alignment. Future meetings are scheduled as followed:

December 14	Geminids Meteor Shower event
January 5	7p.m. -9pm viewing
February 2	7p.m. -9 p.m. viewing
March 16	7p.m. -9 p.m. viewing
April 27	8 p.m.-10p.m. viewing



VICKY VS. FRED

BY EDGAR BLACKMON

When presented with the unbelievable task of shopping for a woman, most men turn to the one thing that can save them: panties.

Panties are and will always be the perfect gift for the woman of your life. They can definitely use them, and they aren't that expensive. The problem is, there are so many panties, how can one man choose? Two places to start are the Victoria's Secret (VS) and Frederick's of Hollywood websites.

Frederick's of Hollywood, www.fredericks.com is known for their collection of risque bedroom wear. They still have that, but they also carry a wide selection of bras, panties, and clothes. But honestly, if you wanted to buy clothes, you wouldn't be shopping at Frederick's.

You can buy that special someone the H2O bra, which is a push up bra with water in the cups for a more "natural" feel. You can also get some very lovely bra and panty combinations. To get a feel for the pricing of the site, I attempted to order an H2O bra. There were about three colors to choose from, and 8 different bra sizes. The cost for this bra was 29.99. The upside of Frederick's is there is no tax, but the immediate downside is that shipping is at least 16 dollars. If you want that gift from Frederick's to come soon, you might possibly pay more for shipping than you did for what you bought.

Victoria's Secret, www.victoriasecret.com has a nice site. No costumes, but they do have some nice panties. One difference between the two stores is that the clothes at Victoria's Secret can be used in different situations. While the clothes sold at Frederick's are for going out on the town, Victoria's Secret has casual clothes, swimwear, and evening-wear. But like I said before, who wants to buy clothes? If your girlfriend wants clothes, she can get them herself. It's your job to buy underwear. One nice feature on the VS site is the "Personalized Bra Search." You choose from several different choices, like front or back closures, demi cup, or full, etc. You continue to do this, until you reach your perfect bra, or what I like to call, "bra nirvana." I looked for the liquid Miracle Bra, and I found it very easily. VS blows Frederick's away on bra sizes. 29 different sizes make sure that no matter what breast size you're looking for, Victoria's Secret has you covered.

The VS version of the "natural" miracle bra costs ten dollars more than its Frederick's counterpart. VS charges tax, but the shipping is less than Frederick's, but it all evens out. The grand total of the bra was ten dollars more at VS. But if you are less into bras and more into panties, VS has a great special where you can buy five pair of cotton panties for only 20 dollars. You can get them in an assortment of colors and sizes.

If you are looking for low prices, Frederick's may be your best bet. But if money isn't an object (and it shouldn't be, we're talking about your girlfriend here), you should be over at Victoria's Secret getting oodles and oodles of panties.

Don't forget that VS also sells some nice fragrances, so you might want to check that out as well. If you want some crotchless panties, or a Batwoman costume, Frederick's will not be beat. If you just want to buy your lady some nice underwear, go to Victoria's Secret. •

GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR UNDER \$10

BY TIFFANY SWASTA

Most people think that there are not many great gifts to buy for under \$10, at least not nice ones. Not true! I did some looking around and came up with some pretty decent ideas that could save you a couple of bucks this holiday season.

One of the first finds was GapScents from, guess where...The Gap. The 5oz. spray bottles of fragrance are only \$10 and they definitely smell great. They are available for men and women.

Another idea is chocolate or candy of some sort. Many department stores and discount stores like Wal-Mart and K-mart sell tins with chocolate, cookies, candy, or popcorn in them. All can be purchased for under \$10. Fancy boxed chocolates could also be a good idea. Fanny Farmer and Godiva chocolate companies offer boxed selections at decent prices or at least under \$10.

Picture frames also make great presents. They can be purchased just about anywhere and almost anybody could use one. Cute girly frames can be purchased in stores like Claire's, and more slightly classy frames can be found in department stores like JCPenney and Sears.

Candles also came to mind. You can buy either one big candle or a few smaller ones. Bath and Body Works sells candle packs for under \$10 and most other stores have good selections of candles to choose from.

For all you boyfriends out there, stuffed animals may be the way to go. You can buy a teddy bear or just about any other animal to give to that special someone. Department stores carry stuffed animals. Also, some nature stores carry a wide variety of different stuffed animals that can be purchased.

If you don't have a lot of money this Christmas and are in need of some inexpensive gift ideas, you now have a few suggestions. After all, I think that most people wouldn't mind saving a couple of bucks this holiday season. •



EDDIEBAUER.COM

BY BRYAN HAMMER

The first thing I noticed about EddieBauer.com was its price, and I didn't notice them because they were cheap.

Although I found a few sale prices that were very reasonable, the regular prices seemed high—especially for a college student's wallet.

Pants go for about \$50-70, while sweaters and shirts seem to stay in the range of \$40-50. I'm sure they're very nice, but a bit too nice for the pocket of a college freshman.

The site itself is nicely put together, and is easy to navigate. It has categories for men and women, and also housewares.

This site also has pictures of each of the pieces, and some can even be seen on models. It gives you a pretty good idea of what you're buying. If you're lucky enough to find something on sale, than I definitely think it's worth buying, but the regular prices are just too expensive.



EBAY.COM

BY BRYAN HAMMER

If you're looking for that special hard-to-find gift for someone who is impossible to buy presents for, than eBay.com may be your best bet.

On the eBay site, just about everyone on the internet bids on items of interest. At the end of the auction, if you're the highest bidder, the item is yours.

Anything from clothing, computer equipment, movies, and music can be found here. But one word of caution, this site is addictive. I spent hours looking for memorabilia and bootlegs from my favorite band, and I found so many cool items that I wound up bidding on all of them. Then, for the sake of my wallet, I was praying that someone would outbid me.

If you're looking to get an item before the holidays, then get started now. I found that it usually takes some time before the auction ends, and the payment is received before you finally get your item in the mail.

Sometimes you can find amazing prices, but most of the popular items sell for the cost you would find them for in stores, and you still have to pay shipping.

However, if you're looking for something special that can't be found in the store anymore, then eBay will usually have what you're looking for.



DELIAS.COM

BY EDGAR BLACKMON

The two hardest people for me to shop for are my sisters. I rarely talk to them during the year, and the next thing I know Christmas is here, and I have no idea what to get them.

I used to give them hand-me-down gifts, like books that I had already read. This year, I plan to actually buy them new gifts. I went to the perfect place. **Delias.com** is a site chock full with clothes and accessories that could please even the pickiest sibling or girlfriend.

First things first, the site is incredibly easy to navigate, because there are so many subcategories that it's easy to hone in on exactly what you are looking for. I go straight to the sale section, because I like to shop thrifty (or cheap).

There are plenty of clothing choices in the sale part of the site, and some of those items deserve to be on sale, because they are butt-ugly. But after some searching, I found a lot of great items, all for less than 30 dollars. I even saw some nice stuff for less than ten bucks.

There is just one problem, and that's availability. Christmas is just around the corner, and several of the more popular shirts are not available. The people of Delias give you a date that the piece that you are searching for will become available, and you can prepay for it as well.

Finally, there's checkout. You have to fill out your basic credit card info, and you can ship to a different address as well. I dig this, because that way all my stuff is waiting for me home in Illinois. Tax is a whopping ten-percent of your purchase, and add \$4.99 for regular ground mail. If you get a \$20 t-shirt, you are going to pay about 27 dollars for it.

All in all, Delias is a great place to do some last minute shopping. And with the two day shipping option, it might actually get there in time. If you are looking for cute shirts, pajamas, pants or dresses, give Delias.com a try.

SIMILAR STORES OFFER DIFFERENT WARES

BY RYAN KIDDER

When doing your holiday shopping this season, you will no doubt be buying clothing for at least one person on your list. So, depending on whom you're buying for, you may want to consider either Old Navy or Land's End to find exactly the right gift for that special someone. So which store is right for you? It depends on what you're looking for.

Old Navy, owned by the Gap, offers nice clothes at very reasonable prices. A recent trip there gave me several great gift ideas, all of which were priced under \$25. This store is aimed more at young people than anything, offering items like tech vests and techno chino pants.

Remember those commercials that had Sherman Helmsley and that annoying jingle for performance fleece? Well, fleece is very big now and you would be hard pressed to

find anything at Old Navy that does not contain fleece in one form or another. For \$16.50 you can get a microfiber half-zip pullover; \$22 will get a wide variety of turtle-neck sweaters; and also for \$22 you can pick up a frost-free vest, an item that could best be described as a coat without sleeves. What anyone in Rochester would need with a coat without sleeves is beyond me, but who am I to judge?

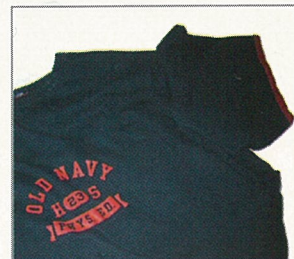
Land's End is a store you should enter only if you have some serious cash to burn. If you are shopping for parents or grandparents, however, this is the place to go.

The styles here are either very plain or very odd, and they vary greatly in price. I came across some nice denim shirts for \$21.50, wool crew-neck sweaters for \$60-75, and a lovely silk Hawaiian shirt on clearance for \$41.50.

Also, if any of you have someone named Jennica in your life, then there is a monogrammed apron in the "irregular" section for \$8 that would make the perfect gift for that lucky girl—or boy! If you really are looking for extravagant gifts, then Land's End carries some nice men's and women's suits, as well as camel's hair sweaters priced \$150-\$180.

So where should you do your holiday shopping this year? I would highly recommend checking out Old Navy. I am a serious tightwad when it comes to clothes, and even I admit that Old Navy has got some great buys on some great stuff.

Land's End does have some items that are more appropriate if you're shopping for your parents, but this trip will cost you a pretty penny to get anything other than their selection of pink Oxford shirts with mint green stripes.



BEST BUY?

BY WILLIAM HUBER

The local Best Buy (located near Target on Hylan Drive) resembles a massive conglomeration of Media Play, Maytag, and Electronics Boutique.

They offer, but are not limited to, appliances, car and home audio systems, office furniture, home theater (ranging from VCR's and DVD players to HDTV setups and Digital Cable services), CDs, DVDs, a full computer section, a cell phone / DSS section, a digital imaging (digital cameras, etc.) section, a relatively large selection of computer and video games, and last, and probably least, a paltry single-aisle book section—but let's face it, if you want to buy books, you shouldn't be in Best Buy anyway.

According to Kathy, a shopper looking for a new subwoofer, "[Best Buy] usually has the best prices and the best service."

Best Buy prices are decent, but not always the best. For example, the average cost of ten randomly selected, regular-priced CDs at Best Buy was \$13.59, compared to Wal-Mart's price of the identical CDs for \$13.61. Best Buy (barely) wins that one, but DVDs were another story. Using the same test, Wal-Mart came out almost six dollars cheaper. One fact to keep in mind here is that some DVDs won't be found at Wal-Mart because they are a "family store."

Best Buy's strength lies in its copious amounts of everything, and the fact that the store itself is larger than a football field supports that. Yet this can cause trouble.

"The only problem I've ever had here is the lines being too long," said Theresa, a monthly shopper. "There are never enough cashiers."



The cashier problem is a chronic one: if you go to Best Buy for your Christmas shopping on a busy weekend, be prepared to wait at least half an hour to check out your merchandise. The Best Buy manager refused comment, and forbade asking questions of the employees.

The best strategy for shopping at Best Buy, and basically any other store, is to research ahead. The Best Buy circular comes in every Sunday paper, with all kinds of weekly sales and rebates.

Dan, a first-time Best Buy shopper, said, "I saw some ads in the paper and they had some pretty good deals going," which is why he decided to check out the store.

The store's website, www.bestbuy.com, advertises sales every day that you can take advantage of, either online or at the store itself

WORD ON THE STREET

compiled by jason pacchiarotti
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As the saying goes, you can't buy happiness. However, everything costs money. Often, our pursuit for happiness and money conflict—giving us a choice where we can have only one. Therefore, this week, *Reporter* asks:

“Would you rather have a high-paying job that you hate, or a low-paying job that you love?”



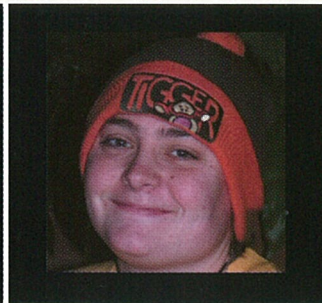
“A low-paying job. I think you should do work you're interested in.”

CHIA-WEN HSIEH
6TH YR. PAINTING



“High-paying job because I need to support myself through life.”

AARON MAC KENZIE REINKE
2ND YR. DIGITAL IMAGING AND PUBLISHING TECHNOLOGY



“I would like a good job with good pay. It doesn't need to be wealthy. Just be yourself.”

FAITH SCHERER
3RD YR. DIGITAL IMAGING AND PUBLISHING TECHNOLOGY



“I'd rather have a low-paying job that I like, because the high paying job would give me more stress and all the extra money would go towards medical bills.”

JAY JOLLY
TRANSFER PACKAGING

“Probably a low-paying job that I love just because it would be easier to get up in the morning if I was going to a job that I liked doing.”

KEVIN OSTROWSKI
2ND YR. NEW MEDIA

“A low-paying job that I liked, because why would I want to stay at a job forever that I don't like?”

ED WILKOLASKI
4TH YR. ELECTRICAL ENG.

“A low-paying job that I love because of the job satisfaction I would get.”

RHUSHAN MEHENDALE
1ST YR. COMPUTER SCIENCE

“I'd have to say the low-paying job that I love. I think they're pretty few and far between.”

DAVE KOSTOSIAK
4TH YR. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

“I'd love to have a low-paying job where I'm happy because happiness means more than money.”

TOBIAS DEVOR
2ND YR. MARKETING

“A low-paying job that I love because I'd rather have happiness in this life than be rich.”

LINSAY ALEXANDER
1ST YR. GRAPHIC DESIGN

“Definitely a low-paying job that I love. If it's a long term job, I'd much rather be happier doing what I want to do making minimal money than being totally miserable and making lots of money.”

JARED KAY
1ST YR. INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

“I want to be happy with my job and salary.”

DAVID FULMER
3RD YR. INFORMATION TECH

“High-paying because I could save more.”

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“A low-paying job that I like because your life isn't just for money.”

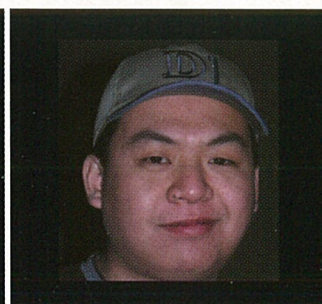
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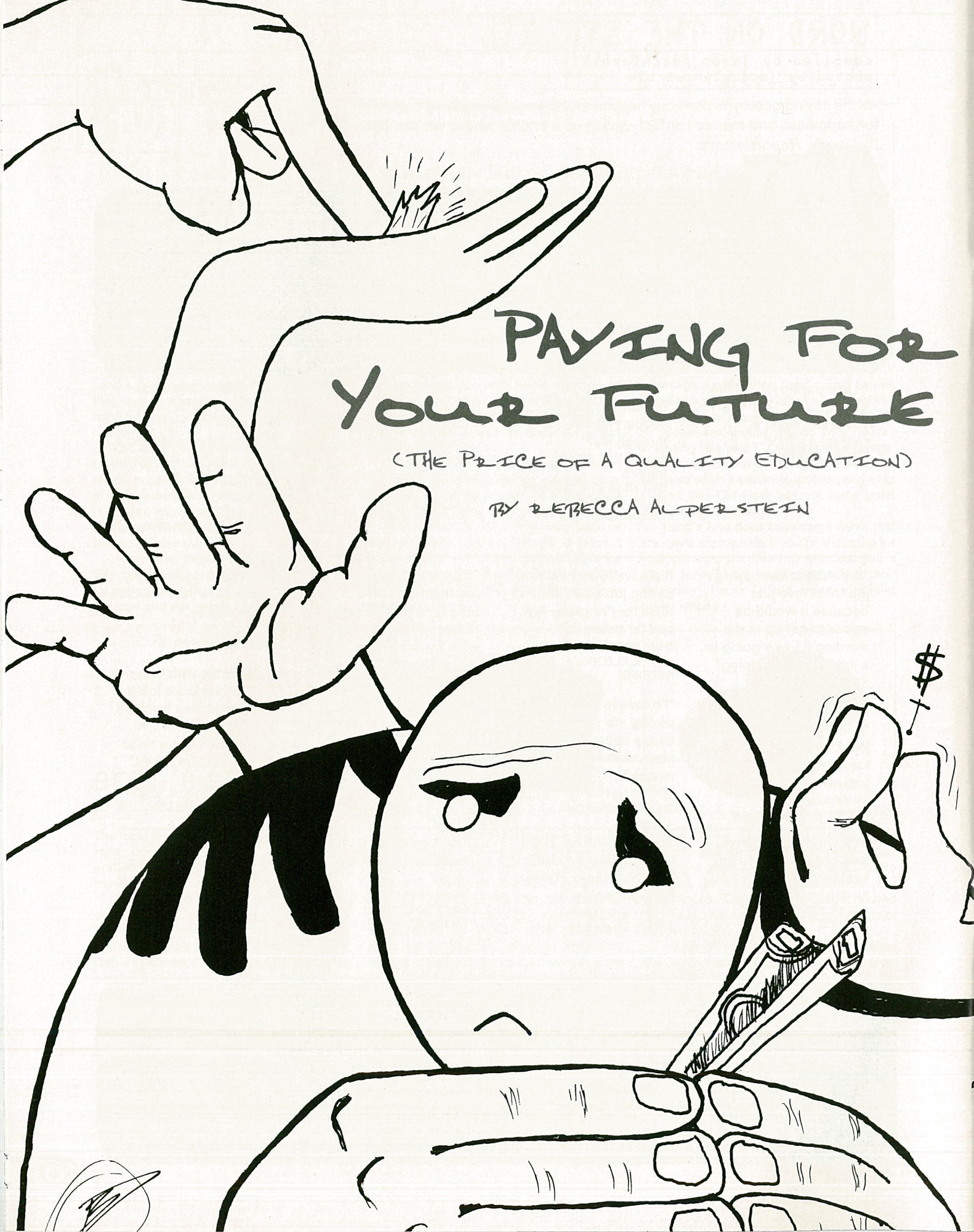
“I'm the man with the money. I do like a job if it has more money involved in it. In like four or five years I could move on to another job that I liked.”

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“I would rather have a low-pay job that I love, but it would be great to have a high-pay job that I enjoyed.”

LORI A. TAYLOR
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PAYING FOR Your Future

(THE PRICE OF A QUALITY EDUCATION)

BY REBECCA ALPERSTEIN

How can you put a price on your future or your education? How much do you think that piece of paper you will leave here with is worth? These are not easy questions to answer. Every student here must pay the price to get an RIT education.

For some it's easier than others but almost all students will be leaving not only with their degree but with substantial debt as well. How you deal with this debt is the first challenge of your post-RIT career, your true graduation into adulthood and responsibility.

Last year about 9,000 RIT/NTID students had some form of financial aid, according to Verna Hazen, Director of Financial Aid Programs and Services. With a combination of scholarships, grants, loans and part time employment, over \$100 million in financial aid was awarded.

The two big loans that most students will have to pay back are the Perkins Loan and either a Subsidized or Unsubsidized (or in some cases both) Direct Loan. The office of Student Debt Management steps in to help students make the adjustment and transition.

As Nancy Johnroe, Student Loan Repayment Coordinator said, "I think it's one of those amenities of life that you know is there, you're not quite sure how to handle it. This is their first phase in their career, that they haven't needed to face until they are no longer registered for classes. Either via graduation or if they transferred to another school or that they actually stopped their student career at this point. It's kind of the moment of truth... and what we do is try to ease that apprehension."

Every quarter the office of Student Debt Management, within the Bursar's office, gets a list of all students who will graduate or who will not return after that quarter.

"At that point, what we do is take that list and we email students and we hold group interviews, where students will come and give them a packet of information about the student loans, and also contact numbers even after they leave school that they can call to get information. If we're unable to see students before they actually leave school what we do is we mail out that same information packet to their mailing address and ask them to mail back necessary forms," said Johnroe.

When you consider the consequences of falling behind on your payments, it's understandable for students to have some fears about being able to pay back their loans.

If a borrower is 270 days late in making payment they go into something called default. There are several serious consequences to face if you go into default, including not being eligible for further financial aid. Your account could be turned over to a collection agency, ruining your credit rating and of course more late fees, and interest.

However there are things you can do when you find yourself having trouble with loan payments.

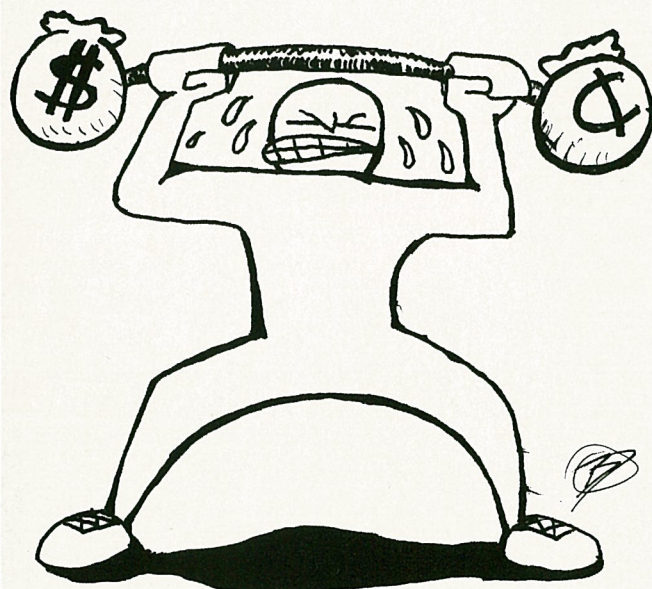
As Johnroe suggested, "Probably one of the biggest points that I make to the students that come to my exit interviews or who I talk to on the phone is to pay their payments each month. If they are unable to pay the payment, for whatever reason, call the servicing centers, let them know you have a problem. There are other options out there for them. They can go into a forbearance, six month forbearance, which is a period of time when your payments are suspended. You need to fill out some paperwork. People do have hard times, it happens all through life. And I tell them one of the worst things you can do is put your head in the sand and pretend it doesn't happen. Because their credit is very, very important, and on these student loan, once you go into default on these it's not looked very good upon any kind of creditor, because these are federal loans."

Students will have a small grace period before they must start paying back their loans in order for them to get themselves situated and find a job. There is a six month grace period for Direct Loans and a nine month grace period on the Perkins loan. But it may take longer than that for students to really become settled, and depending on their chosen field perhaps longer to find the job they want.

The longer it takes you to pay back your loans the more interest will accumulate and the more you will end up paying back. For instance, if you borrowed \$40,000 you could take up to 25 years

Of course, if you took only a few years your total would be considerably less. There are several different types of payment plans to help accommodate students changing situations.

Johnroe said, "A lot of times what I do if students are really strapped in the beginning, I will tell them, the first five years after they leave school are usually your transition years. When you're settling into a new job, or maybe even have to change jobs a couple of times. It's also the time when students are getting themselves settled in with perhaps a better vehicle than they had when they were in school. You sometimes may need a new wardrobe depending on what you're doing in your field, or even equipment—photography students, they need equipment. So because of that, once you get yourself established and then you start moving up the career ladder, you're going to be making more money and you can start sending in more money, and cut down the amount of years it



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takes for your loan." In general 10-20 years is a typical timetable for re-payment, but this can be very different from student to student.

In addition, as long as you are registered for at least six credits, you can defer your loans if, for instance, you decided to go to graduate school or if you transferred to another school. This enables you to continue your education without having to worry about paying back your loans. There is also the option of consolidation of all your loans. In that case all your loans would be totaled. An advantage of doing this is lower monthly payments over a longer period of time, however when you do this your loan is now subject to being charged up to 8.25% interest which is the maximum rate of the Direct Loan.

Johnroe, for one, thinks the debt you leave school with is a worthwhile one, "As far as students leaving with a debt, it's really an investment in their future." As long as students are well informed of all their options and prepared for what they will face, loan repayment doesn't have to be such a scary situation.

If you have any questions concerning these issues, or for information you can either call the Bursar's office at 475-6186 or check out any of the following websites:

www.rit.edu/emcs/fin - Office of Financial Aid

<http://NSLDS.ed.gov> - Financial Aid Review

<http://www.dlserver.ed.gov> - Direct Loan Homepage

<http://www.ecsi.net> - Perkins Loan Servicer Homepage



GET MONEY

MONEY-MAKING IDEAS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART ... OR GROIN

Okay, not a lot of people are going to tell you that quick ejaculation has its financial benefits. Besides being somewhat of a social taboo, the "too-soon" syndrome can be pretty damn embarrassing.

But if those textbook bills are starting to add up and all that's left in your fridge are a few leftover frat-party beers, you should consider pointing your erection in the right direction!

Since nearly half of all sperm donors are college students, why not jump on the bandwagon? By law, there's no legal responsibility for sperm donors—another plus—and, best of all, you get paid.

One fertilization agency's donor policy states, though, "Your primary motivation for becoming a donor should not be financial compensation."

So, to ease your conscience, remember that you'd be enabling an infertile couple to have a child as well. And isn't this the season of giving anyway?

According to some agencies, you'll most likely have to abstain from sex—yes, masturbation too—for two to five days before donating. And all require testing of your semen for various sexually transmitted diseases, as well as blood tests to determine the presence of genetic family diseases.

Drug testing is a given too. Some larger agencies require psychological screening and counseling as well. Cyrogenic Laboratories, Inc. (CLI), of Roseville, Minnesota, requires a minimum of one year of participation and monthly blood draws, and most agencies have similar time and health requirements.

Most sperm banks have strict donor policies, but don't let the rigid requirements get you down.

CLI says, "We view a donor's willingness to commit to such a demanding schedule as further proof

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of his sincere attitude."

No fear, girls. Donation isn't just for the guys! Women can donate eggs through a similar process. There is a similar application and examination process, and agencies will screen for health problems and genetic diseases. There is an added twist with egg donation, however: a woman is injected with hormones that synchronize her own menstrual cycle with her egg recipient's cycle, according to the New York University Medical Center.

NYU requires that their donors be healthy, non-smoking women, to begin with. As with sperm donors, there is no legal obligation for egg donors.

For any donor, male or female, there are going to be requirements. Let's recap.

All donors must be HIV negative. This goes for other STDs as well.



(Some agencies state that their donors must be practicing "safer sex.")

All donors have to go through an application process, and most likely you'll be entered into a profile so that prospective recipients can view your statistics to aid their own decision. There is generally an age requirement. NYU notes that most of their donors are between 21 and 33, and CLI claims that its average donor age is 29.3 years old.

But it all varies, so if you're younger than 21, don't get discouraged.

Every agency has its own policy—as long as

you're over 55.

So, back to the issue at hand: how much money are we talking here?

Most fertilization agencies have strictly confidential compensation policies, and the only way to find out is to complete the donor process.

Rainbow Flag Health Services, a San Francisco-based fertilization agency that specializes mostly in lesbian fertilization, claims to pay its donors up to \$200. Some agencies promise more, others less, but all stress that the "minimal financial compensation" is not nearly as important as the far-reaching benefits of good will.

Whatever way you look at it, what better way is there to mix business with pleasure? •

HUMOR OTHER WAYS TO MAKE MONEY

BY BIG DADDY BLACKMON

While your friends empty their reproductive reserves to make some cash, you sit at home doing nothing. Maybe you don't want to give up your eggs or masturbate in a cup. Your friends at Reporter came up with some other ways to make some money. Just don't blame us if you wind up embarrassed, in jail, or worse...

PIMPING

Pimping ain't easy, but you're a smart kid, you could pull it off. Wrangle together four or five of your most attractive friends, and tell them all that they are in your "stable." Then tell them that you are going to make their lives so much better, as long as they trust you, and the next thing you know, the money comes rolling in. You'll need a pimp name though. Here are some suggestions: Apple Jack, Smack Daddy, Prince insert your-name-here, Doctor Bootystein, and Steve. But if you're not into walking the streets, you can just start your own whorehouse. However, in dealing with whorehouses, you will encounter monthly raids from the police, and you MUST have a higher caliber of whore if you are going to be inside instead of out.

SELL OTHER BODY PARTS

Egg and sperm donation is for sissies. You'll always have more of that stuff. If you want the big dollars, you have to give up those non-replenishing organs. You can do this in the comfort of your home as well. Fill a cooler with ice. Next, drink a bottle of vodka (or gin). Then, get a friend to cut out your kidney. This may hurt a little, but that's why you drank the vodka, right? Caulterize the incision with a lighter or cigarette, it doesn't matter. Throw the organ in the cooler, and sew yourself shut. Don't forget to sterilize—use a lighter! Then take the kidney around to some hospitals and talk deal. That's when the big bucks come rolling in. You have two kidneys, you'll be fine. And its not just kidneys, you have a lot of double organs. Like eyes. You could stand to lose one; besides, I hear ladies dig guys with eyepatches.

IDIOT

Being an idiot is harder than it sounds. You have to ask your friends questions like, "How much would you pay me to drink this bottle of tobasco sauce?" Or, "How much would you give me to walk into Krispy Kreme buck naked?" You can make some serious dough, and all you have to give up is your self-respect.

BOOBS

Ladies, have you ever sat down and thought, "My breasts just aren't pulling their weight!" Well put those bad boys to work! This is RIT, and there are more than enough losers that will pay for boob shots. I suggest doing this while your customers are drunk, because they're looser with their wallets then. You can make upwards of 60 dollars in one night! Finally, a use for your breasts that doesn't include milk.

BEGGAR

Sometimes the easiest way to get money is to just ask them for it. Just sit down with a hat in front of you, and repeat these words, "Spare change?" Watch how many people drop money in your hat! It's better than sitting at home all day. For extra effect, try to look a little crazy. Start freestyle rapping, but really poorly. Here's some help: "I rhyme so nice, I make you think twice, my friends call me lemon lime, my momma calls me Slice." Or, "I once knew a girl named Sarah McGee, I wish I never met her cuz it burns when I pee." The money will come, believe me.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

This one is easier than you may suspect. Simply take a credit card, buy a lot of stuff, sign the wrong signature and then tell the credit card company it wasn't you. Of course, if it doesn't work, you may go to jail and end up someone's girlfriend.

START YOUR OWN CULT

There are more idiots in this world than you can count, and idiots are easily fooled. You could fool them into joining your cult. Call it the "Temple of the Enlightened Soil." Tell your idiots that the soil is the basis of all life, so everyday, they must kiss the ground to give respect to the dirt. Then tell them that they must give up all their worldly possessions so that you can "spread the message of the soil." Then leave with all their money. Simple, huh?•

CONFESSIONS OF STRIPPER

BY ANONYMOUS

I am not ashamed of what I do. I would just rather that everyone didn't know that I work at a strip club. You would never know it to look at me. My friends and I used to joke about stripping our way through school, but when I actually did it they couldn't believe it. But I've got bills and loans, and I don't mind taking my clothes off.

I've only been doing it for about six months. Sometimes I think about telling people. But I don't think they would understand. My close friends know, but my parents don't. The money is pretty good. You learn quickly to shake your butt and look for your money. On a normal weekday night I can make over \$100. Everyone asks if I was nervous the first time I danced. I was more worried about falling off those humonguous shoes than being topless. You meet a lot of different people. This job is like dress-up. You get to wear all these crazy outfits and then take them off. There are some creepy guys, but here the bouncers will kick their asses if they get out of line. It's not like at some bar where some loser will come on to you and there is nothing you can do about

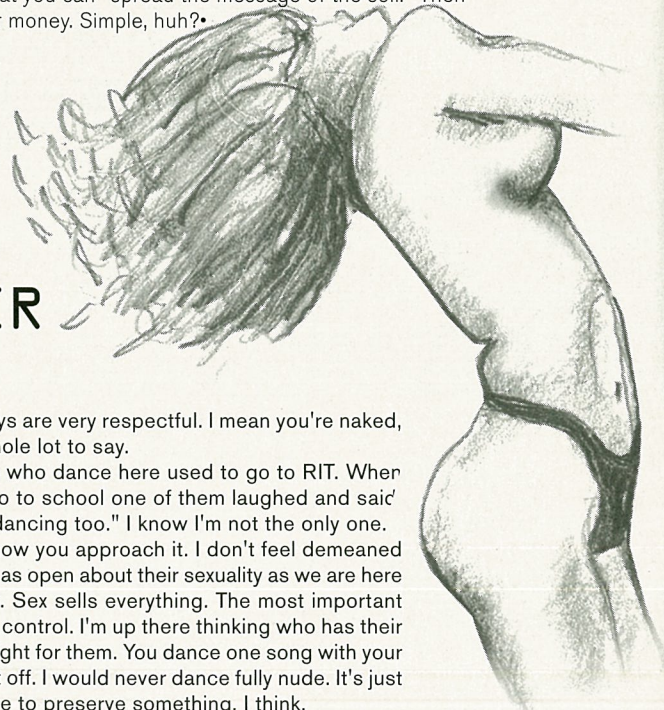
it. But most of the guys are very respectful. I mean you're naked, there isn't really a whole lot to say.

Some of the girls who dance here used to go to RIT. When I told them where I go to school one of them laughed and said 'RIT made me start dancing too.' I know I'm not the only one.

I think it is all in how you approach it. I don't feel demeaned at all. If everyone was as open about their sexuality as we are here I wouldn't have a job. Sex sells everything. The most important part is that you are in control. I'm up there thinking who has their money out, and I go right for them. You dance one song with your top on and two with it off. I would never dance fully nude. It's just not my style. You have to preserve something, I think.

There are lots of regular people who work here. Some have kids and pay all their bills off of this. They work really hard. People have this picture in their heads of what sort of a person a stripper is—druggo, slut, and a trashy whore. I'm none of those things. I'm smart and sexy.

Some people have a problem with that.•



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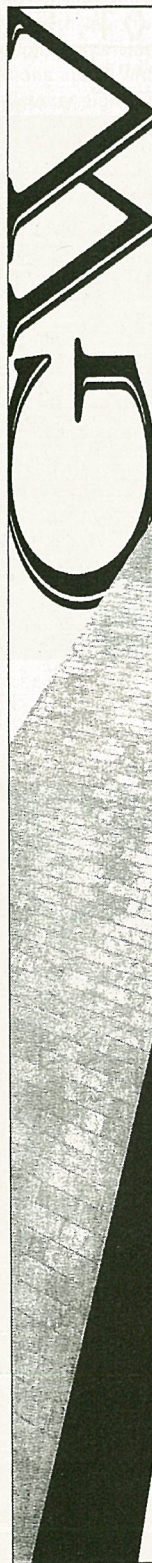
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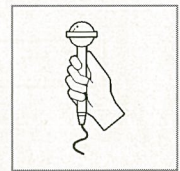
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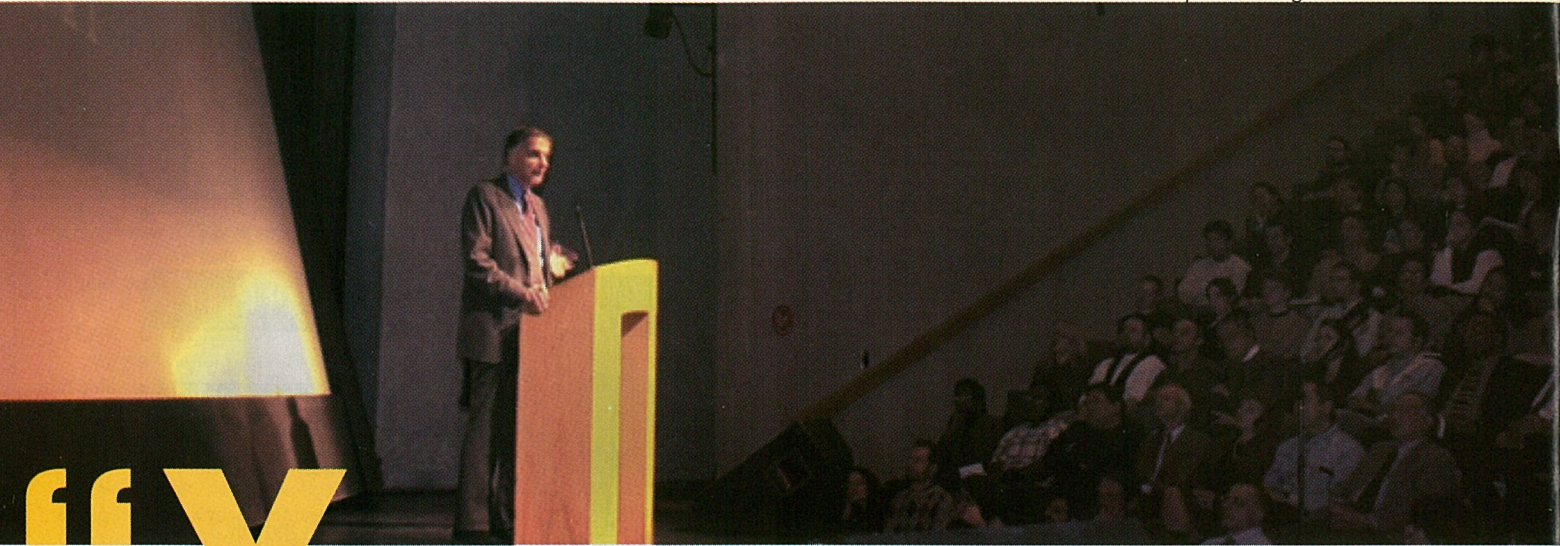
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V Nader delivers rich content to the overpacked Ingle Auditorium.



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ou have about 15,000 days before you turn 65. Did last week go by fast?” Ralph Nader asked an eager throng of students, faculty, and community members who filled Ingle Auditorium on Thursday, December 7.

Nader, who came to RIT as part of the Gannett Lecture Series, met with quite the crowd. A line of bodies, formed at the doors of the auditorium, snaked its way through the lobby of the Student Union, wound around the corner past the RITreat, and slid out past the bookstore.

“It’s a great chance to hear him speak,” said senior Ira Downey. “I don’t agree with everything I’ve heard him say, but I agree with him more than the other two candidates.”

Scott Devlin, also a senior, added that, “Unlike the leaders in the Republican and Democratic Party, he may not have a lot of concrete plans, but he has vision.”

Considered one of the most influential men of the this country, Ralph Nader can indeed be called a visionary.

Graduating from Harvard Law School in 1958, Nader eschewed a typical law job, and in 1963 hitchhiked to Washington, D.C., where he stayed at a YMCA and got a job as a consultant to the Department of Labor.

In 1965, he published *Unsafe at Any Speed*, which exposed the automobile hazards at General Motors. When General Motors responded by trying to discredit Nader, he sued them and won.

With the money from the lawsuit, Nader went on to start the modern consumer movement. He headed a group known as “Nader’s Raider’s,” which was not afraid to take on large corporations regarding consumer and environmental rights.

In 1971, Nader formed Public Citizen, which breaks down into six areas that keep an eye on the government and large corporations.

Throughout his career, Ralph Nader has been credited with air bags, the Freedom of Information Act, and safe drinking water, among other things.

He has been an outspoken advocate for the disabled, the elderly, children, and the environment.

On Thursday night, Nader addressed the issue of citizenship in a corporate, technological world.

V Ralph Nader and his assistant, George Farah, leave the press conference @ 5:45, after fielding a variety of questions from the press.



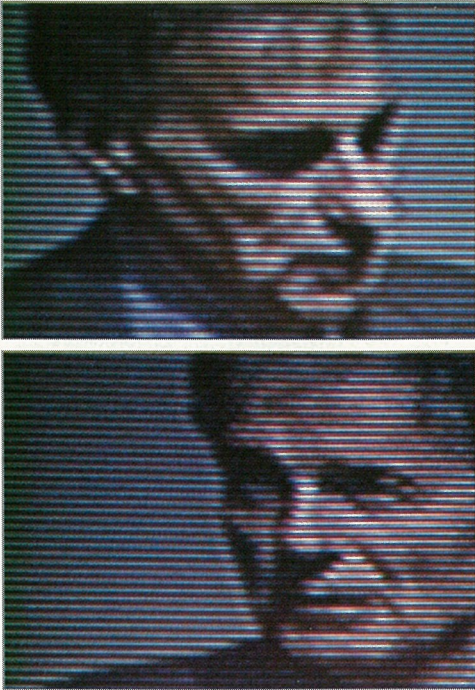
“We’re not generating our own culture anymore,” said Nader, adding that our society is one that is corporately choreographed.

“We grow up looking at the world through corporate eyes,” he stated. “Why, in a society which presumes to be a functioning democracy, do we look at things exactly the way corporations want us to?”

Answering his own question, Nader said, “When corporations control so much of our government, they control us through government. We’re willing to go through life on our knees as long as we can make it economically.”

Nader also urged people to think about “crime,” not in the sense of brutality in the streets, but rather, the brutality that is inflicted upon the general population by large corporations every day.

▼ Big Brother Nader was projected onto the video screen in the SAU cafeteria for the overflow crowd.



Citing several startling statistics about the number of deaths that result each year from corporate-related incidents, Nader called upon people to consider their roles as citizens, and to "raise your expectations about what you are going to be when you grow up."

Predictably, many of the questions that came Nader's way were related to the election.

Does Nader feel that he might have cost Gore the election?

"I don't accuse Gore of costing me the election," joked Nader.

In a press conference before his speech, Nader said that "The situation in Florida reflects voting rights discrimination," and the decision needs to be challenged.

He also stated that we need a system more like the Canadian voting system, which relies on "a single uniform ballot design."

Nader said that his plans for the immediate future are to "dislodge and discredit" the current political system due to its unfairness towards third party candidates.

He states that it's "too early to tell" whether or not he will be running for president in the year 2004.

From the standing ovation that he received in the auditorium, one can assume that there are more than a few of us who hope that he will. •

▼ An overflow crowd gathers in SAU room 1829 to watch and listen to Nader on screen.

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FACES OF RIT LORET STEINBERG

by david la spina

PHOTO: DAVID LA SPINA



> Loret enjoys a quiet evening on her porch.

Loret Steinberg is a professor in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Since 1988 she has been teaching classes in Visual Journalism, Layout, and Applied Photography.

Steinberg is respected in the photographic community for her teaching and for her work. She basically knows everybody...when you've taught for thirteen years and have been to countless conferences, you pick up a couple thousand business cards. I know this because I do some office work for her and recently filed all of her cards and put them into her new Palm Organizer. With all of her activities, it seems that she is always trying to get organized; it consumes almost all of her free time.

Most importantly Steinberg finds time for her students, which always comes first. She is always in her office, with the door open, talking to a student. She has assumed the role of guidance counselor for the disheartened, the bright-eyed, and the average student. Her advice helps many photo students find their way.

Steinberg recently spoke to the RIT community at a Lecture sponsored by Photo House. She spoke about learning, the photographic process, and seeing.

"There is never one and only one way of seeing something,"

noted Steinberg. She has developed a large part of her efforts to improve the way that she teaches her students, first through fourth year, about seeing and about the way that they work.

Steinberg gave the lecture audience a long laundry list of things useful in solving a visual problem and just working in general. These principles in which to live by are the groundwork of her teaching method. Some of them include: "Keep a journal...take risk...give yourself assignments...be self conscious."

Steinberg concluded her list by this final illustration, "...be a tapestry; you have all the threads that you are comprised of at first, but they may not show up till later."

The crowd found her advice very helpful; one photo student was overheard saying, "That was the best lecture I've ever been to!"

Steinberg's lecture was accompanied by an overview of her works, which spans several decades, and an incredibly wide gamut of subject matter.

She is always open to having dinner together, to look over work, or just talk. She always has an open door for students, allowing them into her home and office.

"When a door opens, you walk through." •

STUDENT OMBUDS

What is the Office of the Student Ombuds?

The Office of the Student Ombudsperson is a neutral and confidential place that exists to assist all RIT/NTID students with any questions, concerns, or issues they may experience as a student. The word "ombudsman" is originally from the Swedish word meaning "advocate".

When would a student visit the Ombuds office?

If you are experiencing a situation in which you do not know what to do, where to go, or who to speak to, then it may be a good time to contact the Ombuds Office. If you are having a difficult time receiving an answer to a question about RIT policies and procedures, or you are unable to resolve a situation that impacts you as a student, then we may be able to help.

What does the Ombudsperson do?

In most cases, we do not resolve a situation for a student, but will provide them with information and guidance so that the student can achieve resolution on their own. Since every situation is different, there are different levels of service that we provide based on the individual situation.


How do I contact the Ombudsperson?

The Office of the Student Ombuds is located in the RITREAT portion of the Student Alumni Union, in rooms 1110/1114.

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MEN'S HOCKEY

The Men's Hockey Team went 2-1 this week, gaining a split in a weekend series with the US National Under-18 Team, and defeating Hobart the following Tuesday. The Nationals defeated the Tigers 4-1 on Friday after scoring two goals in a nine second span in the second period to gain control. RIT answered at the 13:20 mark in the second when **Pete Bournazakis** netted a goal with assists from **Sam Hill** and brother **Mike Bournazakis**. The Nationals finished off the scoring in the third period with a pair of power play goals.

Saturday saw the Tigers defeat the National Team by a score of 4-2. Mike Bournazakis had two goals to pace RIT. He scored the first goal of the game at the 15:32 mark in the first period, and then added with an empty net goal with 32 seconds left in the game. RIT also had goals from Hill in the second period and **Errol McDonald** at 1:52 into the third.

RIT upended ECAC West rival Hobart 7-3 on Tuesday, December 5. Hobart kept the game close through the first and second periods before the Tigers scored four in the third to close it out. RIT is lead on the season by Mike Bournazakis (6 goals, 20 assists, 26 points), Pete Bournazakis (10, 15, 25), **Derek Hahn** (10, 12, 22) and **Jerry Galway** (8, 14, 22).

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The Women's Hockey Team had wins over Trinity College and Amherst College to open up their season 2-0. RIT beat Trinity 4-1 behind a strong offense that produced 44 shots on goal. The Tigers got goals from **Colleen Baude**, **Perry Foster**, **Tina Bessette** and **Jen Gorczynski**. The following day, RIT defeated Amherst 5-1 after jumping to a quick 3-0 lead in the first 5:39. Goals came from **Charlotte Mis**, **Margaret Dumiak**, **Gorczynski**, **Gretchen Bowe**, **Jennie Nicholas** and **Katie Fennessey**.

WRESTLING

Ashley Grillo won the 149 pound weight class and was the only RIT winner at the RIT Wrestling Invitational. John Carroll University who had three individual winners dominated the Invitational. **Jeff Pilosi** placed third in the 141 pound weight class.

UPCOMING HOME ACTION

Sat. 12/15 Women's Hockey vs Buffalo State 7:30pm

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RIT WRESTLING INVITATIONAL YIELDS 149 LB. VICTORY

The Tigers may not have come out on top at the December 2 home tournament, but Ashley Grillo, a fourth year biology student, did. There were seven schools attending the invitational including RIT, John Carroll, Ithaca, Oswego, Case Western, Cortland, and Wesleyan. Grillo took first place in the 149 pound weight class, defeating Oswego's Frank Petrucci in the final. Placing third in the tournament for RIT was Jeff Pilosi, in the 141 lb. weight class. John Carroll won the invitational.

At the same invitational wrestling meet last year, Grillo had first seed in his weight class, but came in fifth. Once again, Grillo was the first seed, but was able to remain on top of his class for the whole day. The second-year captain is truly setting a lofty example for the rest of his team to follow, courageously leading the team into battle and coming out on top of his class, and helping the team earn a fourth place finish at the tournament.

Between Head Coach Scott Stever and Assistant Coach Dave Ciocca, Grillo feels the coaching staff couldn't be more helpful to the team. "Both those guys love the sport and would do anything to help the team," says Grillo.

Grillo also feels the freshmen are definitely pulling their own weight. "We have a good core of guys on the team."

The varsity wrestling season is a long one, stretching from October 1 to March 1. The main goal of the team is to make it to the Conference Tournament at the end of the season. The Conference is the qualifying meet for the National Tournament, something that is definitely within the reach of Grillo and the rest of the Tigers' wrestling squad. •



SPORTS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK SHANNON SUTTON

by aaron landers



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SHANNON SUTTON

Hockey is a two way game. Teams that have high-powered offenses but weak defenses are going to have trouble winning games. Conversely, a team that has a great defense but lacks offensive firepower is not going to be scoring many goals or winning any games either.

Luckily for the RIT women's hockey team, they have a strong offense and one of the toughest defenses in Division III women's hockey. A key part of both of those facets is senior captain Shannon Sutton, this week's Reporter Athlete of Week.

Sutton is listed on the Lady Tiger's roster as a forward, but in the team's first two games, she played solid defense, while occasionally contributing on the offensive side of things. She even tallied a huge assist on the Lady Tiger's first goal of the season in a hard fought RIT win against Trinity. A tough defensive player with offensive capabilities is rare on many teams, but the Lady Tigers are fortunate enough to have several of these players, including Sutton.

It is only fitting that our nation's coldest state, Alaska, has produced many of the country's top American-born collegiate hockey players. Shannon Sutton is one of those players in Division III hockey.

After losing two top senior defensemen last year due to graduation in Jody Elwood and Andrea Talerico, some Lady Tiger fans might have expected a somewhat weaker defense this season. That has not been the case as the team has only given up two goals in their first two games of the season.

The Lady Tigers are looking to live up to last years defensive effort, which was one of the top defensive units in ECAC Division III women's hockey. Returning to the lineup this year are standout defensemen Katie Fennessey, Katie Bailey, and Charlotte Mis. The team also returns senior goaltender Melissa Norris, one of the best at her position in the nation. The team is looking to build on the success of last

year's squad and approve upon its 12-5-5 record and ECAC quarterfinal appearance.

Whether she is engaging in battle in the defensive end, or making valuable contributions on the offensive side of things, Sutton is an integral part of the Lady Tigers lineup this year. Always one of the top teams in their conference, the RIT women's hockey team is once again on track to having a successful season. •

PLAYER PROFILE

NAME: Shannon Sutton
POSITION: Def./Forward
SPORT: Hockey
YEAR: Senior
MAJOR: Business

by marci savage



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

It is early in the season, yet history was already made for the women's basketball team. This year was the first time ever that the RIT women started out the season with a win.

This could be due to many things, which include a strong group of returning players and a good crop newcomers from great high school programs, both of which add depth to an already great team.

The main thing that Head Coach Laura Hungerford wants the team to work on is their confidence. She wants the team to "Believe in themselves and know that they can win." Strong competition in every game and being respected is a goal she is hoping to accomplish.

Captains of the team include Jill Luczak, Amie Banis, and Heather Banis. Along with these key players, there are several returning players and newcomers that add talent and workable skill to the team.

Hoping to improve on a record of 4-20 last season and break the record for number of wins in a season (7) are two of the main goals that the team is working on this year.



MEN'S WRESTLING

"All-Americans on and off the mat" is the slogan that the RIT wrestling team lives by. Comprised of only two seniors and a good number of freshmen, the team is very young, but there is a lot of talent.

The goal of Coach Scott Stever is to "Continue to work hard and execute technique so that we can have a winning season and the wrestlers have winning records."

Attempting to improve from last year, he is hoping that the team will have more regiment and a better system of practice this year. Captain Ashley Grillo, a senior, is helping to lead the team. There are a large number of very talented lower classmen, which include Jeff Palozzi, Andy Gleasmon, and Matt Loschavio.

In their two tournaments so far the team has placed 4th and 10th respectively. There are two home matches on January 31 against Brockport and then February 3 against Oneonta, both at 7 p.m.

If coach Stever has his way and meets his goals, there will be at least five wrestlers at the national tournament who are represented by RIT. With hard work and dedication anything can happen!



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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

At every school there is at least one "best kept secret." According to Head Coach Bob Scuteri, here at RIT, it's the women's hockey team.

Looking to improve on a record of 14-5-3 last year, the main goal of the team is to maintain and improve its positive team chemistry.

Scuteri noted, "Positive team chemistry helps you to enjoy the sport and makes the team better."

The team hopes to participate in the ECAC playoffs as they did last year.

Leading the team are captains Rebecca Grandy, Shannon Sutton, and Char Mis. Along with several returning players, the team is now armed with several newcomers that Scuteri is very excited about. Two of these players are Jen Gorczynski, a Rochester native, and defenseman Kadi Viise.

With a record of 2-0 stemming from wins against Trinity and Amherst the team is on the right track to success.

"We are learning the system," Scuteri noted, which means the best part of the season is yet to come.

Join the women's hockey team on their journey toward the ECAC playoffs. Their next home game is on December 15 when they will face Buffalo state.



PHOTO: JACQUELYN MARTIN



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last year's basketball team was filled with many good games and older players. This year, the men's basketball team is filled with new faces, which means a lot of learning must now take place.

The team, with good offensive players and good perimeter shooters, is also very deep this year. Now, they must overcome the hurdle of getting to know one another and playing as a team.

Coach Bob McVean stated, "It is a little too early in the season to see how we are going to play. We just need to play and gain experience at this point." The team starts off with a record of 1-2. McVean said, "We hope to be playing the best ball in January and February."

Captains Drew Miller and Rob Hagemann lead the team this year. Another key veteran, junior guard Brandon Redmon, was first-team all conference last season and looks to have another standout season.

"The team is still working very hard and getting to know one another," McVean stated.

On January 12 and 13 the team will play home games in the Chase tournament. Along with these games will be ten more home games scheduled for the season.



MEN AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

It is important to be unified as a team. Even if you are in an individual event, it is still a team process. Head Coach Dave Warth said, "We are working to have better team performances and perform better in our conference championship."

Strengths of the team include the throwers and distance runners. There is a solid group that came from the cross-country club. Sophomore Heidi Spalholz, a 3000-meter runner and member of the 4 x 800 team is a solid part of the team. Another key group that will lead the team on the men's side are the distance runners.

The main goals are to prepare for the outdoor track season and to develop indoor track as its own season. Coach Warth said, "We would like to become more competitive as a team in the New York State Collegiate Track Conference."

Establishing an orderly practice routine would help to reach these goals, but because of space and weather limitations sometimes this is not possible. "The Indoor Track at the SLC is not available to us for team practices, so we have to train outdoors and wherever we can find." Warth said. Regardless, the team has been working hard and should have a great season. •

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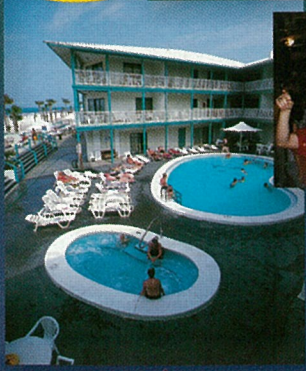
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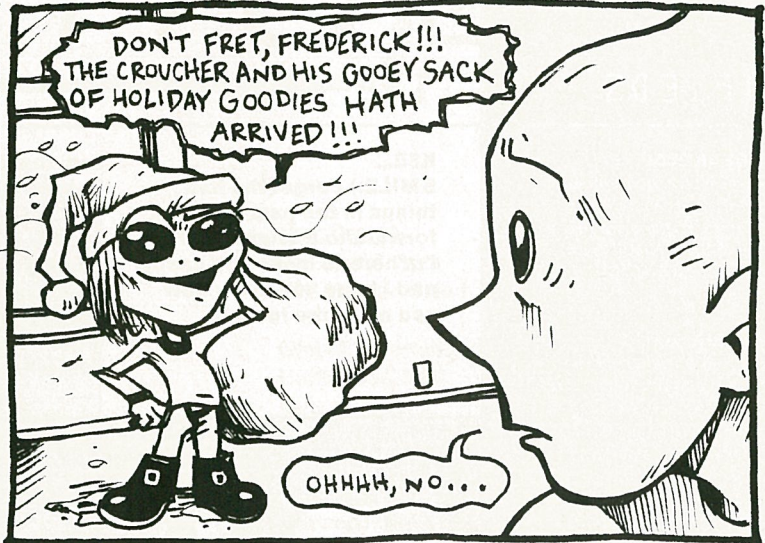
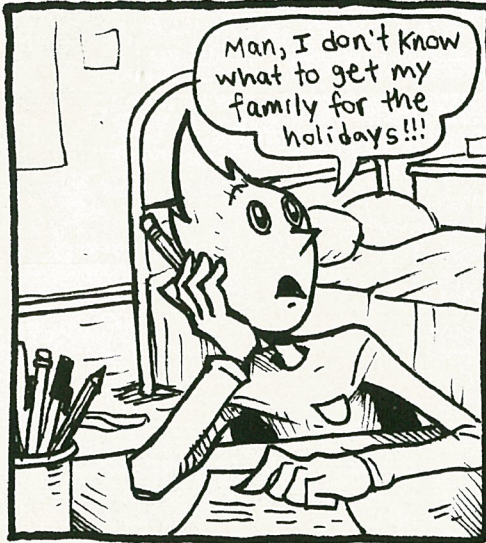
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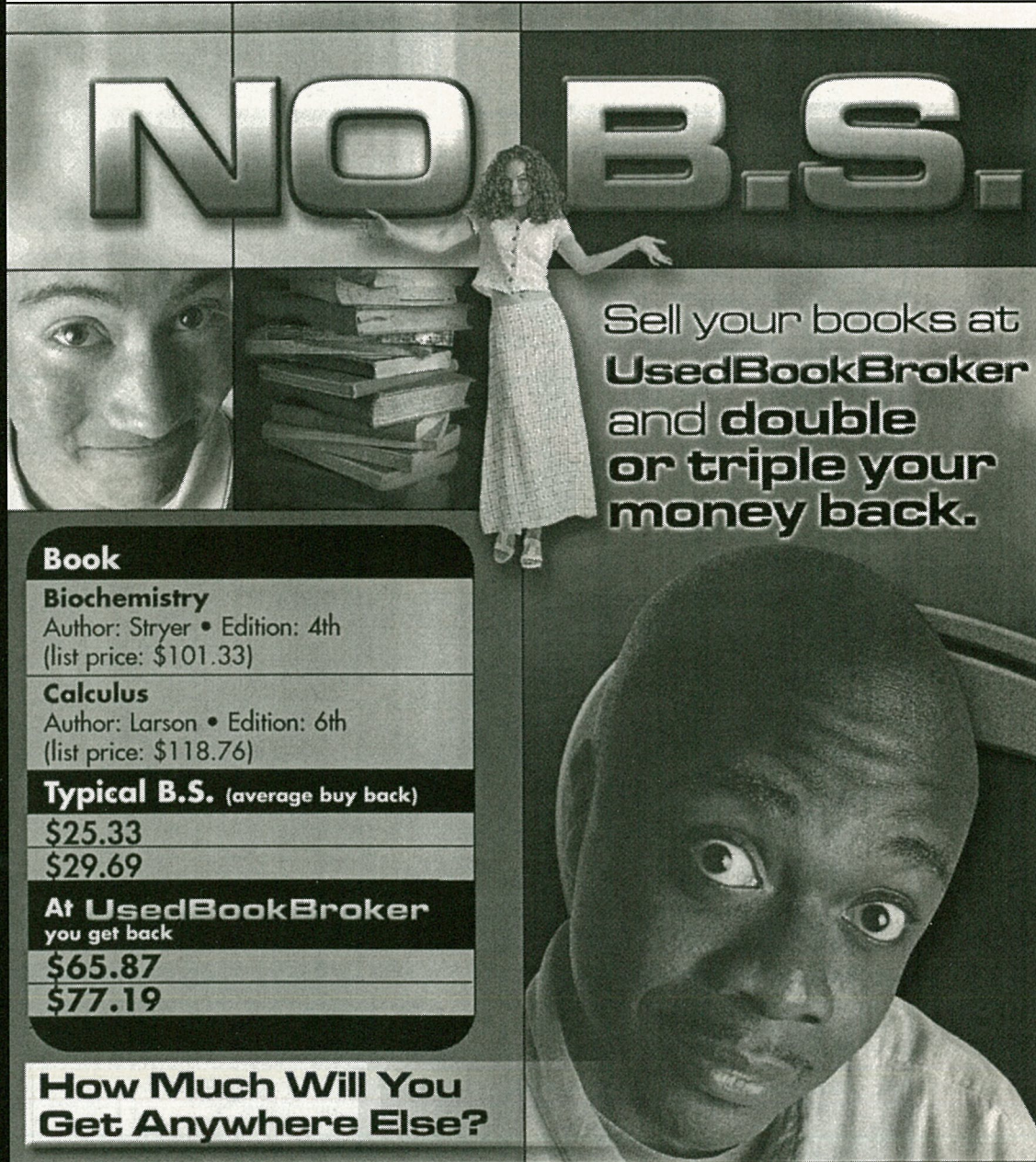
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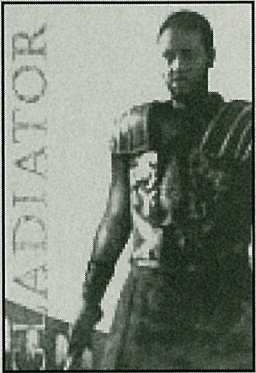
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Ingle Aud. 7pm

Thursday Night in the Ritz
Mountian Mojo Authority
Fairwood Circle

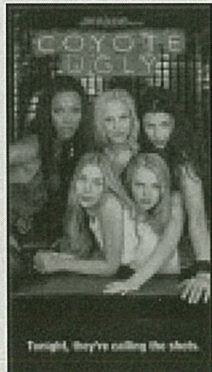
Thur. Dec. 14 & Fri. Dec. 15

Crafts Sale SAU Lobby

Fri. Dec. 15
Order of Omega Inductions

\$ 1

Fri. Dec. 15
Talisman Presents:
Coyote Ugly
7pm & 9pm



Sat. Dec. 16
Talisman Presents:
Coyote Ugly **\$ 1**
7pm & 9pm
Ingle Auditorium

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