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# Editorial

## News Around Here

Welcome back! That is, at least for the exciting three weeks that we'll be back in classes before the winter break. Now is the time when the true Rochester weather begins to nip our noses and numb our toeses and everything in between. Because the daytime sun is now mostly a kind of dark gray and the nights are cold and windy, it's important to keep a positive face on things. Winter depression is not as uncommon as you'd think, and as we adjust our bodies to Rochester's harsh tundra of icy iciness, those old winter blues begin to creep in around the edges. Make sure that, if things begin piling up on you, you talk it out with someone, or take it to the counseling center, before it begins to overwhelm you.

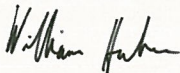
With that said, let's take a look at the magazine:

Again, we're trying a bunch of different things, seeing what works, etc. Gone is the "News You Can't Use" section. Some weeks it was strong—very strong, other weeks it was... not. In its place, look for a new feature that will detail something that happened a while back, on the corresponding week in any given year. It might be something from Reporter's own archives, it might deal with RIT, it might have something to do with a great invention or world history, whatever. We haven't nailed down a title yet, and we're probably not even running it this week, but expect it to be something like "The Week in History" or something along those lines.

Moving on, one thing that's been in the planning stages for a while now is the semi-annual Reporter RIT Trivia issue. Every once in a while, say every two or three years, we get enough people asking us about the various RIT rumors that we print up a big issue that puts the final stamp on things. For instance, "Just how long is the Quarter Mile, really?" and "Was this campus really based off designs for a college campus in Arizona?" are among two of the most-asked questions. What we ask of you, valued readers, is to submit all your trivia questions to us, and we'll include as many answers as we can in the upcoming trivia issue, which you can look forward to sometime in late January. Just drop us an e-mail at [reporter@rit.edu](mailto:reporter@rit.edu) and we'll put our "crack research team" on it.

The sharp reader might remember that the "holiday" issue is coming up next week. So far as I have worked here, which is going on 25 years now, we have never actually successfully printed a holiday issue without leaving somebody out, or offending this guy or that girl or whoever. So this time around, instead of trying to cover all the bases and failing miserably, we're not going to print anything specific; instead, we're running a bunch of "gift ideas" articles that don't point to any one specific religion or holiday celebration. Hopefully nobody will be offended by the idea of getting goodies from loved ones. Of course, I'm sure there are people who will be offended by that, but I'm wagering the holiday cheer will turn their hate mail to tidings of joy and peace.

So, like I said before, welcome back and have a good three weeks. Submit trivia questions, and make sure that things are copasetic through these gray months. If you have comments or questions on anything you've seen so far, drop us a line at [reporter@rit.edu](mailto:reporter@rit.edu).



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# Letters to the Editor

*(Note: This section contains letters that were received during the break and too late in fall quarter to print in fall issues. These submissions may be edited for spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, and if necessary, space.)*

## For Deseray

Dear Editor,  
I was wondering if you would be as kind as to print this poem that I wrote for Deseray Briggs after finding out that she died November 1. I was one of her friends. Thank you.

"Fallen"

When I heard the news about you today,  
I stood there in shock,  
it couldn't be true, why would he take you away?

With all the good things that God does take,  
Why God? Why Deseray—this must be a mistake.

I made it through the rest of the day,  
and walked outside, with my T-shirt on.

As I let the snow hit my face,  
I cried and realized you were in a better place.  
But what about all the things we would all miss,  
your smile, your laugh, there's an endless list!

And I looked up to the sky and I told him it's not fair,  
You had so much to live for and so much to share.

You were a daughter, sister, a girlfriend, a friend to us all, but all I could think about that snowy November day was how my friend had fallen—how God had taken you away.

**-Steve Brown**

Sixth Year  
Chemistry

## The Buck Stops Here

The letter by Heidi Spalholz in the October 25 edition (regarding fraternities and sororities asking for donations) has some [validity], as it can get on your nerves having various groups calling out for your cash. [However,] as annoying it might seem, the cause is usually worth the hounding for a few days. Although fraternities often get bad raps, and I am not a member of any of them, they do serve a purpose on campus: [they] create awareness for various research groups and organizations related to a number of illnesses. The Quarter Mile and Mobius quad are two of the most traveled areas on campus and are prime locations to reach the greatest number of students. These two areas are very important to campus life and I'm surprised the various groups on campus don't utilize these areas more often to reach out to the student body. In other words, I don't think it's all so bad. If you feel that they are going about their fundraising wrong, no one is forcing you to participate.

I don't agree with calling their fundraising a waste of time, however. These groups set up on the Quarter Mile are asking for support from all the RIT community. The money collected reflects their efforts in making campus aware [of various causes]. Obviously they do care about their cause if they are spending their time to tell you how important your donation is, therefore not making it a waste of energy. They aren't out trying to change the world as we know it—they are showing initiative enough to help people and support a just cause. I think some people only see fraternities and sororities as trying to make a name for themselves, and have a preconceived idea of what they are about, and when a group of them are set up in such a public place, it can mean nothing but a promotion for their group. Next time I happen to be on the Quarter Mile, I plan on continuing to donate to these organizations because I believe in their cause—but that's just me.

**-Patrick Rice**

Second Year  
Industrial Design

## Yeah, You Heard Me

In regards to the "unilateral [American] force" that President Bush proposes against Iraq, I believe that United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, stating that only the General Assembly of the United Nations can authorize the use of military force for purposes other than defensive, shows proper restraint in regards to the Iraqi situation. Should the United States act without the consent of the United Nations, we are exposed to its sanctions, and display abysmally poor diplomacy. Fear, power, and economics motivate us. The teeming masses fear the threat of violence in their midst; we have been safe—removed—for far too long. Stung, we lash out with our might as a clumsy child caught stealing honey from bees. Oblivious to the damage we cause, we strike repeatedly while wailing as we feel the sting of the bees. Why are we shocked when the bees sting us, follow us home, and are resentful?

Only tyrants use power with no respect for authority. As self-proclaimed democratic citizens of the world, we should follow our democratic principles and allow the General Assembly of the United Nations to decide a course of action.

-Jason Hills

## Lost and Found

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**-Cheryl Williams**

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# Crime Watch

compiled by Justin Mayer

## November 18

### Theft of Services- RIT Inn and Conference Center

The RIT Inn manager reported that an unknown person is using the RIT Inn's long distance telephone trunk line to make unauthorized calls to Cleveland and Jacksonville.

### Petit Larceny - Kate Gleason Hall

A vending machine in Building 9 was found open. Fine Host manager responded and confirmed the coin box was missing.

## November 19

### Criminal Mischief - Grace Watson Hall

A 30-inch key mark was discovered on the trunk of a Campus Safety vehicle during a vehicle inspection.

## November 20

### Theft Auto Parts - Colony Manor

A student living in Colony reported that the windshield of his/her truck was cracked while parked in front of his/her apartment.

### Petit Larceny - Kate Gleason Hall

An unknown person took an unattended Brita water filter and pitcher from a lounge on the seventh floor.

### Harassment - Grace Watson Hall

A student complained that an FMS cleaning person has made inappropriate comments to her and entered her room without permission, closed the door, and hugged her. Another student on the floor reported the cleaner made an attempt to smell her neck.

### Burglary - Peterson Hall

A student reported an unknown male entered his room and stole his wallet and pager. A second male was witnessed near the room. The suspect was chased down the hall, but

exited through the north stairwell to Ellingson Hall. Monroe County Sheriff responded.

## November 21

### Criminal Mischief - Riverknoll Apartments

Housing Operations reported two windows broken at a Riverknoll Apartment. The student was determined to be very intoxicated.

### Harassment - Campus Safety Office

A temporary FMS custodian reported a fellow custodian has made disparaging remarks to her. The suspect has not made any threats, but has insinuated sexual references. Referred to Human Resources.

### Harassment - Campus Safety Office

While conducting a follow-up interview, Campus Safety was informed by an FMS custodian that her co-worker has harassed her in the past with sexual innuendos and unwanted touching. Referred to Human Resources.

### Possession of Stolen Property - Ellingson Hall

An RD conducting a room inspection in Peterson discovered the cover to an EXIT sign taped to a first year students' bed. The sign was confiscated and returned to FMS.

### Possession of Stolen Property - Ellingson Hall

During a room check out, an RD observed a roadway sign that belongs to the Pittsford Department of Transportation. Both residents had already gone home for break. The sign was confiscated and stored in the property room.

## November 22

### Harassment - Fish B

An FMS custodial staff member was reported to have been bothering a female student. Referred to Human Resources.

## November 25

### Grand Larceny - Eastman Building

An unknown person removed credit cards, a checkbook, and cash from a staff member's unattended purse in her unsecured office on the fourth floor. A faculty member jogging on the South Loop road found several pieces of identification belonging to the staff member.

### Harassment - Eastman Building

A student employee of CAST Dean's office and a staff member of Financial Aid office were told by a Staples delivery man that they looked like

females on a website containing pornographic images. The delivery man was banned from RIT and referred to Staples Human Resources.

### Burglary - Ellingson Hall

An RA observed a non-member attempting to enter her unlocked dorm room. When confronted, the suspect said he was trying to enter the wrong room. The RA observed the suspect trying to open several other doors on the floor and she notified Campus Safety. The suspect was apprehended and later confessed to Monroe County Sheriff's Office that he had stolen a wallet and pager in a previous incident in Peterson Hall. The suspect was banned from campus and turned over to Irondequoit Police Department.

## November 26

### Criminal Mischief - Sol Heumann Hall

A contract officer observed the word "SNIP" and an obscenity written in black marker on the wall of a stairwell. FMS was contacted to clean the wall.

## November 27

### Theft Auto Parts - Perkins Green

A string of incidents was reported in which car windows were broken and stereo equipment was removed from seven vehicles parked in the northeast parking lot of Perkins Green. Campus Safety left messages for victims to contact the Campus Safety office upon their return to RIT.

### Criminal Mischief - Greek Housing

An unknown person tampered with the wiring on six washing machines and six dryers in a laundry room. The vendor, Statewide Machinery, repaired the machines.

## December 1

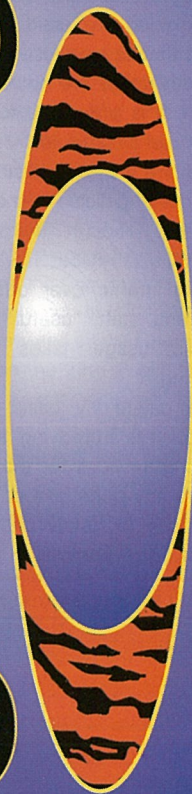
### Drug - Perkins Green

A student reported loud music and a suspicious odor from a Perkins apartment. The residents admitted to smoking marijuana and serving alcohol to an underaged non-RIT student. A search revealed five ounces of marijuana, a bong, two pills, and three marijuana pipes. One resident was arrested by Monroe County Sheriff for selling marijuana. Both residents were charged with possession of marijuana and unlawful dealing to a child.



# STUDENT OMBUDS

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## WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF THE STUDENT OMBUDS?

The Office of the Student Ombudsperson is a neutral and confidential resource that exists to assist all RIT/NTID students with any questions, concerns, or issues they may experience as a student.

## WHEN WOULD A STUDENT VISIT THE OMBUDS OFFICE?

If you are experiencing a situation in which you do not know what to do, where to go, or to whom to speak, then it may be time to contact the Ombuds Office. If you are unable to resolve a situation that impacts you as a student, then we are available to assist. In most cases, we would not resolve a situation for a student, but will provide the student with information, guidance, and support so that he or she may achieve resolution.

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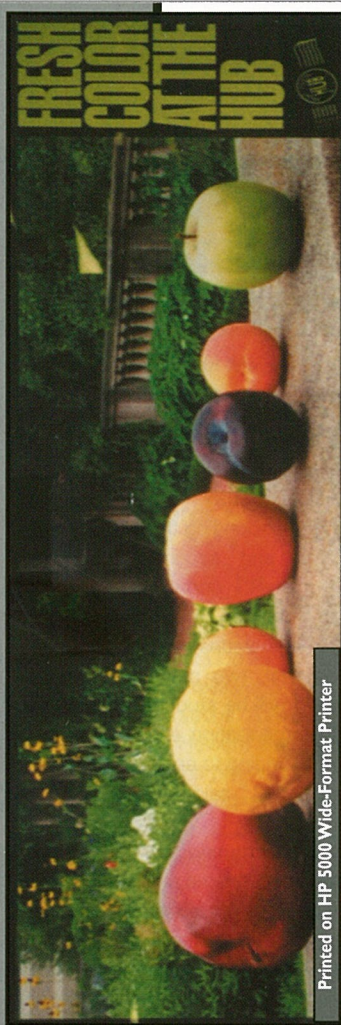
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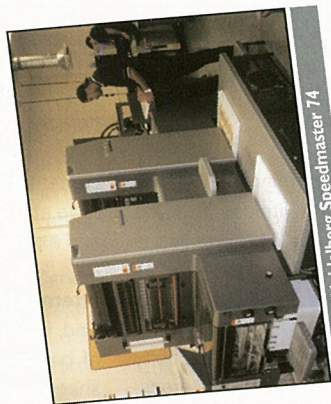
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The Ombudsperson is Dr. Laura Tubbs. The office hours are 8:30 – 4:00 Monday through Friday, or other times by appointment.

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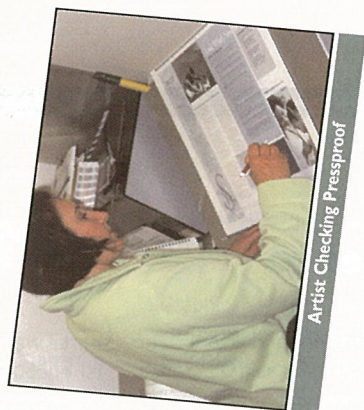


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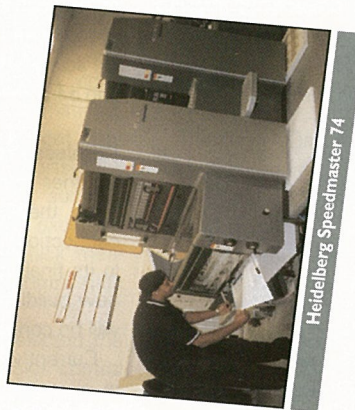
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# ITS Plans Projects

## to Enhance Student Online Experience

by Becky Ruby

Information and Technology Services (ITS) has a lot on its plate for the upcoming school year. In addition to its regular duties concerning computing and networking resources for both the residential and academic portions of RIT, ITS has been developing projects to improve services on campus. "Basically, ITS takes care of all campus computing needs," said Diane Barbour, Chief Information Officer.

These technological needs include online financial services, online learning, all telecommunications (voice network), ResNet, all campus computer labs, and the ITS helpdesk in Building 7B.

### Bye Bye, Webmail

Of the major projects this year, one of the most influential on student life will be the overhaul of the current Webmail system. According to Emilio D'Lorenzo, the Director for Technical Support Services, the present e-mail system is between ten and 12 years old. "The system is really outdated," said D'Lorenzo. Comprised of many different smaller pieces and completely self-developed at RIT, the older setup is in need of revamping.

The newer edition will be a robust mail package from Microsoft, called Microsoft Exchange. Some of the features will include rich functionality, better reliability, easy scalability,

improved web access, and better delivery. "The web client will be better overall," said D'Lorenzo. "It will be one full integrated package."

The process for the turnover in e-mail systems has already started with the creation of the beginnings of a pilot system, which a group of students will test in early December.

Faculty and staff accounts will migrate first, and a full rollout is expected in early 2003.

### Wireless Progress

Another major step in computing at RIT has been the development of wireless Internet connections around campus. "The process is in its final stages," said Barbour. However, as new buildings and areas are constructed, they will be connected as well.

Currently, there are wireless connections in all academic buildings, major study areas, the entire Student Alumni Union (SAU), and the locations which students typically tend to congregate (Gracie's, for example). There are blue, laminated, circular posters indicating which areas have been set up.

### My.rit.edu Soars

ITS first conceived the idea of the myRIT portal one year ago. After working closely with Student Affairs and a student project team, the

portal was put up for full use this past fall. "[ITS is] encouraging students to use the portal for collaboration and communication with faculty and staff," said D'Lorenzo. "This portal is a better tool than corresponding through e-mail."

Both the first and second phases of incorporating the myRIT portal into daily use on campus are directed towards students. Besides the already widespread myCourses portion of the portal, two main components to be incorporated will be student organization content and the organization events calendar. "We at ITS are continuing to enhance, develop, and expand [the portal]," said Barbour.

### Internet Bandwidth Expansion

And, finally, there has been the ongoing concern of bandwidth control. With so many students sharing files and downloading material, the amount of Internet bandwidth becomes limited. "While classes are in session, the system is pretty much saturated," said D'Lorenzo.

Though ITS does not monitor the content of downloaded material, the service does keep tabs on the top ten users of bandwidth. "If we find a spike in traffic, we investigate what is going on," said Barbour. 80 percent of users that cause these "spikes" of extreme bandwidth usage are not even aware of their situation; it is often due to someone hacking into the user's computer.

There are no immediate plans to change the current policies concerning bandwidth monitoring. Though there are no filtering or firewalls in place, ITS does give priority to certain traffic over others. For instance, faculty and staff "useful traffic" concerning academic usage takes precedence over file sharing.

On a day-to-day basis, ITS continues to work towards improving and maintaining all computing services for the RIT community. If you have any questions or concerns, visit the ITS website (currently under construction) at [www.rit.edu/~wwwits](http://www.rit.edu/~wwwits).

## Did You Know?

### Abuse@rit.edu

by Johanna Miller

Have you ever noticed illegal activity taking place on RIT's server and didn't know what to do about it? Abuse@rit.edu is the answer.

Abuse@rit.edu is an e-mail address that allows members of RIT's network to report illegal activity. Copyright infringement, revealing confidential information, harassment, and unauthorized access all fall under RIT's "illegal activities" heading in the Code of Conduct for Computer and Network Use.

An e-mail addressed to abuse@rit.edu should include all possible information about

the person involved in the illegal activity, as well as any other relevant information, such as dates and times of unauthorized access.

Illegal computer activity takes place every day on RIT's campus. While many students choose not to report it, some may feel it is necessary.

Abuse@rit.edu is a confidential and easy way to maintain the safety of RIT's computing network. For more information, visit RIT's Code of Conduct for Computer and Network Use at [www.rit.edu/computerconduct](http://www.rit.edu/computerconduct).



# BrickBeat

compiled by Justin Mayer

## Institute Announces New Trustees, Chairman

The Board of Trustees elected four new members: Richard Sands, Kraig Kayser, Ford Greene, and Nancy Fein, and a new chairman, Bruce R. James, at a meeting held November 14-15.

**Richard Sands** is president and chief operating officer of Constellation Brands Inc. With his appointment as CEO in 1993, he assumed management of Constellation Brands' domestic and worldwide operations. Sands is also chairman of the Norman Howard School Foundation, an organization which promotes early intervention for children with learning disabilities.

**Kraig Kayser**, president and CEO of Seneca Foods Corp., also serves as board chairman and audit committee chairman for Moog Inc., advisory board member at M&T Bank, and a director of the Industrial Management Council.

**Ford Greene** is president of Frontier Telephone of Rochester, which serves more than a million residential telecommunication customers and many businesses within the Rochester region.

**Nancy Fein** is general manager for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., Kansas City Region, and is responsible for overall regional operations that support the success and growth of the 74 dealers in the six states of the Kansas City region-Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. She also oversees the integration of regional advertising, incentive, recognition and training/certificate programs.

**Bruce R. James**, a 1964 graduate of RIT's School of Printing Management and Sciences and a trustee since 1994, was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1996, delivered the Convocation address in 1997 and chaired the launch of RIT's \$300 million capital campaign, "Powered by the Future."

He now serves as the 24th Public Printer of the United States, a post once held by Benjamin Franklin. President Bush's nomination of James to the post was just approved Nov. 21. As the Public Printer, he oversees information gathering, processing and distribution for all three branches of the federal government-ranging from the Congressional Record to the Reports of the Supreme Court, to IRS forms and passports.

## New Heidelberg Press to Receive Color Control from GMI

Graphics Microsystems Inc., a leader in pressroom automation systems, is providing RIT with the ColorQuick closed-loop color control system to accompany the new Heidelberg Sunday 2000 press, currently being installed in the Slaughter building. ICC Color-managed, digital workflow and print-by-numbers is the vision for the web pressroom of the future that GMI and RIT share.

The ColorQuick system measures a color control bar on the moving web, automatically driving the press to programmed target density values. It then calculates and reports a full range of print quality characteristics, such as Dot Gain and Print Contrast. With the exclusive spectral reporting capability, ColorQuick measures, stores and reports CIE Colorimetric data and full spectral reflectance data.

"We are pleased that RIT has selected the ColorQuick on-web closed loop color control system for their new Heidelberg Sunday press as a key to bringing that vision to the industry," said John Sweeney, director of color measurement systems at GMI. "Academic programs, research and industry education will be enhanced by the ColorQuick's comprehensive SPC reporting station, Color Manager."

## Million Dollar Scholarship Fund Targets Retention

A new \$1 million scholarship fund will award \$1,000 per quarter each year, for up to five years, to 62 RIT mechanical engineering, mathematics, computer engineering, and computer science students. Established with \$392,000 from the National Science Foundation's Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Scholarships Program and \$526,500 from RIT, the EMC2 fund is intended to increase retention among RIT engineering, math and computer science students.

"We want to focus on retention and make the students successful," said Edward Hensel, professor and department head of mechanical engineering, who is principal investigator of the EMC2 scholarship program. "It's very prestigious, and another reason for coming to RIT."

Co-principal investigators at RIT are Surendra Gupta, professor of mechanical engineering;

Darren Narayan, assistant professor of mathematics and statistics; Andreas Savakis, professor and head of computer engineering; and Paul Tymann, associate professor of computer science. RIT's North Star Center for Academic Success and Cultural Affairs is also participating.

National Science Foundation reviewers lauded RIT's matching-funds investment, saying it shows commitment to help guarantee the success of the project.

## RIT Will Honor Alumni in Exhibition at Bevier Gallery

The Bevier Gallery in the Booth building will host a centennial exhibition, Looking Back to the Future, a showcase of art from the 1920s to the present. The exhibition will open with an artists' reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and run through Friday, January 10. The show will be closed for the holidays from December 26 through January 2, and reopen on January 3.

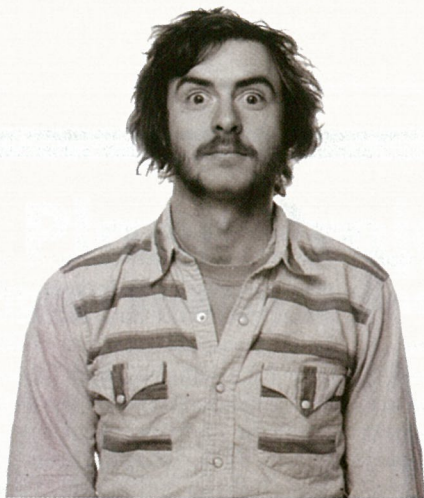
Looking Back to the Future will focus on an historic roster of more than 50 multifaceted artists who applied their skills, techniques and personal style to create paintings, drawings, traditional and digital prints, sculpture, assemblage, illustration and medical illustration.

"A major event like this has not been done in 30 years," said Alan Singer, CIAS professor and curator of Looking Back to the Future. "The simple fact of recognition for the participating artists goes a long way-especially in this era, when our lives are so overwhelmed by advertising images that want us to consume, not contemplate."

In conjunction with the show, Gallery r, RIT's student-run gallery on Park Avenue, will host an exhibit, Aesthetic Heritage-featuring works from alumni who have gone on to teach in programs at RIT.

Looking Back to the Future is part of a Centennial of the Arts celebration which comprises a year of special events at RIT.





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# SEEDs of Greatness Preview: Gundam SEED

by Elliot Jenner



*Gundam* is one of the longest running Anime series ever. Recently, the series has hit a downturn. From the abominable *G Gundam* to the boring *Gundam X*, things haven't been going well. So when the Sunrise announced a new 52-episode *Gundam* series, fans everywhere had understandably mixed feelings. As the longest *Gundam* series yet, could *Gundam SEED* revitalize the franchise, or would it be the final nail in the coffin?

Having seen the first four episodes, it is safe to say that the dry spell is over.

Following the "Bloody Valentine" incident, the Earth Alliance and PLANT have gone to war. Although Earth's superior numbers were predicted to bring it a quick victory, ZAFT, PLANT's military, held its own. The war has fallen into an 11-month stalemate. Earth's military has sent the Archangel to Heliopolis, a supposedly neutral colony, to pick up its experimental mobile suits, the Gundams. ZAFT, however, catches onto these plans, and sends a covert operations team in to destroy Archangel and capture the five Gundams.

The star of *Gundam SEED* is Kira Yamato, a student on Heliopolis. As ZAFT invades the colony, Yamato comes across the Gundams. Among the hijackers is Yamato's best friend, Asran Zara. With the rest of his infiltration team dead, Zara is shocked when Yamato appears, interposing himself between Zara and the last of the alliance mechanics, Maryu Ramius. Rather than fight Yamato, Zara takes the AEGIS Gundam back to ZAFT. Yamato takes control of the last remaining Gundam, the STRIKE, and fights off the remaining ZAFT forces. ZAFT and the Archangel, now commanded by Ramius, clash repeatedly within Heliopolis. Finally, the colony can take no more, and breaks up. After picking up some of the survivors, the severely undermanned Archangel sets course for Artemis station, hoping to re-supply. Unfortunately, the

ZAFT commander, Rau Ru Kuze, isn't fooled by their decoy, and successfully intercepts the Archangel en route.

The visuals in *Gundam SEED* are simply incredible. Representing the highest quality work that Sunrise could put out in both cell animation and CG sequences, *Gundam SEED* is a treat to watch. The new mobile suits move with a fluidity unmatched in any of the previous incarnations. The sound effects and music continue *Gundam's* tradition of excellence. Character voices come across well, from Ramius as the unsure acting captain, to Zara, as the betrayed friend.

Anyone who has seen another *Gundam* series will notice that several of the designs are rip-offs from the half-masked Rau Ru Kuze (Char Aznable / Zechs Merkise), to the Archangel (White Base). The back-story for the series might also seem familiar to fans of the original *Mobile Suit Gundam*. *Gundam SEED* is a synthesis of several of the best parts of previous series. This ultimately helps it succeed. These elements are carefully interwoven with new ones, and taken in directions that they haven't been before. What this ultimately amounts to is an excellent, new show that is something of a nostalgic treat for *Gundam* fans.

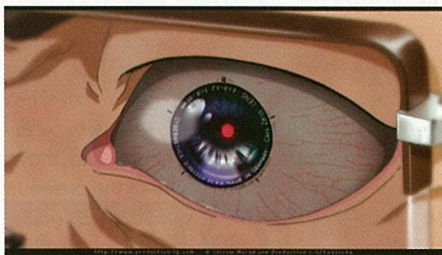
Things are shaping up nicely for an excellent series. With just the right blend of action and angst, *Gundam SEED* seems ripe to break *Gundam* out of its slump. With the popularity of *Gundam* in America, it is likely that *Gundam SEED* will receive a fast release here.



# Complex Underpinnings

## Preview of *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex*

by Elliot Jenner



*Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex* is a futuristic cop show set in 2030, but it's not what you expect it to be. *Stand Alone Complex* is realistic science fiction. This isn't *NYPD Blue* in the future. It's more akin to a realistic *Robocop*. Everything in the world of *Ghost in the Shell* could possibly exist, and indeed might exist, if things continue the way they are.

The stars of our show are the members of the Japanese Public Peace Bureau, Section 9. Commanded by Chief Aramaki, the Section 9 team, lead by Motoko Kusanagi, are called in to deal with problems beyond the ken of the police. From the Cyborg second in command, Batou, to the human ex-cop Togusa, or the Tachikoma, the team's sentient mecha units, Section 9 has what it needs to cover any situation. They are the best of the best.

In the first episode, "Public Peace, Section 9," the Foreign Minister and some American trade representatives have been held hostage by several hijacked entertainment robots in a brothel and a couple of them have been killed. Section 9 must get the survivors out and find out what is going on—but some things aren't adding up. Why would the robot hijacker wipe his own memory rather than reveal what he knows? Why is the Japanese military involved? Why doesn't the dead American's brain match his medical records?

In the second episode, "Proof of Influx," a new prototype tank has gone berserk during testing. When the military refuses to get involved unless it turns out to be a terrorist action, Section 9 is called in to keep the tank from accomplishing its mission. Chasing after it in the Tachikoma, Motoko and Batou must

try to keep the tank from reaching a populated area. But when sniping and missiles fail, will they be able to stop it before it carries out a dead man's revenge?

The futuristic world of *Stand Alone Complex* is beautifully rendered in high quality animation. The show strives to look as realistic as possible. This emphasis on realism carries over to the show's almost nonexistent music. *Complex* carries itself with dialogue and real-world sound effects. The voices are almost perfect. From Aramaki's command performance, to Batou's perfect impersonation of a bumbling fool, everyone sounds just about how you would envision.

Cybernetics is the question of the day in *Complex*. Where does the human end and the machine begin? How much of your human body does there need to be left for you to still be human? In a future where cyborgs exist, is it a liability to be merely human? These and more questions are introduced in just the first two episodes.

Those who are looking for a retread of the *Ghost in the Shell* movie will be disappointed. The style of the story is very close to the manga, rather than taking the movie's action bent, but it is still completely new. Instead of trying to follow the original *Ghost in the Shell* manga scene for scene, *Complex* adheres to the spirit of Shirow's work, which ultimately makes for a much more entertaining TV series.



# RIT students leave their signatures

by Nicole Killian

Every year just before graduation, an entirely student-run publication is available to the RIT community. *Signatures* magazine, as it is appropriately titled, has become an important RIT tradition in every sense of the word. The publication features the talented and creative minds of RIT, as it accepts art in any form, media, or genre (i.e.: artwork, photography, animation, film, ASL poetry performances, graphic design, poetry, short stories, etc...). The *Signatures* staff is very open-minded to any student submission. It serves as a forum for creative expression for any undergraduate students (including part-time students) or Athenaeum students.

More recently, the publication offers not only a print version, but also a CD-ROM and a website. This way, the staff is more equipped to encompass all types of artistic expression. An important thing to note is that the staff draws from various colleges and programs at RIT, not just from CIAS.

Originally known as *Symposium* in the early 80s, *Signatures* has survived at RIT for many years. Sam Abrams served as one of the early faculty advisors when *Symposium* first started, and has recently returned to advise once again. Mark Price helped out with *Signatures* throughout most of the 90s, but has been replaced by the current advisor, John Roche.

Stephanie Snow and Andrew Schall are the current co-editor-in-chiefs. Recently, a faculty advisory committee from several colleges has been asked to provide input to the staff, but the students still remain in charge.

Though the concern for quality remains consistent, each year the publication takes

on a different look and feel. This is due to the freedom the staff has to pursue their vision of what the magazine should be.

So, why submit? "Publication is résumé-building and inspires confidence," said Snow. "Publication is what artists and poets do—share a bit of who they are." From the looks of it, many students take advantage of what *Signatures* can offer. Don't have any work to put in? Join the staff and help put the publication together. There are a lot of current seniors on the staff, so the need for new staff members is high.

As if the magazine isn't enough, the *Signatures* team also sponsors poets to perform on campus and also hosts poetry slams and readings. Last spring, *Signatures* worked in collaboration with Gallery r in the "Visible Words" show. The winners were then featured in the magazine.

Perhaps the best thing about being a part of the *Signatures* staff is the hands-on experience. They get to dip their brushes in design, editing, layout, printing, critical reading, CD and web design, and much more. Another perk is the chance to meet interesting people from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds. What could be better than that?

If you want to submit, their drop box can be located online at [www.rit.edu/signatures](http://www.rit.edu/signatures). There is a limit of five entries per person. Don't wait too long to submit because the staff abides by a rolling submission policy. If your file is over 50 megabytes, you must submit your work on a zip disk or CD to Building 7, room 1135. If you are interested in joining or have any questions pertaining to *Signatures*, e-mail Stephanie Snow at [scs4305@rit.edu](mailto:scs4305@rit.edu).



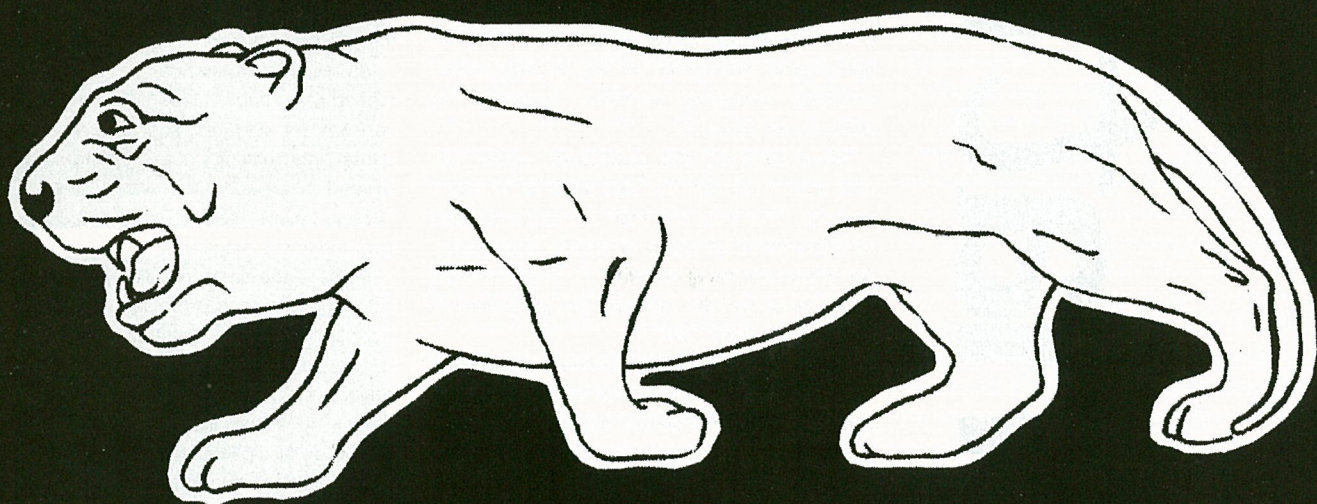
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The RIT community is letting out a collective sigh as the new quarter begins. With new classes and activities already underway, many of us have concerns ranging from buying books to stocking up on layers of winter attire. However, this winter quarter, a major concern that has gripped RIT is safety on campus. After the untimely passing last month of Deseray Briggs, a fifth-year biotechnology major and member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, students, staff, and faculty were left asking questions of what RIT has done in the past and what it will do now concerning safety issues.

#### **Deseray Briggs' Accident**

"This accident is a terrible tragedy," said Bob Craig, Director of Campus Safety. "To fail to look at the facts and learn from this accident would be an even greater tragedy." On the evening of October 31, Briggs was crossing the street between University Commons and the academic portion of campus. The operator of the car, College of Business staff assistant Disa Baylis, did not see her in time, and the fatal collision occurred.

"The damage was not clear until Deseray was brought to the hospital," said Dr. Mary Beth Cooper, Vice President of Student Affairs. "As the evening progressed, it became clear that she was in serious condition. The trauma to her head was massive." The following morning, Deseray Briggs was pronounced

evening out with friends. The crash was due to the terrible weather conditions that evening, which made the rural portion of her drive on an off-campus roadway treacherous. "Regrettably, the operator lost control on the slippery roadway, veered into the path of another vehicle, and she was killed," said Craig.

Only six days afterwards, two RIT students and one Houghton student were driving southbound on East River Road after a substantial amount of snowfall. Though the lane in which they were traveling had been cleared, the opposite had not yet been plowed. When the RIT student's tire went into the oncoming traffic lane, he lost control of the car. The accident claimed the lives of the RIT driver and the Houghton student.

"After examining both accidents and working with a number of campus groups, we developed a Driver Enhancement Program for students who need tips on some of the challenges associated with driving in the Rochester area," explained Craig.

In addition, RIT has certified staff to present the Nation Safety Council's Driver Improvement Program, a similar program that requires a small fee. "In reviewing RIT's accident history, we need to look at education and enforcement efforts before making physical changes," Craig continued.

#### **SG Student Safety Committee**

Even before the tragic accident on campus, Student Government senators had been

Stilson, OCASA Senator, were the forerunners for the inception of this new group. Dr. Cooper will also take part as a member.

Before and after Briggs' accident, SG had received many separate comments over how to improve safety conditions on campus for pedestrians, bikers, runners, and drivers. "We wanted to bring all the individual students with safety concerns together, and use Student Government to follow through and get things done," said Stilson. "With all of Student Government's resources, we can be more effective," added Campbell.

Student Government approved the Student Safety Committee during fall quarter and members hope to get plans underway during the winter quarter. "We want to get things moving quickly," said Campbell. Some of the issues they plan to tackle include the creation of a sidewalk on Institute Drive, which is the roadway between Andrews and East River Road, speed problems, blue safety lights, increased lighting, and enforcement of stop signs. "We want to find issues and bring them to the people who are responsible, and work to resolve them with effective solutions," said Campbell.

The committee encourages students on campus to provide input and participate in any way they can. "The committee is open to everybody," said Stilson. "We really want student input."

With that in mind, they have designated times to set up open forums at each of the campus apartment complexes, invited students

# Out of Harm's Way

## Addressing Safety Concerns on Campus by Becky Ruby

dead at 11:45 a.m. By being an organ donor, Briggs' "generosity and spirit was clear to other people," said Dr. Cooper.

#### **Past Safety Incidents**

Though RIT has maintained a safe-feeling environment for its students, staff, and faculty, the campus has not been without accidents in the past, as evidenced by Briggs' case. Two years ago, a young student was killed in a car accident while returning to campus after an

examining ways to improve safety on campus. With issues ranging from the number of blue safety lights to the possible construction of a sidewalk around the perimeter of campus, three concerned senators stepped forward to create a new committee: the Student Safety Committee.

"We saw a number of safety issues and decided to put something together," said Jared Campbell, GLBT Senator. Campbell, Katie Linendoll, the Women's Senator, and Chris

to come and "Speak to the Senate" at the Student Government meetings (every Friday at 1:00 p.m.), and will post fliers for Student Safety Committee meetings.

"Overall, RIT is a very safe campus, and we want to make sure it stays that way," said Campbell.

#### **Plans for the Future**

"It's all about prevention," said Campbell. This mentality has become the direction the campus



would like to pursue first and foremost. "The big thrust, I believe, will be educating the students, the drivers, and the entire RIT community about being responsible travelers," said Dr. Cooper. Craig also shares in the concept of educating before making physical changes to campus. "Where we need to make change is in some of the operators and users of our roadways," said Craig. "Education, voluntary compliance, and an atmosphere that respects everyone at RIT is the most effective way to reduce these accident statistics."

Examples of these educational endeavors include the Driver Enhancement Program, Nation Safety Council's Driver Improvement Program, and a new initiative that Campus Safety is due to unveil, the "It's All About Respect" program. This program will attempt to educate RIT community members through safety instruction and enforcement activities.

"We are convinced that promoting and adopting personal safety habits is the key to reducing accidents and their associated consequences," said Craig.

Part of the "...Respect" program will be an increase in enforcement action against those committing hazardous moving violations.

This portion of the program, Craig feels, is necessary in fitting the context of a respectful atmosphere. "Our primary objective is achieving an atmosphere that respects the rights of all who use vehicular and pedestrian pathways—not generating revenues," Craig explained.

While educational and preventative measures appear to be at the front lines of thought for improving safety on campus, various physical modifications will be proposed to Campus Safety and Facilities Management Services.

"I believe that they'll be open to whatever students believe, and jointly a decision will be

made about what needs to be put into place," said Dr. Cooper.

Possibilities of physical changes include the construction of speed bumps, increased speed limit postings, a footbridge from University Commons over the road to campus, and a sidewalk that stretches completely around the perimeter of the campus.

However, all of these ideas are still in the discussion phase. "Nothing is definitive," said Campbell.

All organizations involved, including Student Affairs, Campus Safety, the Student Safety Committee, and Student Government want to stress the fact that student input and participation throughout this process is key.

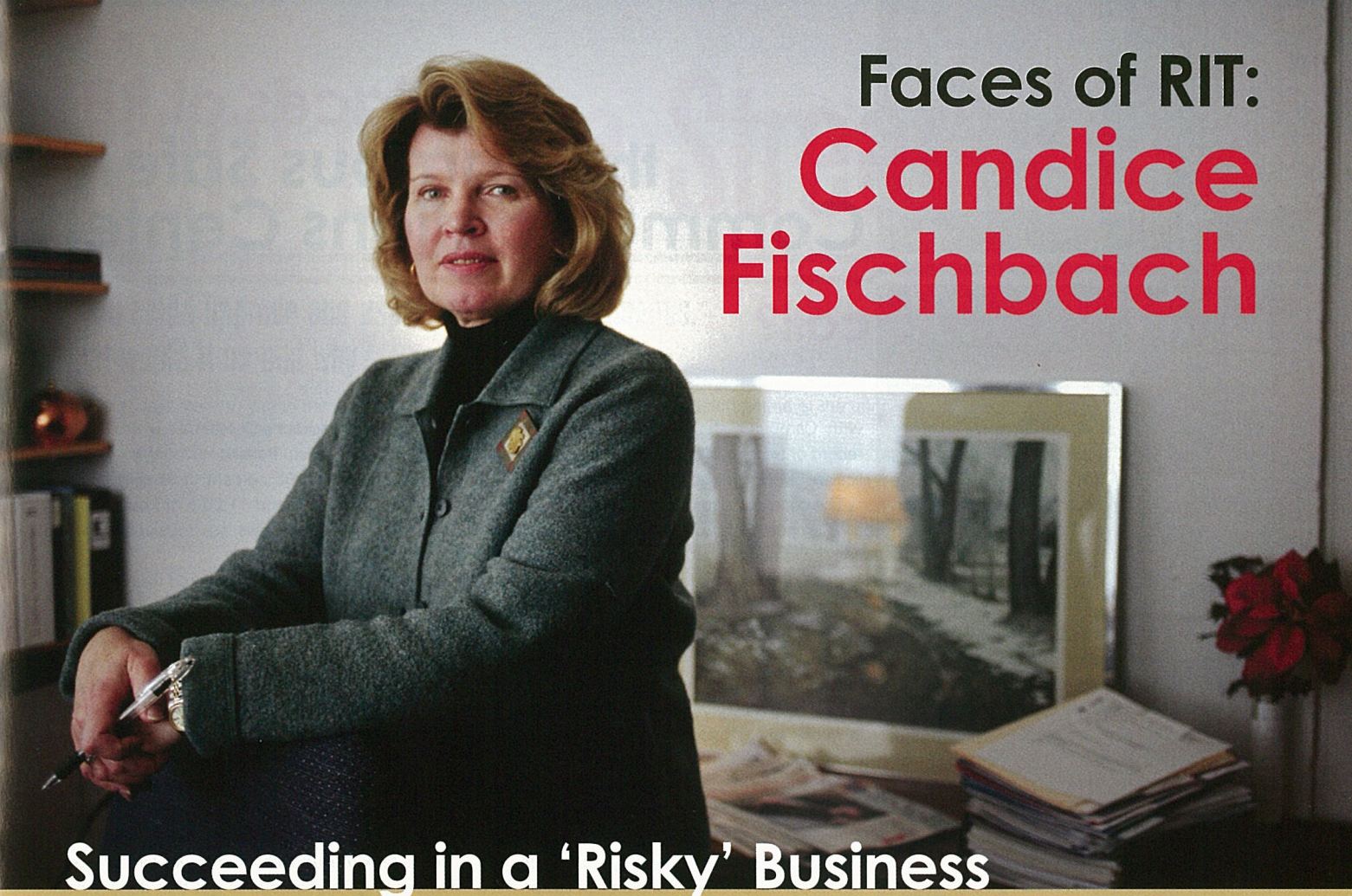
"Safety starts with the individual," said Dr. Cooper. "People need to be responsible with their own safety, as well as paying attention to the environment."

FMS employee Steve Beach and RSA Juan Gonzalez board up a window in Art House after RA Mike Salkewicz fell through it onto the sidewalk two floors below. Salkewicz had been goofing off with some residents when he jumped against the window and it gave way. He was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital and treated for two broken wrists and multiple lacerations on his face.

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# Faces of RIT: Candice Fischbach

## Succeeding in a 'Risky' Business

by Monica Donovan

Candice Fischbach, often called "Candy" by family, friends, and co-workers, is RIT's Director of Risk Management and Safety Services (RMSS) in the Eastman Building. For 20 years, she has helped fulfill the safety needs of the campus. "When I still had a young family, my husband was relocated to Rochester," said Fischbach. "RIT offered me an opportunity to work in higher education, and I really wanted to do that."

Originally from nearby Webster, Fischbach received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from RIT and also did some undergraduate work at SUNY Cortland. Prior to coming to RIT, she worked as an office manager and also as a real estate closer.

Today, as Director of RMSS, Fischbach helps the Institute develop strategic planning in the areas of risk management policies and practices. Departments that fall under RMSS include Campus Safety, Parking and Transportation,

Information Security, and Insurance and Litigation Coordination. "Sometimes I joke with people that I get paid to be paranoid," she said with a laugh.

"I really like my job," she said. "Probably [what I enjoy the most is] the diversity—the diversity of the people I have the opportunity to work with each day, and the diversity each day brings in terms of what I accomplish..."

Fischbach recalled one memorable moment in her career at RIT. "By the time one gets to my age, there are so many memorable events that it's tough to count them all. One comes to mind, though," she said.

"In 1989, I participated as a Loaned Executive from RIT to the United Way (UW) campaign. It provided me the opportunity to learn first hand about that organization and the wonderful benefits it brings to our community. I learned how generous the Rochester community was in giving to the agencies that benefit from our local UW.

I was very proud to be from RIT. Our students, faculty, and staff are a very giving community."

Fischbach has been married for what she calls "32 blissful years." She has three children, ranging from ages 22 to 31, and counts her daughter-in-law and son-in-law as her kids as well. Her first grandson was also born 18 months ago, on her husband's birthday. "It was just such a special birthday present for him," she said.

Last but not least, part of the family is a one-year-old boxer, Ruby, who, Fischbach candidly remarked, has "adopted my husband and [me]."

In her free time, Fischbach enjoys gardening and cooking. "They sound mundane, but they're great stress relievers. Sometime I'd [also] like to get Ruby involved in a dog agility competition—if we ever get past the 'play' stage with her," she said with a laugh.

"There's never a dull moment when the whole family's together, and there's always laughter in the house."



# Places of RIT: the Campus Safety Communications Center

## Who you gonna call? by Monica Donovan

Located just past the Campus Safety office in Grace Watson Hall is a sign that reads, "After Hours Campus Safety." Situated just below the sign is a closed window to an office which most of us know nothing about. Within this tiny office, open 24 hours a day, lives are saved, fires are prevented, parties are busted, and most of the campus is monitored. This is the RIT Communications Center.

The center monitors fire alarms, door alarms, and any other significant alarms on campus. Security cameras, situated in areas like the major parking lots, NTID's Dyer Art Gallery, Ellingson Hall, and a few other places, are also monitored from within the office. The cameras can zoom in close enough to record the expression on a person's face or an object in someone's hand. On the computers in this office, a dispatcher can pull up a record on anyone who has ever had any kind of contact

with Campus Safety, as well as the vehicle record of anyone with a New York State driver's license (along with a few other states).

The center is also responsible for dispatching all Campus Safety vehicles, and scheduling and sending out all student parking officers and Campus Safety officers. Weather alerts are issued to the center so that all administration and faculty on campus can be made aware of any weather emergencies. Other responsibilities of the center include dispatching mobility-impaired vehicles for those in need, and employing dispatchers who take emergency calls 24 hours a day.

"The first responder to any emergency on campus is the dispatcher. They have a highly critical role in emergency situations," said Jim Bundy, manager of Diversity Initiatives and Patrol Services. "They handle each call as if it's the most important part of their day. They are extensively trained to work well under stress and handle several calls at once." Dispatchers

in the Communications Center take over 70,000 calls a year, which translates roughly to 200 calls a day. About 80 percent of all calls occur between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., but during the weekend, most calls are received during later hours.

The center is also fully equipped for the deaf, with TTYs for receiving calls from deaf students and faculty, and instant messaging for officers in place of radios.

However, the communications center does not only offer emergency assistance. Because of the nature of the work, dispatchers must be intimately familiar with every available resource on campus. "This is the one place on campus that you can call and get any information you need," said Bundy. "If you need to get your scuba tank refilled with oxygen, we can tell you where to go on campus to get that done. And we have backup resources off campus that we can connect you with also."

Mark Kohler, a dispatcher in the center, emphatically agreed. "I take intense pride in [the fact] that I never, ever leave a student standing out in the cold."

Kohler described one of the most unusual calls he has ever gotten during his time as a dispatcher. "There was a dehydrated, hungry fox wandering around the parking lots and all over campus. We got 15 or 20 calls about it, because people assumed that it was rabid. We sent Animal Control after the fox, but it disappeared into the woods and was never seen again."

The center receives many other unusual, humorous, and outright ridiculous calls involving your average humans as well. Many of these can be read in Reporter's Crime Watch section—look for incidents involving confiscated potato guns and stolen construction bricks.

So if you ever need a ride to your car that's parked a mile away, have a fire that needs to be put out, live with a disruptive roommate, or know of a crime, call the Campus Safety Communications Center at 5-3333.

Campus Safety Officer Laura Herbert reads a message she has just received in the Campus Safety Communications Center.

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# Word on the Street

compiled and photographed by Johanna Miller

If you could improve one aspect of safety on campus, what would it be and why?

"I would want them to watch the roads more carefully. I live in NRH, and I have to be really careful every time I cross the street."

**Sean Sullivan**

First Year  
Animation

"A speed bump outside of NRH would be good because people just race around and ignore stop signs."

**Alex Goldberg**

First Year  
Film

"They are hypocritical. Half the time they party with us and the other half they won't. They should be consistent."

**Kristin Domdey**

First Year  
Photography

"I don't ever see them except for in the parking lots in their cars. When a friend locked their keys in the car, though, they were prompt and courteous."

**Christopher Dennis**

Second Year Grad  
Photography

"They should definitely have more lights around campus, especially near the apartments. It is really hard to see people crossing the streets at night."

**Kim Weiselberg**

Second Year  
Photography

"The blue light phones are a problem. They should actually work, because right now most are either turned off or have garbage bags on them."

**Kathryn Howard**

Third Year  
Environmental Management

①

"They should get rid of the uniforms and be less authoritarian."

**Lindsay Allington**

Third Year  
Ceramics

②

"They should be more involved in the campus in general. I never see them. They should walk around and talk to people."

**Kwesi Bearam**

Third Year  
Information Technology

③

"I wish they would stop giving me tickets. The parking here is ridiculous. I don't even go to school here and they threaten me with tickets anyway."

**Jeana Bonacci**

Java Wally's employee

④

"If they give a ticket, they should have proof for giving one. I got a ticket because someone said I didn't stop at a stop sign. They just go by hearsay."

**Jacob George**

Fourth Year  
Industrial Design

⑤

"RIT shouldn't allow anyone between the ages on 18-20 on campus. You're going to have public safety issues with that age group no matter what."

**Jared Gniewek**

Java Wally's employee

⑥

"We should be allowed to have kegs at parties because people drink anyway. A keg is also less messy than all those cans."

**Brett Kimball**

Fourth Year  
Mechanical Engineering

⑦

"Selectivity of who gets pulled over for what. I don't rollerblade very often but when I do, I get stopped every time for speeding when there are people going a lot faster than me who don't."

**Alan Michaels**

First Year  
Film





# WINTER SPORTS *PREVIEW*

BY MATTHEW DOAK AND SARA STUMP



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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball season is underway after a grueling five-week preseason.

Although last season marked the eleventh straight year the team reached a postseason tournament, coach Bob McVean and the Tigers are looking to improve upon their 14-12 mark a year ago.

Doing so will not be easy, considering the team lost three seniors, including two-time ECAC player of the year Brandon Redmond.

Veteran Mike Stanton, who averaged 15 points per game last season, will return to the team along with Nick Panepinto, Dan Cerro, and Colin Merna.

"We are going to pressure more this year due to our increased quickness," said McVean. "We also think the depth will be a big factor."

Two tournaments highlight this season's schedule. RIT hosts the Brodie Tournament beginning on December 13 and will also play in the JP Morgan Chase Tournament beginning on January 15.

Other big games include playing at the University of Rochester on December 11 and a pair of games against both Nazareth and St. John Fisher.

McVean spoke of the advantages of having a

large crowd present to add to the atmosphere of the game. He encouraged every Tiger fan to come out and cheer on the team. "I believe this will be an entertaining team to watch with many new faces," said McVean.

All home games are played in the Clark Gymnasium and admission is free to RIT students.

## MEN'S WRESTLING

The RIT wrestling team took 10th place in the national tournament last season and look to achieve a similar status this year. The team will be led by All-American Pat North at 165 pounds and a large group of newcomers.

"This year's team will have six freshmen in the starting lineup," said Coach Scott Stever.

125-pound wrestler, Amir Figeroua, who placed first at the prestigious Ithaca tournament by beating two nationally-ranked opponents, leads the talented group.

Other talented freshmen to watch include Steve Vaughn (141), Mike Pietrowski (133), and Zach Greenberg (184).

The team has been working hard in practice to prepare for the season, and already the hard work is paying off. "Practices are very regimented, with much drilling of established technique and newly-introduced technique," said Stever.

The season is already off to a good start as RIT upset Oswego in the team's dual meet opener. David Bisers, a 149-pound junior, returned to the team after missing last season and scored a key victory to help upset Oswego.

Stever also had high praise for senior Luke Walsh. "(He) will most likely be one of the winningest wrestlers at RIT," said Stevers.

The team's schedule is highlighted by the NY/PA Duals in Wilkes-Barre, the National Tournament in Williamsport, the New York State Tournament in Buffalo, and the conference tournament in Oswego.

Home action includes the RIT Tournament on December 7, Cortland on December 10, Oneonta on February 1, and Brockport on February 5.

## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The men's swimming and diving season is already well underway and the Tigersharks are looking very successful so far under the direction of first year head coach Scott Shields. The team finished first at the Don Richards Invitational, second at the Harvest Relays, and beat Buffalo State handily. RIT took first place in 19 out of 20 events against Buffalo State on the way to the 145-71 victory.

Peter Kaemmerlen and Erik Zebacher are expected to lead the way for the team this season after being named male co-athletes of the week in early November.



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The Tigersharks have home action remaining this season on January 29 against Brockport and February 8 against Nazareth.

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The women's swimming and diving season is also underway.

The team finished fourth at the Don Richards Invitational, sixth at the Harvest Relays, and defeated Buffalo State.

Previous athlete of the week winner, Brooke Chornyak, scored 18 points for the Tigersharks in their win over Buffalo State. Her day included winning both the 500-yard freestyle and the 1650-yard freestyle events.

Other strong performers include Daniela Palacio, Jennifer Indovina, and diver Alexis Newman.

The lady Tigersharks have home action at the same times as the men for the remainder of the season.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After a disappointing season last year, the Tigers are ready for some major changes this year. New head coach Deborah Buff has used both her experiences in coaching and sports psychology to help rebuild the team. This year's team motto is "Find a Way."

With the help of assistant coach Robyn Roberts, Buff is determined to show the girls how to find a way to be successful, to learn what it means to be disciplined and to come together as a group.

"The first goal is to compete for forty minutes in each game of the season," said Buff. "Sometimes last year we were only competing half the game. This year needs to be all the way."

The team also wants to excel both on and off the court. Being an all-around successful person helps bring success onto the basketball court and lays a foundation for improving the team. Coach Buff's background in sports psychology is helping the team focus on a different aspect of the game each week during practice. The mind is a powerful tool in bringing an athlete to her highest potential.

Senior team captains this year are Lauren Long and Jen Miazga. Both have been working on leadership and Buff has already recognized a positive change early in the season.

Though they lost their first game to Penn State University, it was only by a mere four points. Last year, the girls suffered a 24-point loss against the same team.

"I have a great group of kids that work hard. I do expect a lot, [and] they have been really good," said Buff.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

This is an exciting season for the RIT track and field team. Last year, the team had the chance to become a more solid team with a consistent schedule and better competition opportunities. This year, they will have that same consistency and will also continue to improve the team performances at each meet.

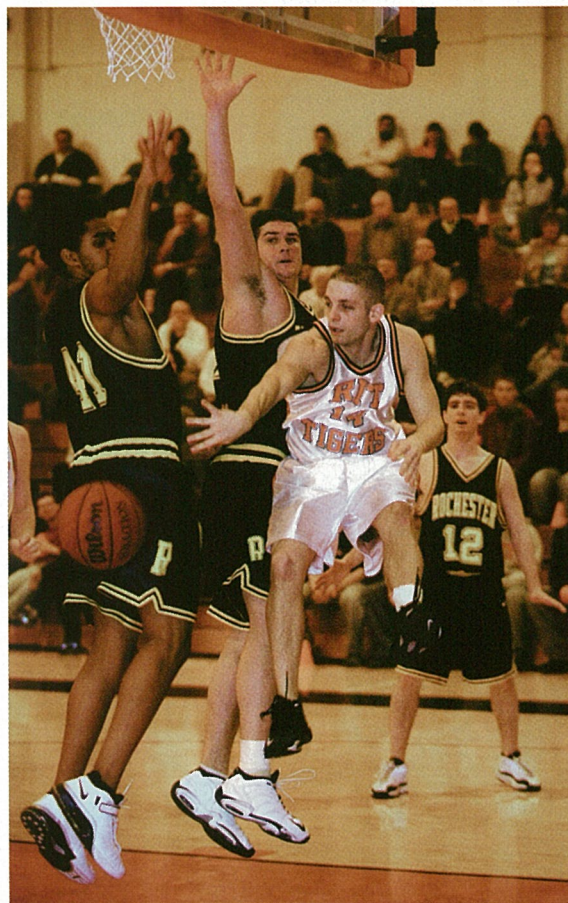
The team's ultimate goal is to improve their finish performance at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference Championships in both indoor and outdoor. "Our men are usually in the middle of the pack of fourteen teams, and this year I would like to move into the top five," said Coach David Warth. "The women have been in the back in the past and I would like them to finish in the top seven."

The team also hopes to qualify more individuals that can score at the NCAA meets for indoor and outdoor track. "We need to qualify more athletes than in the past years," said Warth.

There are many returning athletes to anchor the team from last year, as well as some new talent.

Some of the key returning athletes for the men are captain Tom Cague, who competes in the 400m run, Travis Ah-King in hurdles, Mark Hedburg in long jump, Jaime Bennett and Tom Batey in distance, and Andrew Street in the 200m and 400m run.

The women returnees include captain Molly Urquhart in the long jump and captain Heidi Spalholz in distance, who has just finished an excellent cross country season.



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These athletes, along with some very talented freshmen, will help bring the team closer to their goals this year. The talent on the team is the best it has been in the past six years of Warth's coaching career at RIT.

For states and nationals, Warth is confident in qualifying at least two women and several men for nationals. "Molly Urquhart has a legitimate chance to win the NCAA championship in the long jump this year," he said. "Traditionally, we are known as a distance running school, but lately we have also improved in the throws and jumps."

To get ready for the tough competition, the team does plyometric drills and skill training during the indoor season, and outside interval and cardio training.

The Tigers will face the University of Rochester and Brockport at their first meet of the season on December 7, 2002.





PLAYER PROFILE:

# RYAN FRANKE

THROUGH THE  
EYES OF COACH  
WILSON

BY MARCI SAVAGE



Having skill and a competitive edge are two important aspects of any successful college hockey player. Junior Ryan Franke, a star player of RIT's men's ice hockey team, lacks neither one. According to head coach Wayne Wilson, "Ryan not only plays with confidence; he also is a hard competitor and has skill."

Franke has shown both drive and determination this season as well. Not even a badly bruised hand stopped Franke from doing what he loves—playing hockey. In one of the first games early in the season, Franke injured his hand, immediately received stitches, and was back on the ice minutes later. "These examples go along with his competitive nature—he wants to be out there all the time and play," said Wilson.

According to Wilson, Franke's talents include skating, passing, stick handling, and shooting. "Ryan excels and is above average in all of the above categories on the ice," he said. So far this season, Franke has generated three goals and 12 assists for the Tigers as of November 26, 2002.

Another one of his qualities is his ability to see the whole ice. "Ryan is able to see what is going on around him during a game—his vision and feel for the game is strong" said Wilson.

Not only is Ryan a great hockey player, but his leadership skills are exceptional. "Ryan leads by example on the ice, and when he speaks, his teammates listen to him. He is very well respected not only by me, but also his teammates," said Wilson.

Wilson has high expectations for Franke for this year and the years to come. "Ryan has All-League and All-American capabilities. I see him getting better in defense and continuing to lead the team," he said. Wilson hopes that Franke will "be the best that he can be—which is pretty darn good!"

Because the team is so young, Wilson relies heavily on the upperclassmen, particularly the juniors, in order to advance in the league and become national champions.

When asked what Franke is like off the ice, Wilson had no complaints. "Ryan is well mannered, quiet, soft-spoken, and is not an in-your-face type of person," he said. "One positive feature Ryan possesses is the ability to compete tough and leave it

on the ice in order to come off and be a good person."

According to Wilson, Franke has been working hard on his defensive play this season. "Sometimes he tends to overplay the puck, which gets him in trouble," said Wilson. He also mentioned his continuous improvement with balancing both offense and defense. "Ryan

has improved tremendously over the last few years," he said.

Although Wilson believes the team has been somewhat inconsistent this season, the team still holds an impressive 8-0-1 record.

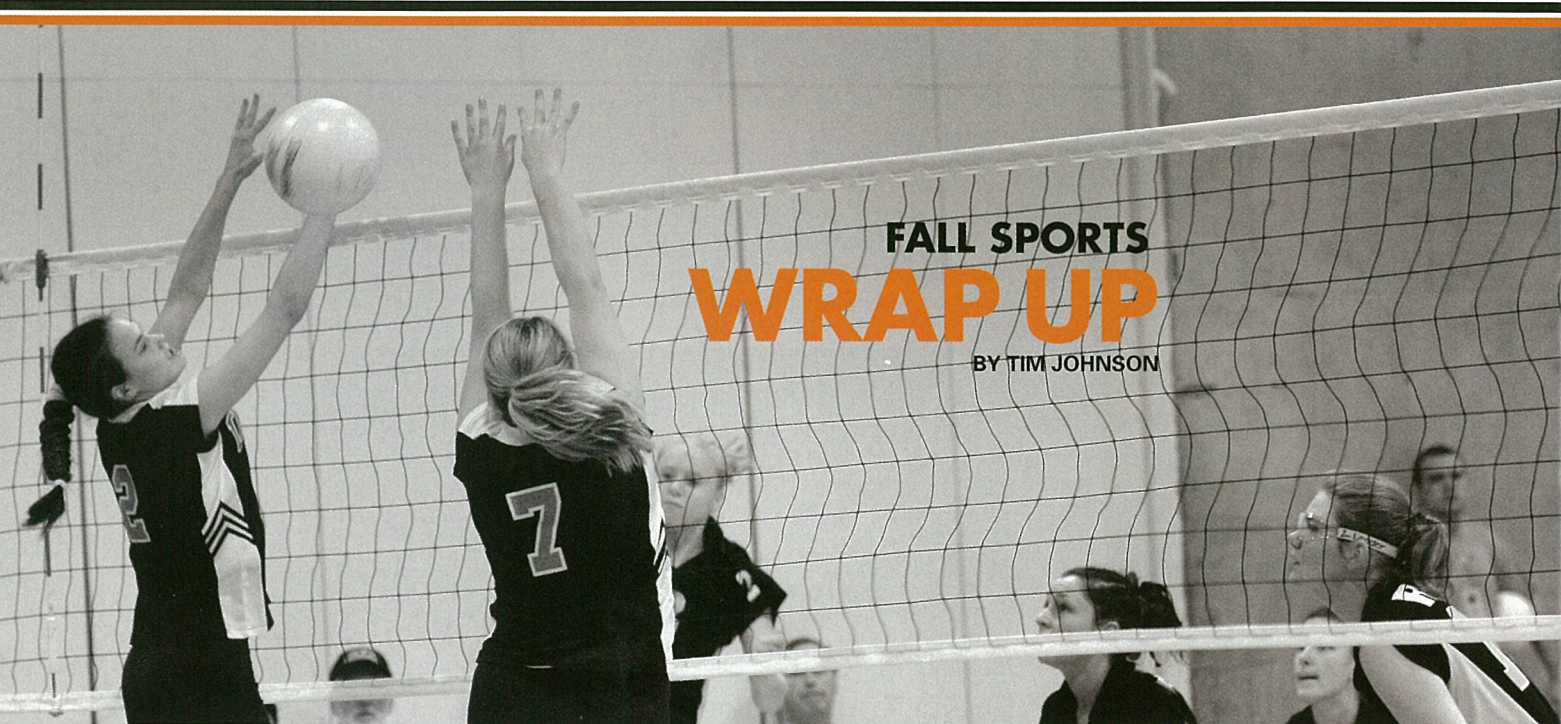
Catch Franke and the rest of the RIT Tigers as they play Amherst at their next home game on January 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.



After a second period run-in with Manhattanville, Ryan Franke had to briefly leave the game to get stitches on his chin. He returned minutes later to help RIT destroy their rivals in a 3-1 victory.

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Missy Groginski scores a point for the Tigers against Utica in the Empire Eight game held in RIT's Clark Gym.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

The hopes of a championship for the RIT Tigers were crushed when they lost to the Nazareth Golden Flyers 1-0 in the Empire Eight Tournament.

The game was played in poor weather conditions, with the combination of extreme cold and light snowfall. There were only eight shots during the entire match. **Trae Lower** led the Tigers with four shots.

The season came to a close with a 1-0 loss to the University of Rochester.

Despite the loss, RIT played well, especially senior goalkeeper **Brian Lenzo**, who faced 22 shots and made some significant saves to keep the Tigers in the game. The team finished the season with an overall record of 7-7-3, and a 4-0-2 record in Empire Eight league play.

Lenzo was named 2002 Men's Soccer Player of the Year, and also earned First-Team All-Conference honors. Lenzo did not allow a single goal during the regular season conference play.

Rookie **Mike Lawson** was named Empire Eight Rookie of the Year and also made the second team.

Three other Tigers also received First-Team All-Empire Eight honors, including Lower, **Rick Anthony** and **Travis Proctor**.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team closed out their regular season with a 1-0 victory over Roberts

Wesleyan College. Senior midfielder/forward **Melanie Lowe** scored the game-winner, with the help of **Trisha Schepler** and **Carmen Jimenez**. **Carrie Yehle** collected her third shutout for the year with her three-save contribution.

The team did not make it to the Empire Eight postseason tournament, but received a second-seed in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The Tigers advanced to the championship game against RPI with a 2-0 win over Manhattanville. RIT out shot the Valiants 13-7, with **Maura Scanlon** and **Lowe** scoring all of the goals. Jimenez made an assist on Lowe's goal.

The season came to a close when RIT lost 5-1 to RPI. **Nicole Paga** scored the only goal for the Tigers, which came at the 19-minute mark. The women's soccer team finished with an overall record of 11-8.

Coach Tom Natalie felt good about the season, remarking that the team played very well in all but a few games. The season ended well by making the post season for the third year in a row and advancing to the state finals.

Key players on this year's team were defense **Leigh Hochella**, **Ciara Steele** and both Scanlon and goalkeeper Yehle, who took Second-Team All-Empire Eight honors, midfielders **Megan Condon**, who took First-Team All-Empire Eight honors and **Trisha Schepler**, and forward **Melanie Lowe**.

Freshmen **Jen Rynda**, **Emily Wilson**, **Kristy Fortier** and goalkeeper **Kristen Domdey** look to be big contributors in future seasons.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team competed in the 2002 NYSCTC Cross Country Championships at SUNY-Oswego and placed fifth out of 15 teams.

Freshman **Jesse Williamson** paced the Tigers with a personal best time of 26:46 as he finished 24th overall. Senior **John Tomac** finished right behind Williamson with a time of 26:50. Rounding out the Tiger top seven were senior **Tom Batey**, junior **Adam Cross**, freshman **Matt Fortin**, senior **Jon Booth**, and sophomore **Ryan Pancoast**.

The team traveled to Washington Crossing State Park and competed in the 2002 NCAA Division III Atlantic Regional Cross Country Championships, which was hosted by the College of New Jersey. The Tigers finished sixth out of 33 teams, defeating area rivals SUNY-Brockport and U of R.

Running his last race for RIT was Batey, who finished 31st overall out of 223 runners and was awarded with an invitation to the All-Atlantic Regional Team.

Tomac finished in 69th place and Booth came in 79th. Though the team will lose their senior talent, freshmen Williamson and Fortin show



the strength of the future Tiger squad as they finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the race.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women's cross country team also competed in the 2002 NYSCTC Cross Country Championships, and placed 12th out of 15 teams.

Leading the way for the Tigers was senior **Heidi Spalholz**, who finished 11th overall with a time of 19:21 and earned Second Team All-State honors.

Rounding out the RIT top seven were junior **Megan MacNeil**, sophomore **Lisa Curtin**, junior **Molly Kearns**, sophomore **Amy O'Donnell**, freshman **Kimberly Miner** and senior **Randa Jabbour**.

The team traveled to Washington Crossing State Park to compete in the 2002 NCAA

Division III Atlantic Regional Cross Country Championships hosted by the College of New Jersey. The girls finished 18th out of 29 teams.

In her last collegiate race, Spalholz crossed the finish line in 11th place with a time of 23:41—only three seconds off from qualifying for the national NCAA meet. She was given All-Atlantic Regional Team honors.

Following Spalholz was MacNeil, Kearns, Curtin, O'Donnell, Miner and Jabbour.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team closed out their regular season with a 3-1 (29-31, 30-13, 30-16, 30-28) win over Fredonia. Junior **Missy Groginski** led the team with 22 kills and 11 digs. Captain **Katie Sander** contributed with 15 kills and 20 digs.

In Empire Eight Championship play, RIT defeated Utica College in three straight games (30-7, 30-23, 30-20). The Tigers played extremely well from the start, mixing strong offense and sturdy defense. Groginski and Sander dominated the offense, while the defense barely let the ball touch the floor.

Later in the same day, RIT fell 0-3 to Ithaca (24-30, 13-30, 16-30), and is no longer in contention for a NCAA birth.

**Chris Anabel** led the Tiger offense with eight kills. Also contributing were Groginski and Sander, who played her last match in Clark Gymnasium.

The team moved on to the ECAC North Tournament where they defeated Eastern Connecticut State University 3-0 (30-27, 30-14, 30-23).

RIT tied Geneseo for third place when they were defeated by the Coast Guard Academy 3-1. The Tigers finished with a 27-15 overall record.

Anabel was awarded with Rookie of the Year honors, the second year in a row that an RIT Tiger has won this award.

Sander received First-Team All-Empire Eight honors, and **Sarah Ballard** made the Second-Team All-Empire Eight.

Ballard was also named to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-American Women's District 1 Team, as she carries a 4.0 GPA in Industrial Engineering. She also received Honorable Mention for the 2002 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Region Team for NCAA Division III, with final season statistics of 10.13 assists per game.

"Overall it has been a very rewarding year," said Coach Worsley. "On the floor we held our own—equaling the accomplishments of a year ago. I believe strongly that we have served notice to the rest of the region that we are a team to be reckoned with for next year and beyond."

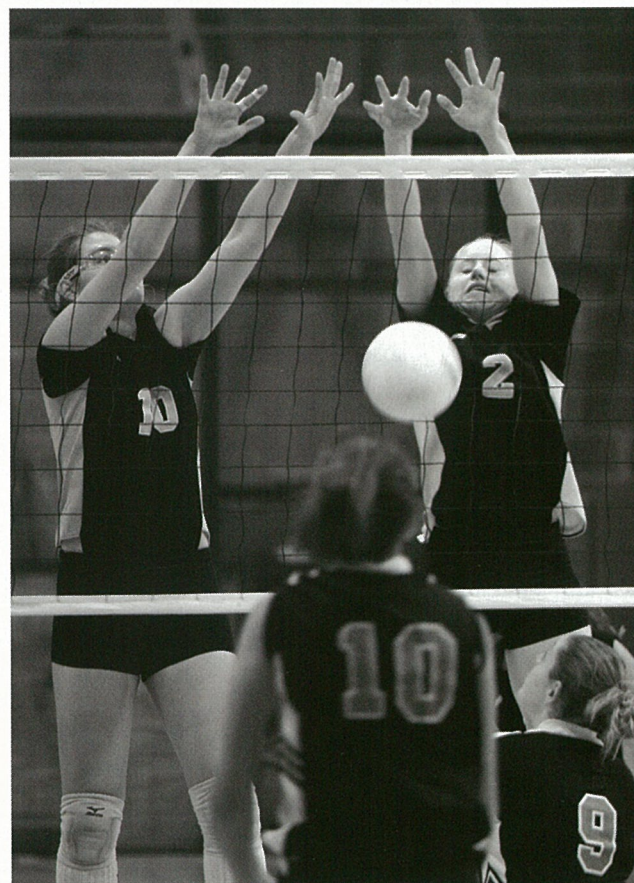
By adding depth to the roster, coming together as a team, competing at a high level and matching last year's record, maintaining academic success with a team GPA of 3.09, the team met all of their goals. Although they failed to win the Empire Eight conference, the girls still managed to finish in third place.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team defeated Alfred University 5-0 in the first round of the Empire Eight Championship Tournament. Because of inclement weather, the match was played the first to five points, which RIT dominated.

The Tigers lost to Ithaca 5-4 in the second round of the Empire Eight Championships.

RIT won two of three doubles matches, as **Sara Kula** won both her singles match and doubles match with partner **Shannon Grande**. **Jennifer Hume**, who was undefeated this season, also won her singles match.



Utica's Lindsay Doolittle (#10, foreground) and Amanda Secor (#9) can only watch as Charity Sanders (#10) and Missy Groginski (#2) block a shot against RIT. The Tigers won 3-0 in their first game, but lost 0-3 in the second.

By defeating St. John Fisher 6-0, the RIT women's tennis team placed third in the Empire Eight tournament, which was a dramatic improvement over last year's sixth place.

**Amanda Ashline** won her first singles appearance in the tournament 6-4, 6-2. The doubles combination of **Lindsey Brady** and teammate **Carlie Schubert** defeated their opponents 8-6.

The Tigers placed 14th as a team at NYSWCAA Championship Tournament. Winners on the day were the doubles teams of Kula and Grande, and Hume and **Alysia Schmalz**.

With a 12-1 record in second singles, Kula earned Player of the Year honors in the Empire Eight 2002 Women's Tennis All-Conference Awards.

Finishing with a perfect 13-0 at fourth singles, Hume earned Rookie of the Year honors.

Kula and Hume were also named to the First-Team Singles All-Empire Eight.

Grande was awarded with Second-Team Singles.







## Letters to the Editor continued:

### RIT: No Love for C-Print

To the Editor:

I am a new deaf graduate student to RIT, and I have been distressed by the lack of services available to the deaf in the classroom. Throughout middle school, high school, and undergraduate college, I used a special service called C-Print which was basically a person transcribing lectures on a laptop [in] real time. This allowed me to take my own notes by reading off the screen, so I was on a playing field completely equal to every other student. No tutors, no notetakers, no hassling with the advisors and professors—I was just like every other student; no excuses and no blaming my disability. I excelled, and it is my eventual dream to get a PhD in computer science. However, at RIT, C-Print services are denied to the deaf, although this service is provided for students with other disabilities. Only sign-language interpreters are allowed. Why is this so harmful?

First, deaf students are denied an opportunity to strengthen their English skills. Anyone who has been around NTID students for long knows that more students than not are woefully lacking in reading and writing comprehension skills. This is not because of any lack of intelligence; it is because they have been purposefully denied many opportunities to practice their English throughout their life, and RIT is continuing to deny them a chance to practice these skills.

Second, deaf students are not allowed access to the lecture in its original context. As any bilingual person will know, translating a document into a different language makes that document lose a lot of meaning. Interpreters are not likely to know the subject matter of the class they are interpreting, either.

Third, deaf students are denied valuable opportunities to take their own notes. Almost all college students rely on notes very heavily. The process of writing notes also reinforces the material in the student's mind. No student notetaker can tailor notes suited to a deaf student's own unique learning and "filtering" processes.

Fourth, less manpower would ultimately be involved in providing C-Print to deaf people. I struggled with a notetaker for each of my classes; I had sign language interpreters; I had a tutor—and I still didn't have the material in its original context. This would have been easily solved with one laptop and a fast typing person trained in the C-Print application.

It is such a shame that other deaf students do not realize how much they are missing out on in classes. Why does RIT seem to toe the line for extremists of the Deaf Culture so much by denying such an obvious opportunity for deaf students to achieve equality with their hearing classmates?

- Jennica J. Humphrey

### More Tests, Anyone?

Dear Editor,  
The International Certification Institute (ICI) recently announced the Certified MBA (CMBA)—the first and only certification program developed to enhance MBA marketability and hiring decisions. The exam has generated a great deal of interest. Because RIT enrolls a significant number of MBA students (more than 500 students), I would like to address some of the questions they may have.

The test measures the core curriculum portion of MBA Programs, consistent with the AACSB-specified content for accreditation. Because of this focus, the exam can be applied universally, regardless of a student's MBA program or area of specialty. The test is not intended to predict business success, leadership or other intangible qualities—factors that we agree would be difficult to measure with a standardized test. It will also not be used in any way to rank programs. Because of the voluntary nature of the exam, ranking schools based on test results would not be statistically relevant.

The CMBA designation is a tool for MBAs and businesses to use as a means of differentiation, regardless of the program granting an individual's degree. Certification verifies knowledge of the fundamentals, allowing recruiters to focus on a candidate's intangible qualities.

We are available to any member of your institution to answer questions or offer additional clarification about the exam. I also invite your MBA students to apply for the CMBA 'beta' exam—a chance to earn the designation of CMBA at no cost between now and January 31.

- W. Michael Mebane

Managing Director

International Certification Institute

### iReporter

Dear Editor,

I am an international student at RIT and there is barely any news or articles in the magazine that would pique my interest. Reporter barely has any news about the various multicultural and diversity organizations or events that we have on campus.

There are over a thousand International students on campus and I think they constitute a major portion of the student population. It would be great if you could have a section for the International students. I am willing to help out if required.

Just to give some info about the various diverse events, there will be an Asian Fashion Show organized by Asian Culture Society in the Webb Auditorium on Friday, December 13. It will have segments from various Asian countries like China, India, Japan, Vietnam, etc. and also performances. I know that there will be an Indian dance known as "Bhangra" for sure.

So please try and make Reporter friendlier towards the International students.

-Neha Gupta



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