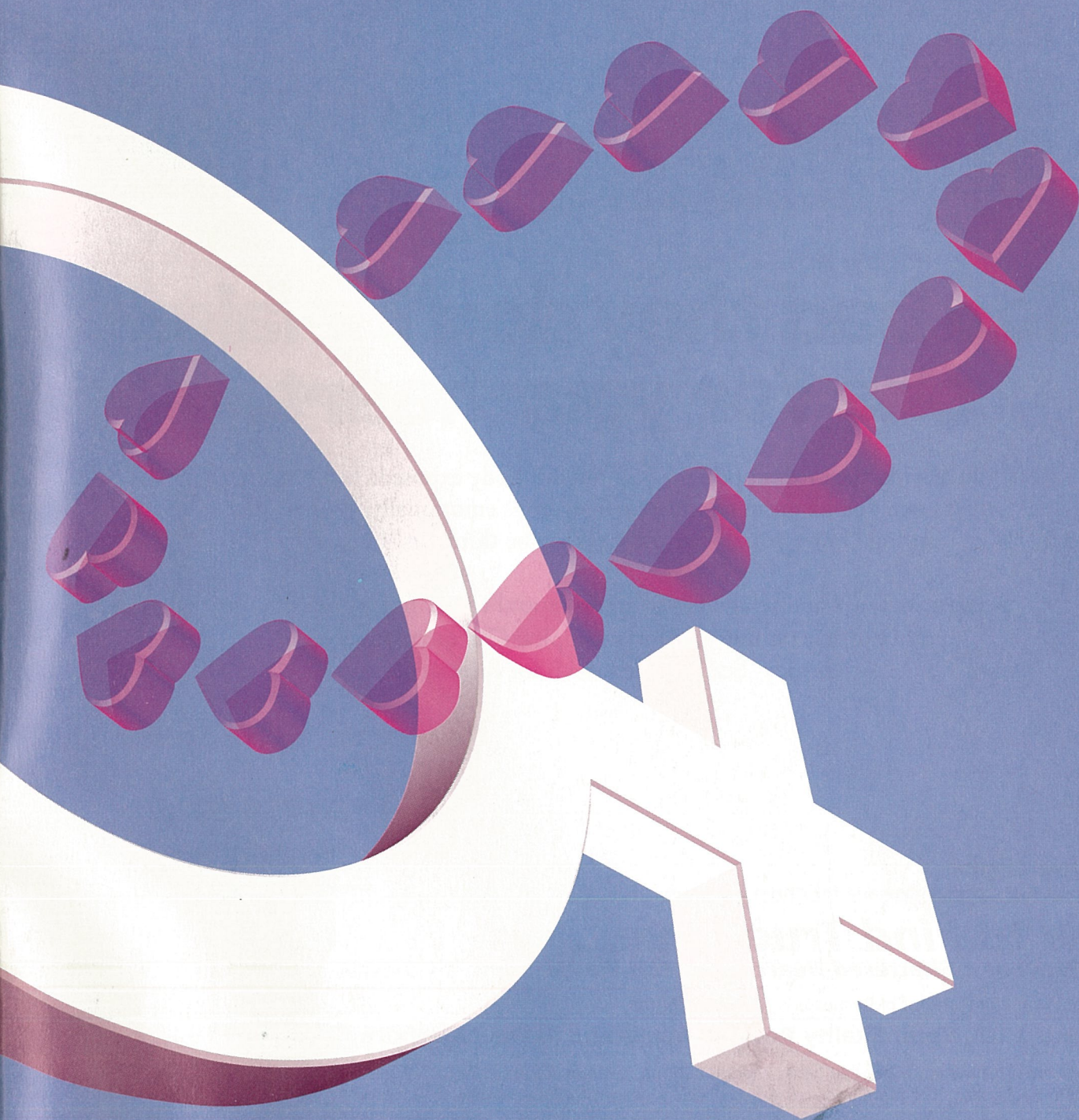


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PASSION PLAY

Romeo and Juliet. William Shakespeare's tale of star-crossed lovers still remains the most romantic tale of all time. After 400 years, the passions, ideals, and difficulties shared by the duo remain true today.

However, today's relationships are much more complicated. One wonders what the play would have been like had the Bard written it today. We'll never know for sure, but it might have gone somehow like this: (insert voices of Claire Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio if necessary; it's doubtful anyone would remember Zeffirelli...)

Juliet:

O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?
Thou wert supposed to be here an hour ago!

Romeo:

O, hey, baby.

Juliet:

Wherefore wert thou tonight?
[sniffs] Doth I smell alcohol on your foul breath?

Romeo:

Ha! That Mercutio. We got so plastered!
Twas a riot. Thou should hath been there, hun.

Juliet:

Thou Montague! Thou do this every time.
Wherefore in your life is there room for me?
[cell phone rings]
Romeo, dear, couldst thou hold on a sec?
Hello? O... Benvolio—no, this isn't
the best time. Couldst thou call back later? Thanks.
Romeo, why doth thou never call me?

Romeo:

Thou art smothering me! 'Tis impossible to
study, eat, sleep, go out, or have a life
without you knowing what I'm doing all the time!
Juliet, thou art a witch.

Juliet:

That's it, get out.

Romeo:

O, wilt thou leave me so unsatisfied?

This arguing will have lasted another six hours, during the course of which they'll have broken up and then reconciled approximately eight times.

Is this the future of relationships—the end of true love? Will romance be replaced by self-centeredness? Will compromise take a back seat to individual priorities?

It's almost Valentine's Day, but think long-term for a minute. Is what you're doing now going to make you happy in the future?

After all, "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

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DRIVING STUDENTS AWAY

I am writing this in response to the growing concern displayed by administration in regards to the issue of retention. I did not sign my name to this based on the number of students I have seen "blacklisted" for voicing their opinions. I am currently a fourth-year student, and during the time I have spent on this campus I have noticed a few key factors, which I believe are the main causes of the increasingly poor retention rates. (Hopefully this will save administration the trouble of creating a "Retention task force committee," which would no doubt be composed of middle-aged Caucasian men who wouldn't know anything about what the students thought anyway.)

1. The first problem I noticed was with the Professors. Despite how talented and knowledgeable most of the teaching staff is, there are very few good "teachers." Having professors who have actually worked in your field is great, but I'm not paying \$24,000 a year to watch a professor read the PowerPoint lectures from the previous year.

2. Another force driving students away like the plague is Campus Safety. Many of you may not remember the "good old days" when parties used to literally fill the quads of Perkins and Colony (back when alcohol was allowed). Nowadays, if you have over ten people in your on-campus apartment you are likely to be kicked off campus for having a "kegger." I understand that these people have a job to do, but isn't part of college supposed to be having some fun and getting ready for the real world?

3. The last problem I am going to discuss is by far the most pertinent. That's right, even more important than the laughable "teaching" staff and the mall security guards pretending to be police officers. I'm talking about the newly revised withdrawal date. By moving the withdrawal date to the last day of midterms week, administration is making students fail. Many classes at RIT consist only of two or three tests. By not knowing your grade on the midterm until after the withdrawal date has passed, there may be no way to even pass—let alone do well.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the administration of a few of the numerous causes behind this school's poor retention rates. This information could have been obtained from almost any of the students here at RIT, if Simone or the Board of Directors had bothered to ask.

Anonymous

ALCOHOL POLICY A MISTAKE?

The alcohol policy at RIT doesn't accomplish any of its goals. By enforcing tough rules against alcohol, they [administration] have only pushed alcohol behind closed doors. They have destroyed the whole social aspect of drinking. Now students drink mainly to get drunk while behind closed doors. The idea of having a social gathering with dancing, a live band, and alcohol just being there does not exist now. This is because if you decide to throw a party with any large crowd (that is drawn or necessary for dancing/live band/etc.), campus safety shows up and it's over.

This is one of the reasons students are not happy here. There is no social scene. I'd love to see that precious "retention rate" statistic before and after the alcohol policy change. It'd be pretty amazing if it dropped because students get here hoping for a social life and find nothing.

The alcohol policy causes more harm than good—especially if they are looking at it from the standpoint of wanting to keep students here.

Brian Nealis
Future Mechanical Engineer

OP/ED THE PULPIT

by edgar blackmon

I love Valentines Day. I know that it's silly, but at least once a year, lonely men have an excuse to ask out just about anyone they want. Nobody wants to be alone on Valentine's, so the chances of scoring a date are pretty high. This should come out at least five days before the 14th, so if you haven't asked anyone out, stop wasting your time watching Battlebots, and get out there! This February 14th, find someone, anyone, and make their day. You don't even have to be interested in them. Buy flowers and give them to someone you don't know. Write a really bad poem and stick it to someone's door. My personal favorite is to find a friend or someone who is more than a friend, and make sure they're not home. Then leave messages on their answering machine until the tape fills up. I like to leave really bad, impromptu poetry. For example:

I like your hair
I like your nose
But I really like you
Without all your clothes

Or

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Lets eat some pizza
And get busy

I miss the way Valentines Day was when I was a kid. I would get a box full of Care Bears (or Cabbage Patch Kids) valentines, and fill them out for every girl in my class. The cutest girls got the better messages on the back. For most people I would write, "Happy Valentines Day! Love, Edgar." For the ladies I was trying to make an impression on, I would write, "Be my Valentine, and I'll be yours," or "U+Me=Love." If I was feeling especially randy, I would write, "Meet me after school for a Valentines Day kiss." Strangely, nobody ever took me up on that offer. That's what I'm going to do this year. I'm going to go out and by a bunch of valentines and start handing them out all over school. And if any of you want to meet me after school, that's fine by me.

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NEWS SUMMER DEAF WORLD GAMES

by eric nelson

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John Macko, U.S. Deaf Olympic Volleyball team member.

NTID STUDENTS AND FACULTY AIM FOR THE GOLD

Every four years, superior athletes specializing in various sports come from around the globe for two weeks of competition. These athletic tournaments decide who wins the gold, silver and bronze medals.

No, not the Olympics; these are the Summer Deaf World Games. Formerly known as the World Games for the Deaf, this sporting event, lasting from July 16 to August 3, features deaf and hard of hearing persons of tremendous athletic talents.

In past years, the athletes have competed in cities such as Copenhagen, Denmark and Sofia, New Zealand. This summer, Rome, Italy will be hosting the Games.

This year, eight current NTID/RIT students will compete in the Summer National Deaf Games. Additionally, RIT boasts fourteen alumni and one faculty member competing. All twenty-three will participate in the opening and closing ceremonies.

Current RIT students attending include Third-year Applied Computer Technology student Matthew Pocci, Jr. in bowling, Third-year Electrical/Mechanical Engineering student Willie King in cycling, Second-year Business Administration major Luke Faxon-St. Georges in tennis, First-year Career Exploration major Russell Ormsby in track and field, Fourth-year Biomedical Photography major Justin Davis in men's volleyball, First-year Prebaccalaureate student Amy Baxter in women's volleyball and Sixth-year Master of Science in Secondary Education major Duane Syles in water polo.

In order to attend the Games in Rome, participants must be outstanding athletes and have a minimum of 55dB hearing loss in the better ear.

"Age is not a requirement," said NTID Marketing Communications and Media Relations Specialist Frank Kruppenbacher. "There are people in bowling that are 60, even 70 years old."

A major obstacle for athletes selected for the USA Team is funding. NTID Center on Employment advisor and silver medalist, John Macko, calculates that every player on both the Men's and Women's Volleyball team must raise \$3500 to go. This money pays for training camp, round trip airfare to Rome, amenities and insurance.

"Insurance is necessary because if an athlete is injured while playing in the Games, [the people who run the Games] are like 'sorry, you're on your own,'" said Kruppenbacher.

Third-year Applied Computer Technology major Matthew Pocci will bowl for the U.S. team. Along with the other bowlers, Pocci has to raise \$4400. The six to eight bowling balls he must bring with him added an extra expense.

"When I was a student [at RIT], I used to raise money by having bowl-a-thons," said Macko. "I held a couple fundraising events where one kid I knew had leukemia, so my volleyball team came to town and we raised money for the Leukemia Society. This boy received 50 percent of the money we raised and we kept the other 50 percent."

Participation has increased over the past three Games. Since 1989, the number of countries registering for the Games has risen from 45 to 85. The number of athletes on the roster has almost doubled from 2500 in 1989 to 4000 this year.

"Not only are you competing against teams, but you are meeting deaf people from all over the world," said Macko, "On the floor, we're enemies, but off the floor, we're friends. We're friends for life."

The Games also help put into perspective deaf culture around the world.

"I learned in Russia, the top job a deaf person can get is to become a cook. All kinds of good wrestlers come out of Iran, but that is all they do. Wrestle."

The American athletes are often engineers or lawyers.

"From my experience [in the Games], I realized that deaf and hard of hearing people in America have so many opportunities compared to deaf and hard of hearing people in other countries," said Macko.

Kruppenbacher agreed.

"While they do not have all the sports the Olympics have, it is still a great opportunity for deaf or hard of hearing athletes," he said.

NEWS WORLD ASKEW

by jason pacchiarotti



SELCUK, TURKEY – The 100 year-old Turkish sport of camel wrestling is most popular during winter, when farmers have little to do. Fortunately, it also happens to be camel mating season. Male camels are more than willing to wrestle each other for reproductive dominance. More than 10,000 people watched the latest match on January 22, which ended in a draw as neither camel fell to the ground, cried out in frustration, or ran out of the arena.

LONDON, ENGLAND – A new species of dinosaur was discovered in Madagascar on January 28. It was named *Masiakasaurus knopfleri*. That may not seem unusual for the scientific name of a species, but the origin of the name is a bit unusual. The name comes from the lead singer Mark Knopfler, of the 80's British rock band Dire Straits, whose music was being played on the dig site when the dinosaur was discovered.

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN – The movie "Titanic" has caused the arrest of dozens of barbers and young men by religious police. Afghanistan, ruled by the strictly Islamic Taliban, forbids Western influence. After seeing the movie "Titanic," scores of young men in Afghanistan have been flocking to barbers to get the "Leo Do" from the movie. Barbers giving the haircut and anyone with the haircut are being arrested.

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK – A man was burned to death on January 28 while attempting a mid-winter barbecue in this suburb of New York City. In an attempt to cut back on cooking time, the unidentified man used kerosene instead of lighter fluid to ignite his barbecue. The resulting explosion hurled him 20 feet into the back wall of his house and caused a fire-ball that could be seen and heard over a mile away. It is not clear exactly how much kerosene was used.

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI – The fully clothed, skeletal remains of Calvin Wilson were found on Wednesday, January 24. Wilson had been missing for 15 years before workers, renovating a historic building, found his remains inside a chimney. Police theorize that Wilson was attempting to burglarize the building when he became lodged in the chimney, unable to move, and eventually died in that position. Breezes from a nearby river probably swept away the odor of the decomposing body.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – Where is Crocodile Dundee when you really need him? On January 29, a woman and her dog sat fishing peacefully along an Australian river. When a crocodile appeared from the water, he snatched the dog by the head, and dragged him to the bottom of the river. Shanock (the dog) was never seen again.

LONDON, ENGLAND – A ring, lost for over a year and a half, has turned up lodged in the bottom of a boot. Just prior to Katie Smith and Dave Gould's 10,000-mile, 'round the world journey, Katie's ring fell off and was lost. After walking along the River Nile, across a desert and halfway up a Costa Rican mountain, the couple returned home to England. Upon cleaning the mud from his boots, Dave found the \$45 ring lodged in the caked mud and dirt. "It's a miracle it stayed in one piece after the pounding it took," Smith told reporters.

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BRICK BEAT

by steven towle

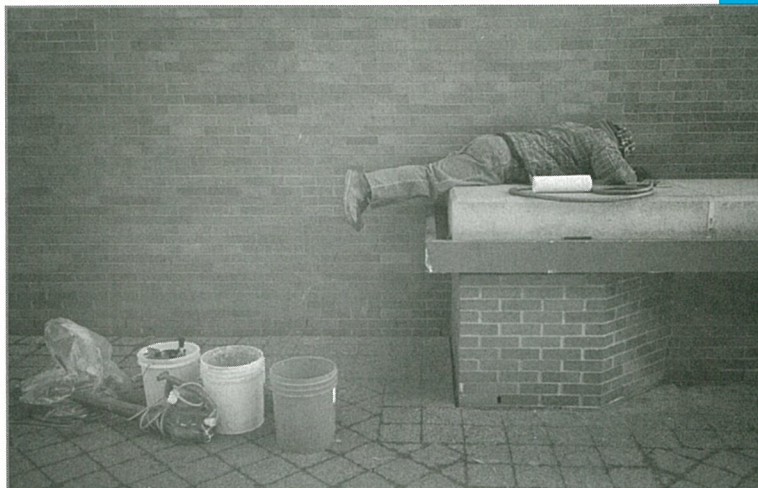


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GAS LINE LEAK WILL BE REPAIRED

During routine inspections Physical Plant discovered a small leak in the gas line that supplies the Eastman Building. Temporary repairs were made immediately, but portions of the pipe will have to be replaced completely. These repairs will begin on February 5 and last until February 13. The work will be performed on the quarter mile between the Eastman Building and the SAU. While the construction odors may drift into the SAU, officials say there is no health risk to the occupants of the building.

LOCAL GRADUATE RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Julie Leiston, a graduate of Churchville-Chili High School, has become the first recipient of the Daniel Pasto Co-op Fellowship Award. She has spent the winter quarter researching the kinetics of emulsion polymerization. Daniel Pasto received a B.Sc. in chemistry from RIT in 1958. When he died in 1999, he left the chemistry department \$100,000 for the fellowship. The recipient student researcher receives \$2,500, and spends one quarter working full-time on a selected project.

PHOTO: JACQUELYN MARTIN



V-Day's mission is simple. Valentine's Day is Violence Day until violence against women stops.

V-Day began in 1998, with the first production of the *Vagina Monologues* at Madison Square Garden, with celebrities such as Bette Midler and Whoopi Goldberg cast for roles in the play.

Eve Ensler, the playwright, then used the play as a catalyst strengthen awareness. In successive years, satellite performances have continued to spread the message.

Violence against girls and woman expresses itself in many ways. In America, rape and domestic violence are the primary association. However, there are many other just as prevalent issues affecting women around the world.

Time has come for the fight to go worldwide.

"The *Vagina Monologues*" is an award winning play that "delves into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences." The play, one critic said, "has the power to galvanize and inspire a powerful sense of self and activism." Its purpose is to raise awareness and funds to stop violence against women.

On a large scale, this year, organizations have branched out in an effort to extend the movement and it's message to cultures around the world.

As the playwright, Eve Ensler produced her play in small towns and large cities all around the world, she received first hand input about the destructive personal, social, political and economic consequences violence has against women in diverse countries. Hundreds of women told their

stories of rape, incest, domestic battery and genital mutilation. It was then, Ensler decided that something widespread needed to be done.

In order to translate its mission into action, V-Day established the V-Day fund. The fund allocates resources to global grassroots groups that work to end the atrocities against women. To raise the money, activists are planning events. 'Vagina Monologues' is used as the centerpiece of most of these events.

The 'celebrations', as they are called, will take form in all shapes, sizes and intensity. Large, weekend long festivals will communicate the same message as small presentations of the play. In some countries, the situations are too dangerous publicly present the 'Vagina Monologues'. There, there will be private, underground readings of the play.

The list of participating international cities totals 21. The diverse list gives a glimpse to the intensity of the message. Included are cities such as Bombay, India, Bosnia, Sarajevo, and Capetown, South Africa to name a few. Activists are hoping that the event's impact will be two-fold. Not only will the celebrations raise money for local anti-violence agencies, but they will also inspire involvement in the monumental plight.

V-DAY AT RIT

February 14, 2000. A showing of *Vagina Monologues* was so popular that people were turned away at the door.

On February 14, 16, 17 2001 at 8 p.m., Ingle Auditorium will once again be full. Julie White, coordinator of RIT Women's Center hopes to reach the greatest amount of people this year, noting the success of last year's production.

"Not only is it a great educational experience, but also an fundraising opportunity," she said.

White hopes to raise a total \$3,600 for local agencies. Among the recipients are Alternatives for Battered women, Rape Crisis Services and Advocacy Service for Abused Deaf Victims.

White brought the production to RIT last year when she witnessed the impact of the play at Cornell University. In response to the production, the community there gathered and began a movement to stop violence against women.

Besides the three productions of *Vagina Monologues*, there will be various events in the V-Day Festivities:

Feb 12, 13 and 14

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Feb 14, 16, 15 (8pm) performances

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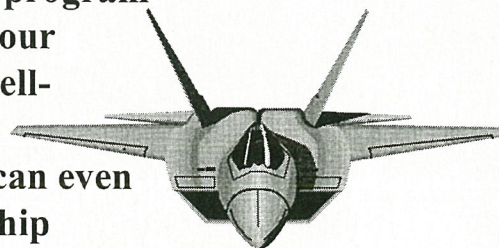
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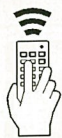
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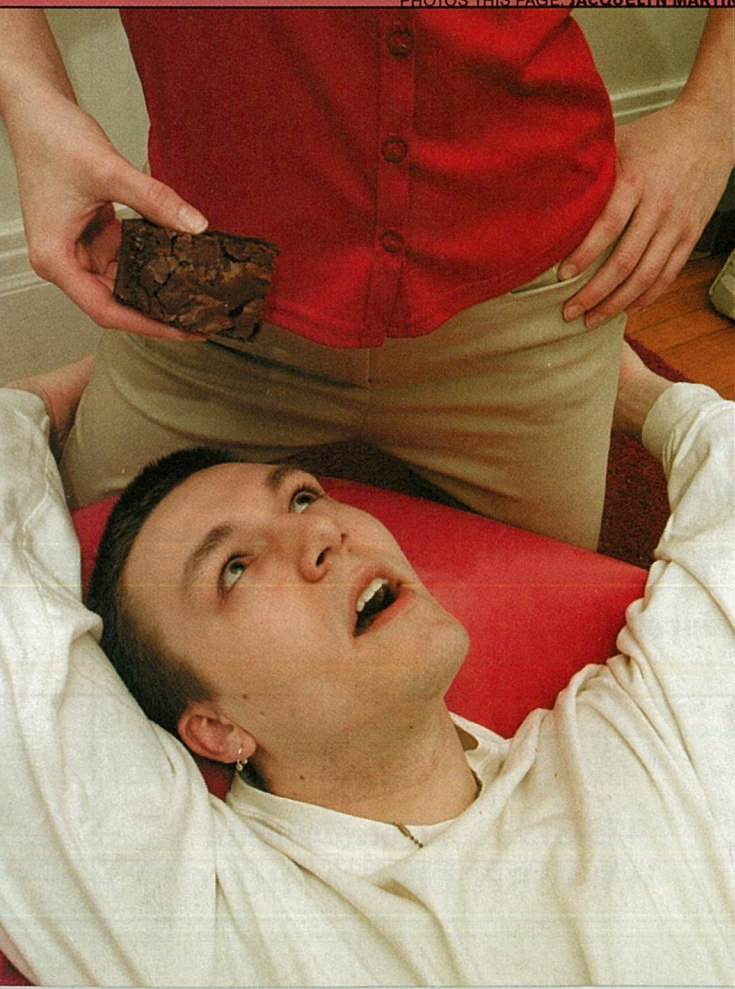
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YOUR MAN by chris wiltz

It's February 14th, you've bought the cute balloons, roses, candies, or whatever else CVS had on sale, but somehow it doesn't seem enough.

Ladies what you really want to know is not how to placate your boyfriend but, dare I say it, how to actually please him. After all he goes through for you, the embarrassing "I love you" over the cell phone with all of his friends listening, the countless hours in the mall watching you shop, and just walking the tightrope everyday to keep you happy.

Keep reading ladies, and I'll tell you the one special thing you can do for your man this year that is guaranteed to make him happy (Minds out of the gutter! I'm not going to tell them to do that).

Given the fact that I'm not exactly the irresistible ladies man I may present myself to be, I thought it would be good to ask some of the guys around campus what it is a lady could do for them to make them happy on Valentine's Day.

Imagine my complete surprise (sarcasm) when I heard "Uhh, I don't know" enough times to apply for a spot in the Guinness Book of Records, followed closely in second by several mentions of that ever so sacred and cherished word (more sarcasm) "sex".

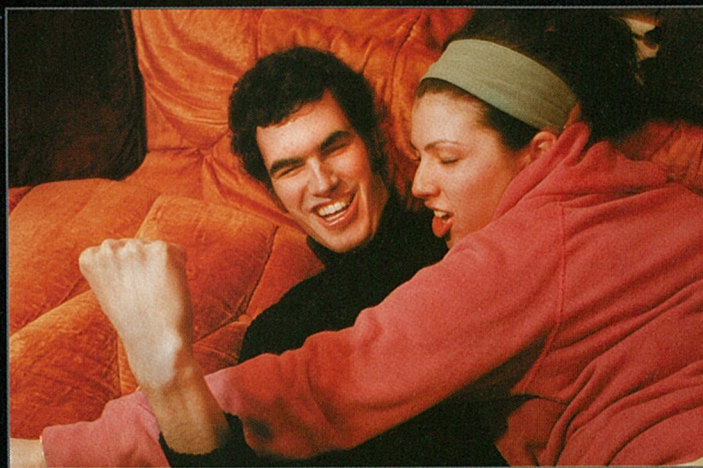
There was one mention of "Victoria's Secret". I guess its pretty easy to judge who really has a girlfriend around here despite the ratio. Guys if you don't how a lady should please you how in the world are they supposed to know?

Alas, while wading through the waters of shallowness I managed to swim out into the deep section of the lake and find a real answer to what makes guys happy on Valentine's Day.

"I find just the simple fact that I'm with my girlfriend to be the most pleasing thing on Valentine's Day" said Mark Nacey a first year Applied Photography student. "My girlfriend and I have this teddy bear that we exchange back and forth every year."

Ladies, what Mark and others like him are saying is all men really need on Valentine's Day is your presence. Dinner and a night out may be all he needs (besides sex) on this day for lovers.

When February 15 rolls around a real man will cherish the fact that he was with you. Being a male myself I can truly say that seeing you smile will please your man more than any fleeting physical engagement or CVS special.



YOUR WOMAN by tiffany swasta

As all you men out there know, or should know, Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. So maybe you're not sure what to do for that special someone or maybe you don't know what would be an appropriate gift. Well, I'm a woman and these are some of my suggestions for you.

IF YOU ARE FRIENDS BUT YOU MIGHT WANT MORE
Your best bet might be to stick to the more traditional gift ideas. Roses are a thoughtful gift; women always love getting flowers. A box of chocolates or a teddy bear are safe gifts as well. Dedicating a song to her on the radio and then being there when it plays is a sweet gesture.

IF YOU ARE IN AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP
Some crazy, sexy gift ideas might be a good choice. Lingerie is a gift that sends the right signals. It makes a woman feel sexy, but think more along the lines of Victoria's Secret and not Fredericks of Hollywood. Pretty, elegant lingerie is the way to go. Other fun ideas to spice up the night are edible undies, flavored body paint, or coupons for "special" favors.

IF YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP
This is where you need to come up with creative ideas or ones that will mean a lot. Something memorable that will make the night special. In general surprises are a great way to get things started. Maybe a chain of notes that leads up to something special or even you. A poem that you wrote left somewhere for her to find, or a song that you can sing for her could mean a lot more than a box of chocolates. Filling her room with balloons or flowers would be a surprise she'd be sure to remember. There are many more romantic and creative ideas to deepen a relationship. These are just the few that I thought of.

MAKING THE NIGHT SPECIAL

Well, there are a lot of options to make the night memorable. Dinner should be special. If you're a guy who can cook, a nice romantic gesture would be to prepare dinner for your Valentine and then dine in candlelight. Otherwise take her out to a nice restaurant and treat her to whatever she wants. The nicer the atmosphere the better. Another good idea is to give your sweetheart a nice massage. So get those hands warmed up and rub your woman down. Not only will you relax her, you'll set the mood. Renting a romantic movie will give the two of you a chance to cuddle and relax. A few good movie ideas are: *Say Anything*, *Roman Holiday*, *Romeo and Juliet* (the modern version), *Dirty Dancing*, *Ghost*, or *Princess Bride*.

What would make the night special is something romantic from the heart like a self-written poem or song, or some expression of how much you care for her. For most girls this would be the sweetest thing. Also, don't forget that women enjoy intimacy, too, especially on the day made for lovers. So treat your Valentine right and set aside an intimate time for the two of you to be alone. Make the night special by being spontaneous or by doing something unique and different. If you do it will become a night to remember.

Oh, and if you're not sure what NOT to do here's a quick list of no-no's?

First of all don't forget what day it is. Don't buy trashy lingerie. Fast food does not count as dinner. Don't expect sex just because, and remember that meaningful gifts are better than thoughtless expensive ones.

LEISURE THE \$20 VALENTINE DATE

by bryan hammer

ILLUSTRATION: KEITH AVERY

Ok boys and girls, it's that time again...Valentines Day. For some of you it's an exciting time where you can't wait to surprise your sweetheart with that special gift or night out on the town.

And then there are those of you desperately trying to make your bank accounts last till the end of the quarter. Valentine's Day leaves you panicking, and wracking your minds trying to think of a thoughtful romantic date without spending the last of your quarter's budget. Hopefully this Valentine's Day Edition of the \$20 date will help.

This time the menu will be Pasta with Alfredo sauce with a dessert of Chocolate Covered Strawberries. No way you say: oh yes, it is possible my friend. Here's what you'll need: box of pasta (\$1.29), a jar of Alfredo sauce (\$3.19), a Hershey bar (\$.99), and strawberries (I got a serving of these at the Crossroads for \$1.89). If you're lucky, and think ahead you might find a time when Gracie's is serving strawberries so you won't have to buy them.

You can make this meal in the microwave or a hotpot. A hotpot is much faster and much easier, so if you don't have one try and find someone on your floor who does. First, fill the hotpot with water leaving about two inches from the top because you're going to need room for it to boil up when you put in the pasta. Once your water is boiling, add a little less than half the pasta and some salt. The salt will keep the pasta from sticking to your pot.

Without turning down the temperature let the pasta cook for about eight minutes. After it's done drain the water making sure you don't loose your pasta in the sink. Then rinse the pasta with hot water. Get a large bowl or Tupperware container and place some of the sauce in the container. Heat the sauce for about a minute in the microwave. After this is done add the pasta and mix it up. If you'd like add a little pepper for some more flavor.

For the chocolate covered strawberries your going to need the hotpot, and a regular coffee mug. Before you start, take a plastic bag and put it on top of a plate, you'll need to put a light coating of butter on the plastic so you'll have some place for the strawberries to go once they're dipped. (if you don't have any butter take it from Gracie's) Next, place about an inch of water in the hotpot and turn it on high. Break up the chocolate bar, and put the pieces in the mug. Place the mug in the hotpot. If it helps you can put just a splash of milk in the mug to help make the chocolate easier to mix. Soon the water will boil and melt the chocolate into a paste. Using a fork or toothpicks, dip the pieces of strawberries into the melted chocolate. Once the strawberries are coated then you can place them on the butter coated plastic bag. When all the pieces are done place them in the refrigerator, and let them sit OVERNIGHT. Yes, this means you have to do this a day in advance.

So there you go, so far you've spent \$7.36 and made your meal and dessert, which is half the battle. For the rest of the night you can rent a movie for about \$4.00 or go to Movies 10 for the same amount, which puts you at \$11.39. Now this is Valentines Day, so you've got to do the whole roses thing. Well, I've seen single roses for \$3.99 at the corner store, and about the same at Wegman's so that will bring you to about \$15.39. Yes a dozen roses is wonderful I'm sure, but your sweetheart is just going to have to understand that your social life is not being sponsored by your parents. So hopefully your date is a success, and you've still got \$4.61 in your pocket. You can use this to get a few cups of coffee, a pint of ice cream, or if your date is going down the drain keep the cash and just end the night right there and come out a little ahead. Again the key to this is to use your imagination, and be creative. Your sweetheart will enjoy it that much more if you use your own special touch.



PLAYLISTS SONGS TO BANG TO

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There are so many that could have been included, this is just the surface. First of all, "Let's Get it On" by Marvin Gaye does not even have to be listed. It's a classic and every self-respecting person who enjoys sex should keep it in heavy rotation.

TESTOSTERONIAL

Submitted by George Valenti

1. The Staple Singers, "I'll Take You There"
2. Curtis Mayfield, "Superfly"
3. The Temptations, "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone"
4. John Lee Hooker and Bonnie Raitt, "I'm In the Mood"
5. Barry White, "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe"
6. Red Hot Chili Peppers, "Soul to Squeeze"
7. Muddy Waters, "I Just Want to Make Love to You"
8. Jimi Hendrix, "Bold As Love"
9. Black Crowes, "She Talks To Angels"
10. Ben Harper, "Please Me Like You Want To"
11. Bob Marley, "No Woman, No Cry"
12. Tony Bennett, "It Had To Be You"
13. Frank Sinatra, "All of Me"
14. Duke Ellington, "Mood Indigo"
15. Miles Davis, "All Blues"

ESTROGENIC

Submitted by Erin Wigger

1. Al Green, "Love and Happiness"
2. Enigma, "Mea Culpa"
3. Elvis Costello, "I Want You"
4. D'Angelo, "Untitled (How does it feel)"
5. Van Morrison, "Crazy Love"
6. B.B. King & Etta James, "Something on your mind"
7. Sade, "By Your Side"
8. Jonny Lang, "Wander This World"
9. Beth Orton, "Love Like Laughter"
10. Gladys Knight & The Pips, "Midnight Train to Georgia"
11. Big Mama Thornton, "Hound Dog"
12. Chris Isaak, "Baby Did a Bad Bad Thing"
13. Maxwell, "This Woman's Work"
14. Aretha Franklin, "Do Right Woman, Do Right Man"
15. Mazzy Star, "Fade Into You"



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VIVA VAGINA

by ryan kiddler

The Vagina Monologues, a play written by Eve Ensler, is fast becoming the flagship tool in the international fight against violence towards women. Sponsored by the Tides Foundation, the play is part of a larger celebration of "Victory over Violence" called V-Day. V-Day takes place on Valentine's Day, when Ensler's international phenomenon is scheduled to be performed at RIT.

Directed by Samantha Gibson and sponsored by the RIT Women's Center, the play is a collection of women talking about their vaginas. The thinking behind this is that if women can't even say the word "vagina," they will never be able to discuss domestic abuse, genital mutilation, or rape.

"We have to say it's alright to talk about it," said Gibson.

Gibson, a staff interpreter, majored in acting at Wright State University. NTID senior Julie Stewart is helping Gibson as her assistant director.

"I feel the show is for us to tell the story of these women who are oppressed. We can't allow the continued oppression of women's sexuality," said Stewart.

Ensler began the Tides Foundation and V-Day with *The Vagina Monologues* at the center. She felt it necessary to use the success of the show to benefit the end of violence towards women.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a woman is raped in America every 2 minutes. Gibson wants the audience to realize that every woman has a story; it is never an isolated incident.

"Every person in this cast has someone they know that has been abused."

Many of the actors performing in the show are going to be on stage for the first time. Gibson said that acting for the first time in front of an audience while discussing something this sensitive takes a great deal of courage and this is the exact kind of courage women around the world need to have when discussing these topics.

According to the Tides Foundation, Valentine's Day will be known as V-Day "until the violence stops." They believe that women themselves are responsible for ending violence against women.

Gibson said, "Women oppress women by allowing this to happen." This is the very spirit of V-Day and *The Vagina Monologues*. The V is a celebration of "Victory over Violence, Valentine's Day, and of course, Vaginas!"

Support for the organization and the show is gained by celebrity readings. The show is currently playing off-Broadway and past stars have included Calista Flockhart and Lily Tomlin. A special benefit performance of the show is being held this year at Madison Square Garden on February 10. The all-star cast includes Oprah Winfrey, Queen Latifah, Glenn Close, Winona Ryder and Rosie Perez.

The show was performed last year at RIT to packed audiences. It is presented in spoken English and American Sign Language simultaneously, adding to the distinctiveness of the production.

"People came all the way from Syracuse and Buffalo just to see the show," said Gibson.

This year, the show will be performed February 14 (V-Day), 16 and 17 in Ingle Auditorium. Admission will be \$3 with all proceeds benefiting the Rochester Battered Women's Shelter.



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ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

You will be showered with gifts this coming Valentine's Day. However, they will shower you from off of a very high shelf. This unfortunate accident will leave you humbled and hopeless in the hospital (that's alliteration). But while in intensive care, you will fall in love with the orderly that changes your bedpan. Love will bloom until you learn that this person isn't an orderly after all, just a really scary and troubled individual that roams the hospital.



TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 20)

I don't know how you stand it. This is the toughest time of the year for you, because everyone wants to be your valentine. Who can blame them, you *are* pretty fly. Try not to wear yourself thin with all the dates that you will no doubt go on, as you will need your energy for those late night "reindeer games." You know what I mean. Oh by the way, keep saving your money for that much awaited "Love Across America" tour you plan to go on.



GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21)

Don't let your chronic bad breath hold you back. This Valentine's Day, drink half a bottle of Peppermint Schnapps, and hopefully that will cover the sewage treatment plant that is your mouth. Most people will steer clear of you on the 14th, but one timid individual will take a chance on going out with you. Tell your mom thanks, and take her out to a nice dinner.



CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You realize that dyslexia you have. But you meet will someone that thinks Yoda he is. Work out everything will. Don't forget that the moon is in your house, so tell that freeloading punk to get the hell out. This Valentine's Day, try something new. GO OUT.



LEO (JULY 23-AUGUST 22)

If there was ever a time to go on a Temptation Island style bone-a-thon, it's now. Like I said last time, you are not very smart, but you are cute, so get out there and put your thang down. Even if you are in a relationship, you can still cheat and get away with it. And even if you do get caught, you can just tell them you didn't meant to cheat, and they'll believe you, because they know you're slow.



VIRGO (AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)

You have a hard time not listening to what people say. But with the help of some medication and intensive shock therapy, you finally stop hearing voices. Unfortunately, you were in love with one of those voices, and now you will be forever heartbroken. But you will meet someone that will take something away from you that you have been trying to get rid of for a long time. Congratulations.



LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 23)

Exciting times await you in the world of love. Not only will you get to go out with the person of your dreams, you will never wake up from that dream. But being in a coma isn't bad, because if you were awake, you'd be really disappointed by how much your real love life sucks. But you will wake up, and upon realizing your true suckiness, you will beat yourself in the head until you succumb to unconsciousness again.



SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)

After an all-night binge of strawberry daiquiris, you have a hallucinogenic episode where Webster (yes Emmanuel Lewis) will explain to you how important it is to never wear clothes. You will heed the advice of the little genius, and will never wear clothes again. Somehow you will start a nudist revolution, and on Valentines, you will be surrounded by your people. And all of you will be naked.



SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)

I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there will be many people vying for your attention this Valentines Day. The bad news is they are all inmates in the local penitentiary. One inmate in particular will get your attention. Upon their parole, the two of you will meet, and make sweet prison love all night long.



CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

After watching *Rugrats In Paris* on DVD, you will make your way to the bar this Valentines Day. While at the bar, you will meet someone named Thelma. Thelma will talk to you all night, and will constantly interrupt her train of thought by quoting "Informer" by Snow. One sentence will go like this: "You know, just be patient and love will come to you. I was telling my cousin—I LICK YOUR BOOM BOOM DOWN! I'm sorry, what was I saying?"



AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 18)

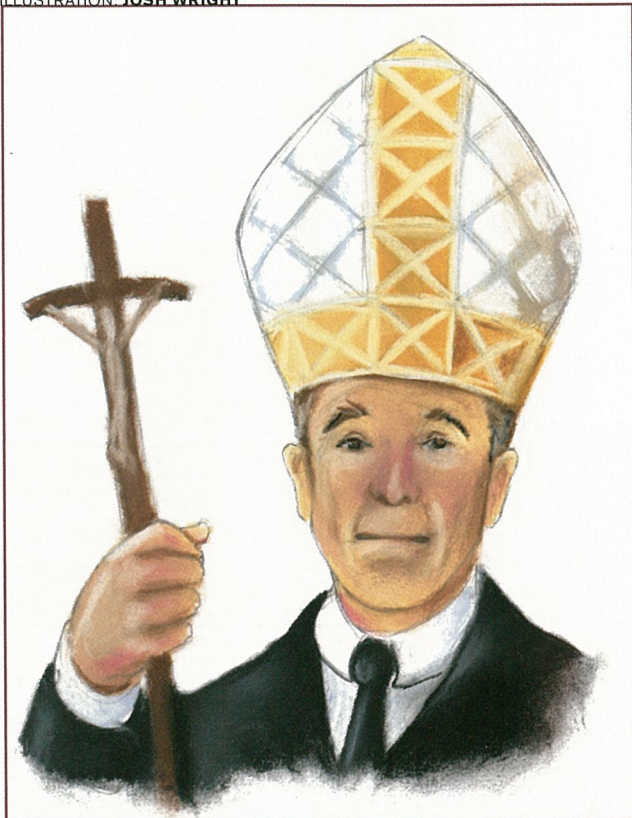
You will fall in love with the delivery person from Domino's Pizza. You will continue to order pizza until your house is full of boxes. You will finally get up the courage to ask the delivery person out, but they will tell you that they are already in a relationship. They are married to Domino's, and that will always be their first and only love. Don't be saddened though, they will always give you discounts on your orders.



PISCES (FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)

Nobody does it like you, and this month is no exception. This month you will meet new people every week. Of course they will be at your weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, so they're not really eligible to date, but at least you're not dancing at bars for spare change anymore. Your only true love, "the bottle," will beckon you all month, but you must resist. Unless you really want to drink, in which case, have at it!

ILLUSTRATION: JOSH WRIGHT



Two of the most controversial topics in society today are religion and politics. After the political controversy surrounding the election of our new President George W. Bush has now opened himself up to religious controversy too.

At the beginning of the second week of his presidency Bush has named Political Science Professor John J. Dilulio Jr. as the head of the first federal office to promote integration of religious groups into federally financed social services. The main issue that will surround this program will be the separation of church and state.

What is the current status of the separation of church versus state regarding federal funding to religious groups for social services?

In 1996 congress passed a welfare reform law that contained a "Charitable Choice" provision. The legislation allowed religious groups to compete for federal funds from the Department of Health and Human Services. The religious groups involved may sustain their religious beliefs, but they can not use the funds to promote their religion. They are also prohibited from denying clients based on their religion. Newly confirmed Attorney General John Ashcroft, who at the time was a Senator, was a supporter of the legislation.

What is President Bush's plan for allocating funds to these groups?

President Bush's goal, or as he might put it "vision", for this program is to encourage private charitable groups to provide more social services. This does not just include certain religious groups. All religious groups, as well as non-religious groups may apply for government funds. They will be allocated money by their performance, and held to certain standards. This will be monitored through developing an evaluation system, and determining if the group is producing desired results.

Most of the details of Bush's plan have yet to be hashed out. Many of the aspects that he has proposed include tax breaks for both individuals and corporations. For example raising the cap on charitable deductions from corporation, creating credit against state taxes for contributions for these organizations, and allowing senior citizens to contribute money from their personal retirement accounts without tax penalties. Legislation will first have to be passed in order for President Bush's plan to be put into action.

Even though there are many concerns surrounding negative aspects of this

program, some more liberal lawmakers are open to the idea. For example Senator Charles E. Schumer Dem. NY thinks that the notion is worth exploring under the condition that the separation of church and state is maintained. He has also gained some support on the issue from Senator Edward M. Kennedy Dem. MA, who tends to be one of the more liberal members of the senate. The main issue will involve how much religion is introduced in these programs. President Bush commented that "Government, of course, cannot fund, and will not fund, religious activities." Whether religion comes into play would be based on the restraints the

government will put on these funds. One of Bush's aides commented that even though faith based organizations would get some of the funding for social services there should also be non-secular alternatives for people to receive these types of services. With President Bush pursuing many conservative issues in his first week in office he is now looking to find some common ground issues with Democrat lawmakers. This program may be one of them if he takes a more liberal stance on how to implement his proposed program and works hard at maintaining a separation of church and state. It may also gain him support from minority groups, who tend to benefit more from such a program. For example the charitable choice legislation from 1996 has to be more helpful to urban churches in poor economic sectors, where the church better knows the needs of the people.

One thing is for certain about Bush's program. That is in order for it to be passed he will not only necessary to obtain support from his party, but also that of the Democrats. In order to do that he will have

to make sure the plan includes strict regulations on how money is dispersed to organizations, and that it is used properly by these organizations. The details of this topic are sure to unfold in the coming months.

SAVING THE WORLD ONE SITE AT A TIME

Some would charge that the world is going to hell in a handbasket. Our waters are polluted, our politicians corrupt, and our corporations have run amok.

Not to mention all of the war ravaging, human rights violating, and people starving.

Yet, for all of the despair that the world has to offer, there is also an incredible amount of good. For each individual who throws his hands in the air, there are ten more who are willing to stand up and fight for what they believe in.

As college students, it is easy to become immersed in the day-to-day, forgetting to look beyond books and beer to the world beyond. Recently student activism has become one of the most powerful forces in society.

Not since the sixties have there been so many causes to believe in and so many giants to slay. From WTO to George W., student uprisings have become more and more common, and with each one comes a feeling of

unparalleled empowerment.

After all, there is no feeling akin to hearing one's voice, clear and strong, echoing back on the winds of change.

For many students, there is a definite desire to do something, but the dizzying array of information can be daunting. From saving the rainforest to saving the children, where exactly does one begin?

To find an answer, this writer spent a long afternoon on the Internet, hopping from one site to another. What follows is a very simplified explanation of several of today's most prominent activist organizations. Getting involved is up to you.

It is worthwhile to note that many of the sites offer career and internship opportunities.

May injustice tremble at the mere sound of your name. •

WWW.RUCKUS.ORG

Similar to STARC, the Ruckus Society seeks to end corporate globalization. Founded in 1995, the group sees "direct action as the catalyst for social change." Over the summer, the Society will hold an activist seminar. Among the lessons taught are: blockade forming, banner making, rappelling, and guerilla theater. The theme for 2001 is "Spank the Bank." Check it out. Everyone should know about guerilla theater.

WWW.CORPREFORM.COM

"Does the vacuous debauchery of typical spring break fare bring you down?" asked the Student Alliance to Reform Corporations (STARC) web page. If so, than STARC might be for you. The group seeks to end the capitalist pursuit of profit above all else. A great site with lots of links.

WWW.FEMINIST.ORG

The Feminist Majority definitely has a lot of eggs behind it. With philosophies such as the "feminization of power," need one say more? Nah.

WWW.FREETHEPLANET.ORG

Formed in 1995, Free the Planet is active on many college campuses, and makes sure that corporations and politicians are environmentally responsible.



WWW.JUSTACT.ORG

JustAct promotes the leadership of youth for global justice. From human rights to the environment, this group offers a little something for everyone. Over the summer, the group will host Bike-Aid, in which participants bike across the country to raise money for the organization. Riders will visit communities across the country, and meet up with other grassroots organizations along the way. Now that is a memorable summer.

WWW.SAVETIBET.ORG

Since the occupation of Tibet by China, over a million Tibetans have been killed, and unspeakable violations of human rights have occurred. Starvation, torture, the raping of women, and a virtual loss of religious freedom have many trying to free Tibet.

WWW.ACLU.ORG

The American Civil Liberties Union fights for the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of age, sex, race, gender, or criminal record. People who need people are the luckiest people....

WWW.RAN.ORG

The Rainforest Action Network. Fairly self-explanatory. Great site.

NEED SOMETHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT???

Tampons. Dioxin, the chemical used in the bleaching process, has been linked to cervical cancer and yeast infections. Does the Feminist Majority know about this?

Nike. Smells like slaves

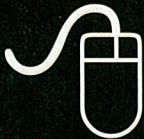
WTO/ IMF. Smells like slavetrading

Wal-Mart. Smiley-face frocks produced by slave labor and worn by sad and tired looking people. Need more be said? Nah

Arizona Jeans. Smells like slaves

GDT. Nevermind. They keep making Reporter look better and better

Chicken. Before you eat that wing, try to find out if the critter lived free-range or battery-style. Batteries are the equivalent of slums for chickens, meaning that the poor creature never got to move or see the light of day. Would you like that wing with a side of bleu cheese or a conscience?



HELP!

by shel silverstein

I walked through the wildwood, and what did I see
But a unicorn with his horn stuck in a tree
Cryin', "Someone please help me before its too late."
I hollered "I'll free you." He hollered back, "Wait—
How much will it hurt? How long will it take?
Are you sure that my horn will not scratch, bend, or break?
How hard will you pull? How much must I pay?
Must you do it right now or is Wednesday okay?
Have you done this before? Do you have the right tools?
Have you graduated from horn-savin' school?
Will I owe you a favor and what will it be?
Do you promise that you will not damage the tree?
Should I close my eyes? Should I sit down or stand?
Do you have insurance? Have you washed your hands?
And after you free me — tell me what then?
Can you guarantee that I won't get stuck again?
Tell me when. Tell me how.
Tell me why. Tell me where...."

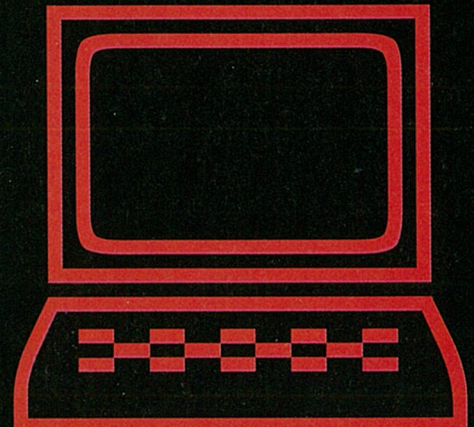
I guess that he's still sittin' there.

**"ONLY AFTER THE LAST TREE HAS BEEN CUT DOWN.
ONLY AFTER THE LAST RIVER HAS BEEN
POISONED. ONLY AFTER THE LAST FISH HAS BEEN
CAUGHT. ONLY THEN WILL YOU FIND THAT MONEY
CANNOT BE EATEN."**

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**"UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU CARES A
WHOLE AWFUL LOT, NOTHING IS GOING TO
GET BETTER, IT'S NOT."**

DR. SEUSS, "THE LORAX"





STUDENT ACTION ON CAMPUS

by antonio castillo photos by jacquelyn martin

At RIT, there exists a class that you are automatically enrolled in every quarter, with or without your permission. Some students choose to attend, while the others call it a waste of their time. The class is worth zero credit, the professors are your peers, but the knowledge and experience gained is irreplaceable. That class is Student Activism on Campus.

Student activism is a crucial component at RIT. This campus has already proved that a student voice can be heard; student involvement does make a difference. Reporter Magazine sought out some of RIT's most community minded organizations to learn a few lessons.

RIT AMBULANCE - "You're forced to deal with pressure and you have to react; afterwards you learn a lot about yourself."

RIT Ambulance, a veteran organization - operating since 1981, knows the meaning of volunteerism and devotion. The student run group carries 70 active volunteer members, all trained and certified to literally rescue the community.

In the nation, 200 schools offer some sort of Medical Emergency Response Team [MERT]. However, RIT is one of the few schools that

have an actual ambulance response team. All of the team members have their own jump bag and pager so that they are ready in case of emergency at any time of day, putting it alongside New York State's most elite collegiate EMS teams.

"We do outreach to the freshman, informing them of our services and how to respond to emergencies, such as ones that deal with alcohol," comments Chris Murtaugh, Vice President. Carissa Srugif informs us, "You're forced to deal with pressure and you have to react; afterwards you learn a lot about yourself." The RIT Ambulance volunteers realize their importance, and that they can dictate life or death for some students. "That is why we hold a very high expectation of all of our members. We want only the best for the people we serve," explains Lisa Ryder, Training Director.

The drivers are required to know all of the routes to all of the hospitals. Every member is required to know every RIT building number, where all of the elevators are located, and go through 200 hours of medical training, which is done on the members' personal time. On February 9th - 11th, the RIT Ambulance team will host the National Collegiate Emer-

RIT Ambulance Crew:

Left to Right: Carissa Srugis (2nd Yr. IT), Mike Leiston (2nd Yr. ME), Lisa Ryder (4th Yr. Biology), Chris Murtaugh (5th Yr. MIS), Dominick Fantacone (4th Yr. Biology).

gency Medical Service Foundation Conference and present their training ideas to medical organizations from across the nation. Dominick Fantacone, President, says "The knowledge, the experience, and knowing that you're helping people in their time of need is the reward for us."

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - "College students need to get involved because we are the closest ones to the future."

The Habitat for Humanity group at RIT realizes how powerful and vital student involvement can be for a bright future.

The group has a partnership in Flower City Habitat, which builds new houses for families in the Rochester area. FCH is organized in such a way that the families who will live in the houses work alongside volunteers who are building the homes. After construction is complete the houses are sold to the families through a 20-year interest free mortgage.

Mariya Kofman, a member of Habitat's Public Relations Team, says, "The purpose behind the organization is to benefit the community, and college students need to get involved because we are the closest ones to the future. I want to live in a stable, clean community which Habitat provides."

Whether or not you are a member of a club or organization on campus, you can still become part of Habitat for Humanity's effort. Habitat is perfect for those students who are desperately looking for service opportunities.

PHI SIGMA PI - "It has made me feel even more educated."

Members of the coed National Honors Fraternity, Phi Sigma Pi, realize the importance of student activism and the benefits community involvement bring.

The fraternity members know that they can make a difference. That knowledge is the reason so many of them volunteer with an organization called Hillside. Hillside takes inner-city youth to local rural areas to get away from the cement sidewalks and blaring sirens. For the last three years, the brothers of Phi Sigma Pi have gone to the farms and spent time with the Hillside youth.

"It has made me feel even more educated," explains Matt Sudol, Head of Public Relations for Phi Sigma Pi. "A lot of students get stuck in this narrow minded routine where they go to their labs, get their homework, graduate, get the good job, have a nice life. My involvement has made me feel like a broader person."

For Phi Sigma Pi education is an is not just a degree its an ambition. Brothers are required to keep a 3.0 throughout membership. Boasting their ideals of scholarship, fellowship, and leadership, Matt says, "Our group is academically driven, socially driven, and service driven."

For more information about RIT Ambulance you can contact Dominick Fantacone at daf1171@rit.edu or visit them on the web at www.rit.edu/~ritawww. To learn more about Phi Sigma Pi contact Eric Marderness at presdeltaalpha@hotmail.com. For more information about Habitat for Humanity contact Kyle Platek at rithabitat@hotmail.com. To learn more about other groups on campus visit RIT's web page at www.rit.edu/~234www/clubs/.

You may be the most outgoing or most introverted student, but it is up to you to take the initiative and decide whether or not you want to make a difference. Remember, attendance is not taken for this class, and at the end of the quarter- just a simple self-Examination.

Students For A Sensible Drug Policy members protest on Jefferson Road in May of 2000.



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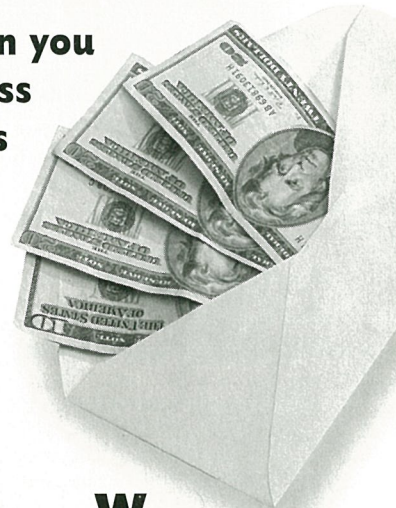
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WORD ON THE STREET

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Valentine's Day is quickly and unmercilessly approaching. This week, Reporters looks back into Valentine's Days past and asks:

"WHAT IS YOUR WORST VALENTINE'S DAY MEMORY?"



"There was a car accident with my best friend on Valentine's Day - and she's my heart."
DENISHEA FLANIGAN
1ST YR. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



"I don't really recognize Valentine's Day."
DAVE COX
3RD YR. COMPUTER ENGINEERING



"A few years ago not having a Valentine - that's about it."
MAUREEN ASHBARRY
3RD YR. NUTRITION MANAGEMENT



"No chocolate candy."
SUZANNE CASTRO
2ND YR. DIPT

"Walking in on my girlfriend having sex with another guy."
DICK JOINES
4TH YR. PACKAGING SCIENCE

"Every Valentine's Day is my worst Valentine's Day memory."
NICOLE HEIGES
1ST YR. INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

"My dog got hit by a car."
JOHN ZAFFINO
2ND YR. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

"A few years ago not having a Valentine - that's about it."
MAUREEN ASHBARRY
3RD YR. NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

"I guess I'd have to say spending it alone in Gainesville, Florida...in 1994."
DARIEN HAMMETT
GRADUATE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

"I got a can of spam. The person thought it meant special ham, but it means spiced ham. The next year I got a spatula."
ANONYMOUS

"The flowers were delivered to the wrong house - to the wrong person. She got pretty mad."
ADITYA ABBE
1ST YR. MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

"Nothing bad has really happened to me, but this year might suck."
FRANCES ASIEDU
4TH YR. BIOTECHNOLOGY

"I went to the store to get Valentine's Day cards and they were all out of Power Ranger valentines."
PATRICK BAVARO-PHELAN
4TH YR. MARKETING

"My father was in the hospital and he passed away three days later. He had a stroke."
JENNIFER TRAGGIS
2ND YR. BIOLOGY

"I don't celebrate Valentine's Day. It's a corporate holiday."
MARC ESFORMES
2ND YR. ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

"My boyfriend of three years didn't get me anything - no flowers, no present, nothing!"
CHRISTINE LARSON
3RD YR. MICRO ENGINEERING

"I don't have any bad Valentine's Day memories."
ROB CHANEY
2ND YR. COMPUTER ENGINEERING

"I'm a girl so every Valentine's Day is horrible."
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3RD YR. NEW MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

"I wanted to surprise my girlfriend so I drove up to see her in a massive blizzard."
MIKE DAVENPORT
1ST YR. ART FOUNDATIONS

"I haven't had a Valentine's."
PORTIA BLACKSTON
2ND YR. CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY



FACES OF RIT DENISHEA FLANIGAN

by Rebecca Alperstein

Over and over again you will here complaints of apathetic students and the lack of spirit at this school. Well one glaring contradiction to that statement can be found in Denishea Flanigan.

She is a student truly trying to make a difference by getting involved and her story may motivate some to do the same. A first year, international business student, Denishea or Nene, as many people call her, has always tried to do as much as she possibly could.

Her level of involvement in only her first two quarters is quite a feat. A current listing includes, SAABS (Society of African American Business Students), BACC, the Lowenthal Group, LEAD, president of the first year project for Unity House, and part of the first year interest project. She also recently participated in the date auction for the Caribbean Student Association, has a role in the upcoming Vagina Monologues, and will be performing in Unity House's upcoming tribute to black art & music and works at Margaret's House. And in her "free" time she volunteers at Hillside.

In high school she was involved in almost everything you could imagine.

"I was a cheerleader, I played basketball, I played softball, served on student council all four years, vice president of senior class, I was in the foreign language club, National Honor Society, other stuff that I don't remember. I was a mentor, I have two mentees, I still have them back at home. Volunteered just about everywhere, mainly, my main volunteer service was at community centers."

An only child from Cincinnati, Ohio Flanigan described her motivation to take on all these projects as simply a way to keep from being bored.

"I really have not too much free time, because I don't like to be bored and I don't allow myself to have free time. If I'm not there then I'm in a meeting or doing something that's like school related."

Though she does enjoy the experience of dorm life for the most part, currently residing in Unity house. Right now Flanigan is preparing for two major performances, Unity Houses' tribute to black art & music and the Vagina Monologues.

Her discovery of the Vagina Monologues came about quite unexpectedly.

"Honestly I was using the restroom. Funny to say but, there was a sign right on the door and I just looked up and oh, ah interesting. So that's how I heard about it."

She soon auditioned and was cast and so the experience began to effect her in various ways. She expressed her excitement, stating, "I find myself walking down the quarter mile saying, 'Vagina, vagina, vagina, vagina!' I say the word a lot more often now. Every time I say it, I always have a smile on my face."

Through all her activities she always keeps a strong sense of self and awareness of her environment, but doesn't let it hold her back in any sense. When people say she does too much she explains, "Well it's just what I want to do and I'm still doing my homework and still getting good grades, and when I need help I go get it. I'm allowed to and capable of doing whatever else I want to do."

As for the lack of diversity at RIT, "It doesn't really bother me. Sometimes it's like, ok, I am the only minority in my class, the only African American in my class. And sometimes I put it on myself like well, I need to make me stand out, as far as my grades and make sure that I look good so they just won't think I'm just another person in this class who's trying to get through and get past this class, that goes for teachers and students that are in this class. Sometimes I put it on me that it's my responsibility to prove who I am...but it doesn't really affect or bother me, but it's just like, ok because I am the only one I need to make myself look good and not mess up."

And don't think for a second she's ready to slow down either. One new interest on the horizon is Phi Sigma Pi (a co-ed national honor fraternity). She explained her interest this way, "I went to the informational and stuff. I was really shocked with the open arms and how the people were just so friendly, oh my god, that was like the number one eye opener, like ok, this is a group, I'm interested in now because

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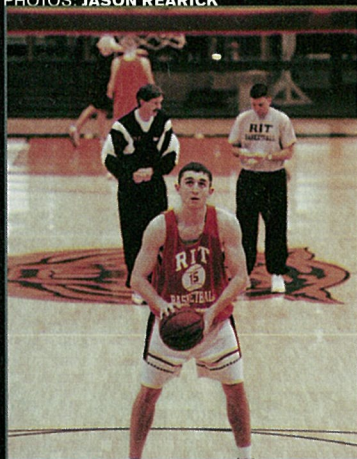
you opened yourself up to me, you know. And everyone was like that, not just five people and, you know, so it's like, every single last person, every single last person, it was kinda shocking, a little scary, but it was a very good thing to me." Some future goals she has in mind include, "Phi Sigma Pi, hopefully, I would like to join the American Marketing Association and I guess get more involved in the College Business... I want to know about stocks and stuff so maybe like the FMA group. I want to get more involved with the BACC. I really want to get involved with SG, student government, but they have their meeting when I'm at work. Then hopefully next year I can become a cheerleader." She also hopes to add to her growing collection of Barbie dolls. One thing's for sure as long as students like Flanigan continue to flood R.I.T.'s gates we'll all be better off.

Vagina Monologues: February 14th, 16th, and 17th at 8pm in Ingle Auditorium, tickets on sale Feb. 5th at the gameroom. \$3 for students \$5 General Public.
Unity House tribute to Black Art & Music: Feb. 11th, Webb auditorium, at 7•

SPORTS THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

by aaron landers and matt albrecht

PHOTOS: JASON REARICK



Welcome to the first installment of This Week in Sports. We will be providing you with the same great sports news that was found in the Pressbox, as well as a Team of the Week, a featured weekend sports match up, and the three stars of the week. Our goal is to bring you total coverage of all the sports that matter to the members of the RIT community. In order to do this, we need your help. If you are a member of a club sports team and have news, results, or anything else that you would like to see mentioned in This Week in Sports, then send the information along to Landers@reportermag.com. Thank you for reading the sports section each week. We promise to continually provide you with the most in depth sports coverage on the RIT Campus.

WOMEN'S TENNIS RECEIVES HONORS

For leading the team to a 9-1 record and a fourth place finish in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, coach **Ann Nealon** has been named the NYSWCAA Tennis Coach of the Year. **Gabi Ruiz** and **Melanie Lowe** were named as a first team doubles team. For her outstanding play and state title, Ruiz was also named first team singles, while Lowe was named second team singles.

MEN'S HOCKEY HOLDS TOP SPOT FOR ANOTHER WEEK

With a grueling 4-3 overtime win at Elmira, the Men's Hockey team retained its hold on the number one spot in the nation with an 18-0-1 record. 2:59 into the third period, **Mike Bournazakis** deflected a **Jerry Galway** slapshot into the net to extend their school record unbeaten streak to 19 games. **Ryan Fairbairn** started the scoring for the Tigers just 3:29 into the first period, and it remained 1-0 until Elmira netted two goals in the waning minutes of the second period to take a 2-1 lead. In the third, **Pete Bournazakis** scored a power play goal and **Brian Armes** tallied a goal three minutes later to push RIT ahead of Elmira 3-2. After a hooking penalty was called against the Tigers, Elmira went on a power play and scored with just 31 seconds left on the clock to send the game into overtime. **Josh Faulkner** had three assists to lead the Tiger attack.

A TIE IS BETTER THAN A LOSS

By virtue of a 1-0-2 record for the week against strong opponents, the Women's Hockey team has returned to the national rankings with a 10-3-2 record. The tenth spot in the rankings marks the second time this season the team has been ranked, having been tied with Colby College for tenth previously. The team's win came over Buffalo State 5-1. **Kelly Iagulli** led the charge for the Tigers by netting a hat-trick. Ties came against RPI (0-0) and league leading Vermont (1-1). Goaltender **Melissa Norris** turned away 29 shots against Rensselaer on Friday and blocked 39 shots against the third ranked Vermont team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS UPON HARD TIMES

After a record setting win over Hartwick College on January 20th, the team dropped their next four contests to Nazareth, Elmira, Ithaca, and Daemen. They hope to turn things around this weekend as they take on Hartwick and Utica on the road.

TEAM OF THE WEEK-MEN'S BASKETBALL

With conference road wins at Elmira and Ithaca, the Men's Basketball team raised their record in the Empire Eight Conference to 6-1 and kept alive the hope of an NCAA tournament birth. With an overall record of just 10-8, the team realizes they won't be gaining an at-large birth, and the only way they can make the tournament is a conference championship. Having only played half of their conference schedule, it will be an uphill climb, but one the team is prepared for. They have won their last six conference games and five of their last six contests as of February 1st. The team is on the road this weekend, playing at Alfred tonight and at Utica tomorrow before returning to RIT next weekend to take on conference foes Ithaca Friday at 8, and Elmira on Saturday on Saturday at 4. These are the last two regular season home games for the Tigers. Wins will help the Tigers stay in the hunt for the conference title and an NCAA bid. A loss in either will almost certainly end the squad's post season hopes. Both games promise to be good match ups that should not be missed by any RIT sports fan.

THIS WEEKEND'S HOT TICKET

With every other Tiger squad on the road this weekend, this weekend's hot ticket is the men's hockey game against Hamilton. While the two teams don't quite match up on paper, Hamilton is a tough, scrappy team that could give the Tigers some problems. An 8-4 win over Hobart on January 30 brought the Continentals up to a mediocre .500 record. A win inside the Frank Ritter Memorial Ice Arena could bring a little bit of light to a dismal season for Hamilton.

While scores from previous years mean little when predicting the outcome of a sporting event, it is important to note that the two teams tied last year 2-2 at Hamilton's Russell Sage Rink. RIT fought back from a two goal first period deficit, netting one in each of the remaining periods to level the score. The Tigers edged Hamilton just slightly in shots on goal, producing 29 to the Continentals 28.

Don't be fooled by their record. Hamilton returns 22 players from a squad that made their conference playoffs last year for the 12th time in 16 years under head coach Phil Grady. The Continentals are a team that can surprise people, so upset will definitely be on their minds as they take the ice against the Tigers. This could be a very tight game between the two teams, and if it's not, expect to see plenty of Tiger goals courtesy of one of the top offenses in the country.

The puck drops at 7:30 tomorrow night. This is one of the last chances to catch the Tigers at home during the regular season, so don't miss any of the exciting Tiger hockey action.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TARA NESBITT by aaron landers

LEAVING IT ALL... IN HER WAKE

Swimming is a sport where individuals shine. Many people forget that it is in fact a team sport. Every member must do his or her part in order for the team to be successful. One of the key elements for the women's swim team this year is sophomore Tara Nesbitt, this week's Reporter Athlete of the Week.

Nesbitt has been swimming since she was very young.

"I guess I just had the desire to be one with the water at a very early age." Her father, Ronald, a former swimmer, got his daughter into the sport, and remains one of her heroes.

"(He) was the one who helped me fulfill my love for swimming," said Nesbitt.

Last year, her first as a collegiate swimmer, Nesbitt broke four individual school records and qualified for the NCAAs. The records were the 50m backstroke, the 100m backstroke, the 200m backstroke, and the 200m individual medley.

While she has not been regularly swimming in all of these events this year, she has been dominant in the 100m backstroke, and has been a major contributor to the 200m freestyle relay team and the 200m medley relay team.

Many athletes focus on specific individual goals. Even though she does have them, Nesbitt has a bigger, self-fulfilling goal that she would like to accomplish.

"I'd like to graduate with a great sense of knowing that I worked hard during college with studies and swimming." Athletics can only take a person so far in this world, and that is why Nesbitt works just as hard on the water as she does in the classroom.

"Both years have been fantastic for me," said Nesbitt. "Our spirit as always been vibrant, but I guess this year, our spirit just decided to help us win! This year, we will finally finish the season with a winning record, so I'm pretty excited about celebrating our achievements at the end of the season with all the girls who made it happen."

Tara Nesbitt is on the fast track to being one of the top female swimmers in school history. She has already placed her mark on the record books, and she still has two more years to swim in college. Nesbitt is one of the brightest up and coming stars in women's Division III swimming, and is sure to leave many more opponents in her wake before she graduates. •

PLAYER PROFILE

NAME - Tara Nesbitt

HOMETOWN - Oakville, Ontario

SPORT - Swimming

YEAR - 2nd

MAJOR - Social Work

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SPORTS WATER POLO CLUB

by marci savage

"It was a rocky road," explained Head Coach Seth Sealfon when asked about the water polo team's season this past fall. In the end, the team showed what they were made of by winning the Division III Club National Championship in November.

Twelve teams, from all over the country, traveled to Oberlin, Ohio for three days of intense competition and many pressure filled moments. In the championship final, RIT defeated Wesleyan College 10-9. What made this victory possible were many underclassmen really stepping up to prove themselves in the tournament and contributing to the team model.

According to Sealfon, "Senior Ryan Hand showed tremendous improvement from the two-meter set position, and he led the team well, in and out of the water. Club President John Zaffino really stepped up his level of play and leadership during the tournament. He was a key factor in the team's success at Nationals. RIT had no weak links on offense or defense, resulting in a very solid starting line-up."

Sealfon felt it was very important that each player on the nineteen-man roster got a chance to play, contribute and gain experience at the National Tournament. As a result, many of the games were much closer than they might have otherwise been had he only played upperclassmen. This decision just made the weekend more exciting, sending the semi-final game into sudden death overtime, where a goal by Josh Naumen lifted RIT over Kalamazoo College, 11-10. "If players were going to travel that far, I was going to make sure that everyone got playing time."

Overall, Sealfon felt that the season went very well with consistent improvement from the underclassmen, who are the future of the program.

"The fall season unfolded exactly how I expected: a tremendous amount of hard work on each player's part, continuous personal improvement and a common team goal to capture a National Title," commented Sealfon. "In the end, they all played as a team and reached their full potential."

Club President John Zaffino added "Our good players all stepped up and our newer players also showed a level of improvement." He feels that a few of the keys to the team's success were 2-meter-set Ryan Hand and standout goalie Tom Young. He also emphasized, "Josh 'The-Pretty-One' Nauman is a very phenomenal player with a lot of skills in the water and a real head for the game."

This showed through in the teams strong performances this year, which earned them a 13-3 overall record and the national title. Four players were named to the Division III Club All-American Team. They are Josh Nauman, Ivan Puchades, Ryan Hand and Tom Young. Coach Sealfon was elected Coach of the Year and recently received his award at the National Coaching Convention in Burlingame, CA on January 19.

THE ROAD AHEAD

The upcoming spring season, which starts during spring break with an intense training trip to Florida, is eight weeks long. While in Florida, the players have five games on their schedule and six days of double practices, giving them a lot of time to improve their skills.

Even though the spring season is only an invitational season, the team still practices regularly and competes in many tournaments.

"I expect a lot of underclassmen to develop their skills and game experience this Spring so that we can have a successful Fall Season in 2001," stated Sealfon. "We tear it up in the spring season because it starts early with our week long Florida training trip where we massively improve our skills," added Zaffino.

Make sure that in the spring, you come to the pool and support the water polo team. While you are there, I assure you that you will see a great game. Their only home tournament this spring is April 20-22. Don't miss the action!•

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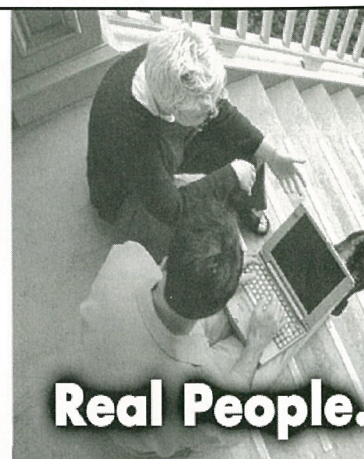
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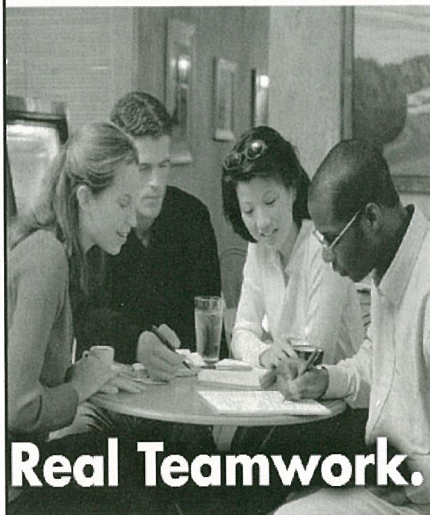
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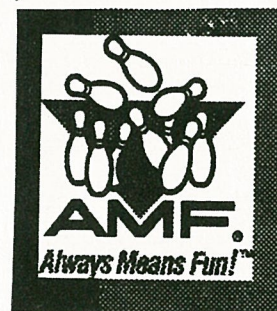
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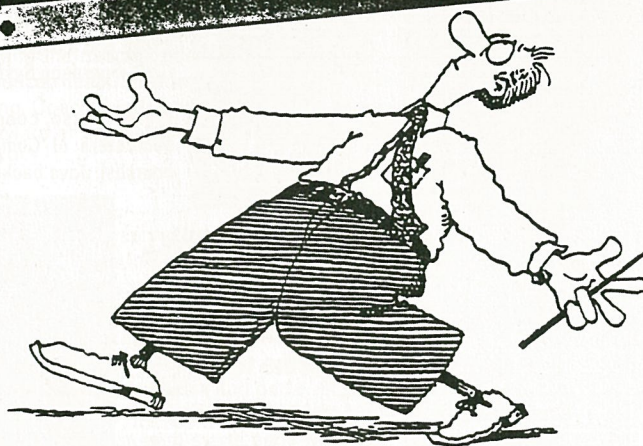


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LANE**

\$25.00

EXTREME BOWLING



9pm 12am

You get:

**Unlimited bowling
Rental shoes
Pitcher of Pop
Large Pizza**

TUESDAY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

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FEELING THE 'RITIS? aimlessboy@hotmail.com

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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

AGES 18-40

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Fri. Feb.9

Club Day

RHA Vegas Night

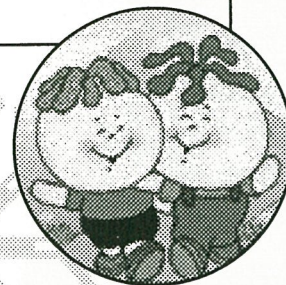
SAU Cafeteria
8pm \$5



Tues., Feb.13

Love Day

Starting Jan. 9th - All organizations sign up in the CAB Office to run an activity w/ Rochester Children and help spread the love



Sat. Feb10

Cultural Spotlight Series -



-is an interactive performance dialogue.
-with five actors where hard ?'s are asked and answered
8pm(Ingle Aud.)
\$5 Students
\$8 Faculty/Staff/Alumni,
\$10 Public

Thur., Feb.15

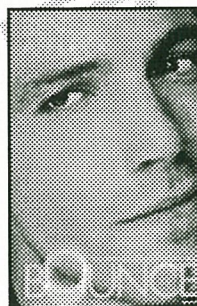
Peter Scahill

Juggler, stilt walker & more
FREE!!
8pm
The College Grind

Fri & Sat., Feb.15 & 16

Bounce

\$1
Shows at 7pm & 9pm
Webb. Aud.



Sat. Feb10

Ben Harper

-Tickets:
\$10 Students
\$15 Faculty/Staff/
Alumni
\$20 Public

-Clark Gym
-Doors open at 7pm,
Show starts at 8pm



Sat. Feb. 16

BACC PRESENTS:

Atomic Bomb Unity Jam

\$5 for everyone
10pm - 3am
SAU Cafe
Tickets on sale @ the door

Black Awareness Coordinating Committee



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All events subject to change. Based on information available 1/2/01. Tickets may be charged in the SAU Game Room; call 475-2239(v/tty). CalendaRIT is a paid advertisement from the Center for Campus Life.

