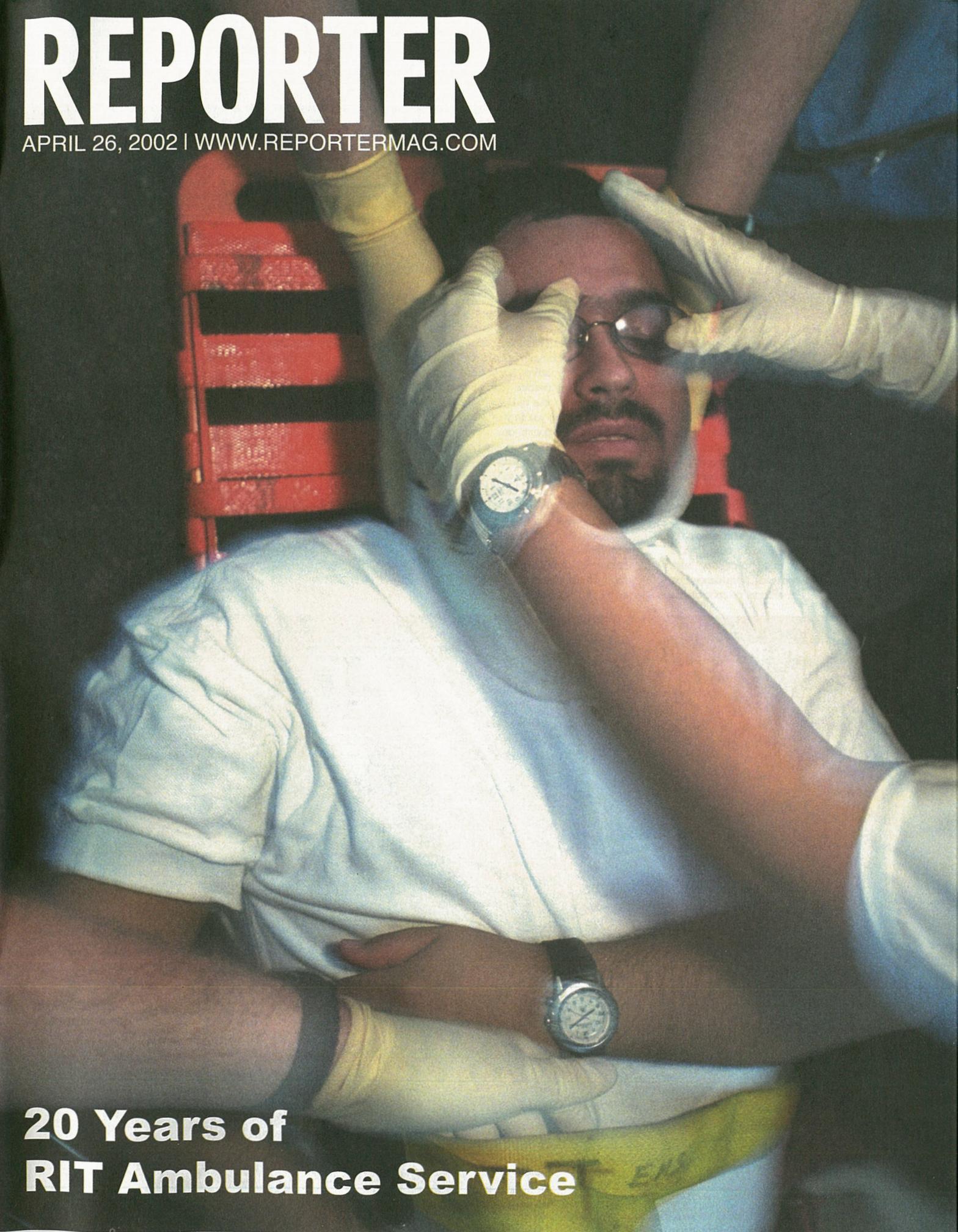


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**20 Years of
RIT Ambulance Service**

Letters to the Editor

Gratefully, Your Local Terrorist Chapter

"I am writing to express the sincere appreciation of the Taliban and the other terrorist organizations dedicated to the divinely inspired task of eliminating Democracy, Judaism and Christianity from the face of the earth.

Your continuing effort to enasculate the CIA is commendable. May I be so bold as to enlist your further support. Help us in the effort to weaken the FBI, Military and any other agency or organization that impedes our noble task to destroy the mongering US and her Allies and subjugate the human race. Your efforts to suppress any ideas counter to yours are admirable. Continue to fight any attempt to allow political, religious, moral or ethical ideas that differ from yours from being voiced. Control the press, ban books, and impose tough control. Only in this way can we succeed in overcoming Democracy. Don't let any thoughts with which you disagree be allowed to be voiced or put before the people. Do not give the masses the opportunity to think for themselves or make up their own minds. Impose your will upon all. You tell them what to think. The American patriot who said, "I disagree with what you said, but I will defend with my life your right to say it," must be vilified and discredited. Such dangerous thinking will hinder our efforts to control the

masses. Use Hitler as your guide and keep fighting free speech, freedom of expression and refuse to allow anyone to speak who may not share your views. In this way we will defeat Democracy and establish a 4th Reich that would have made the Fuehrer proud.

Your support of the anti-war effort is timely. It has been six months since the horrors of September 11, and the people have forgotten the young father with his infant daughter on board the plane that destroyed the WTC. They have forgotten the picture of the burning victims throwing themselves from 100 stories to escape the torture of burning to death. They have forgotten the scene of collapsing buildings taking thousands of innocent people to an untimely death. They have forgotten the heroic hundreds of rescue workers whose lives were ended in the collapsing debris. We will continue to help you in your effort to vilify all those who support our divine effort by painting red crosses on any potential target. Please continue to show pictures of these and tell anyone who will listen that these were non-military targets struck by the warmongering, imperialistic Bush baby killers. Make sure, however, that no mention is made of September 11 or any of the subsequent murders committed by our heroic suicide brothers. Do not permit any show of patriotism, or any support for the men and women in the Armed Forces

opposing us. Brand them as pawns of the warmongers and do not permit any discussion of, or disagreement with, our goals. Remember, we must control the minds and bodies of the masses. Independent thought is dangerous. Proclaim your right to free speech as you demonstrate to prevent dissenters from exercising their right to speak.

There is one disturbing issue I must raise. You have had the effrontery to allow your women to appear in the public with their faces exposed. As if this barbaric conduct were not enough of a blasphemy, you allow the most disgraceful and shameful practice of allowing women to speak and express their opinions in the presence of males. Of course, these abominations will not be tolerated once we have rid the world of the current evils practiced in a Democracy and once we have established the perfect world that we all seek, and which by your gracious efforts and unwavering support, you are assisting us to achieve.

Gratefully,
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Submitted by L. Gennaro
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Editorial

RITA and PREP: Acronym Week at Reporter

The RIT Ambulance (RITA) unit celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, and I couldn't be happier. Not only does the service obviously benefit us, it also helps the volunteers who are working on the crew as well. I can only see good things as a result of having these people here on campus helping us, and I thank all of the 70-plus people involved for their dedication.

The fact that they are a volunteer service only makes me appreciate what they do even more. Some of them spend enough time on the job (both here on campus and out in Henrietta's volunteer EMS) for it to qualify as a full-time position, yet they don't get paid; they are there for the simple duty of helping people.

Sometimes their grades suffer because of how dedicated they are to their job. The crew members are students, so they're only on the unit staff for four or five years, which means the learning curve is excruciating. The collective knowledge of 20 years is kind of drilled into one's head over the time that one works for the ambulance unit. But they can take it—after all, they like it.

Unfortunately, I have had multiple first-hand experiences of riding in the back the RIT ambulance; however, this last time was probably the most important, because I was in real trouble. A little while ago, I got very, very sick and had to go over to the clinic at the Student Health Center, and they determined that I needed to go to the hospital as quickly as possible. I was obviously in no shape to get there myself—I could barely stand up. Luckily, the ambulance crew was available, and they whisked me over to Strong as easy as you please. On the way, they introduced themselves to me, but unfortunately, I was in no state of mind to remember their names. So, I just wanted to say thanks to those folks who helped me out.

Our main feature this week covers the history of RITA, and what the crew members go through as far as juggling their schoolwork and their job. I encourage you to check it out—20 years of achievement is something to be supremely proud of.

Also in this issue we talk about the Professional Re-employment Education Program (PREP), a service RIT provides to those in the community who have been laid off or need a leg up. These people, who have been basically learning one thing to work for one company for most of their lives, need to re-enter the workforce to support their families. However, because their skills have become so centralized, they need to either re-learn their original vocation or completely reeducate themselves. This is where PREP steps in.

The program offers seats that would have been empty anyway to these special-need students to get them back on their feet. The classes are offered at a lower tuition rate (nearly half of what a normal student might pay), and academic counseling is available as well.

Massive layoffs by Kodak and Xerox have prompted these community members to take part in the program, which helps them, and helps RIT as well—the normally-empty seats in classes are now picking up some extra cash, and the new students are getting an education at a huge discount.

You can check out the full details in this week's second feature. The program started back in the 80s; it's come a long, long way, and it's only getting started.

Finally, check us out next week for a brand-new section, which will deal exclusively with club news. If your club wins an award or is hosting an open house or playing an away game in Houston or something along those lines, let us know. This new section will be a part of News, so make sure to check it out. It won't cost your club anything, and it's a good way to get the word out.



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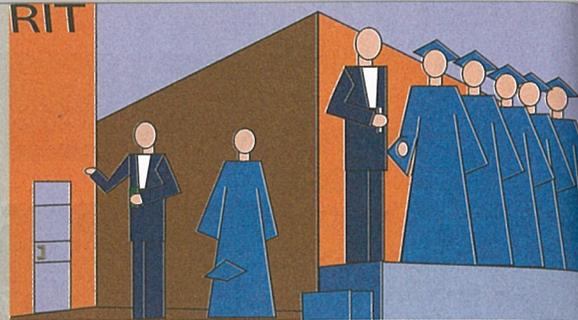
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RIT Graduates Pursue More Advanced Degrees

by Nevin Leiby • Illustration by Catherine Lee



Graduate student enrollment has significantly increased since last year, due partly to the current unstable conditions of the global economy. Graduating students are still able to locate desirable employment positions, but more students are choosing to remain at RIT to pursue advanced degrees in programs such as Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Imaging Arts and Sciences, and courses from the College of Business.

According to Verna Hazen, Director of Financial Aid, most students considering graduate school are in a position where a number of financial aid resources are available: departmental-level scholarships, regional or national scholarships, graduate assistant positions, teacher's assistant positions, New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), work-study programs, and student loans.

The limited number of openings for fellowship positions within various departments has increased the popularity of scholarships among students. Fellowships are often deemed highly desirable by students striving to obtain research or teaching positions within specific departments. Diane Ellison, Director of Graduate Enrollment Services, still encourages students to apply, despite the competition for the positions. "Fellowships are certainly very competitive [to get], but openings within departments are certainly available."

Scholarships are equally competitive, according to Ellison, but stresses that students speak to departments directly when pursuing graduate financial assistance. "It is really on a department-level with most of graduate financial assistance. Unlike undergraduate

[financial aid], you cannot merely meet the minimums. Also, individual departments can have their own scholarships for their students, completely separate from other departments."

Ellison said a number of elements are considered in the decision, including cumulative GPA, experience, and ability, as well as standardized test scores and art profiles, if necessary. "Students' skill sets are closely examined. A student may be preferred over another, simply because he or she may offer a desirable skill set that could be used to fill a specific need, or simply to increase diversity within the department," she said.

Campus employment through the Federal Work-Study Program or the RIT Employment Program is yet another option that some RIT students have taken advantage of in the past.

Student loans are also another form of financial aid that students have come to depend upon. According to Hazen, loans that are currently available include the Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, the Federal Direct Perkins Loan, and the Private Tender Loan.

Although certainly not as desirable as other forms of financial aid, loans provide students with another opportunity for an advanced degree. "Students are able to receive up to \$18,500 per year, which will clearly help [them], considering the expenses of a typical student," said Hazen.

External grants from private industries, such as Xerox, provide various departments with additional funds as well. Ellison stresses that if students are considering an advanced degree, they should definitely apply. She said that because they are already intimately familiar with most aspects of the RIT environ-

ment, they integrate with the campus very well. "Graduating students definitely fare very well at obtaining some form of financial assistance for a number of reasons. They are already well attuned to the system, and department heads are already familiar with the students themselves. As a result, they do much better than someone from far away!"

"Students will probably find the same type of treatment at other schools. Students from that school generally will have the advantage over someone applying from a different school," said Hazen.

When considering graduate school, students are advised not to merely look at the expense, but rather the potential for higher salaries, better opportunities, and more choices of employment. Ellison urges students to closely examine their options. "Definitely consider pursuing an advanced degree. It may certainly be worth the cost, especially when considering that the expense often can be completely re-paid within nine to twelve months," Ellison said.

"Although RIT is committed to undergraduate [students], we definitely stand behind our graduate students as well," said Ellison. "We will be glad to speak with students one-on-one. We really want to see them go for it."

A graduate informational presentation outlining the programs available and the application process will be held this summer. Detailed information can be found at the Graduate Enrollment Services website at www.rit.edu/~625www/, and the Financial Aid website at www.rit.edu/~954www/.

Did You Know? Stamp Machine in RITreat

by Justin Mayer

□ If you need a stamp, look no further than the SAU. There are stamp machines under the stairs in the RITreat where you can purchase stamps in quantities of one, two, five or 20. Because 34 cents is an awkward amount of change for vending machines, one-cent stamps are also vended instead of giving change in pennies. What use is a one-cent stamp you ask? Effective June 30, 2002, the United States Post Office is hiking postal rates for first-class stamps to 37 cents. As a matter of fact, the Post Office is increasing costs of all postal services. For more information, visit www.usps.gov.

SG Elections Results

by Justin Mayer



The winners of the 2002 SG elections were announced this past Sunday in an emergency SG Senate meeting. The incumbents, Erick Littleford and Mike Maloney, were reelected by a margin of 100 votes. "Honestly, I didn't think we'd win," said Littleford. His disbelief was prompted by the success of the write-in campaign that he announced in the form of a letter on the SG web site only two days before voting began on April 15.

Newly-reelected SG Vice President Mike Maloney described their campaign as a

"ground roots" campaign spread mainly by word of mouth.

This year's voter turnout was larger than recent years, with a total of 1658 votes, 200 higher than last year.

"This is an ultimate validation of what we did this year," said Littleford. "To have people vote [for us] again shows that we did a good job. This is a reflection of [our achievements]."

The senatorial elections saw three successful write-in campaigns with Kathryn Tater for the College of Science, Jill

Hatcher for NIID, and Chad Deitz for the College of Liberal Arts. The six other senators for 2002-2003 will be Neha Gupta for the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Paul Grimes for the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Derek Smith for the College of Applied Science and Technology, Mike Scholl for the College of Engineering, Heidi Spalholz for the College of Business, and Katie Linendell as Women's Senator.

CRIME WATCH

compiled by Cameron Kolstad

April 12

Harassment - Liberal Arts Building

A faculty member who appeared on a radio talk show reports that he has received three anonymous phone calls on his answering machine. The callers referred to him as a "Traitor," "Communist," and "anti-American."

Harassment

A student reported that a fellow student intimidated her. She claims that a male student used profanity and threatened her on several different occasions. The problem is the result of the male student failing to fulfill his obligations as a Graduate Assistant.

April 14

Forgery - Gibson A

Five underage students consumed a case of beer in their room. A student admitted to altering his birth date on his driver's license with chalk.

Auto-Stripping - Colony Manor

A student reported that the hood of his car was scratched while parked in Colony Manor.

April 15

Criminal Mischief - University Commons

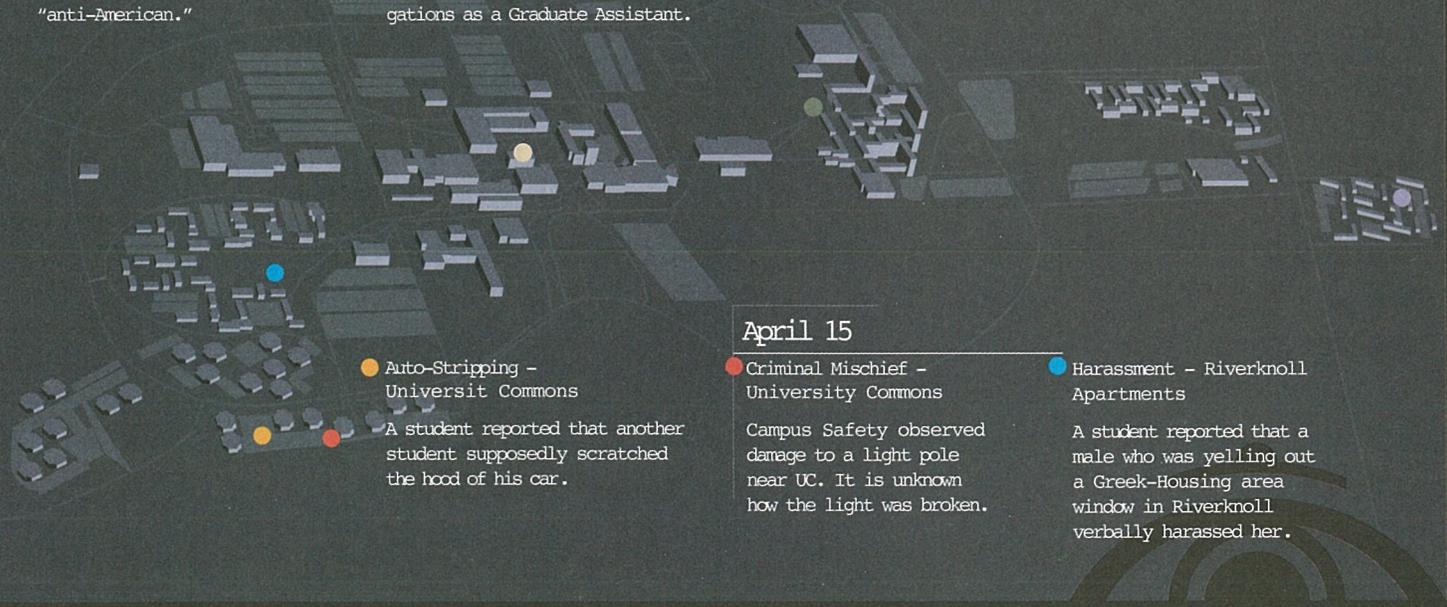
Campus Safety observed damage to a light pole near UC. It is unknown how the light was broken.

Harassment - Riverknoll Apartments

A student reported that a male who was yelling out a Greek-Housing area window in Riverknoll verbally harassed her.

Auto-Stripping - Universit Commons

A student reported that another student supposedly scratched the hood of his car.



A Tradition of Service

RIT's United Way Campaign

by Johanna Miller



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2002 United Way Campaign

The United Way Campaign at RIT, a branch of the United Way of Greater Rochester, is a program that helps others through donations, services, and activities. The campaign, which sponsors events like the Hockey Melt-down, Taste of RIT, and the Ben and Jerry's kickoff, has been very successful in raising thousands of dollars for Monroe and surrounding counties.

The SAU lobby is home to the United Way Tiger, where the number of tiger stripes indicates how far away the campaign is from reaching its yearly goal. For the past five years, the goal has been reached in excess, raising amounts of up to \$270,000 in 2001. The 2002 goal is set for \$285,000, and as of April 17, 78.6 percent of the tiger's stripes are intact.

Cindee Gray, Director of Community Relations and Special Events at RIT, has been involved with the program for fifteen years. "United Way really brings people together in many aspects, not just at the events. It is a cross collaboration with everyone working together for a common cause," she said.

A committee, comprised of volunteers from the greater Rochester community, meets to assure that the raised funds are properly allocated. The committee first decides where the financial priorities lie, and then the money is allocated to each priority area within the

community. "People used to think that it was all about helping people with disabilities, but it's really about all the needs in the community," said Gray.

In addition to on-campus fundraising events, the Greater Rochester Community United Way also sponsors an annual event called "A Day of Caring." This event, scheduled for May 1, provides an opportunity for members of the community to volunteer for service projects that benefit the agencies that belong to the United Way. "One of the things it does is actually help people in the community to go out to these agencies and learn about what they do and what their needs are," said Gray. This year, the event will include over 1800 volunteers, including 100 from RIT.

RIT's individual campaign won an Award of Excellence for seven consecutive years. Their achievement is often used as a model when the United Way tries to convince other universities to start similar programs. "United Way in Rochester is one of the best in the country. It is very well respected," said Bernadette Lynch, chairperson of RIT's campaign.

Every year, United Way publishes a beneficiary report that shows how many families or individuals have benefited from the program. Last year, over 535 people associated with RIT

financially benefited from the program. "Sometimes you think you are just helping people randomly, but you are really helping people that you work with, which is kind of nice too," said Lynch.

The tenth annual "Taste of RIT," scheduled for Friday, April 26, is one of the largest events that the RIT United Way Campaign sponsors. The event will cost only five dollars, and will feature food vendors from Tyson, Pillsbury, Zweigle's, Sara Lee, and Campbell's. Assorted appetizers, entrees, desserts and beverages will be displayed at this all-you-can-eat event.

"It's one of the best events we have that really brings together the entire faculty, staff, and students into one place to casually interact and enjoy good food," Gray said. "And it's for a good cause." Last year, the event managed to raise over \$10,700 to help those in need.

The event will take place inside the Student Alumni Union cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

If you would like information on how to get involved in RIT's United Way Campaign, feel free to contact Cindee Gray at 475-4987 or visit RIT's United Way website at www.rit.edu/unitedway.

World Askew

compiled by Everett Religioso

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GLENVIEW, Illinois: Residents of Glenview are in an uproar over a nearby prison's new plan for community service for the inmates. One inmate, who has received notoriety in the small town by kidnapping various pets from households and slaughtering the animals, is scheduled to become an assistant at a nearby veterinarian hospital. "It was designed to help the inmates get back into society," Glenview Prison Ward Jim Marchment told the Glenview Daily. "It's just unfortunate that our first prisoner chosen to participate in this program is the antithesis of everything that a vet hospital stands for." One protestor at a rally angrily remarked, "It's like putting a convicted child molester to work at an orphanage."

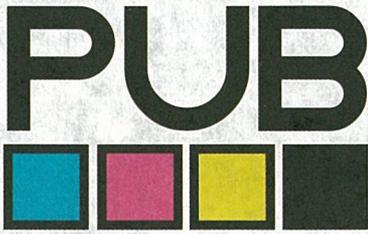
STOCKHOLM, Sweden: A Swedish appliance company has developed the world's first talking washing machine. The machine will be introduced in India, where the idea came from a poll that showed Indian customers

desired a talking washing machine. According to the news release, the "Washy Talky" instructs the user "in a female warm, personal Indian middle class accent to drop detergent, close lid and relax." The high tech machine even senses uneven distribution of clothes by sensing its weight. "Washy Talky" speaks both Hindi and English and costs about \$374.

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: An opening round women's tennis match at the Bausch & Lomb Championships produced an abnormally high amount of double faults - 29. However, the cause of the aberration was traced back to a tournament official named Bert Evatt who placed the service line three feet closer to the net than it should have been. "I flip-flopped the distances, it's suppose to be 21 feet from the net to the service line and then 18 feet to the baseline," Evatt told the Florida Times-Union newspaper.

LONDON, England: The newest army invention isn't aimed at destruction, but rather sustenance. The Army Soldier Systems Center in Massachusetts has created an "indestructible sandwich." Basically, the vacuum-sealed sandwich doesn't get soggy, and remains edible for a maximum of three years. The sandwich also contains chemicals that reduce bacterial growth. The scientists are now working on other foods, such as bagels, pizza, and burritos.

SYDNEY, Australia: The well-known migrating land crabs of Christmas Island are being wiped out by "Crazy Ants," which have long legs and shoot acid. The ants have reproduced in high amounts and have created "super colonies," according to David Slip, the government conservator of island. The ants kill off the land crab population by shooting formic acid into their eyes and then eating them. The exact decline in the population of crabs is unknown, but is speculated to be around 25 to 50 percent.



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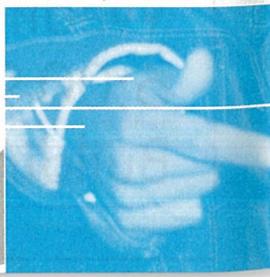
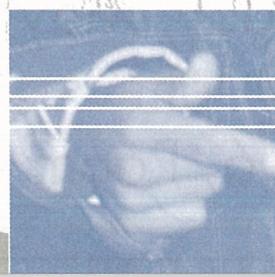
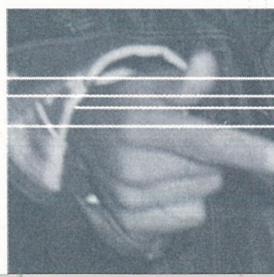
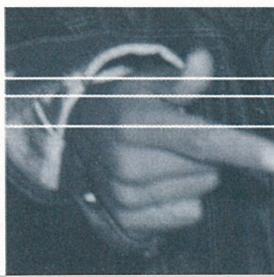
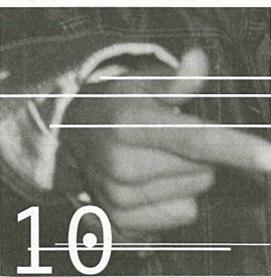
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>>> Every other Sunday night, Java's on Gibbs St. attracts one of its biggest crowds of the week. Most likely, these people aren't there for the coffee. This crowd crams itself into the café's basement for Full Circle Sunday (FCS), one of Rochester's most popular (if not the only) underground hip-hop nights. Hosted by RIT's own DiscoLobos DJ crew alongside April's Ultimate Breakdown 2002 Freestyle Champion Hassaan, FCS represents one of the greatest strides towards invigorating Rochester's practically non-existent hip-hop scene.

"We call it Full Circle cause basically we've come full circle with the entire idea," said Jesse, one of the DiscoLobos. The event had a humble beginning and attracted only a small crowd at first. "We started out using live instruments, but it didn't work out. Now we just DJ," Jesse said. Over time, FCS has evolved into a bi-weekly gathering of over 30 people from all over Rochester. Typically, it's a mixture of curious students, adults, and break-dancers who come to observe, but FCS has also gathered a loyal following of local emcees.

As the DiscoLobos spin a seamless set of original beats mixed with fan favorites, the emcees gather in a circle and take turns throwing out the best rhymes they can. Sometimes they're just freestyling; other times, hurling quips at each other in a battle. Most of them are completely oblivious to the crowd that has slowly gathered around them throughout the night. "It's not about the crowd," Hassaan said. "I don't rhyme to put on a show, I do it for me." Most of the emcees at FCS agree with Hassaan's philosophy. They also see it as the perfect time to test their skills and not to show off for a crowd.

At the end of night, though some emcees may have a little bit more of their self-confidence intact than others, the atmosphere remains one of general respect between everyone who came out. •



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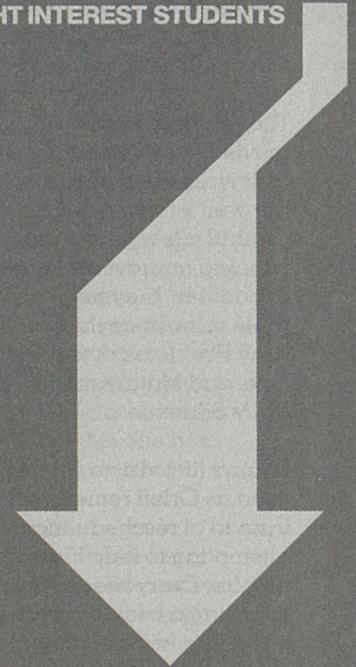
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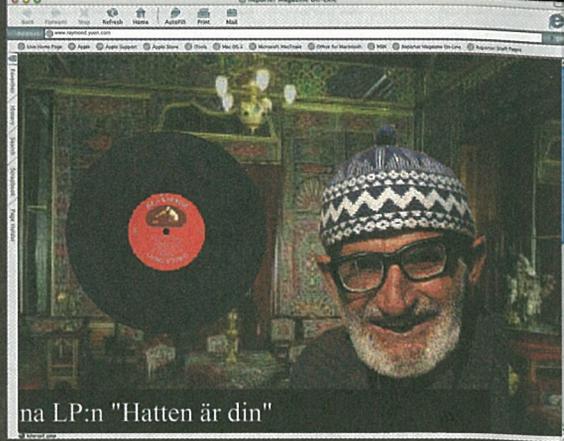
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SCREENSHOT FROM TOP TEN FLASH VIDEOS

Top Ten Flash Videos <http://www.b3ta.com/features/vids/>
A ludicrous collection of some of the most morbidly entertaining Flash movies I've ever seen. Hosted on b3ta.com, the site presents the movies in an easy-to-read Top-Ten countdown format. They have everything from the "F*** S*** P***" song, to what I can only describe as the "Gonads and Strife" song. Other highlights include "Stain Boy vs. Stare Girl," from director Tim Burton, and of course, the "All Your Base Are Belong to Us" video, made from the actual original *ZeroWing* video game stills. They've also got a link where you can download the actual video game, but last I checked, it didn't work. Warning! Some of these movies are not for the kiddies.

Commercial Theme Music <http://www.songtitle.info/>
Recently completely updated. This is a giant database for the background songs in almost every commercial on television right now, plus a lot from the past few years. Mostly, it's just a good reference as to what to download, but every once in a while, there's a compilation that comes out, such as the one available from Volkswagen (linked off the site). The only downfall: You have to know what the commercials are titled. The lists themselves are organized by product, but, for example, if you want to know the title of a song in the background of a Nissan commercial, you have to hunt through all the Nissan commercials until you find the one you're looking for. It's a good way to waste an entire day.

Buy Airline Snacks <http://www.kingnut.com>
If you've ever ridden on a plane that only serves those little bags of snacks instead of whole terrible meals, this site's for you. On this site, you can buy a four-pound bag of the snack mix that normally comes in those little tiny packets. Hey, I really like those things. As it says on the website, this mix is used in the flights of Delta, Delta Express, and Skywest Airlines. The salty, delicious, and wholly unhealthy snack mix is only one of many fine products that King Nut provides, but it was the only one I was at all interested in.

Pica Towers Trilogy <http://www.studioaoka.co.uk/picas/>
These are three absolutely gorgeous all-digital movies that you can actually download and watch, not crappily stream. I haven't figured out exactly what they mean, but the three one-minute-plus films are loosely linked in a rough timeline. There are no words, but the finely animated actions of the characters tell the story well enough. Despite being in all black-and-white, the artwork and attention to detail is gorgeous. Overall, I'd almost compare it to *Aeon Flux* as far as the atmosphere goes. I'm not sure if there will be more of these in the future or not, but I keep checking back just to make sure.

When I am King <http://www.demian5.com/>
This is a web comic that finished its run back in 2001. Even though there are no new episodes, you should check it out just for the amazing artwork. Again, there are no words to read, but the story is very capably told through pictogram-based storylines. There are a million other web comics out there, but this one has better art and the storyline is brilliant.

Art by Feng <http://www.artbyfeng.com/>
For the illustrators and design folks out there. Feng does a lot of stunning artwork and character concept designs for video games, movies, and so on. Luckily, the stuff that he's been cleared to post on his website is kept in five separate archives, all chock-full of some of the most amazing illustrations I've ever seen. Also, he has a section that describes how he works, step-by-step. It's updated fairly regularly as more of his work is cleared for public display by the companies he originally created it for.

Fark <http://www.fark.com/>
The king of all weirdness. Unfortunately, I only found this site about three weeks ago, but I've been a daily visitor since. It's updated constantly, as people find weird news all over the net and post it. You can see everything here from movie reviews by a Philadelphia Flyers hockey player to an absolutely horrifying picture of an aging and apparently shedding David Lee Roth. This site alone is guaranteed to waste approximately 94 percent of your day—the other six percent reserved for other things such as eating, bathing, and looking at the aforementioned sites. •

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THE HUMAN FACE REVIEW

BY JAKOB LODWICK

The Human Face at BBC:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/humanface/>

John Cleese is still one of the funniest people around. He's also quite intelligent, too. This great combination makes him an excellent host for the BBC's amazing show, entitled "The Human Face." The series was originally broadcast as a four-part, 200-minute special, and was just released on DVD and VHS. Cleese wrote and starred in the "landmark series," along with Elizabeth Hurley, fellow Python Michael Palin, a handful of experts, and a few beautiful celebrities.

The four sections can be watched in any order; in fact, I watched the third section first, the fourth section second, the first section third, and the second section fourth! Wacky! "Face to Face," the suggested first piece, focuses on the importance of facial expressions. Three women from a randomly selected college yearbook page were interviewed decades later. The one woman with a genuine smile in her photograph had led, as predicted, a happier, fuller life marked by a good marriage and beautiful home. Basically, this piece tells the viewer that humans flex different facial muscles depending on what's going on in the brain.

"Face to Face" also details the significance of facial expressions in other cultures. The viewer is taken to a Japanese "smiling school," where several dozen Japanese, who are emotionally restrained by their culture, are trained to smile like the rest of the world. Far more satisfying is the profile of an Indian laughter club called "Laughter Heaven," where large groups of Indians laugh their faces off for minutes at a time. The viewer soon learns that even though the initial laughter is fabricated, the response elicited from watching another laugh is one of genuine joy, setting off a chain reaction of guffaws that is funnier to watch than most scripted comedy.

"Here's Looking at You" delves into the neuropsychological aspects of the face. Perhaps the most interesting thing was that the brain may store faces as caricatures; an idea demonstrated by an artist who drew Prince Charles several times, and progressively adding exaggerated features. The initial drawing, which was later revealed to be a tracing of an actual photograph, is barely recognizable as the prince. The final one, which showed the prince's ears to be stretched and distorted to absurd proportions, strikes immediately as Chucky.

Preceding the caricature theory is a scientific breakdown of how faces are recognized by computers. By analyzing live footage snapped from security (spy?) cameras around Britain, special software calculates the mathematical relationship between the different facial features. By simply plotting the distance between the eyes, or from the corners of the mouth to the hairline,

and basically anywhere else, individual faces can be identified with startling accuracy, even when substantially made-up with a small fortune's worth of cosmetics. Is this terrifying? Wouldn't it suck to get arrested and questioned by police because you look like a known rapist? Is there any hope for the survival of privacy in the coming decade? No, no, and yes! Not.

Extremely pleasing to watch is "Beauty," which examines the causes and effects of a beautiful face. Did you know that when asked to order photographs of eighteen women from most to least attractive, the same order was selected by about 97 percent of participants? Granted, the ugliest third of the bunch were sufferers of severe, disfiguring illnesses, but the fact that this ugliness was ranked the same by so many makes the viewer question if beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder.

Continuing the mathematical evaluation of facial structures, we find a calculated "mask" by Dr. Stephen Marquardt, which graphs the structure of the ideal face. Incredibly, it fits Elizabeth Hurley's face perfectly, but not Cleese's. Interviews with attractive celebrities reveal the ups and downs of being absolutely gorgeous. Pierce Brosnan and Candice Bergen both have the right to answer questions like, "How does it feel to be beautiful?" But why is Joan Rivers there? She looks like an undead hooker.

Lastly, there is "Fame." This departs somewhat from the face and examines the sociological impact of fame in our cultures, and why we need celebrities. Aside from studying existing celebrities, the section takes a look at three hopefuls living in Los Angeles, none of which show much promise. "Fame" is probably the weakest of the four segments, probably because it lacks focus and doesn't teach us much. A saving grace comes as one of the funniest moments in the series; John Cleese explains that we look to celebrities for guidance because we don't know what's going on within ourselves, when in reality, celebrities don't have a clue either.

The series is shot extraordinarily well, with rich colors, brilliant editing, and is void of boring shots. Cleese's hosting and interviewing are full of spontaneous and well-written fun, with Pythonesque skits breaking up the sometimes-serious scientific pieces. Are most DVDs actually worth owning? Not really. Renting is usually fine. However, a disc with as much fascinating material and true replay value as *The Human Face* might just be worth the \$25 or \$30. •

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RIT Ambulance

Selfless Dedication for Twenty Years

by Justin Mayer
photographs by Edmund Fountain

There is a team at RIT who, if you're lucky, you'll never see in action. They wear uniforms, carry equipment bags, and train constantly just like any athletic team. However, their playing field is much larger, and it isn't win or lose—it's life or death. For them, the big game is played 24 hours a day, but the victories are personal ones, published only on a Prehospital Care Report that few people will read.

If you ask them who they are, these seasoned RIT Ambulance (RITA) members will tell you that they are not only a team, but a family as well. "We're unique in the fact that we're working together night and day. We grow to be brothers and sisters," said Lisa Ryder, a fifth-year Biology major and former Chief of Operations.

The men and women of RITA come from diverse backgrounds and attend RIT for different reasons. While some are premedical students who plan on careers in medicine, others are computer science students or engineers who are just looking to give something back to the community. "There is no better feeling than making someone who is sick or injured smile," said Keith Tabakman, the newly-elected President of RITA.

Though they are all different, eventually they form bonds that can last a lifetime—bonds that are made at the base during slow overnight shifts, or while the adrenaline is flowing and a patient is waiting.

This organization started out over 20 years ago as a small group of civic-minded students with a first-aid kit. Eventually, the small group grew into the New York State Certified Ambu-

lance Corps, which operates today. What has kept RITA alive for 20 years is the dedication of the students who volunteer their time, and the support of people like Cassandra Jordan of the Student Health Center.

The Student Safety Unit, RITA's predecessor, operated out of the dorms and was dispatched by Campus Safety as a first response unit. The members of the Unit were very dedicated to their cause—so dedicated that they were shut down by the New York State Department of Health when one member of the unit turned a van into a makeshift ambulance, causing a safety concern. Jordan, who is still the adviser for RITA, recognized the ambition of the students and arranged for the purchase of an ambulance rig for the Student Health Center. The Student Safety Unit received its official status in 1981 and became known as the RIT Emergency Medical Unit. 20 years later, the corps is known as RIT Ambulance and has a membership of nearly 80 students.

"We work every day to strive to be as professional as every other Emergency Medical Service organization in the country. We're fortunate that RIT has supported us for 20 years. I think RIT has allowed us to grow as leaders, but in return, we give back to the community," Ryder said.

What motivates these students to volunteer and selflessly help those who can't help themselves? Margaret Neagle, a second-year Physician's Assistant major and an active RITA member, answered this question best. "There's something about people who are in EMS. You have something inside of you that draws you to it," she said. "It's hard to say what it is, but we're all here for the same reason—to experience something you can't experience anywhere else on campus." They do it for the feeling they get when they know that they have truly made a difference in someone's life; they do it for the leadership experience and the camaraderie that comes with working as a team; and they do it because they can't imagine what their lives would be like without it.

The collegiate EMS experience is different from one you would have working at a

regular EMS agency. "In collegiate EMS, somebody who is here now will probably not be here in five years, whereas in other agencies you have people who have been there 20, 30, 40 years," explained Justin Seger, a third-year Computer Science major and the newly-elected Crew Chief. The Ambulance is constantly changing with new members, and building upon the wisdom of the old.

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-Keith Tabakman



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“You have a fresh start with all new people, influenced by prior members,” he said. That wisdom has been building over the past 20 years, and the unit is operating better than ever. “Being able to maintain an ambulance unit for 20 years has been a huge victory, and being a part of that has been amazing,” Ryder said. RITA has been able to cover more and more calls over the years—this year, RIT has relied on outside EMS agencies such as Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance (HVA) as little as possible.

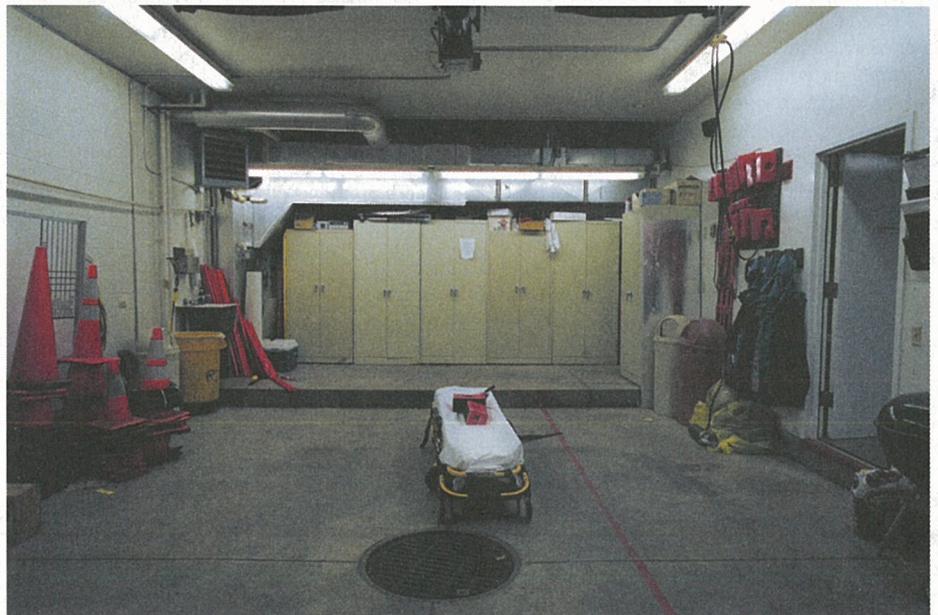
There is a strong relationship with HVA, due to many of the members volunteering their time there as well as other Rochester area EMS agencies, in addition to RITA. To some, EMS is like working a full-time job without paycheck. They will admit that because of their role in EMS, they sometimes fall behind in their classes, but what they learn in the seat of the ambulance is just as important as what they learn in the seat of a classroom.

They are college students and they are professionals. Their experiences cannot be

understood unless one has experienced what they do. Watching them, one will clearly see the bond that they have and the level of professionalism with which they operate.

As an organization, RITA has come a long way, and as individuals, RITA's members have a long way to go, seeing as that RITA is the first step in a long career in EMS. It has taught them well for 20 years and will continue to teach others in the years to come. RITA is a unique learning environment at RIT, and as most of its members will agree, it is one of the best. “The lessons learned apply to all walks of life. Once you have to deal with someone in cardiac arrest, things that stressed you out before don't really seem that bad,” Keith Tabakman said.

What is most important are the students involved in the ambulance corps. Without their dedication, there would be no RIT Ambulance. With them around, RIT is undoubtedly a safer place. They arrive on the scene within minutes of being dispatched, and do the job they love to do—helping other people, and in turn, helping themselves.



ABOVE LEFT: RIT Ambulance crewman Stephen Pacholski prepares his ambulance to receive a patient who was injured in a motorcycle accident. ABOVE: The RIT Ambulance garage is located underneath the Student Health Center. The service was begun 20 years ago by a small group of students, it now has nearly 80 active members.

WORD on the STREET

If you could say one thing to President Al Simone, what would you say?

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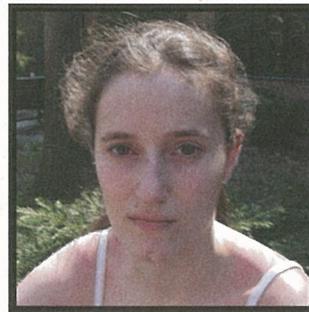
"Thanks Al, its been fun." **Jamie Sutton**
Fourth Year, Graphic Design



"Recruit more hotties. Balance the ratio. Like, you study too hard and you want to come outside and see girls walk by."
Adrian Chu
Fifth Year
Information Technology



"Where do you live, and can I swim in your pool?"
Sheila Sarratore
First Year
New Media Publishing



"He needs to add parking-lots of parking."
Erin Reiser
Second Year
International Business



"Buy us some decent computers."
Chris Rist
Third Year
Film and Animation



"I know that they are doing a lot of expanding and stuff, but it seems they are raising tuition every year. I'd say be more considerate about the students' financial needs."
Miriam Rode
Third Year
New Media Design and Imaging



"Think about the students instead of about the money."
Mitch Lawrence
Fourth Year
Mechanical Technology



"He should make an indoor parking garage with valet parking."
Sarah Brainard
Second Year
Photography



"Where does the tuition money actually go? Because its not going to the students... Well, that's how I feel, and that's what happened when I went to school here. Where did my money go?"
Jackie Borowiecki
Graduate
Class of 1999
Travel Management

"Cheese. Behold the power of cheese."
Matt Dirmyer
Fifth Year
Chemistry

"I'd tell him to get a better transportation system. The busses here suck."
Hamy Pham
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Photography

"Why wouldn't you let RIT have a Cannibus Club?"
Dave Damant
First Year
Software Engineering

"Where are you going to fit everyone, if you are trying to increase the population to like, 17,000 people?"
Mike Maeder
Second Year
Mechanical Engineering



FACES OF RIT: RYLAND A. STEPHENS Jr. MORNING DJ KEEPS IT FRESH

Mornings are ugly. But, for those of us searching for an alternative to that irritating alarm noise, there is hope, and its name is Ryland A. Stephens Jr. As the host of the *Jaythreeeh SlowFlow Show* on WITR, RIT's radio station, Stephens provides "the hottest in R&B and hip hop" to his weekday morning listeners.

"My show is part of what I think is good music—and also what everyone else wants to hear, mashed into three hours," he said.

Stephens got his start at WITR as a freshman, six and a half years ago. The former Graphic Design student said, "Music has been a huge part in my life. I saw the posters, I met the guys—and I was on the air before my first day of classes. DJ Chris G. and the Straight from the Underground Crew got me started in the beginning."

Stephen's success on WITR is apparent. In its fourth year on the air, the *SlowFlow show's* audience has grown. "[The *SlowFlow Show*] is the only show you hear in the dorms—ever," says Steve Montanino, host of WITR's "The Burn Ward." "J30 gets more air time than any other DJs, period," he said.

Stephens names assurance as a key part to keeping a show fresh. "[New] people should be less inhibited by the mic," he said. Continuing the music is only half of what it takes to be a DJ. "You have to love the mic and instill

confidence. The first time [on the air], I was a little nervous, but I wasn't shy. The guys welcomed me with open arms, and after a week, it was gone," he said.

Stephen's ability to maintain, as well as attract new listeners, is due to his great concern for his audience. "I can have intimate conversations with individual listeners," he said. "That has helped with the show—they don't hold their tongues. And, I get input from a host of people. It helps to know what to do.

"I like to keep things real, and to be me—not doing the 'radio guy' thing."

If I'm about to cue a song, and someone calls in to request the same song, then I know I'm in tune with my listeners."

Being part of a non-profit station has its drawbacks, Stephens said. Without advertisers, WITR's budget sometimes brings difficulties. "It's difficult to expand without ad money. We have events, and promote ourselves, and other shows, but we have to take [the budget] into effect," he explained.

The biggest challenge, Stephens says, is interaction. "We would like to bring the community in—have listeners be incorporated into events with the station," he said. "The

social scene at RIT is organized completely without WITR [as a media outlet]. This lack of communication equivocates to station members making their own inquiries about campus events," he added.

Stephen's discontent for mainstream radio has been a great source of inspiration for his show. His commitment to originality has kept the show fresh and relevant throughout its existence. "Basically everything in radio I dislike; complete repetition of terrible songs and useless radio banter. I like to keep things real, and to be me—not doing the 'radio guy' thing. I like to think my personality on the air is the same as it is with my friends. I like to listen to the other shows [on WITR] and hear things to get a well-rounded musical taste," Stephens said.

The *Jaythreeeh SlowFlow Show* airs every weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on 89.7 WITR.

The *Burn Ward* can also be heard on WITR at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.



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PREP

A chance to start over again

by Kavya Yadav

RIT's Professional Re-employment Education Program (PREP) is the silver lining around the dark cloud of unemployment. Over the past year, the country has been struggling through a severe recessionary phase characterized by steep unemployment rates, dropping income levels, and a record number of people being laid off. Although the situation has been gradually improving, the byproduct of this recession has been a phenomenal increase in the number of jobless people. PREP, however, offers a second chance to these unemployed and empty-handed people to sharpen their skills and re-enter the workforce.

What is PREP?

"The idea for the program began in the 80s," said Gene Clark, from the Office of Part-time and Graduate Enrollment Services. "We were looking at sleeping assets and wanted to examine the opportunities for the use of RIT in times other than its peak periods." A detailed study revealed that one of the best ways to maximize efficiency, generate revenue and help the community would be to fill in the empty seats in RIT's classes. Ironically, the program was given an added impetus when the economy plunged into recession. As Clark explained, "When big companies let go of thousands of employees who've dedicated years to the company, it becomes catastrophic. This is the reason that prompted us to do something for the community." With the closure of three Kodak plants and a Corning plant all within the time span of a year, more people began to respond positively to PREP. "I think the past year has really proved we're not recession-proof," he said. When asked about the kind of people who join PREP, he answered, "A well distributed section of the 'people pie'." Although the program attracts people from various age groups, economic classes, education levels, and industries, the older generation definitely contributes to a large part of the program. Clark attributes this factor to the increasing awareness of "educationalism." He said that a little over thirty years ago, parents with college-aged children thought more about retirement than returning to school. But now, attitudes are rapidly

changing and older people are becoming more open to the idea of hitting the books. "This is quite advantageous for them, because most adults know exactly what they want to pursue as a career and what classes will help them do this," Clark explained.

How does this program work?

PREP gives dislocated people the opportunity to return to school and take classes. The clincher is that PREP tuition rates are sixty percent lower than normal tuition rates. For instance, on a normal day, an undergraduate pays \$446 per credit hour, while a PREP student would only pay \$178 per credit hour for the same class. The program is open to people of all ages, but in order to qualify and enter the program, certain conditions have to be met. First, the student should have worked for at least twelve months with an employer before being laid off. Second, only people who lost their jobs due to tumultuous economic and business conditions qualify for the program. Finally, the applicant should apply for the program within six months of losing their job.

"After filling out a very basic form, all we ask the applicant to do is submit two letters indicating when they started and stopped working," said Clark. Once all the information is verified and the applicant is eligible, the next step is to register for classes.

In the event that a student is unsure of what classes to take, the Office of Part-Time and Graduate Enrollment Services, where PREP is headquartered, offers academic advising as well. "We also always encourage students to meet with Academic Advising from the different colleges or even talk to a co-op counselor to find out which employers visit campus and hire people most often," said Clark. Once they know what classes to take, all that's left is the process of registration, which is also



very simple. First, all RIT students ranging from seniors to freshmen, followed by the non-matriculated students, register for classes. PREP then fills the remaining seats. "So we also make sure we're not denying anyone a seat or causing any registration hassles," said Clark.

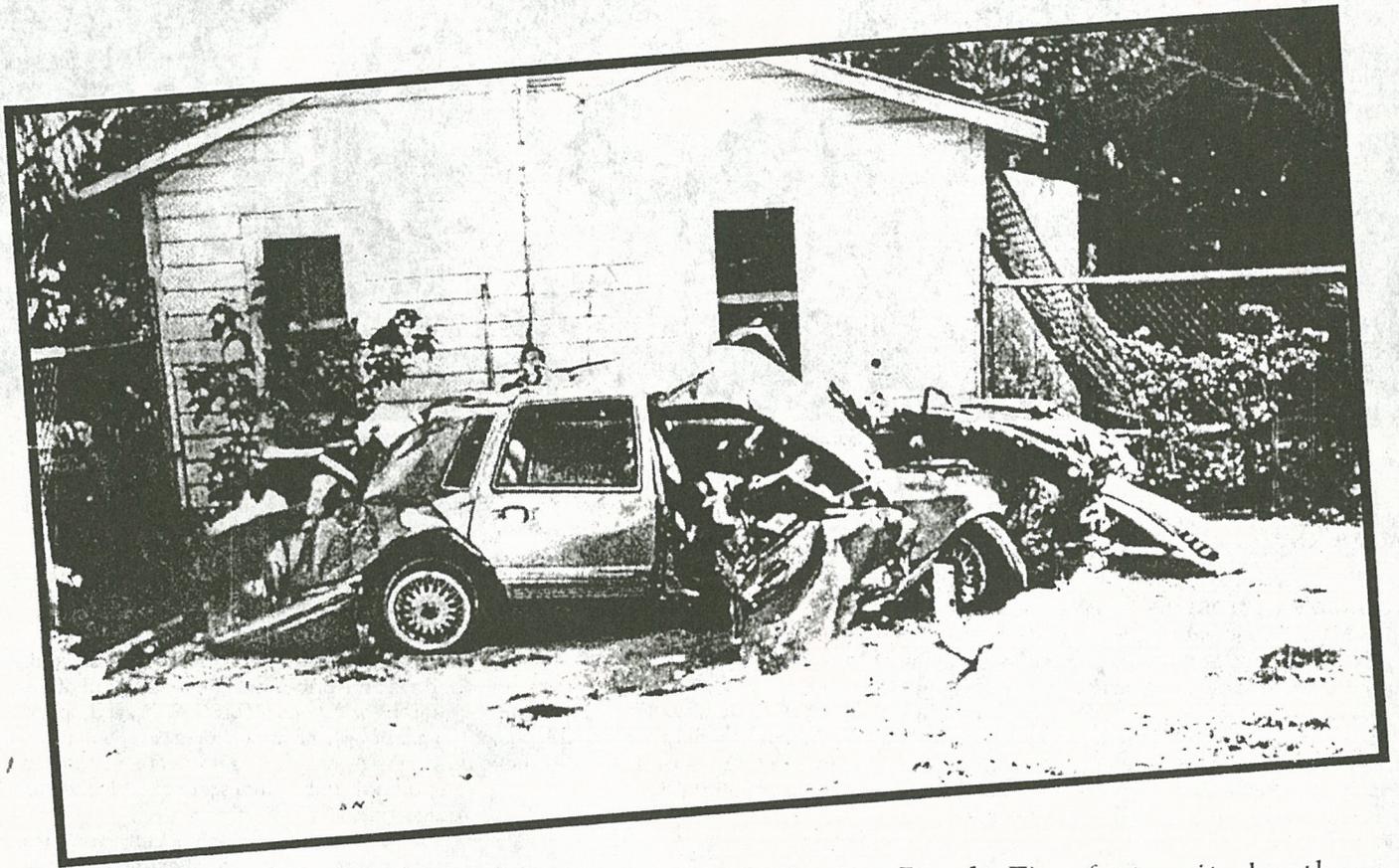
What are the benefits?

From a mere vision in the 80s to a roaring success today, PREP continues to provide hope for the people who have no other place to turn. The program now admits over 20 to 25 people per quarter and these numbers are constantly increasing. "The realization of learning," said Clark, "is what makes the program run. People who had a Bachelor's degree now want to study more and get a Master's. People who already have a Master's degree feel it's outdated, prompting them to obtain a degree in a more current field."

However, for a number of these students, life is far from easy. Adjusting to school after a long break away from it is not only difficult, but also intimidating. Nonetheless, the rewards are always well worth the effort. "We're just extremely happy we can actually give something back to the community," Clark said. "He, who conceives and believes, always achieves."

Mark Sterner

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Second baseman Andrew Schild slides into home for the Tigers. The Tigers were outdone by St. John Fisher 12-4 on April 16.

by Marci Savage & Andrea Ervay
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Women's Lacrosse

RIT ladies show steady improvement

The women's lacrosse team has improved their record to 4-4 after defeating Hartwick 15-5 on April 13 and Fredonia on April 11, 10-6. Unfortunately, after a 7-6 lead at halftime against Alfred on April 16, the Saxtons came back in the last few minutes of the game, creating the third loss for the Tiger's Empire Eight record.

The RIT lacrosse ladies were not intimidated by the sign "Wick Nasty" which corresponded well with the rainy day at the Hartwick stadium. Senior Heather Savage reminded the team, "Tigers eat Hawks," and then went out and scored two goals for the day. Erin DiDuro, Kelly Martin and Andrea Ervay also pitched in with their two scores. "We came together, showing each other, as well as the other team, what we can really do," said Amber Mescher. The women's lacrosse team proved they could play very well under pressure and step up to the challenge.

Turnovers were important for the win over Fredonia. Mescher led the team, causing eight turnovers, while Savage had five turnovers and three goals. Also scoring two goals each were DiDuro, Sarah Maneri, and Ervay. Martin led the game with three goals and one assist.

Coach Shultis had a few words about the game against Alfred. "[We have had] steady improvement throughout the season; we just ran out of time during this game," he said. Despite the eighty-degree weather, the girls

pushed themselves hard and dominated most of the game with at least a one-point lead. Alfred stepped up with a newfound burst of energy with only a few minutes left in the game, and scored two goals, giving them the win of 9-7. Shaking off their first loss at home, the Tigers walked off the field knowing they played their best against Alfred.

Men's Lacrosse

All conference games from here on out

The men's lacrosse team took advantage of the fact that St. John Fisher is only a first-year program. On April 10, Chris Copeland and Dan Tuschong began the game by scoring the first two goals. Leading the Tigers were Tuschong with four goals and Josh Molinari, who contributed two goals and five assists. Andrew Pratt and Ryan Neward helped with the 6-1 lead at halftime. The final score of the game was 14-5, with RIT as the victor. "This is the biggest time of the season because it's all conference games [from] here on out," said Ryan Shand.

On April 13, the team fell to Cortland 15-6. Before halftime, Copeland and Chris Vallone each scored a goal. Vallone scored again in the beginning of the third quarter off of the draw. Molinari led RIT with three goals and one assist.

The men will play at home on April 27, as they battle Hartwick at 1:00 p.m.

Baseball

A successful season so far

The baseball team had a fairly successful pair of days on April 13 and 14, coming out of the weekend with a record of 3-1. RIT later dropped a game at the hands of St. John Fisher on April 16.

On the April 13, the team swept Hartwick in two games, with a final score of 5-1 in the first game, and 6-1 in the second.

In the first game, pitcher Tim Pritchard threw a complete game, allowing only one run in the three-hitter. His record improved to 3-2 in the season. RIT was backed by a very strong defense, and the offense was right on in the game.

Marty Maynard went three for four in the first game and had three RBI's. His double in the first inning was enough for the Tigers to beat Hartwick. Andy Schild, who went two for three, had one double and a RBI in the game.

In the second game, Dan Weglinski pitched 6 1/3 innings to pick up his first win of the year. Matt Knode learned his first save of the season when he came into a bases loaded situation.

The next day, the Tigers split with Utica and won the first game 4-0 and lost the second 5-4. Jim Fogarty had two RBI's in the first game, and also scored one run. Mitch Vogler was the winning pitcher of that game.

In the second game, both Jeff Ware and Fogarty had two hits.

The team lost to St. John Fisher 4-12 on April 16. This brought their Empire Eight record to 3-2 and 10-11 overall on the season.

Softball

Softball team plays hardball

The team's record is 12-13 overall and an impressive 7-3 in Empire Eight action after a 2-2 weekend and two losses on April 16.

The team beat Alfred on April 12, 2-1 and 5-3. Shari McNamara improved her record to 7-5 after pitching a complete game and allowing only two hits. The winning pitcher in the second game was Jessica Fabian, who gave up six hits.

On April 16, the team suffered two losses against SUNY Cortland, with the final score of 3-0 and 20-12. In the first game, McNamara allowed the team to only earn one hit. McNamara pitched through six innings and gave up nine hits, but the offense was not able to back her with any runs.

In the second game, Cortland earned 15 hits, while RIT earned only 13. McNamara earned three hits as designated hitter and pitcher.

Hobart/William and Smith to take on their second-placed crew team. On Sunday, they traveled to Ithaca to take on Ithaca and Skidmore.

The women's team had a huge victory against William and Smith. Both the varsity eight and the JV eight won in a huge upset. The varsity boat, coxed by Sarah Seely, had a time of 7:22.26, beating WS by only two seconds. The JV boat, coxed by Sara Nicholls, won by only .1 second, with a time of 7:56.02. William and Smith came in with a close time of 7:56.01.

The women then traveled to take on Ithaca and Skidmore. Both boats beat Skidmore, but lost to Ithaca in a close race. The varsity boat finished in a time of 6:54, and the JV came in at 7:57.

On the men's side, both the varsity and JV boats came in second to Hobart on Saturday. The varsity eight, coxed by William Gross, had a time of 6:34, while the JV boat, coxed by Theresa O'Keefe came in at 7:03. On Sunday, the

player to earn a win against Ohio, while doubles pair Joe Neely and Luke St. Georges also had a win.

Against St. Lawrence, Chachu and Neely earned singles points for RIT, but sadly, it was not enough to defeat them.

On April 26, the team will play SUNY Oswego home at 3:30 p.m.

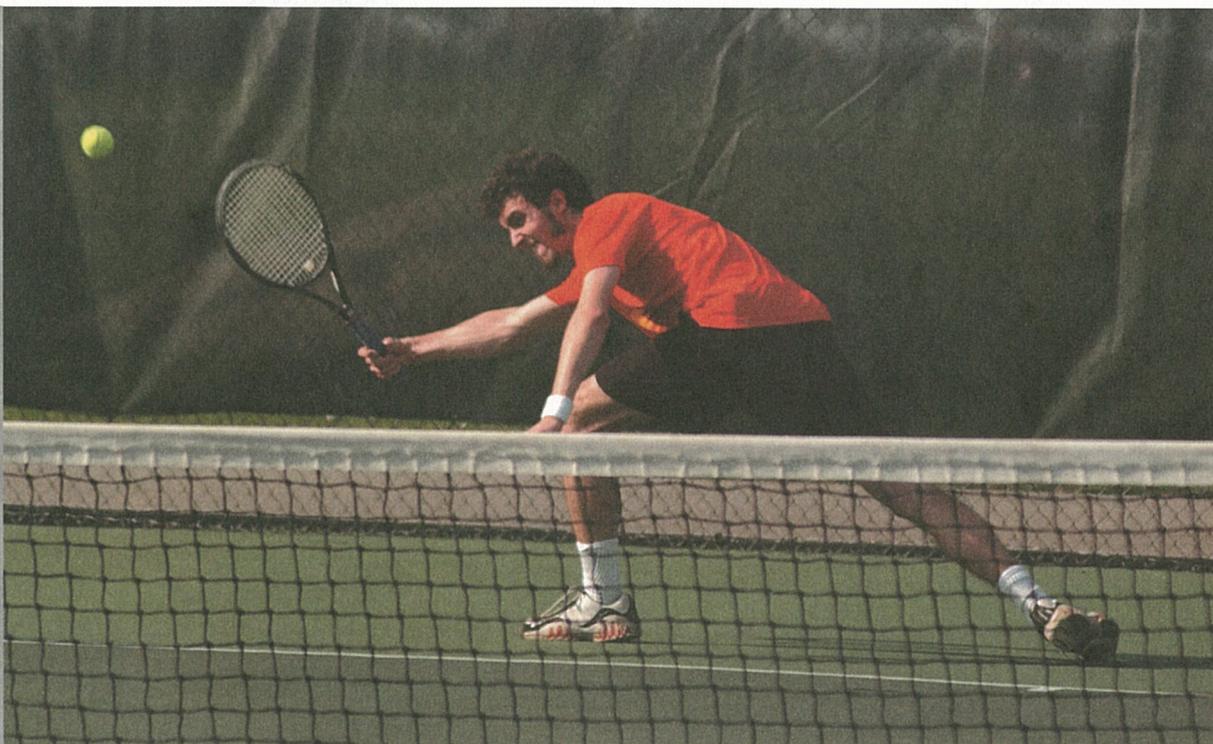
Men's and Women's Track

Season off to a soggy start

On April 13, the track team competed in their first meet of the season. They were up against 12 other teams at the University of Rochester Invitational. Team scores have not yet been completed because of weather problems throughout the competition.

In the women's team, Molly Urquhart provided RIT with the only win of the day with her long jump of 5.4 meters. Her jump beat the old school record that was set in 1993.

Other women that set records that day were senior Suzanne Dale, who



RIT lost two Empire Eight games to Ithaca 4-2 and 5-0. Catcher Ashley Kennedy had two hits and one RBI in the first game of the doubleheader. In the second game, RIT had only three hits, one from three different players on the team.

The team will play at home on April 27 at 12:00 p.m. against Elmira.

Men's and Women's Crew

Big races, big wins

It was an important race for the men's and women's crew teams on the weekend of April 13 and 14. On Saturday, the team traveled to

men's varsity boat came back to defeat Ithaca with a time of 6:00.9, while Ithaca had a time of 6:05.3. The JV boat came in with a time of 6:25.2, beating Skidmore, but not Ithaca.

In the race against Ithaca, both novice eight boats in the race lost. The first eight beat Skidmore in their race.

Men's Tennis

Team drops two

The team suffered two losses on April 12-13 against St. Lawrence and Walsh University of Ohio. They lost to Ohio 6-1, and then to St. Lawrence 4-2.

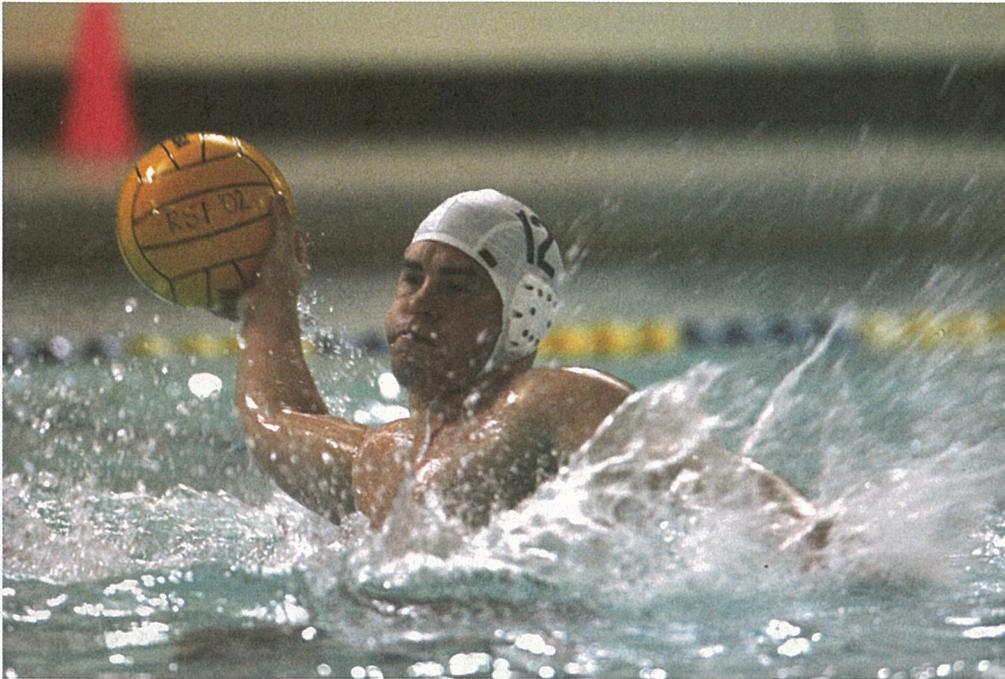
David Chachu was the only singles

finished third in the hammer throw, Ellen Alkiewicz, who ran the 10,000 meter run in 39:17, and freshman Maria Legere, who placed fifth in the pole vault with a 2.43.

On the men's team, sophomore Curtis Howard finished second in the 1500 with a time of 4:03.25, and Travis Ah King came in third in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 16.25 seconds.

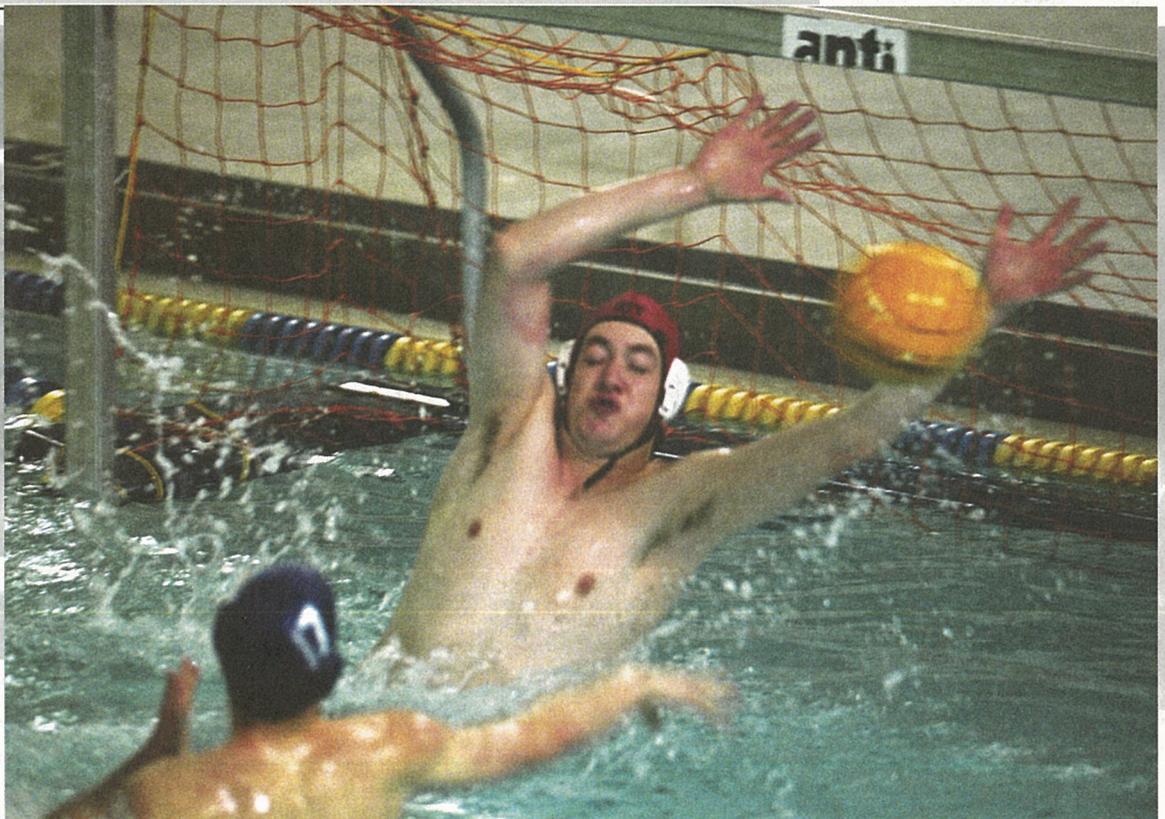
Water Polo

by Marci Savage
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The eighth annual Rochester Water Polo Invitational was held on April 12-14. Teams competing include Toronto, Geneseo, U of R, Tufts, and RIT. Several other teams competed in the men's bracket.

RIT had two teams compete, and both had very good results. The RIT A team fell to the Waterloo B team with a final score of 11-8. They finished in 4th position in the tournament.



The RIT B team finished in 12th position, after losing on Sunday to Boston, 20-3.

For complete tournament results, visit http://www.rit.edu/~wpolowww/RSI_Results_2002.html

by Sheila Sarratore
 photography by Andrew Schafer



The RIT men's tennis team warms up before practice by completing 15 consecutive rallies.

The Tigers have started off the season with a 3-4 record, and an impressive 3-0 record in Empire Eight action. They defeated St. John Fisher, Nazareth, and Ithaca for their three wins.

The team has high expectations for the 2002 season. With such a successful season in 2001, the team this year looks to defend their Empire Eight title.

The team lost five seniors this season, and as a result, the new team isn't as experienced in intercollegiate play. Nevertheless, this very young team is already upholding the winning tradition and surprising some of the tougher competition. Every time they step onto the court, their dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm shine through. The men have an outstanding chance of defending their title if their Empire Eight matches continue on this track.

"Winning the conference this year will be challenging for the team because it's a rebuilding year," said Coach Ann Nealon. "But with the strength and experience of our returnees and the

talent of our freshmen, we might surprise some people this season."

The upperclassmen that are helping to lead the team this year are co-captains Luke Faxton-St. Georges, Joseph Neely and Tim Patterson. Other upperclassmen include Yeduguri Ragadeep, Adam Bazinet, Noel Comardo, and Joe Penvose. The freshmen include Jonathan New, Elliott Nembhard, Luke Murray, Frank Solome and David Chachu.

Coach Nealon is looking toward her third-year co-captains to lead the team. "I believe that both Joe [Neely] and Luke [St. Georges] possess those qualities [leadership and enthusiasm] to keep things going in the right direction this year," said Nealon. So far this has proven true.

In singles play, Neely had a 10-5 record on the season, and when matched up with St. Georges, the pair has a 7-3 record. They are the leading pair on the men's team this season. St. Georges has a 4-8 singles record.

Murray was the deciding match in an impressive two set victory against Nazareth.

Chachu, the leading freshman of the team, holds the number one position and has an impressive 10-5 record. Chachu won his match against Ithaca, helping his team to the close 4-3 win.

Neely and St. Georges also represent RIT on a much larger scale. They both participate on the Deaf Olympic team, and have competed together in Rome, Italy this past summer.

The past few matches for the men's team have come right down to the line. Hobart and Nazareth look to be the toughest competition left this season.

The team will play a home game against SUNY Oswego at 3:30 p.m. on April 23. Come support the men's tennis team on April 27 as they take on Elmira.



A member of the RIT men's tennis team warms up.

Player Profile: Andy Schild

by Ren Meinhart
photo by Andrew Schafer





Team leader is rounding the home stretch

Some say that when you love something and are willing to work hard at it, the rewards become apparent. RIT Baseball Co-Captain Andy Schild is proof of such a theory. A dedicated athlete and motivated teammate, Schild has become a key member of the Tiger lineup for the past four years by showing up every day and working hard at what he loves to do. "I love competing; the team aspects of [baseball]," said Schild when asked what it is about the sport that draws him to it. "Probably also because it just takes some skill and you take a certain amount of pride in that. Not everyone can just play baseball. I guess I'm just used to it; it just comes naturally."

When it comes to talking about his own strengths and talents, Schild is modest and reserved. However, his teammates and coaches are not so hesitant to sing his praises. "In my mind, Andy is the best middle infielder in the region," said Junior Co-Captain Marty Maynard. "He's a guy that turned the program around as a freshman, and has only gotten better. In addition to that, he's a great leader, and a great teammate." Maynard also pointed out that Schild has been a starter for the team in each of his four seasons at RIT, playing in almost every inning of his career.

So far this season, Schild is living up to such compliments. With as many starts as games played, Schild is batting .353 from the leadoff position, and carrying a .908 fielding percentage from both shortstop and second base (as of April 16). When asked about his success this season, Schild just shrugged and said, "I'd rather have a change in the record than just playing well myself."

It is through his play, however, that Schild leads the Tiger lineup. "My role as a captain is more in leading by example, especially with the younger kids," he explained. "I try to always hustle and work hard; not by yelling, but by showing and hoping that they follow." This work ethic is more than apparent to his

coach, Rob Grow. "He's already doing things as they should be done. He shows up early and works hard every day. Everyone knows that he wants to win; he's a real competitor," Grow said. "His teammates see a guy who wants to win and be a part of a successful program first and foremost. He'll take any role to get to that. He doesn't have an ego about it; he just wants to win."

Winning is first on Schild's and his teammates' minds these days. With goals to make it to the NCAA tournament and win more than twenty-five games this season, there is a focus on the task at hand. Poor weather has hindered the team's ability to practice outdoors, and as a result, they've been at a slight disadvantage, but don't count them out. "Our hitting has been getting a lot better, and our pitching has been consistent all year, so I think that we're going to start to win those close games," says Maynard. He detailed Schild's contributions on the field, both as the team's usual leadoff hitter and as a versatile infielder, seeing time both at second base and shortstop, which is a change from past years.

As the team's regular shortstop for three years, Schild has slid over to cover second, allowing room for both he and freshman Jim Fogarty (up and coming shortstop) in the lineup. "[The change] has been tremendous for him," said Grow. It allows Schild to split time between the positions and still continue to play entire games. "Second base is a little easier than shortstop and he's mentally a lot sharper now as a result," his coach said.

Regardless of where he finds himself on the field, Schild continues to concentrate on the team's goals. "There's still a lot of time left to meet our goals of making the NCAA tournament," Schild said. "We just need to play up to our potential. We have a lot of talent and a lot of potential."

Schild is no stranger to potential. As a freshman, he had plenty of it with a strong work

ethic, great speed, quickness, and instincts. Fortunately for RIT baseball, it was his potential that has paid off in the long run. "He came to us as someone we thought would be a great player, and in the first two weeks [he] met our expectations," Grow said. "From there, he's just grown; in that he's older and more mature. The game just comes easily for him now. He's more of an everyday player."

Schild also sees growth in himself as a baseball player over the past four years as well. "I've grown in a lot of ways," he said. "I'm a lot smarter player now. Before, I just went out and played, and now I notice more."

For Schild, baseball isn't just fun and games. As a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major, he is looking to apply his knowledge and love of the game in the business world, starting this summer. "I'm co-opping at Nike, and if that goes well, then I'd definitely consider it as a full time job," he said. "I'll be working on designing baseball bats. There probably couldn't be a better job for me. I'm pretty excited."

For the time being, however, there's plenty of baseball to be played, and Schild, who will be hanging up his Tiger jersey after this season, plans to enjoy his last few weeks on the field with his teammates here at RIT. "[The best part about playing at RIT] is being able to be around great guys and great coaches who all want to win," said Schild. "Having great friends who are all out for the same thing."

Without a doubt, RIT baseball will be sad to see him go. "We've loved having him for four years," Grow said. "Andy came in, along with Kurt Phillipson and Tim Pritchard (who really helped solidify our pitching staff) who all really made a difference and helped turn the program around. I feel good about the fact that he's had a great career. Everything that we've asked of him, he's done." And done well, indeed.

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