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Editorial

There's Something About Rochester

Though it's quite possibly the last thing on my mind, in less than a year I graduate, and I'll have to make a decision—do I decide to embark on new adventures in search of a career or education a distance away? Or do I continue to live, at least for a few years, in the comfortable surroundings typically called Rochester, otherwise known as my home?

I don't get the opportunity to travel often, but having visited a large metropolis or two in my day, I look at Rochester as more of a "suburban city" than one with a full-fledged designation. Think about it. New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta—these are the cities. Seattle, Cleveland, even Buffalo, my hometown—are more recognized as cities than Rochester. I doubt the majority of the national populace could even point it out on a map. In terms of size, the sheer number of things to do, and national exposure, Rochester just doesn't compare.

But to that I say, "so what?"

I've listened to friends tell me Rochester is a horrible city, or that "it sucks to live here." Really? Why? I certainly can't think of many valid reasons favoring that side of the argument. Sure, it might not be as exotic as some other cities or gather much worldwide acclaim, but does that make it bad? In my mind, a "bad" city is one where crime is out of control, the unemployment rate has skyrocketed, and the cost of living is nearly unbearable. Sure, the Golden Gate Bridge is

incredible to stare and gawk at, but my pockets aren't deep enough to cover \$1,500 a month for a small, cramped, one-bedroom apartment. I'll worry about whether I'm able to survive—financially and physically—before I move somewhere that's more "hip" and popular.

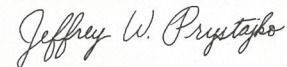
And please, don't even mention the Rochester winters. Having lived in Buffalo and its suburbs for a good 18 years, I have a right to complain, but I don't.... Much.... Ok, I bitch about them practically every day for six straight months out of the year and rejoice when I can finally see a blade of grass. I will concede that the weather is a huge turnoff for many, but please realize it's only for half the year. Besides, where in the temperate, non-snowy South can you enjoy great RIT wintry pasttimes such as practice donuts with your vehicle, build various forms of genitalia with 300 pounds of snow, or careen down slopes at a blazingly fast speed using greasy Gracies trays?

As for the local job market, Rochester (and most of New York) hasn't exactly become a haven for the high-tech industries of the 21st Century. Sure, we have Bausch and Lomb, Xerox, and Kodak, but how long will they survive? Several decades ago, Kodak used to employ one-seventh of Rochester's total workforce. In an era where a failure to compete in the business market often leads to massive job cuts, the Rochester "big three" can no longer guarantee job security like they once did.

Naturally, this truth turns many RIT students away from settling down here. I imagine that, sans some amazing job offering, I'll eventually leave Rochester for this reason. One point which is often ignored, however, is that this city is home to hundreds of smaller businesses, which may be perfect for some people's own personal needs. Rochester may not be the home of my dream company to work for, but who's to say it's not the best place for someone else?

I know that, after three full years here, I've only begun to scratch the surface of what Rochester has to offer. Take away the problems associated with its image, and also the annual fits Mother Nature plays with us, and what you have left is a city that's enjoyable and interesting to live in. I may not spend my entire life here, but I know that for as long as I stay, I'll be comfortable.

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Construction Junction, What's Your Function?

Point/counterpoint by Eric D Nelson and Will Huber

The RIT administration sent out about 20 or so e-mails over the summer, telling students all about the new RIT construction that was going on. Remember those? They're designed to let us know what's actually happening so that we won't be left in the dust too much when we come back from summer and find all sorts of new stuff. Well, e-mails are one thing, but actually seeing it with your own eye is quite another. There were many endeavors underway during the last few weeks of Spring quarter and the entirety of the summer, which included the resurfacing of Andrews Memorial Drive, the completion of the extra University Commons houses, the Gosnell reconstruction project, and many more. The largest endeavor for this new year is the new Greek Row housing project.

ERIC: The new Greek Houses are wonderful for RIT. They will help the Greeks increase their membership, which in turn will bring the community more philanthropic events.

These houses originated from students' requests derived from surveys taken by the University. Students on campus often complain that RIT is not a "real college campus"—that it is just some weird tech school. The Greek Housing Project is one of the many things the administrators have tried to do to make the students feel better about the campus.

Also, the 96 new beds that come with the six new houses will somewhat relieve the housing problem by giving those extra people places to stay. Had those six chapters still held residence in the dorms, more freshmen would have ended up in the Radisson or the RIT Inn instead of the residence halls.

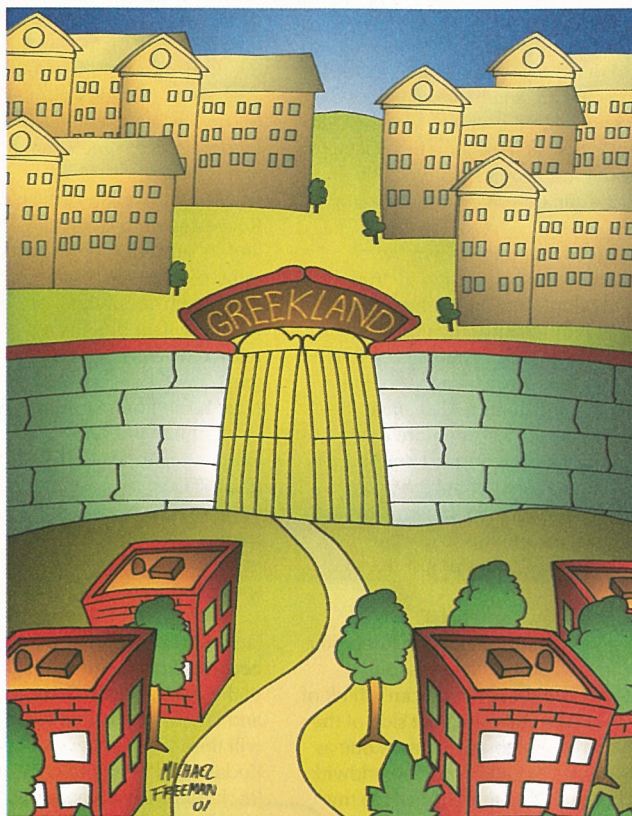
WILL: All right. There are six new houses. These six houses house 96 people. That means there are only 16 people per house. Look, I live in University Commons, which isn't the greatest example, but each building at least houses 32 people. Putting only 16 people in each of the new houses (which are larger than the UC houses, incidentally) is an incredible waste of resources. The living rooms in the new buildings are 900 square feet and two stories tall. That could have easily been bedroom space for more people.

Giving Greeks another row is simply another place for frats to throw more parties. Rumors of an end-of-summer party already getting busted up over there are fairly solid. These new houses are just going to get damaged anyway.

ERIC: Since each of the Fraternities and Sororities put so much time into designing these houses, the chances of them ruining them are much slimmer than had some generic architect just thrown them together. There is pride in these buildings.

Even if they did have massive parties in there, do you know how big the parties would have to be to wreck the place? With that 900 square foot living room you talked about, they'd have to pack at least 200 people in there to hurt anything. And even if they did get that many people in there, they would most likely just hurt their own furniture and not the stuff that came with the house. But that will not be a problem, because if they were ever

Illustration Michael Freeman



naïve enough to pack 200 people in there, campus safety would bust it up, then the chapter would be out of the house forever!

WILL: First, those buildings are the most obnoxious things I have ever seen. They are completely out of place here. Yes, there were some people talking about making RIT look more like a "real college." I can even admit that the buildings are certainly more upscale than their neighbors – not difficult to do; they're next to Riverknoll — but these buildings are completely pretentious and downright obscene. They look like my grandparents' retirement village. Something could have been built that at least had some sort of relevance to the current state of things here at RIT. This is not to say that they should have built another Riverknoll, but something less of such an *obvious* eyesore would have been appreciated.

And all this is to say nothing about the huge piece of lawn they tore up to put this place in. They couldn't have found a better place to build these behemoths?

Second, it doesn't really take 200 people to wreck something, just one or two really stupid or drunk ones (and let's face it, people have been known to get a bit tipsy at frat-style "charity events").

ERIC: Even when there is alcohol at the "charity events," at least they are raising money for charities instead of selfishly drinking like fools like the rest of us bums. Even then, most of the charity events are simply that, charity events, and have no affiliation with alcohol.

While the Greek Houses do look like a block of Beverly Hills in the middle of Harlem, Riverknoll

will most definitely be gone within ten years. When those apartments are gone, more visually stimulating and appropriate buildings will replace them, making the campus look downright impressive.

Point taken on the lawn. That was a shame, but that is just the sacrifice one has to make when expanding. Besides, I didn't hear anyone complaining when they built the new University Commons over the summer.

WILL: Yeah, Riverknoll will be as gone as Racquet Club was supposed to be. Also, they tore up swamp for the new UC buildings. Nobody cares about swamp. At any rate, the thing that really bugs me is the wall they have in between Riverknoll and the new Greeks. It's bad enough to begin with, but then it has a fence on top of it. It looks like one of those neighborhood community gates, designed to keep the undesirables out.

ERIC: Fence around the Greek houses? There is only a fence between the three lower houses, and that is just a construction fence. The rest of the perimeter is wide open for people to walk through.

WILL: In any case, I think we can agree that these new houses are at best a mixed blessing. They do loosen the housing crunch for now, but maybe not in the most efficient manner.

What do you think of the new traffic rotary we had installed, taking over for the regular old intersection?

ERIC: I think it's great!

WILL: I think you're an idiot, and the traffic rotary sucks.

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Beverly Hills, 1 4623

by Laura Chwirut

Nestled snugly between the ancient Riverknoll apartments and the brand-new Crossroads convenience store, six stately, Beverly Hills-type manors tower over the surrounding structures. They are a surprising contrast to most of the other housing complexes on campus, especially since only 96 students call these houses home.

Completed just weeks before students returned to RIT for the Fall quarter, these buildings, the Greek Housing Project, have stirred up mixed reactions throughout campus. Some students are outraged that their tuition money has gone into creating these extravagant houses, while others wonder how they can arrange to live in the buildings as quickly as possible.

Early last year the Greek Counsel decided who would live where. The fraternities and sororities to receive houses were determined using criteria such as philanthropy and history of good conduct. Four fraternities, Triangle, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Kappa Tau, and two sororities, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Phi Epsilon, were chosen.

According to Chris Sohn, Assistant Director for the Center for Campus Life/Greek Affairs, only a few of the fraternities and sororities partaking of the new project had houses in the Residence Halls. While they are living in the new buildings, the residents are paying more rent than any other place on campus: a resident of a house is expected to pay \$4,800 for a full year, which works out to \$400 a month, not including utilities and expenses such as food and laundry.

What the school does provide is furniture for eight double rooms in each house (the furniture is exactly the same as the furniture in most Residence Halls). Two sets of washers and dryers are provided, but they are coin operated at \$1.25 each load. The residents choose their own meal plans, but are offered a special Greek Plan. Some houses may choose to have food service, but that is arranged with a third-party vendor. A full kitchen with a stove, oven, refrigerators and microwave are provided.

The houses are occupied entirely by Greek organizations, but they still remain in the University's hands. This is where those involved would like the public to shed their *Animal House* misconceptions. Sohn mentions that the occupants are treated in a landlord/tenant relationship with the University. Regulations provide that each chapter must keep 100% occupancy, or they lose their house. Good conduct is also part of the agreement. They must also follow the regulations of their national organizations. In the case of the two sororities, their National Panhellenic Council mandates that the houses must remain substance free at all times.

However, the rules seem to be welcomed and respected. One Phi Kappa Tau brother said, "The houses will be maintained properly, out of respect. RIT has been generous enough to let us have this space, [and] we will keep it in good condition." While house managers are not required, the individual organizations will have to work out arrangements themselves.

Overall, residents have been enjoying their first few weeks in the houses, despite some obvious setbacks. As of September 8, some were still without phone service. Internet connections were finally completed only a few days before. Also, some residents remained confused on where to park. Administration had told them they will receive Riverknoll passes, but Phi Kappa Tau brothers were skeptical. With the Riverknoll parking lots already full, finding practical parking spaces is nearly impossible. They pointed out that there is only a small lot below the Greek Housing area.

Many theories exist as to why the Greek Council and RIT decided to create new housing. Sohn suggested that there was a specific need for the new structures, saying, "It's better to build new than to take over existing space. It helps to have 96 students in the houses rather than in the dorms, where there is a shortage of space. Some fraternity members suggest that the impetus behind it was to have a place to drink." Alcohol is permitted if a third-party hired vendor provides it.

The official ribbon-cutting will be during the Brick City Festival the weekend of October 13.



Photography Brian Marcus

Convocation: Introduction to Higher Learning

By Laura Chwirut

The first "college-level" word that freshmen learned last week was "convocation." Although most did not know what was involved behind this event, they were still required to attend. Technically, convocation is a formal coming together of the members of a group. This academic convocation, specifically for new RIT students, brought together the students, faculty and staff. The event exposed the new students to the RIT community and introduced some of the more formal regalia of the University.

The convocation, held on September 5 at 2 p.m., began as hundreds of students piled into the bleachers of Clark Gymnasium. A processional began the formal assembly, which included administration, faculty, and student leaders. Dr. Stanley D. McKenzie, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, made opening remarks. Students cheered as he unveiled statistics on the freshman class.

Facts he revealed included the information that this year's class is the largest in RIT history, with 2,300 students; the most geographically diverse, with 50 percent of enrolled students from out of state or out of country; and among the smartest, with a mean SAT score of 1210.

Dr. Albert Simone, President of RIT, then began his presentation by revealing what RIT has done to facilitate the new lives of the freshmen, whose classes were to begin the following day. He noted RIT has recently spent millions of dollars on renovations to make living easier, as well as improving academics with new programs. President Simone also urged students to get involved, and to experience college life outside of the classroom. President Simone then introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Hamad H. Ghazle, as "having a passion for well-being." Ghazle extended this passion within his energetic address.

An associate professor and director of the diagnostic medical sonography program, Ghazle was chosen to speak because he has played many roles throughout his career. He began as a student at RIT with his undergraduate work, became a faculty member, and has worked as an administrator. Early in his speech, he said, "I will make this as short as possible. After all, you will be sitting there, listening to a professor for roughly 1200 hours."

His humor and gusto played testament to what one RIT alumni has achieved. He alluded many times to images: the students in front of him as an American landscape, each person being a different aspect of that, each needing the essential elements. He then discussed the idea of RIT as a human body, describing the faculty and staff as the central nervous system, and the students as the blood. He encouraged students to think of RIT as a home, and to participate often.

Another speaker, Frank Lamas, Vice President of Student Affairs, reiterated the message of those who spoke before him by listing ways students could become involved. He noted the importance of connecting to people as one of the most important aspects of enjoying college.

Erick Littleford, Student Government President, began his speech almost along the same lines as the previous speakers, but he offered the most riveting of advice. "Act today!" he said, begging freshmen not to become complacent, but rather realize that making sure that RIT remains a top school in the country starts from the individuals who make it what it is.

Summer News: What you missed

By Laura Chwirut

RIT's Mini Baja team came in ninth and tenth at the Midwest Mini Baja in Troy, Ohio. These top-finishing spots in the competition brought their winning total to three top finishes in one season.

20 freshman-engineering majors participated in a program called IBM @ RIT. The representatives, all female, each assembled their own computers while learning how to utilize other equipment in RIT computer labs. At the Technical Association of Graphic Art's national conference in San Diego, a group from RIT's School of Printing Management and Science received many top honors. Included were awards in overall publication, production quality and technical paper categories. Individual awards went to three of the students.

The formula-car team finished fourth place in an international competition in early July. Also in the Birmingham, England competition, the team was

recognized for coming in second in acceleration and endurance and third in autocross and presentation.

In early August, the College of Liberal Arts unveiled a new degree program: the Master of Science in Communication and Media Technologies. This interdisciplinary program "draws upon RIT's technical strengths while adding the theoretical perspective of the social sciences," said Bruce Austin, chair of RIT's Communication department. The program will combine aspects of social sciences, humanities, applied technology, and build upon existing programs in liberal arts, digital media, publishing, information technology and e-business.

PLAYLIST

Yeah, we're back. Send us the list of what you're listening to! The rules: no more than two songs by any one band/artist, and you have to be able to fit it on an 80-minute cd.

Include band name, track title, and track time. Send all submissions to: williamhuber@hotmail.com

Submitted by Chris Ehrmann

01. Siah + Yeshua - A Day Like No Other
02. Emanon - Path of the Divine
03. As Friends Rust - Ruffian
04. Eddie Murphy - Party All the Time
05. The Mr. T Experience - Treat Your Mother Right
06. Blackalicious - Turmoil
07. Slick Rick - Mona Lisa
08. Stetsasonic - My Beat
09. For the Love Of - In Consequence
10. Weezer - My Name is Jonas
11. Fugazi - Break
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13. Gorillaz - Rock the House
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What is your opinion of the sculpture to be placed in the administration circle?



Aaron Hall

I think it's a cool statue, but it's too expensive. It's money they could put into housing or scholarships.
3rd Year Computer Engineering

There are a lot of issues RIT can address besides the sculpture.
Donny Yi
2nd Year Computer Engineering

Not an essential thing. There are other things the money could go towards.
Terry Pike
2nd Year Computer Engineering

The money could be used for something more useful. I think it's ugly.
1st Year Biotechnology



Amber Blumer

Good idea since this is an Art school. It's a form of art.
1st Year Photojournalism

As long as it doesn't increase tuition it's great!
Ashish Sardana
Graduate 1st year MBA

As long as it's privately funded it's cool. It looks kind of neat.
Steve Horvath
5th Year Software Engineering

I don't really care.
1st Year Computer Engineering



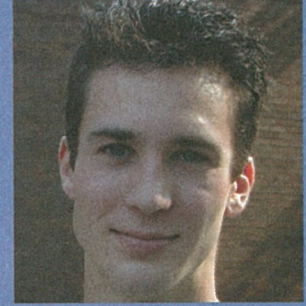
Brandon Irvin

I like it.
1st Year Photography

I know RIT wastes a lot of our tuition. This is just another way for them to waste our money.
Sean Sims
2nd Year Information Technology

If it's privately funded the art is really nice. It's a great contribution to art.
Amanda Mosses
1st Year Undeclared Science

I think it's great. It'll break up the brick boredom.
2nd Year Graphic Design



Brett Mitchell

If it's privately funded it doesn't matter how expensive [it is].
1st Year Electrical Engineering

I think it's a good addition. I heard that RIT is the second ugliest campus in the nation and it will help improve that.
David Kuo
1st Year Information Technology

I think we should build it. There's nothing like it around here. It will really make the campus look better.
Yeung Chan
1st year Telecommunications

I think it might be too obtrusive. I don't have anything against art, but it might stand out too much against the rest of the school.
2nd Year Film and Animation



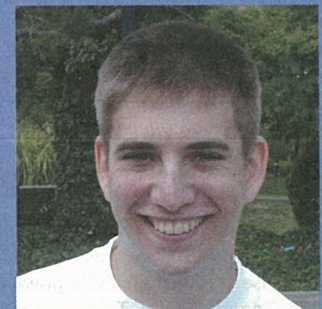
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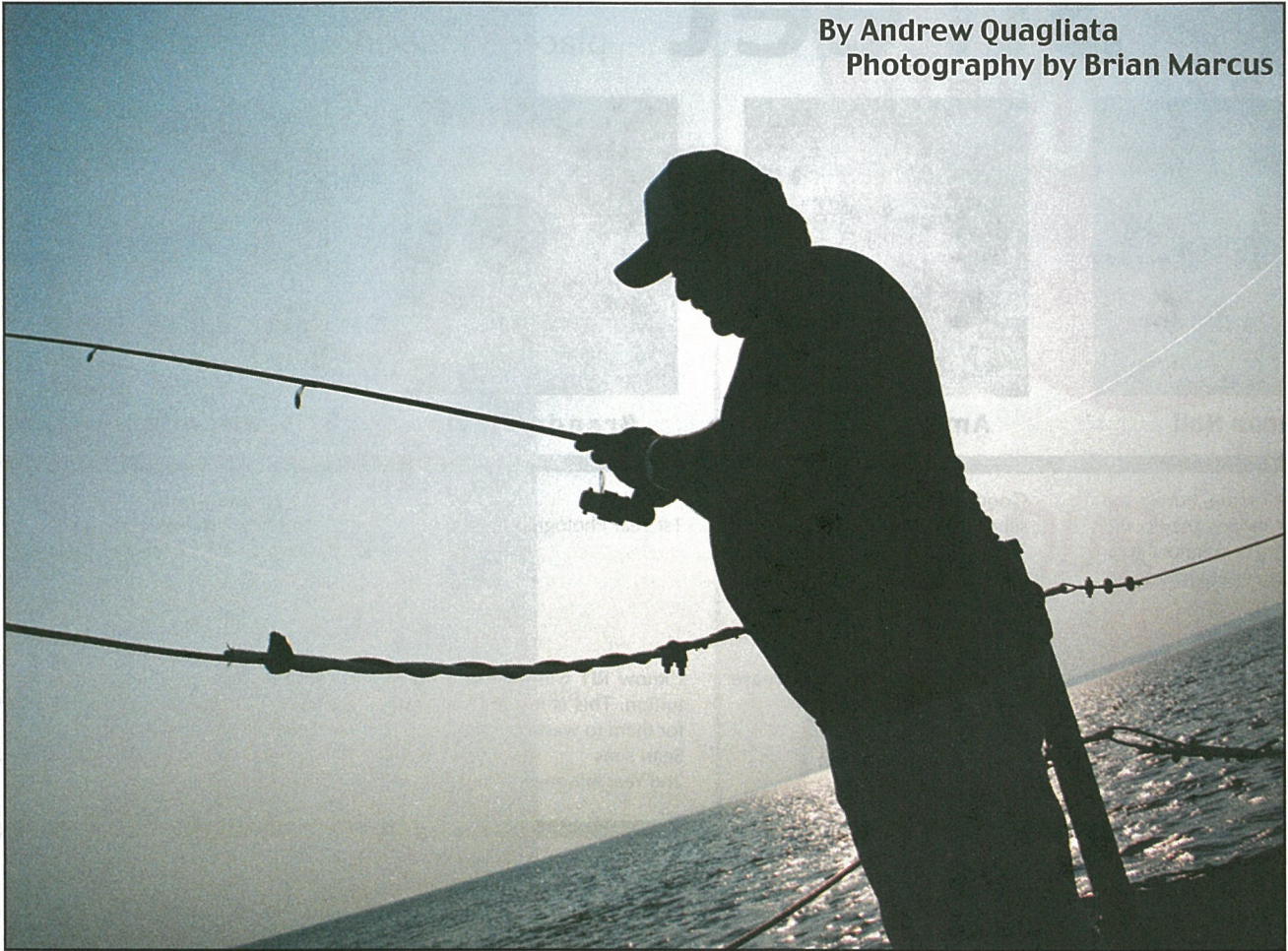
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Rochester: The N

By Andrew Quagliata
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WHILE RIT is only seven miles from the heart of Rochester, it can feel like it's an ocean away from our suburban Henrietta campus. The modest glow of the city's skyline is not representative of all of Rochester and the surrounding communities have to offer.

Students who hesitate to venture beyond the urban sprawl of Jefferson Road are cheating themselves out of an array of historical, cultural, social and economic activity. Connecting with one or many aspects of the Rochester community will add value and meaning that will extend well beyond your college years.

Powered Flour or Flower Power?

Either one is correct. In the 1800's Rochester was known as the Flour City because of the flour mills powered by the Genesee River. The city's claim to fame transitioned to horticulture by the end of the century and Rochester became known as the Flower City.

Historic Pride

Abolitionist Frederick Douglass and women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony are staples of this area's rich history. A number of landmarks remain standing in Douglass's honor, and the former home of Anthony, on Madison Street, is open to the public. Visit the Mount Hope Cemetery to see the resting-place of these pioneers. Guided walking tours of the Victorian cemetery are given every Sunday.

Culture, Anyone?

The International Museum of Photography and the George Eastman House combine to make a wonderful destination for anyone interested in photographic sciences, from the most amateur photographer to those who make a career out of taking pictures. For those interested in painted art, the Memorial Art Gallery showcases a wide variety of artwork, from Rembrandt to Renoir, and all sorts of other artists whose names don't start with an R.

What Should We Do Tonight?

Rochester has a slew of noteworthy social activities that appeal to all tastes. Starting with dining, you haven't experienced college life in Rochester until you've visited Nick Tahou's for the famous Garbage Plate. Be forewarned: the home fries, macaroni salad and burgers covered with their special sauce are not for lightweights. Dinosaur Bar-B-Que is a great place to go if you want to eat great food and have fun atmosphere within the city limits. Rochester is also home to a variety of cultural eateries: Mamasan's is a local favorite for Vietnamese food and Chen's Garden on West Henrietta Road and the India House on South Clinton Avenue are well respected for their traditional cuisine. MacGregor's, on the corner of Jefferson and John Street, is bound to become the newest RIT hangout with quesadillas, hamburgers and more than 125 beers to choose from. For the best subs in town you only need to venture to Jefferson Plaza. DiBella's bakes its bread daily for the

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freshiest submarine sandwiches with your choice of fixings. The over/under crowd can visit Milestones, host to local and nationally known musicians seven days a week or the Comix Café, for stand up comedy every Friday at 10:45 where admission is only \$6 with a student ID. If you are into techno or industrial music, head to Piranha at the Water Street Music Hall on Friday nights. For those of legal drinking age, the nightlife crowd can vary from intoxicated (Centers at High Falls, Paradise Alley) to a preppier scene (Tonic), or a host of casual hangouts (Alexander Street Pub, Oxfords). Sports fans also love Rochester. Take your pick - baseball, soccer, lacrosse, hockey, and football - Rochester has a professional sports team for each sport.

nity make Rochester an even more attractive place to start a career.

Now that you're briefed on Rochester's history, get out and learn about it yourself! And until you've visited all of the cultural and social establishments detailed in this article, never say that there is nothing to do in Rochester. These favorites only touch the surface of all there is to do in this community. In all your adventures you are sure to find that Rochester offers the opportunities a big city provides, with a small town feeling.

But it's cold outside!

Don't fret about Rochester's climate - make the best of it! Put on a sweater and play in the leaves this fall while hiking through one of Rochester's many beautiful parks. Put on your gloves and learn to ski or snowboard this winter at Bristol Mountain Ski Resort or Swain Ski & Snowboard Center. In the Spring, put on your walking shoes and don't miss the Lilac Festival at Highland Park.

Road Trip!

Rochester might not have waves, but it's ideally situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, one of the largest bodies of fresh water in the world. Ontario Beach Park is good for walking along the water or out to the pier. Niagara Falls is only a two-hour drive away - not bad for one of the most visited tourist destinations in the world. For a great day trip this Fall, head south on 390 to Letchworth State Park. A 600 foot gorge and three amazing waterfalls combined with the Fall foliage make "the Grand Canyon of the East" a must see.

What about jobs?

Kodak, Xerox and Bausch & Lomb often come to mind first when we think of business in Rochester, but it's the small to medium size businesses that keep our economy afloat. Moreover, Rochester is an exciting community for college-educated professionals who are interested in working in the telecommunications, biotechnology, photonics, MIS/IT or precision manufacturing fields. According to a study released in April by the Progressive Policy Institute, more patents are issued to companies and individuals in Rochester than any other city. The affordable housing, nationally ranked educational system, short commute time, low crime rates and the diverse, close-knit commu-





September 8th. Resounding bass and electronic rhythms can be heard echoing in the night. The residential side of campus thrums and drones: the effect of amped-out high-definition speakers. The Greek lawn is transformed into a spectacle of techno music, fluorescent glowsticks, and dancing bodies. Large projection screens depict psychedelic computer enhanced images. Ground Zero II is under way and in full force.

In a short time, specifically since last spring, Ground Zero has established itself as a festival for the rave subculture, showcasing talents of many RIT DJ's and several variations of electronic music. Nicole Caves, a 3rd year transfer student majoring in Psychology, said of the event, "It's great to see a school like RIT putting on this kind of a show." She went on, "this is a great opportunity for a lot of people to really discover techno."

Ground Zero II was sponsored by the Women's Center, as well as the Center for Student Conduct and Mediation services. "The rave was initially created as a ResLife event, adopted for the purpose of promoting a fun, alcohol- and drug-free environment for RIT students," said Rich Trifeletti. Trifeletti, an active member of Residence Life, helped organize both this year's rave as well as the one held last spring on the field behind Gleason Hall. He, along with many other students, believes that Ground Zero, and activities like it, helps promote a more unified student body, as well as a deepened sense of spirit on the part of the students.

Adam De Silva, an RIT graduate, also attended the event. "I am glad to see that RIT is finally acknowledging the types of things that interest the students," he said. "For so many years the activities on campus were bland, but this event was a great departure from that." Anyone in attendance would feel as if the students on the Greek lawn were injected with a new energy that lasted over the course of several hours.

Following the rave on the Greek lawn, the event filtered into the Fireside Lounge, where the music continued into the early morning hours. The afterparty was sponsored by the Student Life team and NTID. Just like last year, the interaction between various groups of students and the music served as an early high note in a young school year.

One of the unique opportunities offered by this event was the chance for many of RIT's own student DJs to exhibit their skills. In the past, RIT has produced some well-known spinning talents including the local hit DJ Guy Smiley. The Ground Zero stage hosted several up-and-coming talents, spinning a myriad of techno variations.

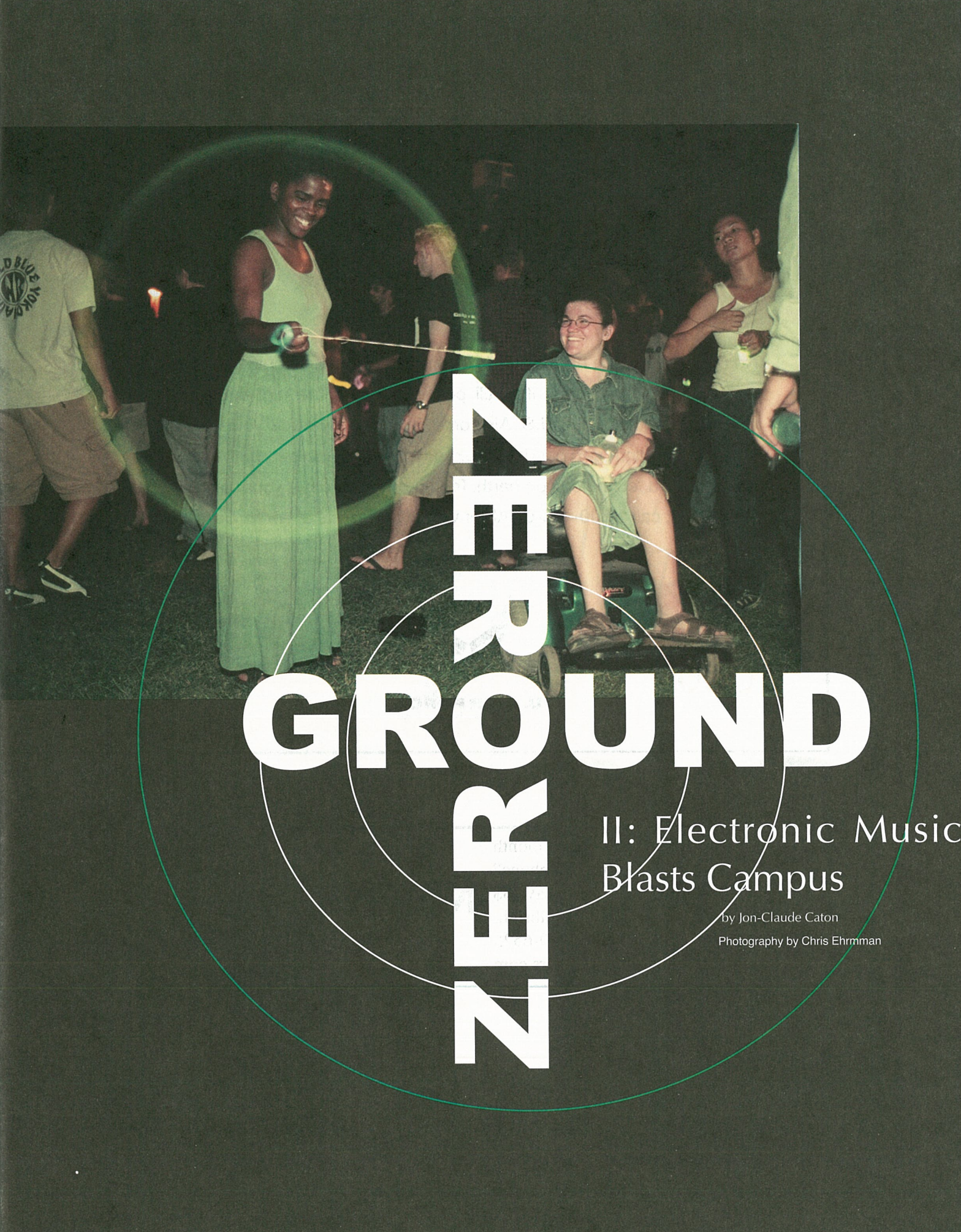
The DJs present for the rave included DJ Mac spinning funky hard house and progressive trance. Also in attendance were Bishop Don Magic Juan spinning Deep House; Samus McNizzyNasty Famus spinning the locally popular drum and bass style; and finally a tag team set by Freshfur and DJ Tomashi spinning hard house, another widely popular genre of techno. Of these DJs,

several were featured on September 14 at Club Red on St. Paul Street in the city.

It is reassuring to note that Ground Zero II is not the only event of its kind projected to be held over the new year. Expected to be held are more activities similar to the Ground Zero raves thanks to the conception and rise of a new campus group, the Electronic Music Club.

This club is a newly founded on-campus group, comprised of many of the DJs seen at Ground Zero I and II. With a growing base of talent, the Electronic Music Club will be sponsoring and producing shows throughout the year.





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Faces of RIT - Erick Littleford

by Eric D Nelson

Student Government? Aren't they just a bunch of characters who want to improve their resumes as easily as possible?

That may have been the case in the past, but new President Erick Littleford wants SG to be a part of improving every single student's life here.

"It may not be [former SG president] Felipe [Giraldo]'s administration, it may not have been [former SG president] Patrick [Bavaro-Phelan]'s administration, but somewhere down the road, SG didn't do much. Since SG didn't do much, students didn't know we exist or they didn't know what we were here for."

Littleford has 27 initiatives, known as ACCSS, which he plans to implement to boost the reputation of Student Government. ACCSS (pronounced "access") is an acronym for Accountability, Communication, Community, Students first and School spirit.

The "Accountability" leg has five of its own programs associated with it. One of them is called "How's My Driving," dubbed after the signs painted on the backside of many commercial vehicles, "How's My Driving" will enable the students to file complaints when they experience a hard time on campus.

Littleford described the initiative as "enabling the students who have a good or bad experience to write it down right then and there and drop it in a box. Then you just pretty much held that division accountable."

The first event SG is holding this year is the Tiger Jam as part of the "school spirit" leg of ACCSS. It is taking place today, September 14. "We're planning this to be the biggest party in RIT history," said Littleford of the Jam. "We pretty much have all the Union. We have four rooms, the Cafeteria, the RITZ, all Clark [rooms], Fireside Lounge, four DJs, eight different types of music, the pool tables, and the game room. And we're going to make it free, going from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m."

Littleford was also excited to see that school spirit would not be as much of a long-shot as some people predicted. "I was leaving the office and I was just excited 'cause as I was walking... [I] saw people outside Java Wally's and people on the benches. It was a beautiful day - people hanging out in the academic quad. That's what we need everyday. People need to say 'I'm just gonna hang outside.'"

Of course, as a representative of the students, Erick Littleford needs to know what the students want. "Communication is a funny thing, because with RIT we have so many different types of students. You have the students who just want to hear things through email. We have students who will just be annoyed if you send them email."

Some communication mediums the administration is developing are billboards in all of the academic buildings dedicated to Student Government information, along with a Student Government newsletter.

Littleford also wants to improve the SG Channel (channel #15 on RIT cable) so that it shows more live video instead of just Powerpoint slides. One idea he has is to interview an administrator as sort of an "SG 60 Minutes." He wishes to display some of the student films produced by all the film students on campus to further liven up the channel.

"The big problem is we don't get enough students to know what's going on," said Littleford. "People tell me I'm supposed to represent the students' interests. If I don't hear what the heck they're saying, then I'm just representing my interests."

Littleford says the SG website will soon be busting with polls that the students can take. "If you have a poll and you have 2000 people on a poll and 1400 of them say yes, I feel so confident about going into a meeting and saying 'This is what the students want.' But if it's like, '[I] have no clue,' then it's just from the pulse that I get from the campus."

As for the previous state of things at Student Government, the only complaints Littleford has are that the previous officers got many things started, but left without a way to implement some of those ideas. "One thing Felipe [Giraldo] wanted was three new senator

seats," said Littleford. "They're a freshman senator, a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual senator and a woman senator. So we have these new senator seats, but I have to figure out how to get these people elected. It's not a traditional seat so we're trying to figure out how we're going to elect the senators. How are we going to make sure the woman senator is elected only by females?"

Littleford isn't planning on getting rid of anything that the previous SG members implemented. As a matter of fact, Littleford even has David Colon, a member of former SG president Giraldo's cabinet, working in the current cabinet.

In under a year, Littleford will be in the same position that Giraldo is now. "When that happens, I want [the new president] to feel like it's big shoes to fill. I want people to be scared to run in the senate because they know if they run they're going to be held accountable as the students are going to expect a lot."

Littleford certainly has big plans for this coming year, but he knows it is no cakewalk. "I tell people I am an optimistic realist. That is in itself an oxymoron. I am optimistic because I think a lot of things can change. I'm realistic that they're not going to change fast. They're not going to change just by themselves overnight."



(Left to Right) - Kevin Sheldon, Erick Littleford, and RIT President Dr. Albert Simone chat during a round of golf.

State of the Campus: President Simone Speaks

by Reporter Staff

He's undoubtedly the most profiled member of the RIT community. When there's a campus crisis, a matter of serious concern, or we just feel like chatting, Dr. Simone never fails to take the time to answer our questions.

With the school year already started and with major questions about RIT still lingering (regarding construction, future enrollment and growth, etc.), we felt it necessary to get Dr. Simone on the record to report on his goals and preparations for the coming months, as well as comment on the overall status of the school, its staff, and its students.

Reporter: What are some of your goals for the year?

Dr. Simone: Following my Opening Day address, two prime goals are:

a. Come to a university-wide decision on the optimum size of RIT in terms of student enrollment. The advantages of a larger university are program, student, and facility diversity. There can be offsetting disadvantages. We want to determine the best size for RIT as a long-term strategy with the ultimate goal being whatever it takes to enhance student success.

b. Continue to move RIT into the unique position of: a teaching university, which does significant applied research in areas of strength and industry/government need; a university which always keeps the welfare of students and student success as its top priority; and a university which utilizes academic research and partnerships with industry and government to help students achieve that success.

In addition, we shall be continuing our emphasis on improving student retention; faculty, staff, and student diversity; continued development of an honors program for undergraduate students; establishment of a second Ph.D. program at RIT, which will in all likelihood be a program in microsystems; improve communication among the administration, faculty, staff, and student body, so that all of us can work together for the ultimate goal of student success at RIT.

Reporter: Students often run into problems (RIT-caused or related), and either don't know who to turn to or are halted by red tape and bureaucracy. Who should they go to for help?

Dr. Simone: Students should first attempt to go to the person or people directly involved in the problem situation. They should explain their point of view and ask for resolution. If the problem originates with a faculty member, the student can go to the faculty member and, if not satisfied, then to the department head, dean, and so forth up the ladder. This may appear cumbersome.

In order to cut through all of this, particularly since the student may not be comfortable or familiar with the system and the people, the student should seek out the Student Ombudsperson, Laura Tubbs (1110 Union, phone: 475-7200). Dr. Tubbs' role is to facilitate resolution of problems of individual students, wherever they occur across RIT. The student, after attempting to resolve the problem at the primary level where the problem occurred, should also feel free to contact the appropriate vice president responsible for the area. If that fails, my office door is always open.

Reporter: Students sometimes complain that you are not very visible to them or that you don't include time in your schedule to interact with them. How would you address this concern, and if it's true, do you have any plans to alleviate it or correct it?

Dr. Simone: As you well know, the demands on the time of a university president are very high. There are all of the activities, operations, policies, budgets, and strategies that relate directly to the internal functioning of the university. At the same time, the president carries a very heavy load of external professional responsibilities. For example, I serve on approximately ten boards and commissions of not-for-profit and corporate organizations, including an appointment as a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Chairman of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities, and formerly Chairman of the Board of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce.

On a daily basis, the president interacts with key executives in government, corporations, and not-for-profit organizations throughout the city, state, and country. Fundraising at all levels is always a key activity for the president. These activities take me off campus.

Having said all this, I personally do my best. As you know, I host a softball tournament every year and an annual picnic at Liberty Hill. I meet regularly with the leadership of Student Government. I host and attend numerous banquets, dinners, receptions, and meetings both on campus and at Liberty Hill with students from across the campus.

Something that we tried last year with Student Government seemed to work well, and I intend to carry it forward more extensively this year. Specifically, I visited one of the dining halls at dinnertime and just moved through it, talking to students at random. I found that interaction very informative and fun. The constraint, of course, is time. I really enjoy being with students and find my time with them always uplifting. That is why I am doing what I am doing and why I have been in academia for forty years.

Reporter: Is RIT headed in the right direction? Are we going to satisfy all the goals of the strategic plan?

Dr. Simone: We are meeting and exceeding all of the goals of the Strategic Plan, and I am very pleased with that outcome. This achievement is a consequence of the hard work of the faculty, staff, and students at RIT. Two areas where we need to improve significantly are student retention, and the diversity of the students, faculty, and staff. We are making major efforts in these areas, and I expect positive results to follow.

If students could take the opportunity to visit other campuses as I do on a regular basis, they would find that our facilities, some of which can always stand improvement or enhancement, are second to none; our curricula in many areas set the standard for the discipline and profession; our standards and expectations of students, faculty, and staff are high and are generally met; and corporate leaders are always happy to hire RIT graduates. US News and World Report regularly ranks RIT as number one in academic reputation among universities in the northern sector of the United States.

Reporter: What would be one piece of advice you would give to 1) freshmen and 2) upperclassmen?

Dr. Simone: Freshmen: Be prepared to work harder than you have ever worked before and to manage time more effi-

ciently than ever before. Having made these commitments, look at all the academic and extracurricular activities available at RIT. Set as a first priority academic excellence. Then select, from among the many extracurricular activities, those one or two that will provide you the best opportunity for leadership, social interaction, and personal satisfaction. Having surveyed the options and selected the best ones for you, focus on them and get everything you can out of your RIT experience.

Upperclassmen: "Stay the course." You have made it this far and I can assure you that, for most of you (as it was with me), you will find that your four or five years at RIT were the best years of your life in terms of personal fulfillment. This is the time and place where you find out who you are; where you make friendships that will last a lifetime; and where you finally prepare for a career in life. Be serious, have fun, and focus on the road ahead after RIT.

Reporter: How do you define the excitement of leading RIT now compared to when you first arrived? Is it still a challenge to continue to work forward?

Dr. Simone: I am every bit as excited now as I was when I first arrived about being at the helm of an institution like RIT. Many of the challenges are the same, and will always be so. These include always working to improve student success, and always working to be better today than you were yesterday in everything you do on behalf of the university. I love RIT and its mission. I believe RIT is unique among the family of universities and that more and more universities are trying to be like RIT. It is a privilege for me to be at RIT and to complete my career at RIT.

Reporter: How would you address some students' underlying beliefs that there is "nothing to do on campus (socially)," despite repeated messages to the students saying the opposite?

Dr. Simone: From a purely statistical point of view, this is a hard statement for me to accept. I think of the 23 intercollegiate athletic teams, the 23 fraternities and sororities, the 7000 students who participate in intramural sports every year, the more than 100 clubs, the active engagement and involvement of Student Government in decision-making at the university, the award-winning world class Reporter magazine, and the inter-

nationally renowned speakers that we regularly bring to campus on a weekly basis.

On the other hand, I understand that winters can be long and cold, and it is not a lot of fun to be outside unless you absolutely love to ski and skate. I also understand that there is not a "college town" which is within easy walking distance.

However, I do talk to a number of students who say that RIT has more to do than they can handle, and they are very pleased with all of their options.

We will be breaking ground, hopefully by this time next year, on a field house. This facility will hold 8,000 to 10,000 people for concerts, academic convocations, and graduation. It will also provide a tremendous indoor facility for intramural sports and intercollegiate practice. The field house will have an exercise facility, which will triple the capacity we now have, and will have two modern swimming pools, one purely for recreational use and one for competitive use. I believe this centrally located facility will add a great deal to the life on campus, especially during those "long" winter months.

Reporter: How would you define an "RIT Student?"

Dr. Simone: The typical RIT student that I know works very hard in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, and often, on a job to earn money. The student has very little time and often makes up time by sacrificing sleep. The student is serious and focused on preparation for his or her career. The typical student is respectful of authority and appreciative of what RIT offers but can be discerning and appropriately critical when things do not go as they should. Students on average are a bit more introspective here than they are on other campuses.

It is a comfort for me to be among students who are career-focused, hard-working, respectful, and who have a ready smile (when you approach them, but [they] do not always look you in the eye when you pass them by).

Reporter: You had mentioned that to recreate on campus what the donation of the Marriott allowed would have cost \$30 to \$40 million. How does the Marriott affect what future plans there were for housing changes/additions on campus?

Dr. Simone: The addition of the Marriott Hotel (now named the RIT Inn and Conference Center) adds additional flexibility and diversity to the choices that students have for housing. For many students, I expect the Marriott to be their number one choice. It offers upscale hotel-caliber furniture and accommodations, which are better than what we would normally provide in the residence halls or RIT apartments. It offers two swimming pools (one indoors and one outdoors), and an exercise room. It provides an upscale ambiance far in excess of what is available in RIT apartments or residence halls.

Importantly, this new facility makes available immediately up to 600 additional beds for RIT students. Some students prefer to live off campus. The Marriott offers an RIT facility that is off campus (4 miles away) and provides the more quiet and independent living attributes that these students seek. Typically, the students who will be attracted to the RIT Inn and Conference Center will be upper-class and graduate students.

RIT's future plans for student housing include replacing the aging Riverknoll apartments, and providing several hundred beds in the RIT "College Town" possibility that is being discussed. The Marriott facility will not impact any of these plans.

Reporter: In what areas do you believe RIT needs to improve upon – areas in which we may be lacking compared to other similarly-sized schools?

Dr. Simone: While many students have a lot of pride and spirit with regard to RIT, I think school pride and spirit can be improved in general. I think communication between the administration/faculty and the student body can be improved significantly. This is an issue that confronts many universities, but I think we can and must make significant improvements here.

While RIT has many proud alumni who continue to stay in contact, I think that, in general, alumni relations need to be improved. Improving alumni relations begins with the affection and allegiance that students have for their university while they are still students. By improving that, as well as improving the systems we have in place to connect with alumni, we can make significant progress here.

As I said at the outset, RIT surpasses most universities in many ways. Our curricula, faculty, facilities, commitment to student success, and focus are superior to most universities I know. My saying and believing it does not mean that students know and believe it. Making this connection is a most important goal for us to attain.

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Season Preview

By Aaron Landers

As the colors of the landscape begin to change their shades and the weather starts getting cooler, sports action on the RIT campus heats up as our teams get further into their seasons. With the grueling days of preseason over and the initial matches of the season out of the way, teams are bearing down on the competition as they attempt to reach their respective playoffs. Here is a look at three of our fall intercollegiate athletic teams.

Men's Soccer

Last year's soccer team took big steps toward returning the program to national prominence as they won the Empire Eight Conference championship and made the NCAA tournament for the first time in five years. This season, the team has the potential to take giant leaps toward being a national power.

Despite losing six starters from last year's squad, the Tigers will have no problem putting a strong starting eleven on the field with plenty of good reserves ready to step in and play. The most notable losses are that of two players who started last season as freshmen. Midfielder Jorge Cirulizza, who dazzled RIT fans and frustrated opponents with his phenomenal ball control, tore his ACL in the off-season and won't return until next year after the injury has been fully rehabilitated. Sweeper Zianeh Kemeh-Gama will also be missing from the lineup this year, but is expected to return next season.

Expect to see some new faces wearing the orange and black this season. Sophomore goalkeeper Brian Lenzo, a transfer from Drew University, joins senior Kevin Meredith to make up the best goalkeeping tandem in the Empire Eight Conference. Both saw time in the RIT tournament two weeks ago and both had solid outings.

First year players expected to make big contributions are Tim Morgan and JJ Wagner. Both players sat out their freshman years and have played well on defense for the Tigers in the first two matches of the year.



Sophomores Travis Proctor, Blake Harrison, and Brad Roy, all who saw limited minutes last season, should be fixtures in the Tigers' lineup as well. Harrison and Roy already have goals this season.

There are also a number of veteran players that will lead the squad to battle and victory this year. Captains Adam Cisz (outside defender), Cody Ostrum (center midfield), and Trae Lower (forward), will all be forces in their respective positions. Juniors Rick Anthony and Chris Mbaakanyi should also make solid contributions in the midfield.

The men's soccer team has three huge home matches during the next few weeks. The first is against SUNYAC powerhouse Fredonia on Saturday, September 22. Fredonia have won three of the last four meetings between the two squads and will be one of the tougher early season matches for the Tigers. A week later, RIT takes on Elmira College, now coached by former RIT star Matt Tantelo, in conference play. On the weekend of October 6, the Tigers play host to cross-town rival Nazareth, headed by former RIT coach Doug May, in another conference match up. These games will be true tests for the squad and will be your best chance to see some of the most exciting collegiate soccer action in the area.



File photos, 2000

Women's Soccer

Each year, it seems like the women's soccer team gets better and better. This trend is likely to continue, especially when you consider that they have only lost two players to graduation from last year's team. 2000 was a good year for the Lady Tigers, as they consistently ranked in the New York State poll and finished the season with a 10-6 record following a loss to Hamilton in the playoffs.

Returning after off-season shoulder surgery and expected to lead the Lady Tigers is Second Team Regional All-American Carol Rivers. Rivers led the team with 11 goals and two assists last year and will likely put up even bigger numbers in this, her senior year. Also expected to contribute offensively are sophomore Lindsay LaRocca, former RIT tennis standout Melanie Lowe, and first year player Aleta Mills.

The midfield will be solid this year for the Lady Tigers. Junior Thisha Schepler is expected to have another outstanding season. Seniors Heather Savage, Candace Blodgett and juniors Megan Condon and Amy Vassallo will all contribute to the team's traditionally strong midfield.

In the back, sophomores Laura Armani and Kristen Delgado will team up with juniors Maura Scanlan and Jackie Matecjk to shut down opponents in the defensive third of the field. Once recovered from a preseason injury, junior Christie Brewer is expected get the nod in goal, after displaying some fine play in her first two seasons.

Overall, the Lady Tigers have all of the tools needed to be contenders in the conference this year. If the team plays to their potential and can pull off wins over teams such as U of R (September 18 at RIT) and Elmira (September 26 at RIT), the team may have what it takes to make it even deeper into the playoffs in 2001.

Volleyball

2000 was a difficult season for the Lady Tigers to say the least. While they played well for much of the year, posting a 24-13 and making the ECAC playoffs, the team failed to put together the kind of run that has landed them in the NCAA tournament in the past. Things should change this year for the squad, who are now under the guidance of first year head coach Roger Worsley. Worsley comes to RIT after serving as an assistant with the Hawaii men's and women's volleyball programs.

Senior Emily Verbridge will lead the Lady Tigers into battle this year. Verbridge will her towering height at the net and will no doubt be RIT's leader in kills this year will be among the leaders in blocks. Junior Katie Sander will also contribute immensely with kills and blocks. Freshman Sarah Ballard and sophomore Rebecca Lanthorne will be the main setters this year for the Lady Tigers, who have a good balance of veteran and first year players this season.

RIT will play at home three times this season. The first is this weekend, when they host the RIT Invitational Tournament. On Tuesday, the squad faces off against U of R at 7 p.m. Your last chance to catch the team at home is on Tuesday, October 9, when they take on St. John Fisher at 7 p.m. Come out and support the ladies as they work to bring the program back to national prominence. ■

This Week in SPORTS

By Aaron Landers

Lady Tigers blank Buff State

Following a heartbreaking loss in the finals of the Rachel Miller Memorial Tournament, the RIT Women's Soccer Team notched their second victory of the season over a much inferior Buffalo State squad on Tuesday, September 5.

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead by two goals in the first half, thanks to two penalty kicks. The first was put away by junior Megan Condon less than 20 minutes into the half. Senior captain Candace Blodgett netted the second in the 37th minute.

RIT tallied three more unanswered goals in the second half to cruise to a 5-0 decision. Freshman Aleta Mills scored her first collegiate goal in the 59th minute of the contest, with an assist going to senior captain Carrol Rivers. Rivers netted her fourth goal of the season 17 minutes later off of a feed from sophomore Lindsay LaRocca. Condon finished off the scoring with her second goal of the match and the season with just under 10 minutes remaining.

In this very one-sided contest, the Lady Tigers held a 20-7 advantage on shots. Freshman goalkeeper Carrie Yehle and sophomore keeper Danielle Iuppa shared the team's first shutout of the year, combining for seven saves.

On Saturday, September 8, the squad travelled to Alfred for their first conference game of the season. The Lady Tigers got on the board first in the 37th minute when LaRocca buried a feed from Melanie Lowe. Alfred leveled things early in the second half, putting home a rebound and sending the Lady Tigers back to the drawing board. Junior Amy Vassallo had the answer in the 73rd minute, heading a cross from senior Heather Savage. Vassallo's goal held up as RIT handed Alfred their first loss of the year. Yehle made four saves between the pipes for the Tigers.

The next home match for the Lady Tigers is against cross-town rivals U of R on Tuesday, September 18 at 3:30. Come show your support as the squad attempts to make the New York State playoffs for the second straight season.

Tennis Falls in Season Opener

The women's tennis team dropped their season opener in heart-breaking fashion to Alfred University, losing the contest 5-4. The teams split in singles matches, both winning three. Victorious for RIT were Sara Kula, Shannon Grande, and Jenn Giovinazzi. The difference in the contest was the doubles matches. RIT's Giovinazzi and Amanda Ashline won their match in third doubles, but Alfred won the other two doubles matches for a one-game advantage.

The next home match for the Lady Tigers is Tuesday, September 18 against Oswego State. The match is scheduled to start at 3:30.

Volleyball Improves

RIT's Women's Volleyball Team improved their record to 6-2 on the season this past weekend at the Ithaca Invitational Tournament. On Friday, September 7, the team got off to a fantastic start, winning both of their matches. The first was over SUNY New Paltz (30-21, 30-25, 30-19), followed by a victory over Pitt.-Brantford (30-17, 32-34, 30-24, 30-24).



On the second and final day of the tournament, the Lady Tigers split their games, upending NYU (30-28, 27-30, 30-25, 32-30) and falling to host Ithaca in a very close contest (30-20, 27-30, 26-30, 30-24, 5-15). RIT's Katie Sander was named to the All-Tournament team.

Men's Cross-Country takes 4th at Oswego

On a hot, humid afternoon, the men's cross country team struggled, but earned a decent fourth place finish at the Pat Peterson Invitational, hosted by Oswego State. Jaime Bennett led the Tigers, finishing in tenth place with a time of 28:23. Rusty Ormsby finished 22nd with a time of 29:16, followed by Blaine Moore (34th, 29:16) and Jon Booth (40th, 29:58).

RIT plays host to U of R and Fredonia this weekend at Black Creek Park. Get up early and come out and support the Tigers. The race starts at 11 a.m.

Juniors Lead the Way for Women's Cross-Country

The women didn't fare quite as well as the men at the Oswego race, finishing ninth overall in the 14-team field. Junior Heidi Spalholz led the Lady Tigers with a 34th place finish. Fellow junior and team captain Ellen Alkiewicz finished right behind her in 36th place. The third junior of the trio, Jessica Vastola also had a strong showing, finishing in 58th place.

Like the men, the Lady Tigers will host a race this Saturday at Black Creek Park. It will be the first women's intercollegiate meet hosted by RIT in over ten years.

This Weekend's Hot Ticket

The women's volleyball team has traditionally been one of the strongest and most competitive of RIT's fall athletic teams. With a new coach and a solid core of players, the team is once again looking to be a powerhouse in New York State and in the Empire Eight Conference. This weekend, the RIT community has an excellent chance to see the Lady Tigers in action, as the squad hosts the RIT Invitational Tournament.

Four teams will invade Clark Gym tonight and tomorrow in the round robin tournament. Scheduled to play are Oneonta, Brockport, St. John Fisher, and U of R. For RIT, it will be a superb opportunity to win their first tournament of the year, as they have finished both of their other two with 3-1 records. The tournament promises to be two days of hardcore collegiate volleyball action and is a must for any sports fan. For more information and game times, contact RIT's Sports Information Office. ■

THREE STARS

First Star

Jaime Bennett

Men's Cross Country

For the second week in a row, Bennett led the Tigers at their weekend meet. His tenth place finish at the Oswego race was ten places better than his previous effort at the Daniel Walker Invitational hosted by Buffalo State. Bennett will look to pace the field once again when they play host to U of R and Fredonia.

Second Star

Megan Condon

Women's Soccer

Condon scored her first two goals of the year as the Lady Tigers cruised past Buffalo State. The two goals put Condon in second on the team in scoring after four games.

Third Star

Katie Sander

Volleyball

Sander has started all eight matches for the Lady Tigers this year. In the team's recent tournament in Ithaca, Sander was named to the All-Tournament team. Currently, she leads the team in blocks with 32.

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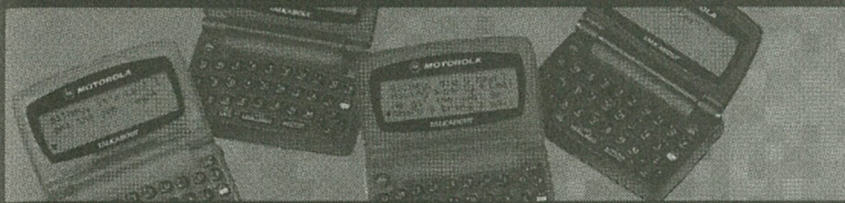
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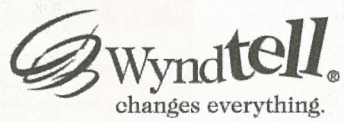
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Major Concert: Jimmy's Chicken Shack, with opener, comedian Louis Black of the Daily Show, \$10 students/\$15 staff/\$20 public, show starts at 8pm.

Fri. 14th/Sat. 15th

Indoor Movie: Hannibal, \$2, showing at 7 and 9pm, in Ingle Auditorium, captioned 7pm on Saturday

October

Thurs. 4th

Thursday Night in the Ritz: Gaussian Surface Project, \$2 @ the door, 8:30-10:30pm, in the RITZ, free food and drinks

Fri. 5th

Film Festival: Clerks, and Dogma, And appearances by Jason Mewes and Brian O Halloran, 6 and 9pm, \$5 students/\$7 staff/\$ public, in Ingle Auditorium

Sun. 7th

Buffalo Bills vs New York Jets: \$40, Meet @ SAU circle @ 1pm, Dibellias subs will be served

Fri. 12th

Major concert: Rusted Root, 8pm \$10 students/\$15 staff/\$20 public Clark Gym

Sat. 13th

Comedian: Dave Chapelle, 9pm \$10 student/\$15 staff/\$20 public Clark Gym

Fri. 26th/Sat. 27th

Indoor Movie: The Shining & The Exorcist, \$2, showing at 7 and 9pm, in Webb Auditorium, captioned on Saturday

November

Sat. 3rd

Spoken Word: Henry Rollins, 9pm, \$10 students/ \$15 staff/\$20 public, SAU cafeteria

Fri. 9th

Casino Niagara Trip: Meet @ SAU circle @ 6pm, \$15, Free drinks and Dibellias subs.

Fri. 9th/Sat. 10th

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