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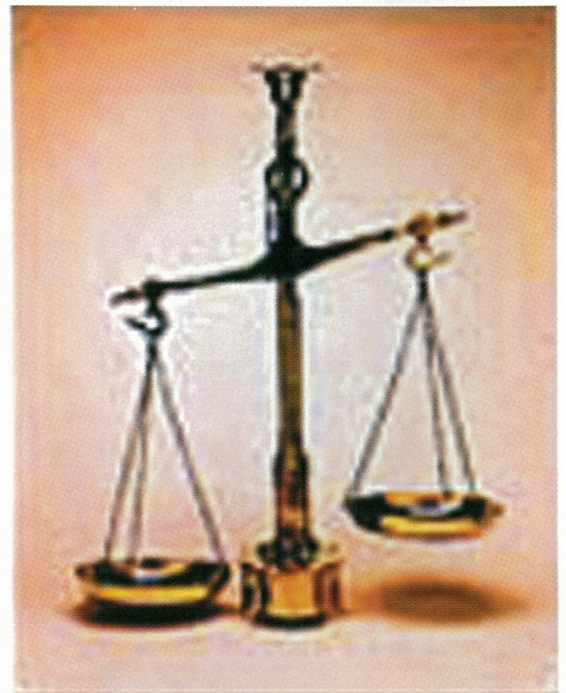


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EDITORIAL

[HTTP://WHATS-GOING-ON?](http://whats-going-on?)

As we enter a new year and turn our backs on an old millennium, we look forward to progress and to positive change.

Some of us, though, aren't moving.

In complete honesty, I don't find an overwhelming amount of stuff to complain about at RIT. Perhaps that's just part of my personality, but for the most part, it's the little things that bug me.

But the little things add up. Call these insignificant or inconsequential, but the following are just a sample of what I—and no doubt many other students—have struggled and pondered over, only to scratch our heads, look up towards the sky, and exclaim “*Huh?*”

Web Presence

Once again, the HTML gods have smited our Institution. RIT's main page is, above all else, a marketing vehicle, and it was designed to attract students. So why does it look like the way it does now? A study conducted to gauge the target audience found out that (hold on to something now): *high school kids like bright colors*. Forget relevant information or a coherent navigation scheme—just patch together splashes of teal, blue, and shades of brown and bam! We have a website.

Forget that prospective students' parents take a look around too, as well as—heaven forbid—current students. **Inside.rit.edu** was created as a resource for the latter group, providing relevant links to all types of information. When webmaster Dower Chin took on the task of combining both objectives into one, practical main page, the prototype, <http://victim.rit.edu>, was judged as not having enough “*pizzazz*.”

RIT's current page is old, poorly designed, targets only one out of many audiences, and is rarely updated. It is desperately calling for a change, and soon. Why decorate the front door, only to have it lead nowhere?

Construction

The land of bricks no doubt has a distinct visual style of its own; some dislike the sharp angles and non-traditional campus look, but many others are proud to call it “home.” Arguably, the area near Riverknoll has produced some of the architecturally nicest buildings constructed here—the CIMS building, IT building, the new Engineering Wing, Gosnell (science) building extensions, as well as the new Crossroads building. Who then, ever gave the OK to build a new “pre-engineered” office building next to the old science building?

In what is most likely to win the building that people never want to look at award, its metal sidings, awkward shape, and large exterior ventilation ducts contrast massively with surroundings in any direction. Meant to replace an older and—hard to believe—nicer looking temporary space, it will be used for offices and a computer lab.

To all the brick haters out there, one look should change your mind.

Planned Improvements

The coffeehouse? Proposed golf course? Where'd these go? I'll ignore these for now. One strong concern I do have, however, is over the planned Greek Housing. No one should disagree that it's needed, but over the past few months I've heard three different proposed locations for it: first behind Gracies, then along the road running between University Commons and U Lot, and now rumor has it that they will be built in the large grassy field in the middle of Riverknoll.

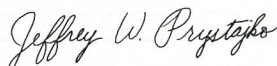
I can't confirm it—but does anyone else out there think that this might not be a good idea? Walking past there during seasons of nice weather, I often see students playing on one of the last few expanses of nice, grassy areas on campus. Unless there's some part of the master plan that I'm not aware of, replacing it with new apartments just seems wrong.

The Inner Loop

Finish the loop that encircles the campus! I'm aware that this is on the list of future projects, but it should receive a higher priority. Besides decreasing the distances people need to drive, a road could also be constructed between this future extension and Bailey. Such a solution could help solve the traffic bottlenecks that occur along the main entranceway and along Jefferson during the day.

See? It doesn't take much to make me happy.

Jeff Prystajko
Editor-in-Chief



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READ YOUR SUV BIBLE

I have just finished reading William Huber's angry article, SUVs: Modern Day Cancer (December 15), in which he discusses how he vandalizes SUVs in parking lots, often receives "the finger" in place of a turn signal, and does not understand why an SUV owner would opt to use four wheel drive when he could "do without it" like everyone else. Being an SUV owner myself, in particular one who was in a severe collision, I believe I am qualified to make some comments on this (hopefully satirical) article.

In the "SUVs eat money" section, Mr. Huber discusses his "fat girlfriend" and how expensive SUVs are to purchase and maintain. He is 100 percent correct—one should research fully the cost of ownership of an SUV. For example, it cost me \$28 the other day to fill my tank. Emissions can be terrible, as can mileage, however this is something the entire automobile industry can improve on, not simply a restriction to SUVs. He implies that he knows about fashion, so he should know one can be trendy and look good by purchasing an H&M wardrobe, which is "in" and is less expensive than the GAP, yet still afford an SUV if he could before.

Regarding safety and my collision—I was stopped at a red light traveling north on Monroe, when a popular American minivan plowed into my tail end. My passenger and I both had our seat belts on with head rests adjusted properly. While the minivan was absolutely destroyed and had to be dragged away on a flatbed, the only damage to my SUV was to the bumper, plate, and rear hatch. Most importantly, we were absolutely unharmed inside. I have been in a similar accident in my friend's luxury sedan that was far less severe, yet my bones ached for a week.

Rollovers are still a problem due to a raised center of gravity, but I believe many of these accidents are correlated to issues with speeding and slalom turning. I do feel, though, that the auto industry should be ashamed of themselves for advertising how quickly a new SUV can go from 0-60 mph; this sort of performance is not a trait an SUV buyer should be querying when making a purchase decision. Again contrary to the article, while engaged in 4WD it is easier to move properly in snow, but not easier to stop (laws of physics point out that if you have no friction with the road you will not be able to slow; also, wide tires are not better for snow, only for sand).

Finally, I would like to point out a few tips to SUV owners. First, all should read *4-Wheel Freedom*, by Brad DeLong, which is considered the bible of SUV driving. Such topics discussed include skid recovery, driving through flooded areas, and general safety. For those who drive off road, the group *Tread Lightly!* is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the great outdoors, with emphasis for those using off-highway vehicles: www.treadlightly.org.

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HOLIDAYS FOR ALL- PURE DRIVEL

The premise of Edgar Blackmon's article *Get Your Own Damn Holiday* (December 15) is that one should only observe a tradition if one prescribes to its religion, or more specifically, atheists should cease to celebrate Christmas. This point is quite myopic.

America is praised as the world's melting pot where different cultures and belief systems are free to mix and meld. Ideological possessiveness should not act as a barrier to this cultural diffusion, and likewise many people adopt religious customs foreign to their own.

For example, I know a Buddhist who sends Christmas cards to his

Christian friends to show his respect for their alternate beliefs. I myself have attended worship with more than one family of a different faith. And certainly, the most glaring religious crossover in America has to be Halloween (I doubt most trick-or-treaters consider themselves Pagans). Similarly, I cannot justify criticizing an atheist for celebrating Christmas when it may be a tradition amongst most of his friends and family as well as a fond memory from his youth. Like Halloween and all holidays, Christmas ought to be shared with an open invitation to everyone.

To twist the point, I suggest that Edgar's article is symptomatic of the amount of prejudice still acceptable in 21st century America. Sadly, it's fair game to deride atheists, drug users, the obese, polygamists, and any other group that is not inherently evil but is too unorganized to get their message out. One would hope that a college magazine, usually a progressive forum, would practice tolerance rather than thoughtlessly accept the prejudicial drivel that Edgar submitted as fit for print.

Sincerely,
Dan Hill

CONSIDER THE WORD PALESTINE

We hear a word in our ears only so many times before we reduce it to an afterthought. Is that what makes us so apathetic about a struggle for freedom or a fight to survive? It is second nature now to shrug off the word Palestine, a word with a very real people and history behind it. I am not referring to the montage of images we typically remember: guns, smoke, anger. I mean the history we tend to forget.

In 1948 the Jewish minority in Palestine was barely a third of the population. Many were refugees and Zionists, and though just a minority they had remarkably strong allies. This fraction of the population declared itself an independent state. As a newborn nation, Israel drove 80 percent of the indigenous people (i.e. the Palestinians) from their homes. More than 530 Palestinian towns and villages were razed to the ground. It was a violent beginning to almost six decades of degrading occupation which have not yet ended.

There are still over 1,300,000 registered refugees in Israel and the Occupied Territories, and there are nearly four times that number scattered worldwide. Most who live in Israel are crowded in refugee camps behind steel fences. All are denied the right to return to their homes. The Palestinian people, their culture and livelihood, have been systematically decimated. Israel has violated international laws in ways that once sent U.S. troops overseas. Years ago we called those violations "apartheid" and "ethnic cleansing." We usually turn away now and leave the struggle in Palestine unheard and unlamented. Human rights may not interest us as much these days, or it may simply be old news.

If not sympathize, we should at least understand where our money is going. America sends billions of dollars to Israel every year, and we have helped to make it a significant military power. We may not know how it is benefiting us, but we can see how our taxes are being spent. As Americans, we are buying the ammunition. This is a serious investment, so read up on it: hunt through the U.N. reports and check the foreign news. Remember that our next paychecks are buying those bullets—one more life... or death.

We feel better when we ignore the word Palestine. It's easier not to think about it, but maybe it's better to make the connection.

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by edgar blackmon

LET THE BEATDOWNS BEGIN...SLAPHAPPY STYLE

If there is one thing that I have learned it is that the world is filled with evil people. Sadly, evil people find ways to be a part of your everyday lives. I think that there should be laws to deal with evil people. They should be known as "Jackass Clauses." Anytime someone breaks one of the Jackass Clauses, you have every right to punch them in the face. Some of the clauses should be:

1. If you are on the road, and you speed up to pass someone just so you can get in front of them and drive slowly, you are a jackass, and deserve to be slapped in the face.

2. Any person who gets in line at McDonalds, and has to look at the menu to figure out what they want must be slapped in the face. The menu at McDonalds has been mostly the same for the last twenty years! It is not Olive Garden, the menu is only there for show.

3. Have you ever gone to a party, and had someone talk your ear off about absolutely nothing? That's a violation buddy. Slap that idiot in the face.

4. If you are a waiter or waitress, and someone leaves you a weak tip, run outside and catch them before they leave. Then slap that fool down in the street.

5. If you go to a bar and some drunk moron stumbles and pours beer all over you, buy that man a new beer and pour it on *him*, and then slap that jabroni in the mouth.

6. Say you tell this story, "Today I was walking down the street, and a car almost hit me." Then some blowhard walks up and says, "You think

that's bad, I got hit by a car!" Nobody asked you to insert your two cents! Stop trying to top everybody's life! If this happens to you, you are now entitled to put that jerk in his place with a hefty slap.

7. Everybody knows at least one person who is always begging. "Can you give me a ride to the store? Let me borrow five dollars. Come on man!" These people must be stopped. They never appreciate what you do, and have the nerve to get indignant if you don't give them what they ask for. The next time you see this person, give them a hot knuckle samich on the house.

8. If your girlfriend asks you the question, "Do you think I look fat?" DON'T HIT HER! But you should tell her to slap herself in the head as hard as she can.

9. If you see an actor or professional athlete that has just released an album of music (Allen Iverson, I'm looking at you), Put their CD in your hand and slap them in the head with it.

10. If your boyfriend refuses to let go of the remote control, give him a good whack, and then make him watch *A Baby Story* on TLC.

In no way does Reporter condone hitting people to solve your problems. On the other hand, I, Edgar Blackmon, fully support hitting people to solve your problems. Never hit a woman, unless you are a woman, then it's okay (and kinda sexy). If you are presented with a person with glasses, politely ask them to remove their spectacles before you release your fists of fury. Happy Slapping Everyone!

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POLITICS 101

by george valenti

LET THE BI-PARTISAN PARTY BEGIN

With the 2000 elections over and done with, the 107th United States Congress came to session for the first time this year on Wednesday, January 3.

Until January 20, when Dick Cheney will take over as the President of the Senate and regain the majority for the GOP, Republicans are maintaining a slight majority in the House of Representatives but a minority in the Senate.

The opening of a new, almost equally divided congress is a sign that it is more important than ever for both the President and Legislatures alike to set a bi-partisan tone early on. This would prove to the public that they are dedicated to working efficiently with one another for the next four years.

An early test of the Legislature's claim to bi-partisan leadership may be Arizona Senator John McCain's campaign finance reform proposal, which is expected near the end of January.

McCain, who ran against President-elect Bush in the Republican primaries, has vowed to fight for the issue of campaign finance reform. McCain is co-sponsoring the bill along with Democrat Senator Russell Feingold of Wisconsin. They believe that the sooner the issue is addressed by Congress, the better chance that it has of being passed as a bill.

Support and opposition for McCain's bill has come from surprising

places. Some Republican leaders find McCain's ideas drastic and would prefer to work out a compromise.

Even as McCain has found dissent in his own party, he has won over some Democrats. In the recent presidential debates Al Gore said that his first order of business if elected would be to get McCain's bill passed. McCain and Feingold believe that they can count on at least 60 votes for their bill in the Senate, which would give them the support they need to help pass it.

The outcome of this bill could be an example of how smoothly legislation will go over the next few years. If the bill is killed, it could be an indicator that there will be a stagnant period of legislation during this session of Congress. On the other hand, if moderates from both parties are able to come together on issues, a new trend may develop.

Predicting the future of the country involves many "if" statements. Will a couple years of a stagnant legislature hurt our country? Not necessarily, but it also won't help all that much. There are some important issues that will be addressed in the next four years, such as what to do with the national surplus.

These questions must be answered by a group of people who are split straight down the middle. In order for our country to prosper, it is essential for them to put their differences aside and find a common ground.



NEWS THE DEMOLITION OF RACQUET CLUB

by eric d. nelson

PHOTO: DAVID LASPINA



POOR LIVING CONDITIONS PROMPTED DECISION

RIT is set to demolish the entire townhouse section of Racquet Club soon after students living there permanently move out of their residences on May 31, 2001. The inadequate conditions of the townhouses have been cited as the chief reason for the demolition.

According to Bill Batcheller, Director of Business Services, Racquet Club's condition is so poor because it was assembled in the '60s and a substandard construction style was utilized.

One problem consists of shoddy insulation throughout the townhouses, causing bitter cold temperatures in the winter and scorching conditions in the summer. In addition, heating ducts are located near the ceilings while cooling vents are closer to the floor preventing convection currents from properly regulating the temperature of the residences.

Yet perhaps the worst problem is the basement drains, which are arranged in such a way that the Genessee River often submerges the outlet pipe, causing frequent flooding.

The townhouses are far from weatherproof.

"When we had that terrible windstorm [in December] the residents who lived at the end of the townhouses could not even keep a candle lit," said Batcheller. "We keep fixing the problems, but they are only temporary fixes. They keep coming back."

As a response to the incessant problems, RIT sent a memo to residents of Racquet Club in December of 1999 stating, "In order to

achieve long term preservation of the [Racquet Club] townhouses for student occupancy, it would require tearing down the structures and starting over."

To prevent apprehension about further residence in the townhouses, the memo went on to say, "These units are safe and the decision to close them is a proactive one."

Thus, the demolition of the complex makes sense, but what is perplexing is the timing, especially when considering the current housing problem cannot be helped by the removal of the 698 beds located in the Racquet Club complex.

Batcheller explained this strategy. "The Racquet Club demolition is set to coincide with the re-opening Sol Heuman Hall and Ellingson Hall."

Those halls include about 600 beds, while University Commons includes 768 beds with 192 in construction. Therefore, RIT will gain more residences than it loses this coming summer.

Given Racquet Club's fate, many people may be wondering what will happen to the property on which it resides. RIT plans to team up with a yet-to-be-named contractor to construct new housing. This time, since most students would rather live close to the heart of campus than live three miles away, the housing is to be designed for senior citizens. •

NEWS BLAST FROM THE PAST

by jeff prystajko



An institute of technology naturally conjurs up ideas and feelings of progress, and forward thinking. But few actually reflect back on RIT's past.

Founded in 1829 as the Mechanics Institute the name was changed to RIT in 1944. While many things have certainly changed there are constants that have stayed the same throughout the years.

Beginning this week, *Reporter* is going to search our archives to find stories and topics that affected students throughout the last five decades.

Within these paragraphs, readers will discover the origins of campus happenings, learn about plans that failed to materialize, and realize that for every difference between the students of today and those of yesterday, there are as many similarities.

1951

A survey of 412 freshmen students posed questions about what attracted them to the school, when they made their decision to enroll, and what suggestions they had for improving the Institute.

Reputation was the largest influence in enrollment for 21 percent; 19 percent liked the short, intensive, and more practical courses; and 26 percent enjoyed the contact with staff, as well as the financial options.

Suggestions for improving RIT included: a better campus or location (this was granted in 1966), more athletics, improved dorms for men, more publicity, more assemblies, and the elimination of 8 a.m. classes.

1961

Sue Heacock, Joanne Kamola, Pat Mathews, Carol McKeithan, and Janet Ross are named as five finalists in the "Miss RIT" contest. Nominated and judged by the student body, the honor was awarded based on qualifications of participation and support of campus activities.

The womens' lists of achievement include everything from being a member of student council to yearbook, as well as cheerleaders and "Queen of Fall Weekend." Two were Retailing majors, one was a Business student, one an Electrical student, and another was majoring in Electrical Engineering.

1971

The hockey teams battled a new, challenging opponent: the Genesee Figure Skating Club. The Ice Rink Arena ice temperature is about 26 degrees—the hockey players prefer 17 degrees, whereas figure skaters generally prefer temperatures closer to 30.

"When we go to a place like Hamilton, where the ice temperature is about zero to five degrees, the guys have trouble passing," said coach Daryl Sullivan. "Their timing is off, and they're behind the pass."

Eyebrows were raised when it is discovered that the figure skating club pays for their ice time (unlike the hockey team), and the club donated large sums of money ("no strings attached") to the Institute.

1981

Students continue to question the December 11, 1980 decision to cut varsity baseball, golf, bowling, rifle, and fall tennis programs.

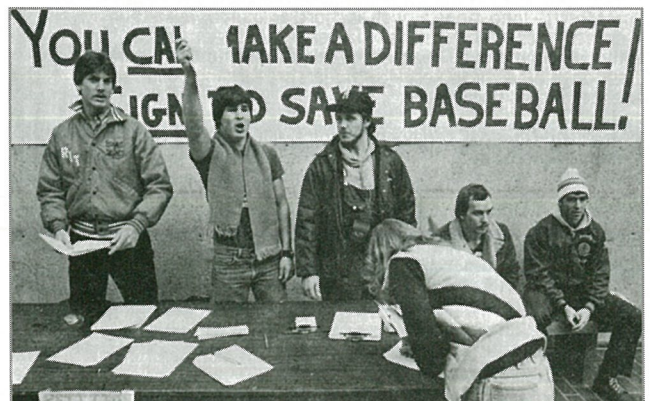
Little to no student input was considered as coaches and administrators ranked all sports based on spectator appeal, community impact, alumni following, media coverage and recognition, and the opportunity for excellence within NCAA competition.

The \$20-25,000 saved by cutting the programs was intended to enhance hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and women's athletics programs.

This wasn't the first time a varsity sport was cut. On December 20, 1977, the varsity football program was terminated due to rising expenditures.

1991

Along with much of the nation, homophobia continues to plague RIT. A group calling themselves SAFE (Students Against Fags Everywhere), composed of anonymous students, display their intolerance by posting flyers proclaiming heterosexual rights and making homosexual slurs.



by jason pacchiarotti

Look for the fake news story revealed on reportermag.com

KIEV, UKRAINE – The Ukraine has come up with what is most likely the stickiest, richest, but not necessarily the tastiest holiday treat—chocolate covered fat. The finger-sized candy sticks called "Fat in Chocolate" consist of salted pork fat covered in dark chocolate. While the candy is meant to be a joke and not actually eaten, it is completely edible.

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA – License plates in Singapore consist of three letters, four numbers, and another letter. The Land Transit Authority has worked its way up the alphabet to "SDH" for the first three letters but faces a dilemma in the future—they are approaching the "SEX" combination. The usually prim and proper city is considering skipping the combination to avoid upsetting residents. The problem is still two or three years away, regardless.

OSLO, NORWAY – Y2K+1? On the morning of Sunday, December 31, 2000, a computer error caused by the date 12/31/00 prevented any of Norway's express and Signature trains' onboard computers from starting up. Computer experts were baffled—they thoroughly checked them for Y2K compliance, and had no problems New Years 2000 or all year. The trains were started when they manually set the dates to 12/1/00, but that only gives them a month to find and fix the problem.

DAY, MINNESOTA – From October to January every year, thousands flock to a small fish store in an even smaller town in rural Minnesota. The Day Fish Company, a tiny wooden store on a country road, produces about 65 tons of a Scandinavian delicacy known as Lutefisk. People come from hundred of miles—including as far away as Montana—for the dried, salted cod. Locals say you either love it or hate it, and if you love it you have to come to Day to get it.

HONOLULU, HAWAII – A noisy new frog is causing major problems in island resorts and neighborhoods on Hawaii's biggest island. The cute, quarter-sized tree frogs chirp every evening at up to 100 decibels from a few feet away. Without a natural predator, their population has exploded in the last few months to as many as 8,000 frogs per acre. Scientists are working on a way to kill the frogs without harming local flora and fauna.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND – Ant Gear has become the first person to play a round of golf in the New Millennium for the second year in a row. Like last year, the New Zealand doctor played a round of midnight golf—just to be sure there was no confusion with which year was the real millennium. He used a luminescent ball, a flashlight, and his wife holding a torch in the fairway, to help him play the golf in the pitch black conditions.

GUWAHATI, INDIA – In an odd twist of fate, a wild elephant has taken a man's body as a trophy. When a herd of wild elephants stampeded through his village, an Indian man was trampled to death after being pulled down from a tree. The elephant then grabbed the man's body and walked off with it. That was two weeks ago and the animal is still carrying the body around with him.

DES MOINES, IOWA – John Dwayne was stuck in his chimney for 23 hours Christmas Day after attempting to play Santa Claus to his children. Dwayne donned a St. Nick costume and attempted to enter his home down his chimney when he became stuck just inches before his feet touched the bottom of the fireplace. After his wife could not tug him down, rescue crews had to dismantle over half the chimney before they could free him from his cinder prison.

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BRICK BEAT

by steven towle



PHOTO: CHRIS EHRMANN

RIT HOSTS MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

A celebration of the life and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr., "Why We Can't Wait," is being held in the Ingle Auditorium at the Student Alumni Union from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, January 15.

The highlight of the event will be a performance and discussion led by the Cornell Interactive Theatre Ensemble, a troupe of theatrical performers from Cornell University. During this event, RIT's Gospel Ensemble will perform, along with a recital of one of King's speeches by Keith Jenkins, Assistant Provost for Diversity.

LASER VAUDEVILLE SHOW COMES TO RIT

Laser Vaudeville, a theatrical production that combines laser light shows with the traditional arts of vaudeville will perform in the Ingle Auditorium 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 13.

The show will involve juggling, black light illusion, acrobatics, comedy, and a seven-foot fluorescent dragon named Alfonzo. The group is composed of three people (Carter Brown, Jeffrey Daymont, and Cindy Marvell) who do roll hoops around their body, move bicycle rims across the stage, and juggle assorted objects.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty, staff, and alumni, and \$15 for the general public, and are available at the candy counter or the game room.•



LEISURE NEW RELEASE MOVIE PREVIEWS



ANTI-TRUST >>>>>>

by edgar blackmon

Antitrust is a suspense thriller that enters the hidden world of the high-stakes computer industry.

Ryan Phillippe plays Milo Hoffman, a young computer genius who has what it takes to go to the top of the computer industry.

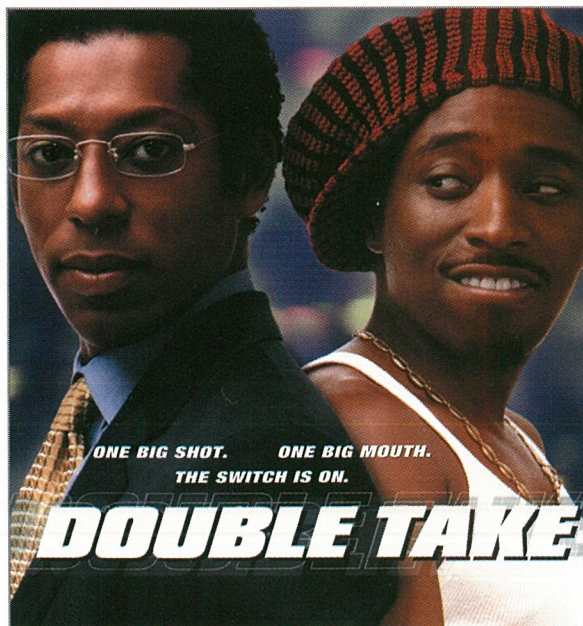
When he begins working at N.U.R.V. (Never Underestimate Radical Vision), he finds himself under the wing of software mogul Gary Winston, played by Tim Robbins.

However, the longer Milo works for Winston, the more he questions what is really going on at N.U.R.V.

The writer of *Antitrust*, Howard Franklin, wanted to write a thrilling movie that would pose questions about the path of our society. Franklin found an interest in those designers searching for "The Next Big Thing."

From that interest, *Antitrust* was born. This movie also stars Claire Forlani, whom you may remember from *Mallrats*, *Meet Joe Black*, and *Boys and Girls*.

Another member of the cast is Rachael Leigh Cook, who most recently starred in *Get Carter* with Sylvester Stallone. •



DOUBLE TAKE >>>>>>

by edgar blackmon

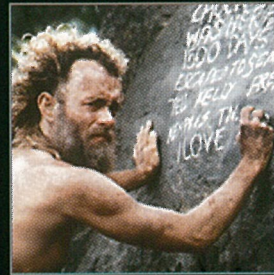
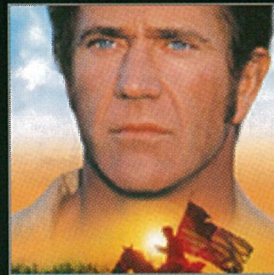
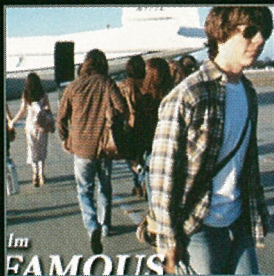
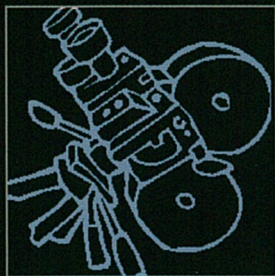
In this film Daryl Chase (Orlando Jones) is framed for laundering money for a Mexican drug cartel. He makes a run for the border, and along the way meets up with Freddy Tiffany (Eddie Griffin), and they switch identities.

Chase subsequently discovers that Tiffany is in even more trouble with the law than he is, and that's when the trouble starts. If this movie can properly blend the feverish comedy style of Griffin with the more laid back humor of Jones, the film should be hilarious.

The film is actually based on the 1957 melodrama *Across the Bridge*. When the producer and director first saw that movie, they realized that it could be turned into a great comedy.

Orlando Jones was once a regular on the Fox network's *Mad TV*. After that, he went on to star in *The Replacements* with Keanu Reeves and Gene Hackman. He is currently the spokesperson for 7UP. Eddie Griffin starred in his own show on UPN titled, *Malcolm and Eddie* with *The Cosby Show*'s Malcolm Jamal Warner. He was also in *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*.

With their combined efforts, *Double Take* should be a belly-breaking laugh riot in the same vein as *48 Hrs.* and *Rush Hour*. •



Well, we all knew it had to happen eventually. It seems that the people in Hollywood have finally run out of ideas. In a year that brought us such gems as *Mission to Mars*, *All The Pretty Horses*, and *Battlefield Earth*, one begins to wonder if there is any hope for the future of the American cinema. However, all was not lost in 2000, and the following is a list in no particular order of nine films that I believe were 2000's best and/or brightest:

1. *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai*

Jim Jarmusch helms this "comic drama" about a modern-day urban samurai who lives in a rooftop shack and performs everything he does by the Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai. Tenderly bittersweet and completely engaging, this one is definitely worth a second look.

2. *The Patriot*

Otherwise known as *Braveheart 2*, this big-budget Mel Gibson colonial-era action flick has got everything to make you want to go out and kick a little Cornwallis yourself. The British threaten to take away Mel Gibson's farm, so naturally he has to single-handedly save America from the British invasion. Violent and wildly entertaining, this movie is the epitome of style over substance.

3. *Gladiator*

Speaking of style over substance, *Gladiator* is one film that I thought was a little thin, but still has enough chutzpah to get it on the best picture nomination list. The Roman general Maximus is stripped of his rank and banished when the evil Commodus becomes Emperor. So, Maximus becomes a gladiator and again rises to power to single-handedly save the Roman Empire. This was one of the best mainstream films of the year, very stylishly and masterfully directed by Ridley Scott.

4. *Chicken Run*

The chickens on Tweedy's English Farm have learned that they're going to be baked into meat pies and need a way to escape. Enter Rocky, a heartthrob American rooster with a heart of gold. Together Rocky and the chickens hatch an escape plan (no pun intended), and the fun begins! Great for people of all ages and especially those who enjoy British humor (less *Monty Python* and more *Are You Being Served?*) will find this to be a whopping good time.

5. *Almost Famous*

Cameron Crowe's memoir of his days as a Rolling Stone reporter is another one I think will be on the best picture list this year. The 1970s rock nostalgia flick is warm and funny in all the right places. Written by Crowe, the story has the same sort of panache as his earlier work, *Jerry Maguire*. It may lose the Oscar to something more "artsy," but *Almost Famous* is definitely one "for your consideration."

6. *Best in Show*

Hands down, one of the funniest movies I have ever seen. Director Christopher Guest made his debut in 1984 with *This Is Spinal Tap* and continued in the same mockumentary style in 1997 with *Waiting for Guffman*. Well, the *Guffman* crew is back and this time they have the comic documentary style down pat. The story follows five contestants, each one more off-the-wall than the last, as they enter their dogs in the fictional Mayflower dog show. This is one I would definitely recommend.

7. *Cast Away*

This movie is, unfortunately, given completely away in the trailer, but it is something that needs to be seen to be understood. Tom Hanks' plane crashes and he is stranded on a tropical island for four years. He returns home to find everything changed, and has to start all over again. Though the film is short on dialogue, Robert Zemeckis' stunning visuals and subtle humor keep the story and the interest moving quite nicely.

8. *X-Men*

Based on the comic book by the same name, *X-Men* was a highly anticipated film for comic book fans. Mutants are the next stage in human evolution, and when evolution takes a quantum leap, the X-Men are born. Humans with super powers become outcasts from society, and Professor Charles Xavier takes them under his care. Storm, Cyclops, Wolverine and Jean Grey are some of the only characters we see, leaving the story wide open for a sequel. With any luck, director Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*) will come back for a second round.

9. *Requiem for a Dream*

The best way I can describe this movie is...disturbing. It tells the story of four people whose lives become inescapable because of their addiction to drugs. It is a movie where you find yourself wanting to look away, but you can't. It is so powerfully haunting in its vision at times that it almost makes you nauseous. That is why I feel it is a near-perfect dissertation on drug addiction and self-indulgence. Darren Aronofsky's follow-up to his equally chilling *Pi* is truly beautiful, but it is not an easy movie to watch.*

HUMOR REPORTERCUS: PREDICTIONS FOR 2001

by edgar blackmon

At the beginning of every year, my third eye is treated to the wonders that are to come. I, ReporterCUS, will share with you my visions. The nine planets, the seven seas, and the six Brady kids have all converged to fuel my precognitive mind. I have a vision for each of the 12 signs of the Zodiac, so understand my words, and conduct yourselves accordingly.

ARIES March 21-April 20: This is a good year for the ram. You will meet someone that allows you to be yourself. Sadly, being yourself kind of sucks, and you really should try being someone else. You will go to McDonald's and they will get your order wrong. On the upside, you will come into money. And as long as the police never find out, you'll be fine. In June, a Libra will ask you for help. Tell that Libra to kiss your ass, what did they ever do for you?
Lucky Days: the 1st of each month.

TAURUS April 21-May 20: This is the year that everyone will realize what a sexy mo fo you are. Take this opportunity to throw your love around like nobody's business. Nobody can do it like you this year, and you should let everybody know. Don't forget that the haters will be on you. Because you are so sexy, you can slap the hell out of just about anyone you want, so slap every hater you see. It looks like your compatible lover is a Scorpio, so when you find one, let your love come down like rain. They will be forever grateful.
Lucky Days: Sexy people don't need luck!

GEMINI May 21-June 21: Pack your bags, because you are going to spend most of this year in jail. Remember that thing you did, that you thought you got away with? Well, you didn't get away. The good thing is, that while you are in jail you meet someone named Brickhouse, who will hip you to the pimp game. You will take the name Droptop, and upon your release, you will become one of the biggest pimps in your area. Congratulations.
Lucky Days: The day you get released, and the 27 of August.

CANCER June 22-July 23: You will join a rock band this year. You will blow up in the music business. Your biggest hit will be titled, "Dope Ass Biscuit." You will be inspired to write the song after a trip to Red Lobster. However, your band will break up, and you will move to the Australian outback to become "a more peaceful person." Don't trust any Capricorn you meet, they're nothing but trouble.
Lucky Days: June 4, your birthday, and Yom Kippur looks good too.

LEO July 23-August 22: This year, you will learn something. You are stupid. You don't believe me now, but you will soon. Don't forget to tell a Virgo you love them. Sometime this year you will be abducted by aliens, and you will be a horrible example for the human race. You will be anally probed until your eyes water, and then the aliens will leave you in a bathtub. Nobody will believe you, because you're stupid, but the aliens will call you every other weekend and ask if they can come over and probe you some more. You will say yes.
Lucky Days: I would tell you, but you'll just forget. You're stupid

VIRGO August 23-September 22: Some crazy Leo is going to keep telling you they love you. Ignore that stupid idiot, you have bigger fish to fry. You will fight like the dickens to kick your crack habit. If you keep at it, you will finally stop smoking crack. Sadly, you will start doing black tar heroin. You will spend some time in jail. While there, a Gemini will offer you a new job. Take that job! It will lead you down new roads of exploration.
Lucky Days: Today, and tomorrow. After that, it's really going to suck.

LIBRA September 23-October 23: In March, you will be on a plane that will get hijacked. Don't panic, you will survive. Actually, you will fall in love with one of the hijackers, and you will escape with them. While you are hiding out at their place, you will be raided by the police. The hijackers will throw you to the police while they escape. You will get beaten to within an inch of your life. While you heal in the hospital, you will meet an Aries. Don't be afraid to ask that Aries for help, but don't be surprised if they spit on you. You will also get herpes.
Lucky Days: You really don't have any lucky days this year. Sorry.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22: Take a shower, you kind of smell. You will visit Disney World, and you will also get locked in the park. You will bathe in a fountain, and sleep in a boat inside of It's A Small World. While you are sleeping, somehow the ride will come on, and after hours of hearing the song in your sleep, you will wake up insane. After you get out of the nut house, you will meet a really good looking Taurus. You don't deserve them, but if you continue to bathe, you should do okay. Go for it stinky!
Lucky Days: Any day you take a shower is a lucky day for everyone.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21: This year looks pretty bland for you. But that's okay, because you're a boring person. You will finally come out of the closet, and tell your friends and family that you're gay. They won't care, because you're boring and uninteresting. You are also so boring that you won't even leave your house to meet other gay people. You have less flavor than tap water, but you already knew that.
Lucky Days: October 15, for an hour, you'll be lucky. I don't know the hour though. Sorry.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20: After living in a tree for a month, you will abduct Ralph Nader and move to live with aborigines. You and Ralph will fall in love, and you will fly all over the globe to liberate helpless animals that other people want to eat. Your exploits will be in all the papers. The American media will label you and Ralph as "The Green Team." People will begin freeing animals, and burning down slaughterhouses all over the world. Everything will come to a screeching halt one day when you find Ralph in the bathroom with a Big Mac.
Lucky Days: Mother's Day and Arbor Day

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18: You will die this year. You will choke on a Cheetoh. In heaven you will talk to many famous people. One that you will not talk to is Tupac, because he isn't dead. You will be reincarnated as a dog. After several fun-filled days of peeing on trees and eating your own poop, you will get worms and die. Again.
Lucky Days: You're looking pretty decent for eternity, so don't sweat it.

PISCES February 19-March 20: You will go on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, and you will humiliate yourself by getting the first question wrong after using all your lifelines. You will meet a Scorpio and fall in love. Unfortunately, they are in love with a Taurus. Don't let that punk get in the way of your love! Tell that Taurus to stay away, and hopefully they won't slap you in the face.
Lucky Days: The third day of Kwanzaa is going to be sweet for you. •

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LESIURE THE NFL PLAYOFF PICTURE

by jason pacchiarotti and edgar blackmon

To the millions of NFL fans around the country and globe January is not the start of the New Year; it is the start of the most exciting time of the season – playoff time. Twelve teams enter the playoffs, but only one will leave the Superbowl with a victory at the pinnacle of the game.

This year's playoffs brought fewer perennial favorites than surprisingly successful teams into the postseason. After two weeks of intense action, the cream of the crop has been trimmed to two teams in each conference vying for the Superbowl spot. This weekend will decide who will be playing and who will be watching in Tampa on January 28.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (NFC):



NY Giants: The NFC East was a surprising division this season. The leading Giants (12-4) and upstart Philadelphia Eagles (11-5) were not expected to be the two teams at the top. However, the Giants proved to be a formidable opponent this year earning homefield advantage throughout the playoffs by winning five games in a row to close out the season and finish with the best record in the NFC.

Their strength has been their defense which allowed only a stingy 246 points scored, second only to the Eagles (245) in the NFC. They also produced 44 sacks and gave up only an average of 284 yards of offense per game, second only to the Washington Redskins in the NFC. On offense they were lead by Kerri Collins and Tiki Barber and Amani Toomer as a powerful quarterback-running back-wide receiver combination. On Sunday, January 6, the Giants knocked off the Eagles in the Divisional Playoff Game. The Giants will now host the Vikings at home in the NFC Championship this weekend.

Will They Make It?

If the Giants want to go to the Superbowl this year, their offensive team must take advantage of the weak Minnesota defense. The Giants defense is also going to have their hands full dealing with the triple-threat of Vikings Randy Moss, Cris Carter, and Daunte Culpepper.



Minnesota Vikings

The Minnesota Vikings are one of the favorites to go to the Superbowl this year. The Vikings began the season 7-0, but went 4-5 in the last nine games, including three consecutive losses to end the season. Even so, the Vikings were able to capitalize on their early wins and cruise into the playoffs. With the Defending Champion St. Louis Rams eliminated, the Vikings possess one of the most potent and prolific offenses left in the playoffs. They scored 397 points in the regular season, second only to the Rams. Quarterback Daunte Culpepper lead the charge by scoring 40 touchdowns—passing for 33 and rushing in seven of his own. He passed for almost 4000 yards and rushed for 470 yards. Culpepper had an ankle sprain that put him below 100 percent for the Divisional playoff game on Saturday, January 6. However, the Vikings were able to overcome the Saints' threat and move on to the NFC Conference Championship this weekend against the Giants

Will They Make It?

The Minnesota Vikings are known for their offensive power. Wide receivers Randy Moss and Cris Carter, Halfback Robert Smith, and Quarterback Daunte Culpepper will no doubt put points on the board in Minnesota match against the Giants. But if the Vikings are going to win, the defense must step up and cause turnovers.

NFC Prediction

The Minnesota defense gained momentum and self confidence after

stifling the Saints. If they can cause Kerry Collins to not be as accurate as he has been, they will beat the Giants. The Giants have to stop Culpepper if they are going to win. Part of the reason the Giants beat the Eagles was the fact that the defense all but crushed Quarterback Donovan McNabb. But Culpepper is no shrinking violet. He is two inches taller and forty pounds heavier than McNabb. Look for the Vikings to overcome the Giants 24-20

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (AFC):



Oakland Raiders

No one expected the Oakland Raiders to go 12-4 this season, let alone be the number two seed in the AFC. They were second only in record to the Tennessee Titans—the defending AFC Champions. They were tied for the best home record at 7-1 and had the third best offense in the conference. At one point in the season they jumped out to 8-1 after a six game winning streak. This was boosted by their number one ranked rush offense. Their play cooled a little in the last seven games, but they ended the year with a 52-9 rout of Carolina. The wildcard weekend off must have done the Raiders good. They defeated the Miami Dolphins on Saturday, January 6.

Will They Make It?

The Raiders have been on a tear this year, behind the arm of Quarterback Rich Gannon. Everything seems to be clicking in Oakland, and as long as they continue to click, they will be hard to beat.



Baltimore Ravens

The 2000 season saw the Ravens reach the playoffs for the first time since they changed names and cities in 1995 (they used to be the Cleveland Browns). They did it by having the second best defense in the conference—including the best rush defense in the conference. After opening the season very impressively at 5-1, they lost three in a row to drop to 5-4. From then on, it would be all wins—seven in total—to close out the last half of the season. One of those wins that helped propel them into the playoffs was a win against the conference leading, 13-3 Tennessee Titans—handing them their first home loss ever since changing from the Oilers.

The Ravens have gained much respect over the course of the year. They were not favorites to win 12 games—let alone make it to the playoffs. They have a defense second only to the Titans—and a close second at that. The Ravens faced the Tennessee Titans on Sunday, January 6, and defeated them to move on to the AFC Championship against the Raiders.

Will They Make It?

Simply put...no. The Ravens did shock everyone by defeating the Titans, but the magic ends there. They will be hard pressed to beat the Raiders in Oakland.

AFC Prediction

Only the Raiders will be able to beat the Raiders in Oakland. If the Raiders make a lot of mistakes, and the Ravens can capitalize on those errors, Baltimore just might do it. But I don't expect that to happen, so I think the Raiders will triumph, 17-7.

With the Rams and the Titans eliminated, the Superbowl looks to be very exciting. If Minnesota and Oakland go at it, we could all be in for one heck of a show. But the ring hungry Raiders might surprise the Vikings with their drive, and bring a Superbowl Championship back to Oakland. •

**ANSWER:
THIS:**

As a child, you would try to remember the words for the day and scream with Globie and Penny and all of the other playhouse friends. Sadly enough, we were all shattered to hear about his exhibitionist problems. Who was this mystical figure?

Answer: **PEE-WEE HERMAN**



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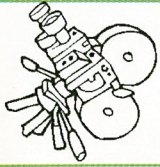
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WINTER QUARTER IS NO PICNIC



Even the most devoted student will admit that Rochester's cold, gray, and blisteringly cold winters are more suitable for hibernation than trudging around the Brick City.

As the fifth week of the quarter comes skating around, most students are dreaming of the sweet conclusion of final exams and the even sweeter commencement of spring break. However, what to do for the 13 days of break can be another stress-inducing predicament altogether.

Multitudes of choices face every spring breaker. "Should I be sunning myself in a tropical paradise or gliding down the slopes in a winter wonderland? Shall I party in a popular spot or relax in a secluded getaway? Should I plan the vacation myself or just let a travel agency do it for me?"

To begin answering these questions, the first thing any spring-breaker must do is to consider the fad glamorized by MTV: a drunken, naked tropical orgy. Around Easter this time of year, any beach south of the Mason-Dixon Line will suffice as a place to get plenty of sun.

However, since spring break takes place a month and a half before Easter, the weather is not consistently in the eighties anywhere except in southeastern Florida. Therefore, to obtain a tan without the looming risk of frostbite, potential beaches are limited to the aforementioned southeast Florida and tropical resorts such as Jamaica, Cancun, Hawaii, or the Bahamas.

Planning a trip to any of these places seems easy enough, given

the thousands of colorful flyers advertising spectacular Spring Break packages that bombard every college student as soon as school starts in September. However, many students do not trust the deals promised in these advertisements.

As Adam VanVolkenburg, a fourth-year Business Major, put it, "I would never go on one of those. They look like a complete waste of money."

The dissent by the students toward these packages is understandable, considering that the fine print that covers the whole back side of these advertisements will make you offer up everything but your soul. And of course, one can never be entirely certain whether or not one man's tropical suite is another man's tropical hut.

However, underneath all the gimmicks, the value of the deals is strikingly great. For example, buying an airline ticket, a hotel room, and transportation in Cancun for a week adds up to be over \$1500 per person.

If one desires to try the exact same hotel and dates of travel with an advertised package, one will find, after a few hours of straining his or her eyes studying the fine print, that the trip will be a much slimmer \$547.

The vacations are even cheaper when reservations are booked before certain dates specified by the companies.

First-year Mechanical Engineering student Laurie Needer said, "The packages sound good, but I am not sure about their validity." Jason Chute, the Vice President of Systems Development of



StudentCity.com, Inc., one of the largest purveyors of spring break package deals on campus, responded to this:

"The easiest way to check on us is through the Better Business Bureau."

To further ensure enjoyment on the vacation, you should familiarize yourself with the hotel you are staying at to find out how far from the beach it is, the quality of room you will be staying in, and what kind of neighborhood it is located in, so that you are not surprised with what you get. If you do your homework, an exceptional beach vacation is inevitable.

The other vacation option that may not be as popular as a beach, but could be twice as fun, is a winter resort. The great thing about winter resorts is that they are still in the prime of their season.

Matthew N. Mammola, a representative for the Aspen Skiing Company said,

"Since we are slated to stay open until April 22, 2001, we will have more than enough snow [in the beginning of March]."

Although MTV's Spring Break has not glamorized skiing as much as beaches, the idea of spending a week at a ski resort still thrills many students.

Rich Hildebrand, a first-year Software Engineering student, said, "Most people talk about partying in Cancun for break, but snowboarding for a week would be the hot whip."

Curtis Vana, a first-year Computer Engineering major added, "I had a bunch of friends go to Whistler [Resort] one year for a ski trip. They loved it. It was a big party."

Skiing can be relatively affordable and available near Rochester.

To stay in a condominium for a week at Holiday Valley Winter Resort costs \$176 per night for two double beds. This includes two lift tickets for adults and two lift tickets for two children ages seventeen and under from the day of arrival to the day of departure.

So, to re-cap, a week of skiing could cost only \$300 per person for four people. Of course, if a person has to rent equipment for that week, the price goes up considerably.

At any rate, for serious skiers and snowboarders alike, a winter resort can be an affordable getaway for break.

For people who cannot ski and despise sitting on a beach, there are other ideas for vacations that are not as traditional this year.

VanVolkenburg is going to Germany this year for break. He was an exchange student there in high school. While in Germany, he plans to relax, avoid the stress of classes and "Get away from all this snow!"

"Most people go to Cancun. I just wanted to do something different," said VanVolkenburg.

Needer has another way to relax this year. She is traveling to Panama City for a lacrosse training camp. Then her lacrosse team will travel to Eglin Air Force Base to take rides in an F-15. Needer believes that imitating Top Gun pilots is "an ideal Spring Break vacation."

Whether you decide to break the sound barrier in a jet, marvel at the German Audubon, tear up the slopes at a winter resort or drown yourself in booze on a hot beach, making a decision for break is not easy.



Reservation information for packages discussed in this article can be found at www.Studentcity.com and www.Holidayvalley.com.

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THE STUDENT

by antonio castillo

How would you define a successful college experience?

Is it sleeping long past your alarm clock and still making it to your Monday, 8 a.m. class before your professor arrives? Is it moving into your new room on campus and finding that you get full cable for free? Or is success graduating from the same college that you attended as a freshman?

If you ask a member of the administration, then the latter defines success.

At the core of the institute's recent calendar debate was the matter of how to improve student success so that more students who start with an RIT education finish with an RIT education. As an alternative to the calendar change, several ways to improve the success of the students have been offered.

On the horizon lie superior changes in the way that RIT treats students.

The "Freshman College" is one idea that has been suggested as a means to better the student experience. It would consist of a two to three week stretch before the beginning of classes in the fall, which would not only introduce freshmen to RIT, but to the Rochester area as well.

Students would spend their time socializing and creating new college relationships, while taking in the theaters, museums, and other attractions of Rochester. It would not be all fun and games, however.

Students would also

take constructive placement tests in subjects such as English and mathematics.

President Simone believes the Freshman College would be "A time when the freshmen would own the campus, bond and socialize, and RIT could get a jump start on transitioning them from high school to college. We would also provide testing that would help students find the right English and math class."

Samantha Smith, a high school senior in Toledo, Ohio who has recently been accepted to RIT, says, "When the time came for me to seriously look at colleges, I made sure to find out what my first year on the college's campus would be like. The Freshman College idea sounds really exciting; a great way to adjust to a whole new life."

That kind of response is exactly what Dr. Kit Mayberry, Associate Provost for Academic Programs, is interested in hearing.

"Our interest goes beyond numbers," states Dr. Mayberry. "We [the faculty and administration] want to find ways to improve the lives of the students, increasing retention as a result."

The role played by faculty and staff advisors throughout a student's academic career at RIT is another change that will hopefully take place.

According to Dr. Stanley McKenzie, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, "In a ten week grading period, it is vital for the student to get help as soon as possible. We hope to strengthen the relationship between students and their advisors so that failure can be addressed and resolved."

Trina Willoughby, a student studying photographic imaging and technology, also believes that increased faculty and staff involvement would be better. She stated, "Some faculty members seem to have an attitude where teaching and the students are not their priority."

Eric Marvella, a Computer Engineering student, echoed that sentiment: "Some professors don't relate."

President Simone agrees. He says, "A majority of RIT's faculty and staff are exceptional teachers, but more faculty and staff need to take on a positive, caring, and supportive attitude in every interaction with students. A good example is the environment that is present in the Engineering Building's Eardle Commons, where students and staff members can meet and talk. This will make student achievement more effective."

The administration is still investigating how the Freshman College, student-to-faculty relations, and other ideas should be implemented. So far, taking things slowly is the only conclusion that has been agreed upon at this time.

As for the definition of success, well, it varies from person to person. But it is reassuring to know that RIT realizes its success depends on the satisfaction of its students. •

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DEBUTS AT RIT

by andy dollard

This year, RIT adds Environmental Science to its extensive list of majors. This new department, headed by Dr. John Waud, is part of the College of Science and offers both Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

The new major emphasizes hard science, math, and social sciences to solve environmental problems. According to Waud, students focus on environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and global climate change. The program stresses the integration of disciplines, including chemistry, biology, law, and economics.

The new major was born out of the efforts of faculty in both the College of Science and the College of Liberal Arts. The program began to develop more than six years ago, as faculty from both colleges realized they shared a common interest in the environment.

Along with Anne Howard and Rick Shearman of the College of Liberal Arts, Waud began to formulate the basis for a new major.

An advisory board was assembled, composed of industry experts from such places as Kodak, Xerox, and consulting firms, to create guidelines for the major. Their primary focus, notes Waud, was on what would be required of graduates from prospective employers.

Concentrations in the major include Environmental Management, Environmental Chemistry, Digital Imaging, Mathematics and Statistics, and Civil Engineering Technology. Students in the program will take an updated version of RIT's popular Great Lakes course in their third year, and an ES problem solving sequence in their fourth year which makes use of real environmental problems culled from industry. A summer co-op is also part of the program.

So far, fourteen students are enrolled and Waud expects that figure to grow, with the number of students eventually stabilizing at around 20 or 25. He also plans to expand the program's hands-on opportunities with lab research and field work in such places as the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and Chiapas, Mexico.

First-year student Gretchen Sprehe, one of the new major's first students, found the program appealing because of the opportunity to work outdoors and help the environment. She said that charismatic faculty, like Dr. Karl Korfmacher, who came to RIT from Duke University, make the major enjoyable and exciting.

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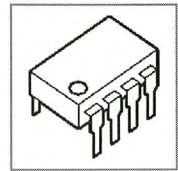
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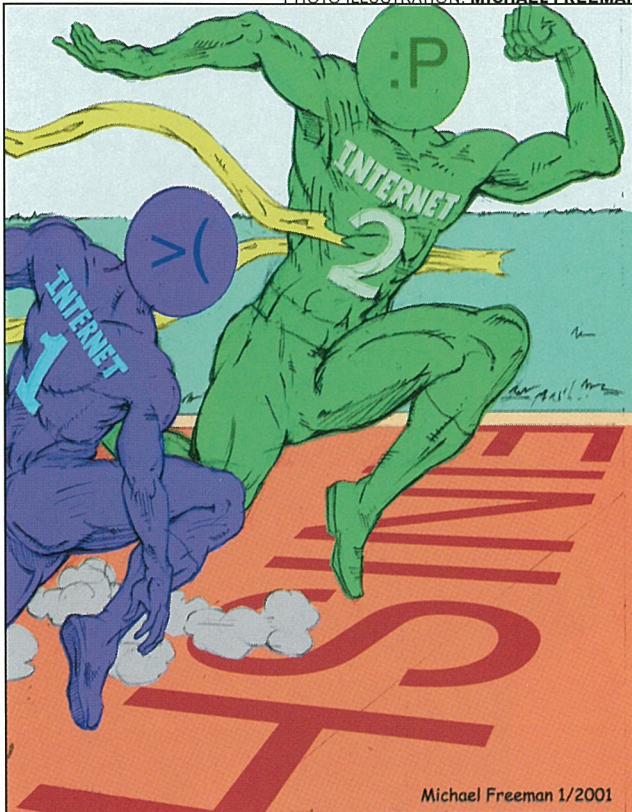
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REPORTTECH INTERNET II: MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

by rich trifeletti

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Everyone at RIT has come to accept network outages and slow connection speeds as part of everyday life on the internet. We all recognize that this trend is not limited to RIT, with many home Internet users demanding better connections from their Internet Service Providers (ISP).

Even government recognizes the problem. Vice President Gore dubbed the world wide web the "World Wide Wait." According to a report published by the Internet research firm Mecca Group, "Data traffic is growing at a rate of well over 300 percent per year", a rate of growth that can not be supported by the Internet as we know it.

Responding to the surge in growth on the Internet, the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID) began to develop a network in 1996 which could transport data 100-1,000 times faster than today's internet.

UCAID teamed up with major corporations like MCI, 3Com and

Cisco to produce a test network to be used between hundreds of member universities, of which RIT is one. The I-2 project was adopted by the White House Next Generation Internet Initiative (NGII) in 1996 and has since provided millions of dollars in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants to universities applying for membership.

Five years after the inception of this project, dubbed "Internet 2" (I-2), access is still exclusive. Only member universities and research organizations have access, which can carry a price tag nearing \$1 million for some.

Primarily, I-2 is used for research and development of medical technologies, distributed shared applications, and ultra-high-bandwidth applications development.

The mission of Internet 2 is to, "facilitate and coordinate the development, deployment, operation and technology transfer of advanced, network-based applications and network services to further U.S. leadership in research and higher education and accelerate the availability of new services and applications on the Internet."

I-2 allows transportation of huge amounts of data using high speed GigaPOP interconnection points which can transport hundreds of billions bits/sec. (The existing Internet is only capable of transmitting 1 billion bits/sec.) Such a high speed enables users around the country to share resources almost instantaneously. Blazing hot connection speeds will not necessarily be available while ordering pizza online from papajohns.com, as the commercial sector is not yet allowed to access I-2.

RIT became a member university on I-2 in September 2000, ushering in a new era of research possibilities for the faculty and students. According to Diane Barbour, Chief Information Officer for RIT, the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences currently has several faculty members engaged in research using I-2 on campus.

I-2 is also being used for high-bandwidth applications in RIT's First-in-Class Initiative, a project aimed at pushing RIT into the next level of quality in education and service.

"We plan to partner with other schools [in the coming year] to engage in research," said Barbour.

More research projects mean more opportunities for RIT students to become involved with I-2, but don't wait for something to fall in your lap. The I-2 website www.internet2.edu offers information about the technologies that make I-2 possible, and the projects that member universities like RIT are engaged in.

Realistically, most RIT students will not see connection speeds faster than normal on any given day. Connection speed is limited by two factors: hardware speed and the network where the information resides. Even still, "If you try to share information with other schools on [I-2], your information will travel along the faster network," Barbour said.

Check reportermag.com in the future for information and updates on I-2 projects under development at RIT.

FACES OF RIT JAKE LODWICK

by andy dollard

PHOTO: JACQUELYN MARTIN



This is Jake Lodwick, the second-year student responsible for Blumpy Films. From his website, at www.blumpy.org, Lodwick presents his collection of such humorous, original short films as *JizMMM Salad Dressing*, *Jamall's Cyberdate*, and *El Savior*.

A New Media major, Lodwick began the site at the beginning of this school year to showcase his longtime hobby of making short funny movies. The name blumpy, he says, is taken from a "designer sexual technique," though he declined to go into further detail.

The site currently receives about 400 unique visitors a day, and the numbers continue to rise as blumpy.org's exposure grows.

Earlier this year, Jake promoted blumpy.org by posting flyers in the dorms which advertised "Hidden Bathroom Cams" at the site. Grainy photos on the flyers showed students using stalls in the dorm bathrooms, creating a mild uproar.

Campus Safety stopped by his apartment to question him on the ads, which were a hoax. They did, however, succeed in bringing visitors to the site; about half of the site's visitors are from RIT.

Jake tries to add content to the site at a steady rate, with the goal, he says, of keeping material fresh and continually surprising people. Visitors to the site, he said, are guaranteed to "see something [they] haven't seen before."

Currently Lodwick is putting the finishing touches on *El Savior: Part II*, which he filmed at home in Maryland over Christmas break.

The videos on the site range in style from short narratives like *El Savior* and *Jamall's Cyberdate* to what he calls "reality-based destruction videos" like *Death Chaos 9000*.

One of his most popular films is one made as a class project last year entitled *Alcohol: Nature's Poison*, a filmstrip-style discourse on the dangers of drinking.

In fact, Lodwick said many of his movies are "video representations of fleeting thoughts, usually conceived while drinking."

So far, the site has received an overwhelmingly positive response.

Comments left in Jake's guestbook include such praise as "I much likes your humorous videos," "Your movies kick ass," and "Blumpy Films express the the hidden depths of the human experience."

Critics of Jake's work say it too closely resembles products like MTV's *Jackass*. Lodwick dismisses such comments, saying the two are entirely different.

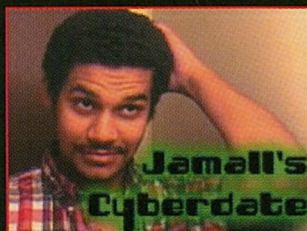
Lowdick is very satisfied with the exposure of the site so far, and he appreciates the encouragement of his fans.

He currently has an affiliates program in which students at other colleges advertise the site in exchange for an "@blumpy.org" email address. Jake also hopes to eventually present the work of other independent filmmakers on his site.



WWW.BLUMPY.ORG

Screen shots of "Jamall's Cyberdate" and "El Savior," a few of the short films found at Jake's website.



WORD ON THE STREET

compiled by jason pacchiarotti
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"WHAT BOTHERS YOU MOST ABOUT YOUR MAJOR?"



"I hate that you have to be so grade conscientious because we're pre-med and you have to worry about everything you do because you won't get accepted if you don't."

KRISTEN THOMPSON
1ST YR. PRE-MED



"I hate how we don't have any central place. But that will change - we're getting the college of computing so I don't really have anything."

MATT MCEUEN
2ND YR. COMPUTER SCIENCE



"I really hate that most of the majors don't accept multi-disciplinary studies in other majors - it's a small group of people."

ALEX LUSKIN
4TH YR. MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



"I hate the reputation of my major."

KEVIN SHELDON
3RD YR. MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATIONAL SYSTEMS

"Lack of sleep—I'm running on 45 minutes of sleep right now."

BRIAN MARCAIS
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"Not many of professors bother to speak English. They may speak English, but it doesn't sound like it."

KATIE WALKER
2ND YR. MARKETING

"What I hate most about my major is how labs are only offered during certain time periods—it's not very flexible."

RANDA JABBOUR
2ND YR. BIOLOGY

"There's nothing that really irks me about my major."

ELIZABETH MURRAY
2ND YR. PSYCHOLOGY

"I guess the thing that I most hate about my major is having to take classes that don't really relate to it and struggling through those. Other than that I love my major."

JEFF DETRICK
1ST YR. PHOTOGRAPHY AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

"It's not challenging enough. There's not enough information or written stuff."

LANEAL BARNES
2ND YR. COMPUTER GRAPHICS

"Introductory courses—I've got to learn Office and stuff like that. Pretty basic programs."

ERIC BERNER
2ND YR. MIS

"The expense. I don't mind the work, time, or study—it's just the huge cost that goes into it. It seems to me that some people would be great photo majors that can't be because they don't have the funds to do it."

ADAM CLEAR
1ST YR. AD FASHION

"I hate the curriculum the most—the first year. It's boring—it's takes them forever to get through anything."

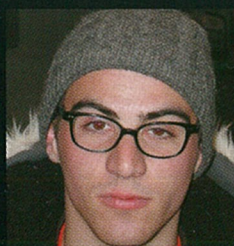
ISAAC CASE
1ST YR. COMPUTER SCIENCE

"The location basically—I'm leaving next year, I'm outta here."

MARK HARTMAN
1ST YR. PHOTOGRAPHY

"Physics lab: that's the worst. The instructor's not that helpful, my lab partner's not the greatest, and it's confusing."

DAN LOVETTE
1ST YR. COMPUTER SCIENCE





by aaron landers

RITEs OF PASSAGE

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In 1998, a hazing incident at Alfred University prompted an in depth study into hazing in college athletics. Following the results of the study, a record 17 hazing incidents were reported across the country in high school and college athletic programs.

The most notable was that of former University of Vermont freshman Corey LaTulippe.

LaTulippe, trying out for the hockey team at Vermont, brought a lawsuit against the school after being forced to take part in extreme hazing activities. Allegations of improper sexual touching, alcohol consumption and other hazing practices were confirmed by a state investigation.

The case made headlines in Vermont, where the remainder of the team's season was cancelled last December, as well as national headlines that brought renewed attention to an age old problem in high school and college athletic programs: hazing.

The fascinating thing about hazing in college athletics is that before the incident at Alfred, little had been to prevent hazing. Even before the Vermont case, many coaches and administrative personnel at the college level had never talked about the subject.

Large numbers of colleges ignored the issue until an incident actually occurred within their program. Well, all of that has changed now.

Much has been done about hazing in college athletic programs. The NCAA recently mandated that each of its 973 member schools implement a life-skills program for athletes that will include, among other topics, guidelines on hazing.

At RIT, during the preseason of the varsity athletic teams, athletes learned the rules regarding hazing, and met with by the administration of the athletic department to discuss them.

Despite this, a minor hazing incident occurred in the fall here at RIT involving one of the varsity teams.

"It wasn't anything that hadn't happened in the past," said an anonymous source. "It forced us to recognize that the old ways of doing things won't be tolerated anymore by the institute and its community."

While details of this event have not been released, the situation

did not include alcohol or physical harm to the victim(s). In fact, the case was not even reported by a member of the athletic team, rather by another member of the community who merely observed the incident.

While the athlete may have been involved in the situation voluntarily, the incident was still considered a form of hazing and the team was punished.

One of the main problems with hazing, other than the potential physical and mental dangers, is the fact that there is an ambiguous definition; at least in the minds of student athletes.

"They think because nobody is physically forced to engage in any of these activities, it can't possibly be hazing," said Jeff Schulman, UVM assistant athletic director.

The Alfred University researchers defined hazing as, "Any activity expected of someone joining the group that humiliates, degrades, abuses or endangers, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. This does not include activities such as rookies carrying the balls, team parties with community games, or going out with your



teammates, unless an atmosphere of humiliation, abuse, or danger arises."

Yet, rites of passage still exist. Every athlete knows that the players who came before them paid their dues. Public humiliation, actions that strike fear in or pose potential dangers to student athletes, and especially forced abuse of substances are not permitted.

Athletes must now break past traditions and create new ones of their own. The secret evils of yesterday's teams will no longer be permitted. Colleges will no longer tolerate rookie parties, initiation ceremonies, and other such events.

"It's not our fault that players ahead of us screwed up," said-sophomore varsity athlete Rick Anthony. "We just have to learn from their mistakes so that there are no more incidents like the ones at Alfred and Vermont. It would be bad if our program got in trouble, but it would be even worse if any of our teammates were killed or injured because of hazing."



PLAY TO WIN



PHOTO: JASON REARICK

Sometimes it is luck that gets a player started in his or her favorite sport. For junior Derek Hahn, it was his parents that threw skates on his feet at age two and he has been flying on the ice ever since.

Three years ago when he talked to old coach Eric Hoffberg and decided to attend RIT to pursue studies in business and to play hockey, a very important part of the men's hockey team arrived.

Just like many people his age, his main inspiration is Wayne Gretzky.

Hahn said, "I think that everyone my age admired Wayne and wanted to be just like him."

As a junior Hahn was selected as one of two captains of the hockey team.

"Derek is looked up to in the players eyes as a leader both vocally and with his actions," said Head Coach Wayne Wilson. The other players on the team select this position and he received most of the votes.

Wilson continued, "He is one of the premiere players in Division III, and does everything very well. There are no weaknesses in his game and his strengths include power plays and face-offs."

Hahn is off to a great start for the 2000-2001 season.

Wilson said, "Derek is getting rewarded for doing all of the right things this year. He is taking on the responsibility of an upper-classman and because of this he has gained confidence."

Although Hahn likes the fact that RIT hockey has a tradition of excellence, there is another part of being on the team that is equally as important.

"My favorite part of RIT hockey is the rest of the guys," Hahn said.

He likes the fact that he has been able to meet a lot of new people and also make new friends. Hahn said, "We are all like a family on the team."

As an International Business major, Hahn said that hockey has helped his life in many ways.

"I think that hockey has helped me in my personal life because it helps me to get along with other people and learn teamwork. It has given me a competitive edge in anything that I am trying to achieve," he said.

Hahn adds not only his skill of hockey, but also his teamwork skills and drive to succeed.

"Derek has a very good balance in his life with both hockey and his school work," Wilson said. "He is well rounded as both a hockey player and a person."

If Hahn keeps up his skill and determination he has a very bright future ahead of him.

"Whatever he sets his mind to, he does well or not at all," which was said Wilson.

This is why Derek plays to win.

**PRESS BOX**BY **MATT ALBRECHT****WOMAN'S BASKETBALL**

The RIT Women's Basketball team is off to the best start in school history with an early season 4-2 record. Wins came over Russell Sage, University of Maine Machias, Cazenovia and Fredonia. The Tigers are led on the season by senior Amie Banis (20.0 points per game, 7.2 rebounds per game, 2.7 assists per game), sophomore Jen Miazga (15.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 3.3 apg) and sophomore Lauren Long (10.5 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 1.8 apg).

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Men's Hockey team traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado in December to participate in the Radisson Inn Hockey Classic against Connecticut College and Air Force. In the first game against Connecticut, the Tigers put up 11 goals on 31 shots to put away the Camels 11-3. Tournament MVP Peter Bournazakis led the Tigers in the championship game with a goal and an assist as RIT beat Division I Air Force 4-3 to win the tournament. Bournazakis tallied four goals and two assists on the weekend to pace the Tigers. Also getting in on the scoring for RIT on the weekend were Mike Bournazakis (1 goal, 3 assists, 4 points) and Jerry Galway (0, 3, 3).

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The RIT Men's Basketball Team is off to a 3-3 start this year, including a second place finish in the 16th annual Harold J. Brodie Tournament hosted by RIT. The Tigers defeated Houghton College 87-68 in the tournament before advancing to the finals and losing 63-56 to St. Vincent College. RIT was led on the weekend by All-Tournament selections Nick Panepinto (15.5 ppg) and Brandon Redmond (17.5 ppg, 9.0 rpg). The Tigers are led on the season by Redmond (14.7 ppg, 7.5 rpg), Michael Stanton (13.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg) and Drew Miller (10.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg).

WOMAN'S INDOOR TRACK

RIT sophomore distance runner Heidi Spalholz has been named RIT Female Athlete of the Week after her terrific performance at the Syracuse Chargers Open Meet. In the meet, Spalholz set school records in the 800 meters and 1500 meters. Spalholz placed third in the 1500 with a time of 4:53.7 and then ran a 2:24.8 an hour and a half later in the 800 for her fourth school record of the early season.

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Fri 1/19 Women's Basketball vs. Utica 6:00pm
Fri 1/19 Men's Basketball vs. Utica 8:00pm
Sat 1/20 Men's Hockey vs SUNY Oswego 7:00pm
Sat 1/20 Women's Basketball vs Hartwick 2:00pm
Sat 1/20 Men's Basketball vs Hartwick 4:00pm

Special teams can be the difference between pulling off an amazing upset and falling just short of victory. That was the case for the men's hockey team when they took on Division I Air Force Academy in the championship game of the Radisson Inn Hockey Classic.

The Tigers netted three power play goals in a span of two minutes and 44 seconds in the second period to upset the Cadets on their home ice in Academy, Colorado.

After an evenly matched and hard fought first period, the teams headed to their locker rooms without putting any goals on the board. RIT came out strong in the second period as Adam George broke the deadlock and put the Tigers on the board first with help from Lanner Fayad and Jared Conlon. This goal opened the floodgates for RIT and in the next five minutes, they scored three more goals.

Two minutes after the George goal, Air Force Academy defenseman Ryan Smith was called for a major kneeling penalty.

RIT, who have scored on more than 50 percent of their power play chances this year, put their strength to good use, scoring three goals on the ensuing five-minute power play.

Sam Hill started the power play scoring at 10:37 assisted by both Bournazakis brothers, Mike and Peter. Ryan Fairbairn put the Tigers up by three at 12:43. Shawn Wilkins and Brian Armes tallied assists on the goal. Less than 40 seconds later, Peter Bournazakis gave the Tigers a 4-0 lead, scoring the eventual game winner with Jerry Galway and Derek Hahn picking up assists on the play.

Struggling to gain some momentum, the Air Force Academy finally got on the board with just over a minute left in the period when Brian Rodgers scored a power-play goal to make the score 4-1 at the intermission.

When the teams hit the ice for the third period, the Falcons played with more intensity, but had trouble lighting the lamp—thanks to some RIT luck and the fine play of goaltender Tyler Euverman, who had 23 saves on the night, nine of those coming in the third period. Air Force Academy hit two posts in the final period and out-shot RIT 11-7.

The Falcons struggled for offense all game and especially during the third period. Their efforts finally paid off when they scored two goals in the final six minutes of the game. Kyle Fransdal scored at 14:17 to bring the Falcons within two goals. Air Force Academy pulled the goalie with 37 seconds left and the extra skater led to a goal. Rodgers scored his third goal of the tournament as he tipped in a shot by Brian Gornick. It was too little too late for Air Force Academy however, as they lost the game the tournament championship to the Tigers by a score of 4-3.

Pete Bournazakis was the Tournament MVP. Euverman and Fairbairn were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Tigers, who are undefeated on the season, are standing atop the ECAC West as well as the NCAA Division III in which they are currently ranked second. This weekend, the Tigers host Cortland tonight at 7:30 and Fredonia tomorrow night in two huge non-conference match ups.

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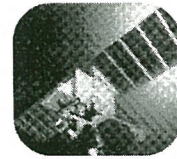
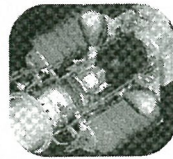
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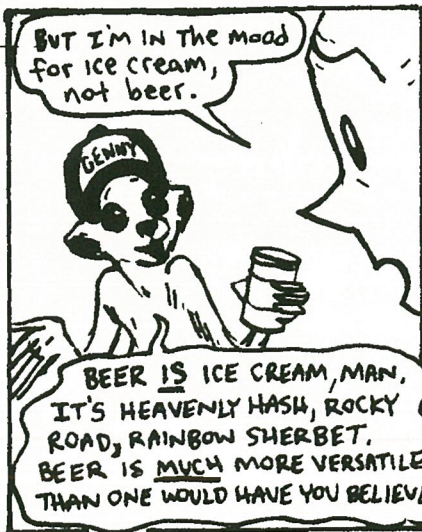
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Mon. Jan. 15

RA/HM Application Dead-

Tues. Jan 16

Greek Council presents Mike Green

former NFL player who had it all and
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7pm open to all campus communitiy

Wed. Jan. 17

Club Meeting (1829 Rm.)

Thur. Jan.18

Ritsma Open Mic

8pm

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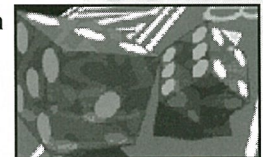
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-\$10 per person
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Sat. Jan 20

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SAU Gameroom

Sat. Jan 20 - Sun. Jan 21

College Bowl- Quiz Game for students

Sat. 8am - 5pm

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