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Remember

How I would *like* to remember the year 2001:

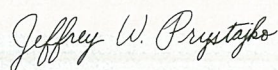
- Experiencing much warmer weather than normal in November and December, which no doubt means it'll be snowing in May for Graduation
- Watching some of the best movies in a long time: *Shrek*, *Memento*, *AI*, and *Rat Race* (yes, I said *Rat Race*)
- Being able to gleefully ignore anything at all related to Gary Condit
- Welcoming in the *real* first year of the new millennium and 21st century (remember that argument?)
- Spending five great days with members of my staff learning (and partying) in New Orleans
- Getting completely plastered on my 21st birthday in the company of my good roommates and friends
- Participating in the "Human Flag" RIT Big Shot last month
- Surviving two quarters of co-op and two quarters of classes without succumbing to dementia... or worse
- Being given plenty more reasons why Britney Spears and all those cutesy boy bands should be sent on a one-way trip to somewhere unpopulated and very, very cold
- Building sand castles at the beach with friends just as old as I am
- Jumping out of a plane some 72 times
- Finally visiting the Seneca Park Zoo, and getting attacked in the bird sanctuary
- Getting a tour of the State Capitol building; did you know they have walls made of solid gold...
- Finally seeing a *Star Trek* series good enough to make me forget about the wretched waste of time that was "Voyager"
- Not voting the ticket on Election Day
- Doubling my RAM, which I swear didn't do much
- Assistant teaching several IT classes
- Pulling out my box of old-school regular Nintendo games, often finding them to be more fun than half the junk out now

How I will actually remember the year 2001—10, 20... 50 years from now:

- An hour and a half of mayhem, carnage, and unprecedented destruction.

2001—The best year of my life I wish I could forget.

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Dear Mr. Simone:

I would like to take this time to thank you for screwing me out of the last 4 years of my life. I must say, RIT is indeed the school you said it would be... and more.

Please thank your campus safety department as well. I can't remember how many times they broke up a small party or even a football game before it erupted into something on the level of the Kent State riots.

Send my warmest thanks to the financial aid department for losing forms and causing me to miss registration that one year.

Don't forget the parking department. I couldn't tell you how happy I was to find a \$45 ticket on my grandmother's car in an empty parking lot during finals week. I was even more excited when I found one 2 days after that, on the same car, in an empty parking lot.

Thanks, too, for finding us all co-ops and \$50,000-a-year jobs right out of school, just as you promised. I love hearing stories [about] how my cousin can just send in 50 resumes and have it count towards a co-op because a) most likely your department is incompetent, and b) You may be finding out now that RIT isn't the best college even in New York, and [a] degree from here means about as much as certification from Uncle Ed's self-taught course in computer management.

Thank you for accepting too many freshmen than you could handle. I realize you need more money for yourself, so obviously accepting bigger class sizes each year and raising tuition will help you buy that yacht. Thanks for the great retention rate and sense of community around here. I think I can say spending 2 hours watching reruns of "Sesame Street" will be as much fun [as], if not more than, my 4 years walking around the ugliest campus in the nation.

I'll be sure to pass the word on when I leave. I'll let everyone know how much you and the administration cares about keeping students around, letting them have fun, and making college life a pleasurable experience. I'm sure one day RIT will eventually be on the same level of spirit and school pride as Virginia or Georgia Tech. But first, do me a favor: You and your entire administration resign, because it's obvious, from a students' point of view, that you do not know what the hell you are doing.

**Many Thanks,
Matt Champlin**

To the Editors:

I really enjoyed your extended hockey coverage in the December 7 issue. It was well written and was a good recap of a season. I hope we see more of it!

I would like to comment on Coach Wayne Wilson's tactics in the most recent weekend series at home. If you ever listen to the WITR post-game show, Wilson is always upset when we win. Whenever we win, he is always disappointed with the performance and output of his players. However, when we *lose*, he is ecstatic with the way we played and what a good effort the other team put out. Good sportsmanship? Humility? Perhaps.

There is no doubt [that] the shuffling of the lineup against Wentworth decided the game. It proved two things: [one,] the Tigers need the support of its seniors and Captains, and two, Wilson's ego is out of line. RIT suffered a demoralizing loss to a second-rate team (with a really good goaltender) that added a blemish to our record that ordinarily wouldn't be there. Johnson & Wales was not playing at our sophisticated level; therefore, our players were able to win the game while conserving their strength for the next game. You can't penalize your best players for using their best judgment! Stop playing "mind games" and start playing the kind of awesome hockey that got us to the No. 2 position last year! Wilson is paid to use his experience and strategy to win games, not to teach his "under-performing" players "lessons." I have never felt compelled to write about a sports event that upset me, but this time I feel that RIT's reputation is at stake.

Otto Vondrak ('99)

Aaron Landers reported in his article "Almost Perfect" (*Reporter* issue 12-07-01) that RIT Hockey Coach Wayne Wilson hinted of making lineup changes for the game against Wentworth because of lack luster performance by Galway, Faulkner, Armes, Bournazakis, and Walling. But, it was reported by the Rochester *Democrat & Chronicle* that those players, as well as others, were suspended for violating team rules. So which is it, lackluster performance or violating team rules?

James M. DeMarco

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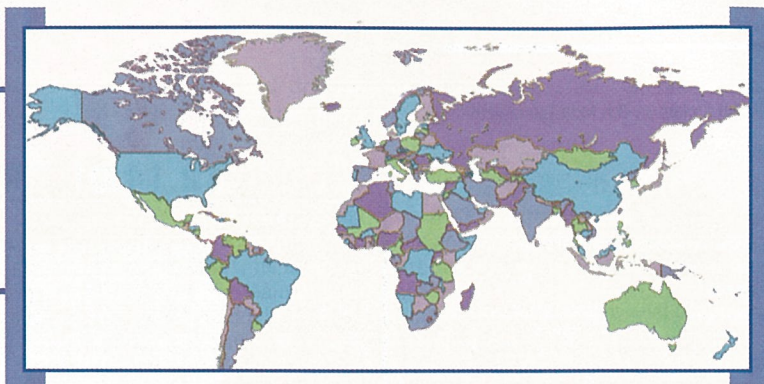
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■ TEHRAN, Iran:

In a country marred by frequent protests over unpaid wages, one recent demonstration turned into a public suicide. Some 1,800 workers of the Faryab Mine Company watched as a disgruntled worker killed himself over the group's argument over eight months of work without pay. According to an Iranian newspaper, the man "climbed an electricity pylon and connected himself to the cables," where he was subsequently electrocuted.

■ ROME, Italy:

Two Italian men, Christian Kleon and Andreas Plack, planned to take advantage of an insurance policy, but got more than they bargained for. Sources say that Kleon was to stage a crime scene by cutting Plack's leg with a chainsaw. The scam then called for Kleon to throw the chainsaw in a river, while Plack stopped the bleeding. However, the wound proved too deep for Plack; he bled to death waiting for help to arrive. Christian Kleon is currently under arrest and faces charges of murder; he still maintains that the scene was an accident.

■ NEW YORK, New York:

The Stronghold Group, a marketing firm known for merchandising doll products for pop stars such as 'NSYNC and Ricky Martin, have announced their next doll line up: Playboy playmates. Fully sponsored by adult entertainment company Playboy Enterprises, Inc., the dolls are said to be averaging 16 inches complete with "super smooth skin." Aimed for adult collectors, the product is going to be shipped in limited numbers, as only 20,000 units are scheduled for release in America, while 10,000 more are being shipped to the rest of the world. Victoria Silvstedt, the 1997 Playboy Playmate of the Year, is planned as their first release. These anatomically correct dolls will have a list price of \$49.99, and can be bought at from Playboy, or other stores such as Electronics Boutique.

■ ROME, Italy:

The yearly flocking of starlings in Rome may be pretty, but only from a distance, say some of the residents of the Italian capitol of Rome. The flock of birds is so large that people walking under them are accustomed to carrying umbrellas to shield themselves from the generous amounts of bird droppings. To overcome the problem, the Italian League for the Protection of Birds (LIPU) has arranged a way for the birds to be safely diverted to the outskirts of the city. The strategy calls for a series of loudspeakers which will broadcast a bird-like "distress call" that would then scare the birds away from the affected area. LIPU states that their plan is effective, as it has been tested earlier on smaller, residential areas.

■ VANCOUVER, British Columbia:

When Greg Bonnett went to a Vancouver strip club last year, he expected to see nude women, not a foot smashing into his face. Reportedly, Bonnett was seated near a stage where a dancer identified as "Jane Doe" was pole dancing and accidentally kicked him in the face, fracturing his nose. Bonnett is suing the Barnet Motor Inn for damages and not warning customers of the dangers of sitting close to the stage.

■ RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil:

Paulo de Tarso Dutra, a former Brazilian policeman currently serving a 43-year jail sentence for a kidnapping/murder, got a taste of his own medicine last week. Tarso Dutra's son was kidnapped and held for a ransom of \$160,000. However, the boy was freed, and police state that they have two suspected kidnapers in custody. They are presently looking for two other people involved in the kidnapping.

■ PATHUMTHANI, Thailand:

Hiroshi Yatamoto, a prominent Japanese seismologist, claims the September 11 attacks have caused "complete and utter destruction" of buildings in Thailand. Yatamoto, a seismologist at the Japan Advance Institute, was called into Thailand to examine the abnormal seismic activity around the Dhammakaya Foundation, a Buddhist temple and retreat. According to Yatamoto, the collapse of the World Trade Centers caused a slight shift in tectonic plates underneath New York City. The shift was then magnified to a destructive extent as it traveled through the earth, focusing its energy on the town of Pathumthani. Yatamoto is currently appealing to the United States government to include those killed in the earthquake to be included into the relief fund for the September 11 victims.

■ LONDON, England:

No, McChina isn't McDonald's new line of Chinese food restaurants. A judge recently allowed Frank Yu Kwan Yuen to use "McChina" as the name for Yuen's restaurant chain. In the court battle, McDonald's argued that "McChina" encroached on its trademarks of the "Mc" prefix, and would confuse customers into thinking that McChina would be owned by the American based fast food company. The judge stated that McDonald's was trying to monopolize the use of the "Mc" prefix. After hearing the decision, Yuen said he was "as happy as a drunken prawn."

■ BUDAPEST, Hungary:

In Darvaspuszta, recent tragic events cast a somber mood over the annual Hungarian pre-Christmas celebrations. A Croatian man was electrocuted to death while trying to kill a pig with a homemade electric pig stunner. This shocking death is said to have angered the owner of the pig, causing him to die of a heart attack.

■ HARARE, Zimbabwe:

Three Americans who served a six-month prison sentence in Zimbabwe are being "symbolically" punished again for the same crime. The high court gave Gary George Blanchard, Joseph John Lamonte Dixon, and Wendell Pettijohn a five-year prison sentence, as the court believes they had been let off too easily the first time. The sentence, however, does not require the Americans to come back to Zimbabwe, which they left in 1999. They were initially charged for trying to board an airplane with containers full of weapons. These three members of an Indiana based church said they needed the arsenal to protect themselves in the Congo while they performed their missionary duties.

True stories obtained from Reuters and ABCNews.com. Fake story from The Stankbox. •

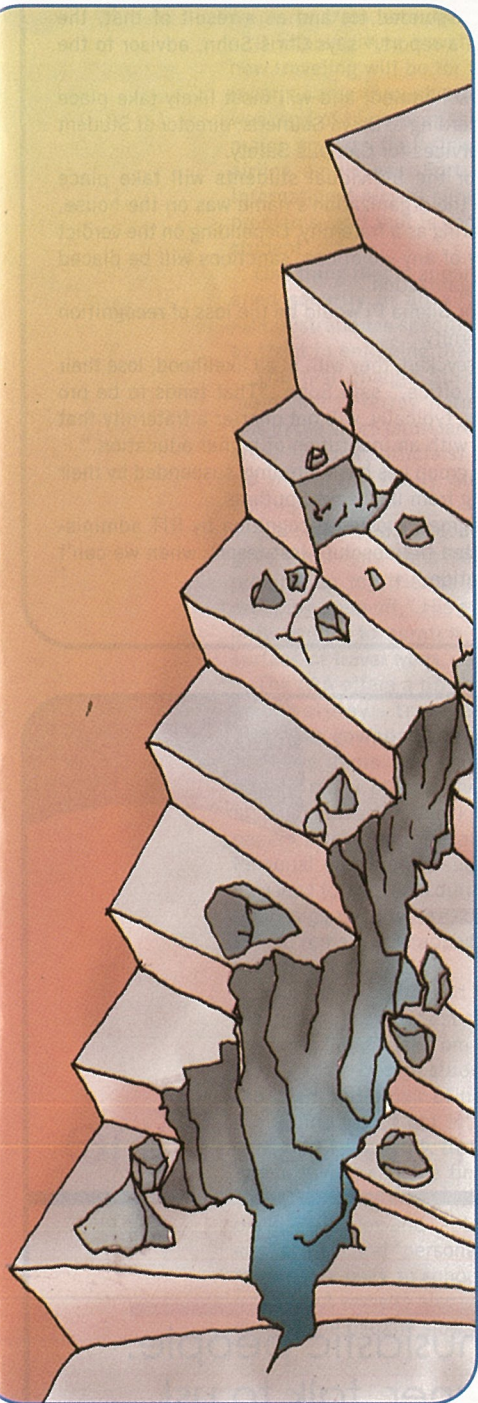
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Crime Watch

News

Compiled by Cameron Kolstad



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November 20

Criminal Trespass

A student reported an unknown male entered his apartment and refused to leave. A campus safety investigation of the apartment yielded no perpetrators.

November 21

Criminal Mischief

Colony Manor.
Four male students were evicted from their apartment when maintenance reported damage to a stairwell, repair costs reaching at over \$3,000.

November 24

Criminal Mischief

An interior door in the Ritter Ice Rink was shattered.

November 25

Unlawful supply of alcohol to minors

Colony Manor
Campus Safety, upon responding to a fight, discovered residents of an apartment hosting a party in which alcohol was being provided to underage guests. All non-RIT members were banned from campus.

November 27

Harassment

An employee reported that an unidentified driver followed her onto the RIT campus where, upon stopping, the perpetrator proceeded to yell obscenities at her. She drove away and called 911.

November 29

Evasion

Colony Manor
A 911 call was forwarded from Monroe County Sheriffs Office, requesting a Campus Safety investigation to find three males who refused to pay for their taxi ride. The report explained that the three men exited the taxi upon arrival to Colony Manor and ran away without paying. One of the males was later

found, intoxicated and refusing to identify the other men. After being threatened with an arrest, the intoxicated man reconsidered, and the taxi driver received his \$30 fare.

Harassment

Schmitt Interfaith Center
A staff member reports that a former boyfriend of hers drove from Michigan to place photographs on her desk while she was away.

December 1

Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

University Commons
During a fire alarm, responding officers checking rooms noticed the odor of marijuana. A resident, a 4th-year student, admitted to smoking pot two days earlier, but claimed that he did not smoke on 12-01, the day of the fire alarm. A search of the room resulted in confiscation of a marijuana pipe and smoking papers.

December 2

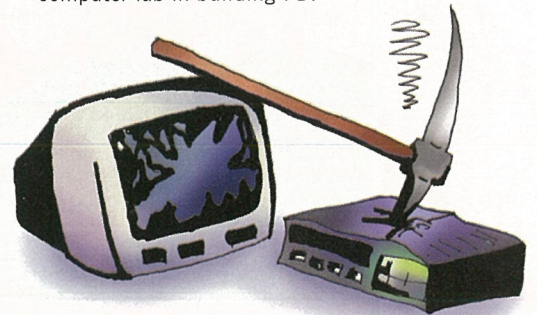
Criminal Mischief

Ellingson Hall
A student reported damage to his TV and VCR while he was away on Thanksgiving break.

December 3

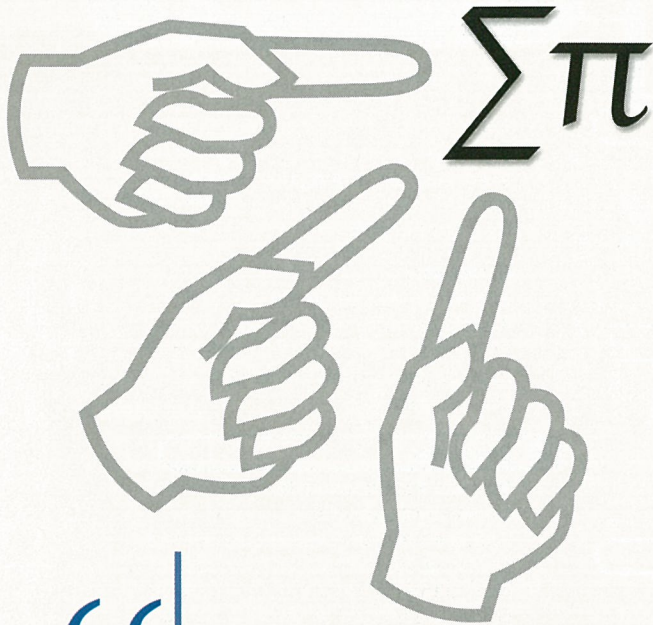
Larceny

Gannett Building
Two computers were stolen from a computer lab in building 7B. •



Problems for Sigma Pi

by Samantha Smith



“It's the absolute last resort.”

The future of the Sigma Pi fraternity may be in jeopardy since Campus Safety began an investigation of an off-campus incident involving Sigma Pi fraternity brothers. The episode traces back to September 16, when the local sheriff's department responded to the undisclosed incident.

“They rented a house off campus, there was an incident there that the sheriff's department responded to, and as a result of that, the Campus Safety office filed a report,” says Chris Sohn, advisor to the RIT Greek organizations.

A hearing is now being scheduled, and will most likely take place sometime in December, according to Dawn Soufleris, director of Student Conduct and Mediation Services for Campus Safety.

Disciplinary hearings for the individual students will take place separately. Then, because the organization's name was on the house, Sigma Pi will undergo a hearing as a fraternity. Depending on the verdict of the hearing and severity of any violations, sanctions will be placed on the students and the organization.

The maximum penalty for Sigma Pi would be the loss of recognition by RIT as a chartered fraternity.

“[If] their recognition is revoked, they will, in all likelihood, lose their charter with their national office,” said Sohn. “That tends to be pro forma. A national fraternity, typically, will not charter a fraternity that doesn't have an affiliation with an institution of higher education.”

“I can tell you is that the group has been interimly suspended by their national, pending a hearing from us,” says Soufleris.

As far as the odds of Sigma Pi losing recognition by RIT administration, Sohn said, “It's often the absolute last resort, when we can't improve upon a given situation.” •

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Holiday Travel:

“Hey, watch where you put that metal detector!” by Laura Chwirut

This December, the first holiday season in the shadow of the September 11 attacks, student travelers will encounter changes in traveling whether they are going by plane, train, or automobile.

If Thanksgiving travel days were any indication of how traveling will be for the upcoming holiday break, reports came through television news throughout the weekend of the mass security checks and rechecks at major airports that slowed travelers and frustrated airline employees. Fortunately, the Rochester Area International Airport survived the weekend with fewer problems, and that is good news for the traveling RIT student.

One thing that is apparent nationwide is the heightened security in all airports. The Federal Aviation Administration is specific with their rules, and equally as strict in enforcing them.

The first change 5th-year Environmental Science major Matt Hurray noticed was in the short-term parking area. “[Airport officials] got rid of all the really close parking!”

He continued, “Security gave me a hard time about picking up my friends and dropping them off.” His story only begins to scratch the surface of travel woes.

The FAA offers a tip sheet for holiday travelers on their website, <http://faa.gov/apa/tipbroch.htm>. The extensive list suggests items that should be left out of luggage. Among many others, the FAA suggests leaving any kind of blades at home: knives, nail files, razor blades, paper cutters, etc., because they will be confiscated. Personal care items, such as perfume and aerosols, may lead to problems during luggage screening. Finally, they suggest any presents transported in luggage should remain unwrapped, because they are subject to search as well.

Some airlines, backed by the FAA, impose their own regulations, so the best thing is to verify procedures.

On her flight back from New Jersey, not only did 2nd-year Graphic Design student Julie Bae get her luggage searched and a pair of nail clippers confiscated, but the airline would not let her carry her portfolio as a carryon. “Apparently, the policy had changed between Thanksgiving and the first of the month, so that one carryon and one personal item are allowed on the flight deck. Portfolios and laptops will no longer be considered the second ‘personal item,’ so I could not bring my artwork back to school with me,” she said.

The FAA website also suggests allowing extra time—even at the usually slow Rochester Area International

Airport. Curbside check-in is no longer an option with most airlines, so long lines inside the airport should be expected, whether at luggage check, security, bathrooms or at the flight terminal.

Security is the feature that people have noticed as being the most-changed feature of airport travel this year. Where anyone was allowed down the concourse to the flight terminals before, now only ticketed passengers are allowed to pass through security checkpoints. The federally-employed security operators carefully screen each object that passes through the conveyor, and each person that sets off the metal detector is searched thoroughly. One student accounted she was frisked after the metal detector picked up on the metal in her under wire bra.

All employees at the airport are also reacting with heightened awareness to anything they hear. The FAA tip-sheet warns, “Don’t joke about having bombs or firearms. Don’t discuss terrorism, weapons, explosives or other threats while going through the security checkpoint. The mere mention of words such as ‘gun’ or ‘bomb’ can compel security personnel to detain and question you. They are trained to consider these comments as real threats.”

Those traveling via other modes of transportation are not immune to the wrath of holiday travel. Experts report a 24 percent decrease in airline travel since September, which means that a quarter of the population of travelers are now using different modes of transportation. That means, of course, traffic will be worse for bus and car travelers, and rail travelers may encounter some of the same slowdowns air travelers will deal with.

The only advice experts are giving for car travelers is to choose carefully when they travel. Weekends may be the worst time to be on the road, unfortunate for the RIT student who finishes classes on Friday, December 22.

For the student choosing to travel via train, it is best to pack light, because the crowded train will have limited room for luggage. It is also smart to know exactly the way to the train station before the departing day, to avoid traffic, or getting lost.

Traveling after New Years will not be as hectic, because most students will not be traveling back to Rochester for several days after the start of the year, giving the rush time to die down. Still, security will be tight, and there are no signs of things moving more quickly for a while. •

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So it's holiday time once again. It doesn't matter if you're Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Catholic, or anything else — this time of year is traditionally known as the time to bestow gifts of love and cash on our friends and family. But what gifts? What do we give to our loved ones? They look at us with eyes shining with tears of joy and hearts beating madly with their love for us, and what are we going to get them? Hopefully, something that they'll really like. Something special. And hopefully, *Reporter* can help.

Gift Ideas for Men

Pocketknife

For any guy who likes gadgets or just needs to keep a pocketknife handy, Gallyans has a wide range of pocketknives. They have Swiss army and Leathermen knives that come with just about everything, including different-sized knife blades, a screwdriver, scissors, and a couple of other features depending on the style you choose. The prices can range from \$9.99 for a small pocketknife to \$39.99 or \$49.99 for a deluxe model.

Another option is Things Remembered. The knives they sell don't have quite as many features but they are engravable to make the gift special. The knives cost between \$19.99 and about \$29.99. Engraving initials costs \$5.

(Remember—DON'T LET HIM GO TO THE AIRPORT WITH THIS IN HIS POCKET—trust me, I know.)

Gloves

Old Navy carries a lot of inexpensive gloves for men. Their performance fleece gloves cost \$10.50 and can be found in red, blue, gray, black, and yellow. They also sell men's suede palm-knit gloves for \$12.50, which can be bought in charcoal, green, or brown.

Gallyans also has great winter gloves but they are pricier—anywhere from \$19.99 to \$49.99. They carry gloves in fleece and the regular traditional style. The colors are predominately black, gray, and blue.

Sweaters

At American Eagle the men's stripe crew sweater is \$29.95 and comes in navy, khaki, gray, and maroon. Also, Old Navy has a men's crew sweater that costs \$26.50. They come in blue, green, and maroon. They also carry rib-knit turtleneck sweaters. They cost \$26.50 as well and come in blue, black, and brown.



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Friends from School

Let's face it: you go to RIT. Your friends go to RIT. If you don't know a single person who has a computer, then you just aren't trying.

Computer upgrades are getting cheaper by the minute and you can get them from anywhere. Best Buy, CompUSA, and Circuit City are a good place to get cheap, mostly reliable computer upgrades, parts, and peripherals. RAM is always a good stocking stuffer for the family nerd. 3D accelerator cards (look, spring for the GeForce 3, all right?) go for anywhere from \$79 to as high as \$200 at Best Buy. Also, who do you know that doesn't need a bigger hard drive?

The Last-Minute Solution

RIT gear can be purchased at the bookstore. You can find something for just about anyone. T-shirts or sweatshirts with the RIT logo could cost you anywhere from \$10 to about \$50. Also, mugs, glasses, and window stickers that have the RIT logo could be an idea for a family member. So if you're stuck and you're not sure what to do, check out the bookstore and maybe you'll find something that works.

The Oddball in the Family

One really odd, yet thoroughly cool idea can be found at www.rit.edu/~iiewww/football_shirts/. Based on the idea that RIT hasn't had a football team since 1978 (the varsity football team was axed after seven fairly miserable seasons, with the final season's record being 0-8-1), the shirts proudly declare the amazing achievement of our football team to remain undefeated for an incredible 23 consecutive seasons. The t-shirts go for \$10 each. There are also crew (\$20) and hooded sweaters (\$25).



Gifts for everyone

Special Someone

A gift for a boyfriend or girlfriend might be underwear. Boxers can be bought at just about any clothing store and can cost anywhere from \$6 - \$25. Women's panties can also be found at just about anywhere. Victoria's Secret is selling string bikini panties inside a Christmas ornament for \$10—if it's intimates you want, you can also find them just about anywhere.

Another great idea is massage oil. The Body Shop sells sensual massage oil in a gift basket for \$24. This gift is romantic and relaxing.

For the Family

Depending on how much you were planning on spending during the holiday shopping season, you can knock an entire family off your list with one or two tactical gift drops.

Of course, one major piece of equipment that everyone's been after for the past few years is a DVD player. Best Buy and Circuit City are your best bet for a relatively affordable model—Best Buy has prices as low as around \$150 and as high as a few thousand dollars for DVD changers—in case you want to watch 15 movies in a row, apparently.

Other major gifts, which you may or may not be able to afford, include Sony's Playstation 2 (when did "PSX" become an acceptable abbreviation for "Playstation?") There's not even an "x" in the word), Microsoft's Xbox and Nintendo's GameCube. These are mostly available at your upscale toy stores and Electronics Boutique. Expect to shell out about \$300 for the system, and then you have to buy at least one game for them.



Candles - Friends - Hard Drives - Sweaters - Things Remembered - Swiss Army Knives - Family - Gamecubes - American Eagle Outfitters - RIT Gear - Electronics Boutique - Family Oddball - Panties - Xboxes - Gloves - RAM - Men - DVD Players - Peripherals - Best Buy - PSX2s - Video Games - Women - Victoria's Secret - Leathermen - Circuit City - RIT Football - Video Cards

Gift Ideas for Women

Perfume

There are tons of different types of perfumes and body sprays on the market. The Gap has three Gap scents that smell great: "dream," "pink," and "heaven." Any of these scents can be purchased as a gift bag set. The \$15 set includes the perfume, bath beads, and body shimmer.

Bath and Body Works also carries a lot of great fragrances. There are many different types of body sprays and perfumes that can range from \$9 - \$22. Any of the scents can be purchased in gift set or with matching lotion or soap.

Victoria's Secret also offers a holiday gift set. The Victoria's Little Secret set comes with four different fragrances in a \$29 gift box.

Candles

It seems candles can be bought just about anywhere:

Linens and Things has a nice selection. They have scented pillar candles that cost between \$6.99 and \$9.99. They also sell a set of 12 scented votive candles for \$9.99. Also available at Linens and Things are the well-known Yankee candles. These candles can be bought in nice glass jars and they smell great.

Northern Lights Candles have some candle sets perfectly suited for the holidays. A set of six votives can be purchased for \$12.99. They also carry scented candles in frosted vases. There are three different sizes of candles: medium, large, and three-wick (the "jumbo" size, which may generate enough heat to melt glass, or even the Scroogiest of hearts) and they cost \$7.99, \$12.99, and \$15.99 respectively.

Sweaters

Sweaters can be bought at any clothing store but American Eagle and Old Navy have some nice sweaters that don't cost a ton. The women's marled turtleneck sweater costs \$39.95 and comes in charcoal, maroon, blue, creme, and green. Old Navy carries a multi-colored turtleneck sweater that costs \$29.95 and comes in red, brown, and blue. They also sell a women's angora-blend v-neck sweater that comes in white, blue, red, and pink. It's only \$22.50. •

frugal holiday gift ideas

by Jakob Lodwick

Kids in college are like bananas in a grocery store—sure, they have good intentions, but they don't have much money. Even those who have jobs are inept at saving, letting the money fizzle away in \$21.50 increments. But this year will be different! You really do care about your friends and family, honest! You'll get something for everyone, even the obscure people like your cousins and grandparents and boyfriends. And you'll use this handy guide to ensure that you spend no more than four dollars collectively. Don't be a Disappointing Daniel this year. Whether your Christmas is a Catholic, Jewish, or Asian one, there is just no excuse to pass up the giving of a token present!

Cheese prints

Price: about fifteen cents

Time: about thirty seconds

Nothing says 'you are worth my time' like an everlasting handprint in some Velveeta. This year, give your loved ones something that they'll never forget until they decide to throw it away. The method is simple—put a slice of American cheese (the brand is not important, but the more preservatives, the better) on a tray, toast it for about twenty seconds, push your hand into it, and presto! You care about someone! Most hands are larger than a square of cheese, but don't consider this fact an obstacle. Consider it an opportunity to lie. Pretend you've been learning lots about "art" in the past few years at RIT, even if you're a Mechanical Engineering major and the recipient is an Industrial Designer.

"Homemade" Snickers bars

Price: about \$1.50

Time: three minutes

Chocolatiers are among the most well-loved and oversexed professionals in America. To get a piece of this action, just buy a few regular Snickers bars from a vending machine, unwrap them, toast them for about a minute to create the illusion of irregularity, and then put them in a large Ziplock bag. The best thing about this gift is that everyone assumes you really did make them, and is amazed at how closely they resemble real ones.



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Poems

Price: free

Time: between one and two minutes

Poetry is, without a doubt, the funnest form of self-expression. There are no rules, except that the poem has to make sense the first time you read it, and every line has to rhyme. If you need to come up with a rhyme for something tricky, such as 'fantasy' or 'beautiful,' just half-ass it. Whoever gets the poem will be impressed with what a hard trier you are. Poems can be written on just about anything, but notebook paper is the best because you probably have a lot of it. Here are some examples to get you started.

A bad poem:

'twas winter's calm
that icy grip
so strangled me once more

A good poem:

Your face is nice, your eyes are, too
I'd really like to get to know you
When we're driving in the city,
I see your face and I think how it is pretty
The only thing that I don't want
Is for you to die and then haunt (my house)
If I could live just one single fantasy
It would be for you to dance with me

Squishees

Price: free, basically

Time: two minutes

These things are a blast. You'll need some highlighters, some Scotch tape, and an index card. Put a one-and-a-half inch strip of tape on the index card and write with the highlighter as much as possible until a small pool of liquid has collected. Cover this up with another strip of tape, then more highlighter (of a different color), and so on. Once you've built up twelve or thirteen layers, cut off the excess index card. Now you have a portable squishy rectangle that, like the holidays themselves, is colorful and full of magic.

The Trick

Price: free

Time: irrelevant

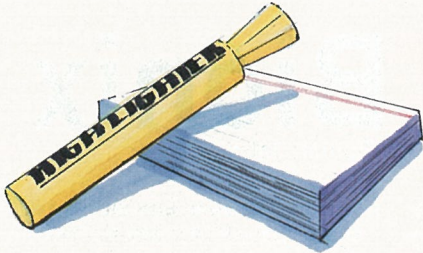
The Trick definitely qualifies as a "holiday gift idea," but it's actually more of a concept than a gift. If you've reached the actual gift-giving ceremony but still haven't bought or made any presents, The Trick is your ticket to salvation. Simply wait for someone to give you a present. As soon as you unwrap it, adopt a disappointed but surprised face and wait for him or her to ask what's wrong. Reply with "This is great, but it's the exact same thing I got for you!" After sharing a good laugh about the humor of coincidences, subtly tell your loved one that he or she can just keep the present, since you have the exact same one wrapped up for them in the car. The Trick works well if you use it only four or five times in a night, but after seven or eight rounds, people might start to get mad at you for being so coincidental. Additionally, you might run into trouble if the gift is clothing, gender-specific, a form of artwork, anything monogrammed, or alive.

Babies

Price: free

Time: A few minutes / nine months

Actually, don't give someone a baby. Never mind. •



Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie

by Jen Treuting

If you're tired of seeing the same old actors and watching the same old plots, try seeing *Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain*, released in America as *Amélie*. As the tag line says, "She'll change your life." Well, maybe not, but within the world of this delightfully fun and innocent film, she does change the lives of those around her.

The newest movie from French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet (*Alien: Resurrection*, *Delicatessen*), *Amélie* is a movie about chance and destiny. Just to warn you, the dialogue is entirely French, and there are English subtitles. This doesn't detract from the movie at all, though; instead, it adds to the film's unique feel and design.

The film opens with the birth of *Amélie*, and then follows her through her troubled childhood. She is home-schooled, her goldfish is suicidal, and her father never hugs her. Everything is like this until, through an unfortunate and highly unlikely accident, her mother is killed. Left to be raised by her now grieving father, *Amélie* learns to appreciate the simple joys in life. Skipping stones along the river and the feel of her hand in a bag of grain become some of her favorite, and life-long, pleasures.

Flash forward. *Amélie* is now grown, and living on her own. She works in a café, *Le Deux Moulins*, or the Two Windmills. One day, her life is changed forever. While watching a news story of Princess Di's sudden death, *Amélie* discovers a secret compartment in her flat. Within it she finds an old box full of a child's beloved keepsakes and toys. Deciding to return it to its original owner, who is now grown, she sets off into the city to begin her search. She decides that if the deed brings the owner happiness, then she shall continue doing good for others.

With that, *Amélie* becomes a crusader for justice and good. She helps out her fellow neighbors, co-workers, and random people, in ways that are hardly expected, but always appreciated. *Amélie* does all of her work in secret though; for she delights in watching her results unfold from a distance.

In meeting Nino, a young man much like herself, *Amélie* has to decide to take a chance in her life, and open her heart to love. Reluctant to meet Nino face-to-face, and afraid of taking a risk, *Amélie* is nonetheless enthralled by him. He, like *Amélie*, has unusual taste and loves the simpler things in life. Collecting discarded and torn ID photos in an album is one of his favorite hobbies.

In a highly creative and hugely entertaining way, *Amélie* introduces herself to him, and they fall in love. Of course, it's not quite that simple—nothing about *Amélie* is—but the course of their eccentric "courtship" is perhaps the most interesting part of the film. Using Paris as a backdrop for their chases, riddles, and games, Jeunet conveys *Amélie's* search for love in a tender and imaginative way.

Overall, Jeunet's film is a wonderful escape into the land of imagination and destiny. Paris becomes a world that one could influence in such little ways, but with such large results. The city itself was conveyed primarily with rich tones of gold and green, adding to the fairy-tale likeness and surrealism of the film. *Amélie's* world was one of beauty, and had its own bit of mystery to it. The colors and scenes all combined to form a very real, yet startlingly mystical world, where dreams, chance, and destiny rule.

The Art of Intelligence

De La Soul AOL: Bionix

by Ashish Jaiswal



On the success of their first release, *De La Soul* was set to take the lead in a new mellow non-violent rap and hip-hop movement. The success that *Three Feet High & Rising*, their first and best-selling album, had in the music community has earned it the honor of being called a classic of hip-hop. *Three Feet High's* successors have all been liked by the trio's solid fan base as well as many critics. This new album promises a continuing growth to 2000's *Art Official Intelligence: Mosaic Thump* in the second of the AOL's releases.

The new album, *Art Official Intelligence: Bionix - Better, Faster, Stronger*, is in line with the 2000 release. The packaging and art are not the only similarities the two have in common. The albums are both about an hour long and are filled with great songs.

Bionix has absolutely no bad songs. The album has 18 tracks and five of those are skits and intros leaving a respectable 13 songs on the album.

The album leads with the title track,

"*Bionix*," followed with the released single "*Baby Phat*," which is enjoying popular radio play. The video for "*Baby Phat*" has entered MTV2's handpicked rotation and the album has been "hand-picked" by the network as one of the finest records out now.

If you want to check the video out, watch MTV2, or go to mtv2.com and check out the handpicked section. This song gives *De La* their first mainstream radio and video hit since *Three Feet High*.

Guest artists on the CD include Slick Rick and Cypress Hill's B-Real, who infuse special character to "*What We Do*" and "*Peer Pressure*," respectively. B-Real sounds decent, but Slick Rick sounds excellent: his best since *Great Adventures*. B-Real's style works well with the harder styling of Cypress Hill, but unfortunately it doesn't mesh as well with *De La Soul's* less-intense approach to the genre.

The beats on this album are solid and soulful. The samples from *A Tribe Called*

Poulain

The world of *Amelie* is a feast for the eyes, and if you're not careful, you can miss important dialogue while watching the scenery instead of the subtitles. That's not to say that the locations and sets are distracting, but that they are just so interesting. You want the camera to linger, so you can examine the details of a room, of the subway, or of the street.

Irresistibly charming and amusing, *Amelie* is a great piece of foreign cinema. It takes you where films are supposed to, yet few do: the realms of your own imagination. •

Unfortunately, the only place around here that is playing *Amelie* is The Little Theater.

Check their web page for showtimes:

<http://www.little-theatre.com>

Quest are good and honest. The CD is improved by the variety of the beats selected and the slight variation of style. This variety keeps the album from being boring and kept my interest enough that I listened to its entirety in one sitting, a telltale sign of a quality record.

The decidedly soulful album hits in a time when soul is enjoying a resurgence of popularity. The success of Jill Scott, India Arie, Common, and Lauryn Hill should help to improve the album's sales. Although the album is soulful, it still has lots more to offer for the rap and hip-hop fans that enjoy good rhyming and funny skits.

I enjoyed listening to the whole album but "Baby Phat," "Simply," "Special," "What We Do," and "Trying People" are definitely all standout tracks on the album, with one or two destined to be radio hits in 2002 – even if Rochester doesn't have any good rap or hip-hop stations, they should at least receive play on Rochester's best hip-hop show on WITR. •

Holiday Playlist

Compiled by Eric D Nelson

With all the different versions of the classic Christmas songs out there, it gets tough finding the ones you actually enjoy. So, to help you out, *Reporter* found what it believes to be the best versions of all the classic Christmas songs, along with a few modern-day tunes.

Vienna Boys Choir	Angels We Have Heard On High	3:10
Alvin & The Chipmunks	The Chipmunk Song	2:21
Nat King Cole	It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year	2:34
Frank Sinatra	I'll Be Home for Christmas	3:11
Peanuts	Hark, The Herald Angels Sing	1:55
Nat King Cole	The Christmas Song	3:13
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	The First Noel	3:00
Perry Como	Silver Bells	2:34
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	Hallelujah Chorus	2:33
Vienna Boys Choir	O Holy Night	2:30
Dean Martin	Winter Wonderland	2:27
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	We Three Kings	5:08
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	We Wish You A Merry Christmas	1:56
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	O Come All Ye Faithful	3:01
Nat King Cole	Frosty the Snowman	2:21
Bing Crosby	It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas	2:45
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	Carol of the Bells	2:32
Mormon Tabernacle Choir	Do You Hear What I Hear?	3:47
Bing Crosby	Mele Kalikimaka	2:54
Jon Bon Jovi	Please Come Home for Christmas	2:53
Mariah Carey	All I Want for Christmas is You	4:01
	Total	60:57

Family and Spirit

by Jen Treuting

Do you need religion for a holiday?

It's December already, and the winter holidays are fast approaching. Christmas is eleven days away, Hanukkah will be winding down, Ramadan (which began November 16 this year) will be ending on December 15, and 'Eid-ul-Fitr, or the Festival of Fast-breaking, will begin.

Surely these holidays are fast on our minds. Even though each has its own religious roots and beginnings, some people today celebrate them without attending worship or observing the religious foundations of them. This, however, does not mean that the winter holidays have been lost to commercialism. For many, the holidays are still a time to spend with family and reflect upon the passing year, regardless of what religion one observes, if any.

While some students may attend religious services less during the school year, it does not mean that their belief is any weaker. "I go to church at home usually four times a week," said Aaron Swerdlin. Since arriving at RIT though, he has been to church only once. Another student, Jon Cook, reports similar circumstances. While at home, he attends weekly; at school, he does not.

There are myriad reasons for these changes of church/worship attendance. People may be reluctant or hesitant to go to a service headed by someone they don't know or aren't familiar with. The hectic college course schedules themselves can also be tiring and distracting.

However, the holidays are a time when it's important to take time to reflect. This doesn't have to happen within a church, or within any special building. A person's belief is enough to give these days special meaning.

Such beliefs are often highly personal, and not necessarily religious. Atheists, agnostics, and others who don't necessarily believe in God—or a god—still find meaning within the holidays. To them, religion isn't necessary to celebrate the holidays. Instead, it's often considered a time to spend with family and friends. Christmas and Hanukkah become a time to celebrate the spirit of giving, and to be thankful for friends and family. The holidays are about spending "time with family and friends that I care about, and [it's] time to start fresh with the New Year," said Justin St. John.

Seth Uhlin, an atheist, feels that religion isn't needed to enjoy the winter holidays, believing that it is a time to be with family. Some holidays though, he feels, would mean more if you were religious: "Like Easter. It doesn't mean anything to me because I'm not religious. Therefore, I don't celebrate it in any way, or even know what it's for."

For those who are religious, the holidays are about family, giving, and more. David Cox, a Christian, feels "religion is not necessary to

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enjoy the winter holidays, but I do feel religion makes them more meaningful and enjoyable."

To Swerdlin, who is a Christian Jew, Christmas means the birth of the Jewish Messiah. "Jesus was Jewish, and [Christmas] is a time when the Messiah of Jews was born. Most Jews don't believe that. I do though, and celebrate that at Christmas."

Reverend Jeffrey Hering, of the Center for Campus Ministries, said, "Whether it is religious or secular, I think any sort of celebration—Christmas, the Fourth of July, whatever it may be—it brings up memories of family celebration." Religion, though, he feels, is very important to the winter holidays. "Long before they were appropriated by the malls and commercialization, there were times when people gathered, sometimes at great risk, to celebrate."

Deacon Richard Lombard, of the Newman Parish, and also from the Center for Campus Ministries, agreed with the Reverend. "I would say religion is absolutely essential. I feel the celebration that comes out of that is essential."

On the growing commercialism of Christmas, the Deacon commented, "The celebration of Christmas in the church, compared to Easter, is relatively new."

Rabbi Ari Israel was unavailable for comment.

The Interfaith Center and the Center for Campus Ministries in the Student Alumni Union have provided students with worship services of all kinds. Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim religions are all represented, and the Center's goal is not only to provide these services, but also to "celebrate the diversity of traditions and cultures." In doing so, the Center makes sure to provide adequate services for all of those peoples celebrating during this holy time. •

Decorating the Dorms

Sprucing up your room for the Holiday Season

by Jen Treuting

Whether religion factors into your celebrations or not, you can still spruce up your dorm room by decorating for the holidays. A lot can be done to make your room look cheery and festive, but there are guidelines you should follow if doing so.

According to the Holiday Decorating Guidelines for Residence Halls, no candles are allowed whatsoever, as they are a fire risk. If you observe a holiday that uses candles, try using electric candles. If you really want the real thing, go to a church or religious service.

Live trees or wreaths are prohibited. The needles can make a mess, and people may be sensitive to the sap or odor they produce. Again, they could also pose as a fire hazard. All artificial trees have to be flame resistant, and the maximum height is six feet tall.

Lights can be used, but the wires have to be in good condition. No "frayed, cracked, or crimped" wiring is allowed. Strings of lights are limited to rooms and lounges, not in the hallways.

Extension cord use is still prohibited, and no decorations should obstruct the sprinklers or the smoke detectors. Decorations should also be removed before you leave for break.

While these restrictions may seem arbitrary or overly cautious, they're for good cause. Each year unattended candles cause major fires and harm people and property. Fires are perhaps the most destructive and expensive disaster that could befall a

dormitory. Remember—it wouldn't be only your stuff that got destroyed, but the belongings of countless others as well.

Despite such rules, it's still easy to get into the holiday spirit and decorate. Many floors have their lounges lit up, some complete with Christmas trees. Floor 5 of Nathaniel Rochester Hall has paper snowflakes hanging near hallways and garlands framing their doorways for instance, and Art House has an electric menorah. Computer Science House has a large artificial Christmas tree in their lounge, with disc platters as ornaments. Pink network cable also adorns the tree. Atop the tree sits a small, stuffed penguin (the logo animal for the Linux OS), in place of a star or an angel. Students have also been decorating their rooms individually. Many doorways have festive greetings or artwork hanging upon them.

There are all sorts of holiday gatherings and festivities being planned across campus. Hillel, RIT's Jewish student organization, planned a Hanukkah party December 12 in the Interfaith Center. A dreidel tournament was held, and all were invited.

A pre-Kwanzaa celebration is also being planned. Sponsored by the Campus Ministries, the Unity House, and the BACC (Black Awareness Coordinating Committee), the event will be held in Ingle Auditorium on December 16. Karima Amin, a storyteller, should attend, as well as a dance troupe. After the event, "feasting is to follow in Fireside Lounge." •

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Not the Same Old

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration

by Eric D Nelson

Ujima Nia
 Kujichagulia
 Kuumba
 Ujamaa Ujima
 Kujichagulia

Every year, RIT has a Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration before RIT goes on break. And every year, the Celebration is the exact same thing. But this year, the BACC, Unity House, the Center for Campus Ministries, and the new Center for Academic Success and Cultural Affairs (CASCA) plan to spice it up a bit.

According to Cultural Director for the BACC and third-year Applied Mathematics major Natasha Holland, the event will feature storyteller Karima Amin, a poetry reading, in addition to the RIT Gospel Ensemble performing a few numbers and some of the ALANA clubs doing a presentation on the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. It is being held in Ingle Auditorium on Sunday, December 16 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

“Basically, we’ve tried to liven it up a bit since last year was pretty boring—the same thing that they always do every year,” said Holland. “So we try to get the clubs to pep ‘em up a bit, you know try to do something that will get the audience interested.”

The Celebration will still center on the values of Kwanzaa, which is fitting considering the Official Kwanzaa Website (www.officialkwanzaa-

[website.com](http://www.officialkwanzaa-website.com)) said, “There is no way to understand and appreciate the meaning and message of Kwanzaa without understanding and appreciating its profound and pervasive concern with values.”

The values of Kwanzaa are called the Nguzo Saba, which stands for the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa. The Principles are Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima, Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba and Imani, which translate to unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith, respectively, in English.

It is called the Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration because Kwanzaa actually takes place from December 26 until January 1.

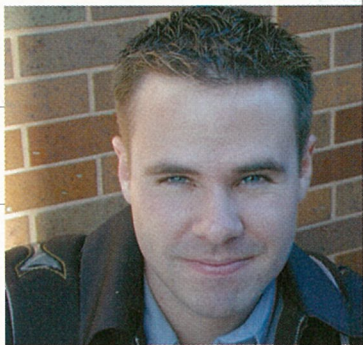
Holland wants it to be known that the celebration is open for everyone, regardless of race. “A lot of people think that BACC and Unity House and all the other clubs are just for black people or just for latino people,” said Holland, “which is not the case...BACC welcomes everybody so I wouldn’t want anyone to think, ‘Oh, I can’t go to Kwanzaa because it’s an African American holiday.’ It’s a holiday for everyone. There are people around the world who aren’t of African American descent who probably do celebrate Kwanzaa.” •

Nia
 Imani
 Kuumba
 Imani
 Kuumba
 Ujamaa Umoja Ujima
 Ujima

WORD on the STREET

“What are some holiday traditions that you have?”

Compiled by Jennifer Treuting
Photography by Brian Marcus



“We go to church and then out to dinner on Christmas Eve.”
Chris Von Esch
Third year
Finance

“Every year we go to the same house. The whole family gets together, we have a big dinner.”
Corey Bennett
First year
Undeclared Art & Design

“I don't have many of those anymore. They kinda went away when we grew up and went away to college.”
Brian Borkowski
First year
Film

“I always make my own latkes from scratch and invite my friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish, for a party and teach them how to play dreidel and show them how to light a menorah. Just so that other people can learn about Hanukkah as much as they know about Christmas.”
Jesse Mill
Fourth year
Applied Photo

“Usually just going around visiting my family. We're pretty far spread out, so it's the only time we see each other.”
Jason Zeiner
First year
Information Technology

“Driving around to see the lights.”
Tiffani Moody
Second year
Illustration



“My family enjoys going naked Christmas caroling to each of our neighbors.”
Danielle Rafferty
Fourth year
New Media



“I smash capitalism for Christmas, and then I celebrate Kwanzaa.”
Khury Peterson-Smith
Second Year
“Activism”



“We get dressed up in our Sunday best and get family portraits done at Wal-mart.”
Devon Day
Fourth year
Photo



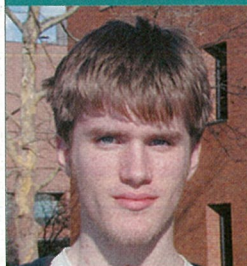
“Meet with the family mostly. My grandparents come up every year. We have a turkey. We actually open out presents the night before, not Christmas day.”
Patrick Meyer
First Year
Environmental Science



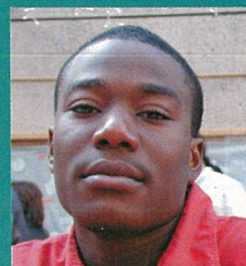
“We have Pillsbury orange rolls every Christmas morning and we have Christmas Eve dinner instead of Christmas dinner. You're allowed to open one present after dinner.”
Gregory Lefler
Second year
Computer Engineering



“The family get-together and everything. Actually, on Christmas Eve, we have a Euchre tournament and we have a five-dollar Chinese gift exchange.”
Stefanie Van Gorden
Grad student
Imaging Science



“I go home, see my parents and my brother. We visit relatives.”
James Libby
First year
Physics



“I celebrate Jesus' birthday. Sometimes I go to see a Radio City show, like the Rockettes. I have Christmas dinner and breakfast with the family.”
Travis Denny
First year
Information Technology



Dressed to look like a corpse and holding a coffin, Julia Hainer-Violand plays dead outside the main entrance to Fort Benning.

School of the Americas

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On the night of November 17 a special service was performed by a local Catholic church in honor of those who have suffered at the hands of SOA graduates.

“IF any government sponsors outlaws and killers of innocents,” declared President George W. Bush on Sept. 12, 2001, “they have become outlaws and murderers.”

As Bush says this, a terrorist training camp sits on U.S. soil, funded by the federal government. Among the graduates of the camp are some of the most notorious torturers, drug traffickers, and dictators in the western hemisphere.

Formerly known as the School of the Americas, the U.S. Army's Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), is a federally-funded division of Fort Benning that trains foreign soldiers, civilians, and law-enforcement officers from foreign countries.

WHINSEC/SOA has long been a source of great controversy. It has been admitted by the Pentagon that in the past the SOA trained students in tactics of torture, execution, bounties for enemy dead, and extortion. Not surprisingly, many SOA graduates have been indicted for human-rights abuses. Panamanian dictator and drug-trafficker Manuel Noriega was trained at the SOA, as were those in charge of Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet's death squads and concentration camps. Roberto D'Abuisson, former leader of El Salvador's ARENA party, was also trained at the SOA. Evidence has linked D'Abuisson to masterminding the 1980 assassination of

Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador. D'Abuisson is also credited with organizing the massacre in El Mozote, El Salvador, where approximately 700 unarmed men, women, and children were machine-gunned to death.

An estimated 15,000 persons converged at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA on November 17 and 18 to peacefully protest against the practices and policies that allow the training center to remain operational. The protest was the largest ever at Fort Benning. 117 persons were arrested after they crossed onto the military base.

Worried by the recent terrorist attacks, the local government of Columbus sought an injunction against the School of the Americas Watch, which is the organization that coordinates the yearly protests, but the injunction was denied in court with the judge stating that “the area in front of Ft. Benning is a constitutionally protected area for freedom of expression.”

A bill was approved by the House of Representatives in 1999 that would have cut scholarship funding for the school, but was defeated by the Senate. There is a new bill currently in the House of Representatives that will shut down WHINSEC/SOA if it is passed. Each step, no matter how successful, is an important victory for all of those opposed to WHINSEC/SOA. •



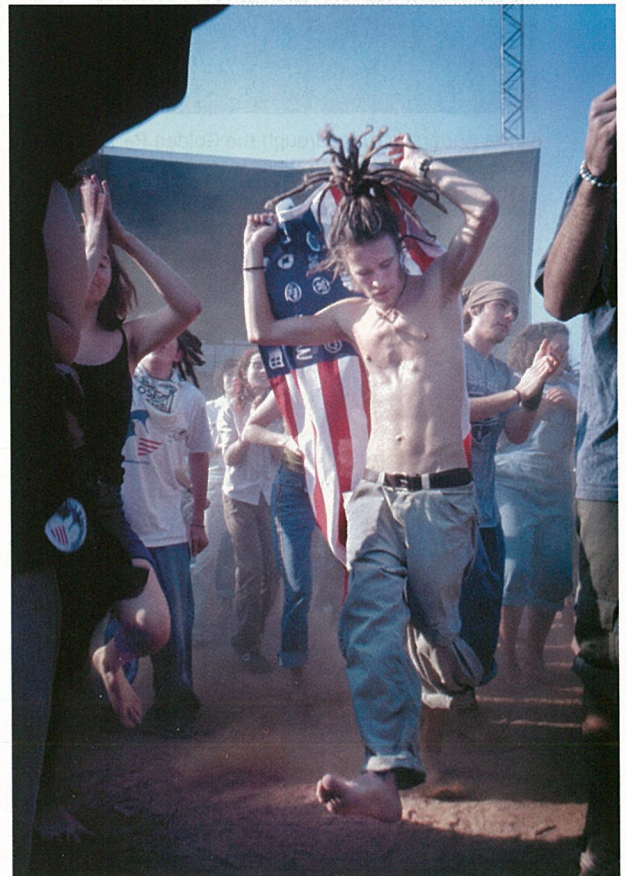
While many rallies often attract people who come to "have a good time" but really do not understand the issues being protested, this event proved extremely solemn, with most participants being very knowledgeable of the situation.



Maura Wilson of Williamsburg, VA weeps at the sight of hundreds of crosses placed in the fence line around Fort Benning. Many people were overcome with emotion as they approached the entrance to the fort.



Michael Taylor of Columbus, GA solemnly carries a coffin that will be placed at the gates of Fort Benning in remembrance of those killed by SOA graduates.



Andrew Hoyt dances in Golden Park in November 17. Hoyt came to Columbus from Waterville, Maine to protest the SOA.



Laura Anderson runs through the Golden Park baseball stadium on November 17. Demonstrations were confined to the stadium on the first day of anti-SOA actions.



After carrying a flag that had been symbolically "washed," onto the grounds of Fort Benning, activists wait to be loaded into buses that will take them to jail where they will be processed and then released.



A Catholic nun holds a cross in the air to protest the killing of the clergy in Central America. Many of the victims of SOA graduates have been priests and nuns.



All About *Convenience*

by Samantha Smith Photography by Kara Fulgenzi

The already illustrious residence hall tunnels have added another jewel to their crown with the addition of Sol's, a new retail store.

Sol's opened its doors on September 21 after numerous student requests for the Corner Store to offer a wider product selection. However, student awareness has not reached the level that those who have time and money invested in the store would like.

"It isn't too busy," said Sol's employee Kara Mather, "but the people who come in seem to like it—we have a good selection."

Jennifer Buckley, Manager of Sol's and the Corner Store, attributes the reason for the weak business to the fact that "many students who use the tunnels only go as far as the Corner Store and the post office... They don't know about Sol's."

According to Buckley, numerous advertisements and promotional programs were undertaken to increase interest in Sol's, including an advertisement in the health and beauty section of the Corner Store. Buckley is hopeful that interest will increase during the winter, since more students generally use the tunnels in cold weather.

Another factor that also plagues Sol's, as well as the Corner Store, are the high prices. Day supervisor of Sol's Dave Faas said, "The reason our prices are a little higher than a store like Wegmans is because they have greater buying power."

Basically, this means that larger grocery and department stores are able to buy products in bulk and store them, while Sol's has limited storage space. The products sold in Sol's must first be purchased through a wholesaler in small quantities.

"Compared to 7-Eleven or other small convenience stores, you'll find that our prices are comparable, or better in some cases," added Faas.

Faas also said that since the food service department is renting the space for Sol's from RIT, a small amount of the money made also has to be returned to the Institute as rent.

"I remember what it was like being a college student," laughs Faas, "I wish I could give the students here a better deal, but the truth is, we wouldn't be able to stay in business."

The concept for Sol's was developed when Sol Heumann Hall was closed for renovations last year. The goal was to create a store that would supply goods immediately useful to students while being in a convenient location.

Sol's was named for its location rather than the merchandise sold there. "We wanted a name that would work with a variety of products," said Buckley.



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Open from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week, Sol's significantly expands the variety of merchandise readily available to students living in the dorms. A variety of health and beauty items, a large display of magazines and housewares are the main features of the store.

School supplies like pencils, pens, notebooks, sketchpads, folders, and CD-RWs are offered to accommodate late-night emergencies.

An eclectic mix of foods is offered—from "Sudden Death" hot sauce to chocolate pizzelles to ginseng and green teas. Cones and cups of frozen yogurt, milkshakes, MicroBlasts®, large flavored pretzels, and coffee are sold at the Freshen's frozen yogurt stand. Bakery items, currently only cookies, are being gradually introduced.

"We're planning on adding regularly to our supply, based on student requests," said Buckley. "Our product base will change over time."

The newest additions to Sol's include the highly anticipated card section and a display of holiday decorations.

"We're always looking for student input," said Buckley, "We have a suggestion box, and we try to reply to each reasonable request."

Buckley added that it is more difficult to supply rarer products. "When a product is requested, we'd prefer if [the student] could include information about the product and where they have purchased it in the past."

Goods at Sol's can be purchased with debit, meal option, FLEX or cash; however, tax will be charged on non-edible, non-food items.

Sooner or later, every resident of the dorms has to venture into the tunnels beneath the residence halls—to check mail, to check out the murals, or to explore the novelty of running to the store at 11:00 pm in slippers and pajamas to pick up some toothpaste. •

Brandon Redmond: A True *TEAM* Player

by Marci Savage

Photography by Dennis Rochefort

"There is no 'I' in 'team,' so there should be no individual goals on a basketball team," said Brandon Redmond.

A senior captain on RIT's men's basketball team and one of the best players in the Empire Eight Conference, Redmond has a way of drawing accolades for his performance on the court. However, one of the keys to the Palmyra native's game is something that doesn't show up on any stat sheet.

Assistant coach Rob deGrandpre noted that his dedication to his team is one of the fundamental elements of Redmond's success. "He is a leader on and off the court," he said, "being a voice in the locker room, weight room, and very important behind the scenes." He added, "He has pitched in and helped out in many areas of the court."

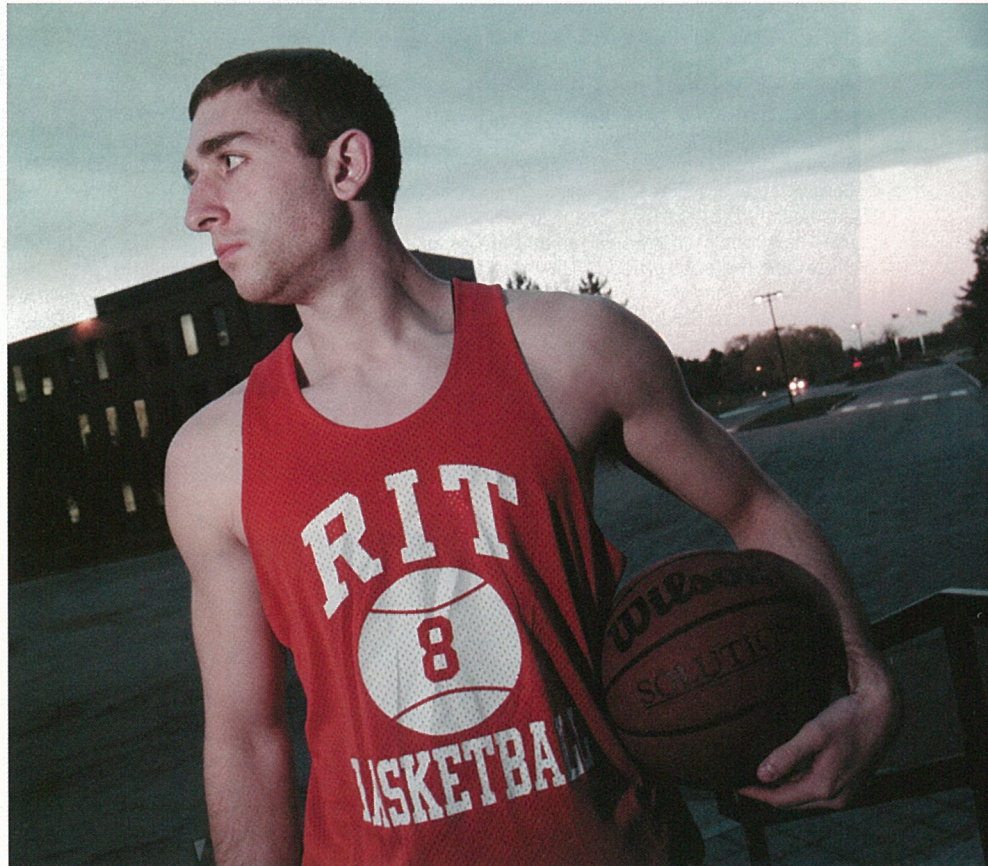
Redmond does not like to be in the spotlight, and shies away from talking about himself. In fact, he went so far as to say that he did not deserve to be a preseason All-American. This kind of recognition is appropriate, however. The 6'3" guard has proven himself a top-notch competitor throughout his collegiate career. "Since he first stepped onto the floor as a freshman, Brandon has been an outstanding player, with great understanding of the game," stated Head Coach Bob McVean.

"He was the leading rebounder last year," added deGrandpre.

Now in his final year, Redmond will have to perform well to keep the Tigers in the hunt. "Because we finished as a .500 team last year, I take that as a reflection of my play," he said. Therefore, he has taken a number of steps that will help the Tigers accomplish all their goals this season. "I worked out more during the off season, and this year I have taken more of a vocal leadership role."

The team has set their sights high this year. Their goals include winning the conference, their home tournament, and the Chase tournament. These will take more than just Redmond's play to get things done: the Tigers must work together and continue to make team-wide improvements.

“An outstanding player, with great understanding of the game.”



"The team has to trust the offense and other teammates to make the plays," said Redmond.

So far, the team has shown a great deal of trust in their humble captain: in the first three games of the year, Redmond averaged over 17 points and took over 20 percent of the team's shots. He knows, however, that it will take maximum effort from everyone on the court to make the young Tiger squad successful.

So far the team has had a small taste of early season success, winning the first two

games before falling in their conference opener against Nazareth.

"We have a talented team, but we are really young," Redmond said. "We've lost a few key players and are not exactly where we want to be yet."

With teamwork, and a little court magic from the modest leader of the Tigers, RIT's men's basketball team is on their way to getting there. •

Putting the Pressure On: Men's Basketball Opens Season at 2-1 by Marci Savage

The men's basketball team, led by senior **Brandon Redmond**, ran off with victory against both Hilbert and Hobart. They lost their third game of the season to Nazareth, which is one of the best teams in the conference. "We are playing hard every single game," said assistant coach Rob deGrandpre.

Redmond, a senior forward for the Tigers, was selected as a preseason All-American, while being ranked as the top player in the Division III east region. He was also selected as one of the top 24 players in NCAA Division III men's basketball.

On the road, RIT beat Hobart 90-76 on December 1 with 14 points from Redmond, and 14 from junior **Dan Cerro** off the bench. This gave Hobart its first loss of the season. RIT also received scoring assistance from senior **Brian McGrath**, scoring 12 points, and freshman **Jesse Foote**, scoring 11 points.

In their first game of the season the Tigers beat Hilbert with a score of 72-47. The team got off to a great start in the first half,

receiving 15 points from Redmond. Once again, the captain led the RIT's scoring efforts, with 20 points. Junior **Michael Stanton** had seven rebounds for the Tigers and added 17 points.

At home on December 4, the team lost an upsetting game to Nazareth with a score of 58-47. They were led in scoring once again by Redmond, with 14 points.

One key to RIT's success is their bench. "Our bench has been playing excellent basketball and has been scoring many points for us," stated assistant coach Rob deGrandpre. Foote and Cerro have both made big contributions off the bench for the Tigers.

After Christmas break the team has a very rigorous schedule playing Alfred, Ithaca, and Hartwick, three very tough games. "All of our conference games will be an all out war, and they are all critical," stated deGrandpre. "In order to maintain success we must continue to believe in one another and must keep the pressure on."

Women's Basketball Falls to 0-3 by Marci Savage

In the first three competitions of the season, the RIT women's basketball team has been led by junior **Lauren Long**, as she has scored the most points on the team in each of her three appearances.

In their first game of the season, the Tigers fell to Penn State Behrend at the PSUB Tournament on November 30. Both Long and senior **Marie Yvanoff** led the way for the Tigers with nine points apiece in the game. The final score was 71-48.

The Tigers lost a very close game against Susquehanna on December 1, 69-63. Lauren Long led the way for the Tigers with a game-high 19 points in the match up.

In their third game of the season, RIT lost to Nazareth with the final score being 85-60. One again Long was the leading scorer in the game, with 14 points.

After the holiday break, the team has two big Empire Eight conference games very close together, playing Utica and Hartwick on January 11 and 12. Two days earlier on January 9, the Tigers take on U of R at 7 p.m. Utica has an overall record of 3-3 on the season, and Hartwick has an impressive 3-1 record. Hartwick beat the University of Rochester on November 28.

The women's team is looking to get things going by picking up at least a win or two in this stretch.

Wrestling by Marc Bollinger

Last weekend's meet versus the Oswego Lakers, while not a victory for the Tigers, proved to be nonetheless productive, and should set the pace for the rest of the season.

The unranked RIT Tigers came into the match facing a strong SUNY Oswego team, ranked 16th in the region. After the first six matches, RIT held the meet 18-6, but eventually succumbed to Oswego's stronger lightweight wrestlers.

The match's outcome was determined mainly by decision, as the Tigers racked up three out of the five total pins during the meet. During the meet, senior **Pat North** defeated Oswego's 4th - ranked Noah Seitel in the 174 lb. class by decision, 3-2.

December 1, a day before most students would even arrive back on campus, RIT Wrestling hosted their 36th annual tournament, where they came in 7th place.

The Tigers were edged out by Plymouth College's 69 points to their 62. SUNY Cortland and John Carroll University tied for first place in the tournament, with 145 points each, followed by SUNY Oswego with 105 points.

Tiger wrestling's next meet is at the New York/Pennsylvania Duals, at SUNY Oswego, on Saturday, January 5. The next home meet will be Wed, January 23, they will face Ithaca University.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Defeated by Marc Bollinger

The first of December, both Men's and Women's Swimming teams lost to Alfred University at Alfred.

Despite solid individual efforts such as sophomore **Brooke Chromyak** winning the 1000-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle and the 200-meter freestyle, the team could not hold back the strong Alfred swimmers. The men's team lost to Alfred 142-92, the women by a margin of 133-89.

The swimming and diving teams both took home fifth place out of the seven teams competing in the University of Rochester's Harvest Relays on November 3. While they did not win outright, the diving team won the one-meter event, while the swimmers took second in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The women did not perform quite as well as their counterpart did at the Harvest Relays: they placed eighth out of the eight teams that participated on the same day as the men's competition.

They did, however place seventh out of the 14 teams in the 600-yard freestyle relay. Although this recent competition proved to be quite a loss for the Lady Tigers, on October 27 they defeated Buffalo State's Swimming and Diving teams, with an impressive 118 points over Buffalo's 79. This was the first of several dual meets that will take place throughout the season.

On Saturday, January 12, they will face another dual meet against SUNY Geneseo at RIT at 1 p.m. Both the men's and women's teams will participate at this event.

Tigers Take Two From Non-Conference Opponents by Aaron Landers

Special teams can make a good hockey team great and can make a great hockey team unbeatable. Although the men's hockey team fell behind by two goals in the first period of last weekend's game against Amherst, they wouldn't be denied the win, going three for three on the powerplay and killing all seven Amherst man advantages.

The Lord Jeffs looked to be taking the game early on, with first-period goals from Beau Kretzman and Scott Aldrich at 1:04 and 11:07, respectively.

An early second-period penalty gave the Tigers a chance to get on the back into the game. The powerplay went to work when senior captain **Jerry Galway** notched his first of two nets just 24 seconds into the man advantage. Senior **Josh Faulkner** leveled things at 4:08.

Galway gave the Tigers the lead at 9:19, scoring the team's only even-strength goal of the night. Amherst's Bob Miele pulled the teams even once again, seven minutes later.

RIT capped off the four-goal period with their second powerplay goal. This one came from Jason Chafe at 18:20. Freshman

Roberto Orofiamma netted an insurance goal, the team's third on the powerplay, in the final session, adding to his three second-period assists.

Orofiamma paced the team on the night, followed closely by Galway (two goals, one assist) and junior **Mike Bournazakis** (three assists). Senior goaltender **Chris Sherman** turned aside a season-high 34 shots to keep his perfect record intact at 3-0-0. Sherman has a .909 save percentage and a 2.25 goals-against average this season.

The next night, the Tigers faced off with the Williams team, whose performance so far this year has been unpredictable. In the first weekend of the season, they trounced Mass College of Liberal Arts 7-1 and promptly lost the next night 2-0 to Skidmore. The following weekend at the East West Shootout in Elmira, they lost to St. Johns (Minn.), and then turned right around and beat nationally-ranked St. Norbert in the consolation.

The St. Norbert win was the beginning of a four-game winning streak for Williams, leading up to the meeting with the Tigers

last Saturday. The night prior to this, the Ephs took 8th-ranked Elmira to overtime and beat them a minute and a half into the extra session.

The Tigers jumped all over host Williams, pulling ahead by three, 5:38 into the first period on goals by Faulkner, Chafe, and junior **Lanner Fayad**. **David Bagley** netted one in the second and one in the third, while Fayad closed out the scoring in the third, as the Tigers completed the 6-1 rout.

Junior goaltender **Tyler Euverman** had a solid 25 saves on the night, improving to 7-1. Euverman's 1.50 goals-against average and .943 save percentage lead the ECAC West Conference.

The Tigers improved to 10-1 with the weekend's efforts. They are on the road this weekend for a pair tests against the United States Under 18 national team in Ann Arbor, MI and return to home action on January 4 and 5 with a pair conference games against Utica and Manhattanville.

Lady Tigers Still Undefeated; Tie National Power by Aaron Landers

The Lady Tigers played three home games in three days last weekend and came away with two wins and a tie. Not bad, considering the tie was against 10th-ranked Southern Maine.

Despite outshooting RIT 27-15, the Huskies had to come from behind twice in the game, and the teams settled for a 2-2 tie. **Erin Topy** and Erin Moran both had goals in the game. Sophomore goaltender **Elaine Vondemberse** continued her stellar play, making 25 saves.

The Lady Tigers kept their undefeated record intact with wins over Connecticut College on Friday and MIT on Sunday. RIT is 6-0-1 going into this weekend's games against the Rochester Americans junior "B" team and a tough Elmira squad, who are 10-1 and climbing in the rankings. •



Two-Way Hockey

by Aaron Landers

Photography by Dennis Rochefort



"It works offensively and defensively," explains women's hockey coach Rob Scuteri, while lacing up his skates before a recent practice. "It's not the goalie who gets the shutout alone; it's the team that gets the shutout. It isn't just one girl who gets the goal; it's all the people who played a role in her getting that goal."

Two-way hockey has been important to the RIT's women's hockey team since Scuteri was given the job behind the bench three seasons ago. In the 1998-99 season, the team had nine shutouts and broke the school scoring record. The next two years under Scuteri's tenure produced 19 shutouts, while breaking the scoring record again last season, beating opposing goal-tenders 91 times.

Scuteri's squad has proven early on in the season that hard work and team play can pay big dividends at both ends of the ice. In the first three games of the season, the Lady Tigers lit the lamp 24 times. Even more impressive, they didn't allow a single goal.

While two of those games were against teams who are clearly at lower level than RIT, Buff State and St. Michael's, the team pulled off the first of what will hopefully be a number of upsets this year against RPI. Rennselaer is traditionally strong in the conference and, in the past, the Lady Tigers have faced off with them in late-season games, when the team has reached a thoroughly tested and proven game plan.

"We were the underdog for that game," notes sophomore Perry Foster, "but we all worked so hard and it paid off."

Hard work does pay off. Although the program lost a number of players from last year's team, and nearly half of the members of this year's squad are freshman, the Lady Tigers haven't slowed down one bit, as 16 players have already notched points in the first handful of games.

"If you score a lot of goals, it's the result of many players playing offensive hockey," notes Scuteri. The same holds true on the defensive end of the ice. "It's a team game with everybody putting forth the effort to prevent teams from scoring."

Despite the early success, the Lady Tigers know they still have to keep improving to be at the top of the conference standings in late February.

"We're not where we want to be yet," says Scuteri. "We haven't played enough games and we're still making errors in our systems that we want to correct." He adds, "That only comes by having more opportunities in games to execute the things we need to execute."

Those opportunities continue to come, as the Lady Tigers played four games in five days last week. With just a pair of games left to be played before the holiday break, the team will vault into the main part of their season in early January: a sixteen-game, month-and-a-half stretch that includes fourteen conference games.

If they continue to improve and stay sharp, the Lady Tigers should have no problem getting through their tough ECAC East schedule with a minimal amount of blemishes on their record. Sometimes, one

of the best ways to get through a stretch like this is to forget it's even there.

"It's not about thinking down the road," says Scuteri. "It's a case of preparing one game at a time on a week-to-week basis... We take a look at where we're at physically and mentally and get a read on what we need for that week."

"My thoughts as a coach are to prepare the team as best we can to play each game at the top level we're capable of," Scuteri says. "[But] at the same time, not burning our kids out." This can prove difficult, as was the case last weekend, when the team played on three consecutive days, Friday through Sunday, as well as a midweek game on Wednesday.

It's going to be a long road, especially considering the tough conference schedule, which includes the likes of Manhattanville and Southern Maine. Both are nationally-ranked teams.

Though they don't get deep into conference play until next month, the team does have two big tests this weekend, both at home. First is an exhibition game tonight at 7 against the Rochester Junior Americans. This should provide a tough test for the Lady Tigers and their stingy defense, as the Amerks have been at the top of the Empire Junior B Hockey League for most of the season and have averaged over seven goals a game in league play.

The second big match-up this weekend is tomorrow night at 5:30 when the team faces off against a very talented Elmira squad who is at the top of the ECAC West standings. The Soaring Eagles lone loss came to Plattsburgh last month, and they avenged the loss the very next night. Currently ranked in the top ten in the nation, Elmira should provide a chance for Scuteri's team to gauge their progress and to see how they stack up against other top teams in the nation. •



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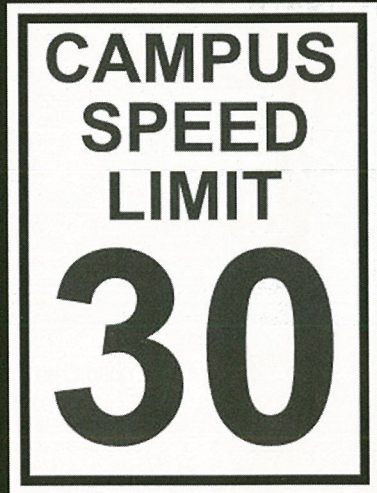
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Tab Ads are due the second Thursday before the issue's publication date (eight days in advance).

Calenda**RIT**

Paid Advertisement

Tues. Dec. 11 - Sun. Dec. 16 Homecoming 2001

Dec. 14th

Craft Sale in the SAU lobby

Women's Hockey

7pm Exhibition

Bonfire 9:30 - 11pm M Lot

Dec. 15th

Club Games 4 - 8 pm in the Clark Gym

Tailgate Party/BBQ Aux. Gym 3-5:30 pm

RITGA Drag Show-8pm in Fireside

Women's Hockey 5:30pm vs Elmira

(Announce King & Queen & Tiger winner)

Dec. 16th

College Flag Football Games

12 - 2:30 pm Behind Gracies

Student Administration Flag Football Game

3 pm on the Rugby Feild

Fri. Dec. 14

The Nutcracker Ballet

7pm, Ingle Aud.

Tickets:

\$5 Students

\$10 Fac./Staff/Alumni

\$15 Public

*Tickets on sale now at the
Candy Counter & the Gameroom*



Dec. 15

Robert Channing

with **Alexandra McHale**

7 pm in the SAU Cafe

Tickets:

Student \$5

Fac-Staff \$10

Public \$15

Dec 19 - 20

Talisman Presents:

Nightmare Before Chistmas

7pm & 9:30pm

in Ingle

\$1



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