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### Back in Action

And we're back. Returned to our freshly made-over campus with its massive modern art, brand-new soda machines, and a few new stop signs placed in strange places. But most importantly, we're back in our office and ready to make magazines again. This is *Reporter*, your weekly magazine. Completely published by RIT students for RIT students.

Our staff dedicates a great deal of their life on campus to these pages. Whether it's through writing, photography, illustration, design, editing, or business, they work hard, very hard. This year we will strive to make *Reporter* the best it has ever been—which will be a difficult task considering the magazine's extensive history. Of course, here at the start of the twenty-first century, we're in a position to achieve our goals with the talent of our staff and our exceptional resources provided by RIT.

Now that the official stuff is out of the way, I'd like to address RIT's newest, and most profitable addition: the freshmen. Welcome to RIT. I hope you have enjoyed your first week of classes and have not yet started browsing course catalogs from other schools. By now you have probably learned that friendships can be made and broken in less than a day, this campus is made of a lot of bricks, unicycles are not just for circus folk, the guy who lives next door to you is weird, for every male student there are three deer, for every six deer there is a female student, and you're going to be drinking a lot of Pepsi.

The thing about the first year of college is, wherever you are now in your life you will be nowhere close to it when you graduate. There are tons of people to meet and amazing things you have to do before you get to that place.

Until you get to that place, and to help you on your way toward it, the best thing you can do is get involved. Join a club, major student organization, fraternity or sorority, student publication, RIT Ambulance, student government, athletics, WITR (campus radio), or whatever else you find. You'll have no trouble surviving here if you are connected with a larger group. For more wisdom, I recommend you read "I'm Not in College Anymore," in the center spread, written by one of RIT's newest alums, Alex Moundalexis.

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find an update on construction, campus resources, stories of the first years of *Reporter* staffers, a fall sports schedule, and other great stuff. So read it through and let us know what you think. If you want to get involved with *Reporter* come to our weekly meeting every Friday at 5 p.m. or e-mail us at [reporter.rit.edu](mailto:reporter.rit.edu).



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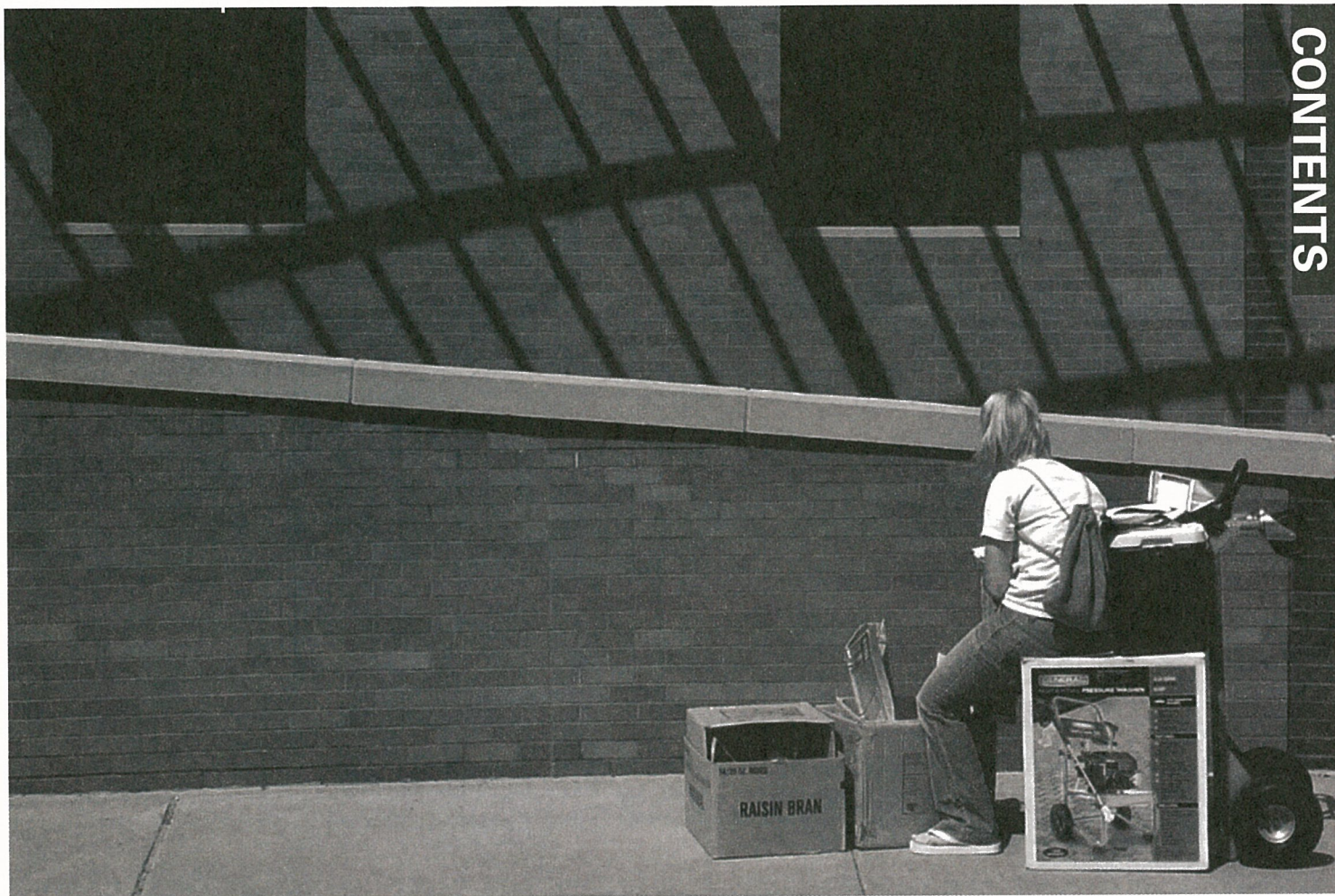
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Freshman student patiently waits behind Grace Watson Hall during new student move-in on Sunday, August 31. Ren Meinhardt/REPORTER MAGAZINE

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# Catching Up With Construction

Despite set-backs, projects are on schedule  
by Tim Johnson

**R**IT made tremendous progress with its extensive construction on campus over the summer with some long-term projects nearing their completion. Returning students will notice a campus far into the process of transforming itself.

The Gordon Field House is finally beginning to take shape, and is currently at the 40 percent completion mark. After a very harsh winter, wet spring, and early summer, the month of August has allowed for an increase in pace.

"We've just finished all of the steel work, and the recreational pool has been dug," said Dr. Frank Lamas, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. "The competition pool will be dug in September. It really is amazing, while it's not yet complete, you can really get a feel for where everything is going to be. The whole exterior is coming together nicely."

The targeted completion for the Field House is April, and the general consensus is that if the building is enclosed before winter sets in, they should be able to meet that goal. The months of September through November will be critical, but RIT administration is confident that the Commencement ceremony of 2004 will take place in the new facility.

"I think the worst challenge has really been the weather," said Jim Yarrington, Director of Planning and Design. "Last winter was very severe, and they were working against obstacles. The wet spring and wet early summer didn't stop advancement, but didn't make it any easier."

Dr. Lamas, who has been involved with the Field House since the idea was first conceived, is impressed with how the facility is coming together. "We're building this facility to be a multipurpose building. We can hold anything from concerts, indoor track meets, speakers, conferences, or other activities," said Lamas. "When you go in there and you see the sheer size, you can tell that it's going to be a signature building of RIT and a major focal point for the campus."

The most observable Field House developments will come in the next couple months, according to Lamas. "Right now we're putting the whole skeleton together, and we just signed

the last piece of steel," said Lamas. "We're starting to get the brick up and all of the concrete work. Doors are going in soon, and the patio at the front entrances should be one of the nicest places to sit on campus."

"The trustees and president have been behind this for a long time, and they are all very excited for what this is going to do for this campus and this institution," said Lamas.

The other major constructional development is the Paley Sculpture, known as "The Sentinel." At 60 feet, the abstract piece will welcome visitors to RIT where it stands in the middle of the renovated traffic circle. "The project is moving along, with probable completion by October 1," said Yarrington. The sculpture is complete, and now work has begun to restructure the landscaping, benches, and walkways.

"We're taking the opportunity to make the SAU circle more of a place for pedestrians," said Yarrington. "It has never felt like a pedestrian zone, and after we're finished, it will hopefully be a very popular spot like the infinity quad has become."

The entire quad in front of building 7 has been redone, including everything from the storm drains to the landscaping. The administration hopes that this area will become another popular spot to spend time between classes. The stairway piece, which is located where the retaining wall is between building one and seven, is still under construction and will cause a narrow squeeze during busy quarter mile times.

A few other notable changes in campus appearance include the fresh paint on the Riverknoll apartment complex, and a brand new turf field. After it was decided that the Field House would have a rubber floor, construction began on an outdoor turf field. Plans are being made to illuminate this field; however, the extra cost may be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and could require a large amount of fundraising.

Gracie's has been renovated, with new features such as advanced lighting techniques, and four new stairways between the different tiers. This was done to promote easier socialization between people who sit on the different levels.

Two projects are in the developmental and pre-developmental stages. RIT is in the process of looking for a developer to substantiate the idea of a "College Town" at the corner of Jefferson Road and John Street. RIT may also be improving walkways around campus. "We are looking into improving pedestrian walkways, and we hope by doing this we can make the pedestrian crossing easier, and less dangerous," said Yarrington. •



## **NTID faculty recognized and grants received**

Dr. Robert Davila, the Chief Executive Officer of NTID was selected to receive the 2003 I. Lee Brody Lifetime Achievement Award from Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. and the Advocacy Award from Willie Ross School for the Deaf. This award acknowledges Davila's 50-year career, during which he developed and maintained equal access to telecommunications and media for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Davila was also the recipient of the Deaf Advocacy Award for his support of deaf and hard-of-hearing children throughout the country.

NTID has been given \$983,000 in federal funds in order to research the characteristics of sign language interpreters, and how to eliminate communication barriers to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education among deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

The National Institute of health awarded NTID Professor Marc Marschark with a \$100,000 Shannon Award from its National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. His study will explore the cognitive and linguistic changes in people who train to become sign language interpreters.

## **Kate Gleason College receives award from Gleason Foundation**

The Gleason Foundation has given RIT \$6 million for undergraduate and graduate facilities expansion in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. This gift supports RIT's "re-engineering of engineering education" initiative, which emphasizes an undergraduate, multidisciplinary team-based

approach to product development. "The concept builds on principles that underlie RIT's engineering education: learning by doing, working as a team and exploring real-life, industry inspired problems," said Harvey Palmer, dean of KGCOE. "The Gleason Foundation's generous gift gives us resources to succeed in this endeavor.

The money will go towards building the multidisciplinary team-based product-development initiative and towards computer engineering studies. The facilities for the cross-disciplinary Microsystems engineering doctoral program will be expanded and enhanced. The 28,200 square-foot addition will include specialized laboratories and teaching, research and faculty office space.

## **CIMS to address fuel cell issues**

The Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop designs of proton exchange membrane fuel cells, which are the most widely researched type of fuel cell for many industries, including automotive, stationary home powered generators, and telecommunications. This study will tackle obstacles such as the high cost of production, delivery and installation of fuel cell systems, and the short and long-term environmental effects of producing and disposing of fuel cells. "There is a growing awareness that environmental problems are best addressed at the point of the product and process development rather than attempting to control such problems end-of-pipe," said Nabil Nasr, director of CIMS. •

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# the good the bad and the ugly

## of the freshman experience

by Reporter Staff

In honor of the arrival of the new freshman class, members of the Reporter Staff sat down and recalled their most prominent memories from their respective first years at RIT. Some are good. Some are bad. And some are just plain ugly.

### The Good

#### Chance Encounters of the Excellent Kind

Two years ago, Freshman Orientation was run much differently. Instead of a week of bonding experiences immediately before the start of classes, I came for a whopping two days at the beginning of July. Everybody was thrown into Fish hall for one night, and expected to learn everything they needed to know about RIT in about thirty-six hours. With all that information being thrown at a freshman in such a short time, it would seem highly unlikely that a person would make a new friend that would stay a huge part of her life for over two years running. Well, thankfully and amazingly, I can say that happened for me.

As loads of people were ushered into one of the big lecture halls to fill out a couple surveys, I was looking around by myself looking for a friendly face. I decided to sit next to one girl who seemed pretty nice. We ended up talking and eating lunch together, and by the end of the day, we decided to request each other as roommates, as risky as the housing people told us it was. In fact, one woman told us she had done the same thing when she had been in college, but that it ended horribly. When she had opened the door to her dorm room with her parents to move in, there was the other girl, perfectly nude.

Nothing even close to that happened to me.

Instead, my roommate and I continued hit it off and became really close. We had the same sense of humor and similar living styles (cluttered, but not dirty). After a great freshman

year, we roomed together again sophomore year. To this day, we're still confidantes and best friends. So even if Orientation was not the most groundbreaking experience for me, one of the greatest friendships I have came out of it.

#### That's What RAs are For

I met one of my closest friends on the very first night at RIT. I moved in, got settled, and went out for a little bit with my new roommate—exploring RIT and ducking in and out of welcome events. She then met up with some fraternity guys and, like so many freshmen do, ended up partying in Colony way early. I ended up bringing her back and putting her in bed to avoid our RA and the trouble that would absolutely fall upon her were she caught.

Afterwards, I wandered around the halls looking for more early arrivals to chat with, and immediately ran into the RA on the next floor over, who was in the hallway, hanging fliers. He invited me in to chat, and what I thought would be a polite “where are you from, why did you choose to come to RIT” conversation ended up being one of the more in-depth, personal, amusing, and enlightening conversations that I’ve experienced in my twenty years. We talked about relationships, sex, goals, academics, our backgrounds, and who we, as individuals were. He listened to me, rather than just waited for his turn to talk, which is something that few people actually do. The hours flew, and before either of us realized it, almost five hours had come and gone.

That conversation, one we still jokingly reference, set the tone for the year as well as those that followed. When I had issues with the guys in my life, or anything else, really, he was consistently the person that could not only tell that something was up, but to offer an ear, a bit of advice, and a laugh. He helped me get my first good job, my first apartment, and, more abstractly, a firm footing in a new environment. I still wonder why I opened up so much and so quickly to this individual, but I am incredibly thankful that I did.

### The Bad

#### The Noodle Incident

It's hard to cook meals in the dorms, which is why everyone usually either eats at Gracie's, or gets take-out. My roommate during my freshmen year didn't want to accept the challenge of cooking. One of his and many other college students' favorite meals was Ramen noodles, cooked to please in the microwave located in the lounges. I could accept the fact that he liked ramen noodles, but what I could not accept was the fact that most of them ended up on the floor. These hard, tiny noodles managed to dig themselves into the carpet, making more trouble than just a mess. After getting out of the shower in the morning, I would always manage to step on one of these crispy noodles, inflicting myself with a daily noodle splinter. Not deadly, but very painful.

#### Three-Dimensional Design with a Spin

I had a four-color pack of Sharpies that I used for drawing assignments my freshman year. One day my boyfriend and I got creative and drew all over each other with them while naked. It might do well to mention here that he had no modesty whatsoever. An hour later, he ran into the crowded cafeteria, pulling his shirt off to reveal my drawings, which very obviously extended below the belt, and yelling, “Hey everyone! Look at what (my name) drew!” That story followed me everywhere, and every once in a while, some random guy would say something to me along the lines of, “Hey, if you ever run out of paper again, you can use me instead!”

#### A Case of the Mondays

Some people just should not be professors. If you don't like talking in front of a group of people, you're one of them. If you don't like people, you're another. Research, write, and educate that way, but please please don't teach an 8 am, Monday morning class.

I am, undeniably, a right-brained, artistic, free spirit kind of person who was placed

in a logic oriented elective my first class of freshmen year. Determined to make the best of all of my classes, this one included, I excitedly trekked across campus for my very first collegiate class.

What a downer. My professor mumbled at the front of the class. There were barely twenty of us and I was nowhere near the back of the classroom or out of what its normally considered earshot, and I still had to strain to hear.

Halfway through the semester, desperately trying to make a connection with every class I was in, I went up to the professor in Java's one day. I was met with a blank stare, a grumble, and the cold shoulder. As the semester dragged along, I dreaded Monday mornings, as I absolutely felt that staying awake and learning in there was the hardest part of my week.

## The Ugly

### My Other Roommates

I lived in Ellingson the quarter before they started renovating it. The rooms there now are nice, but in the Fall of 2000 they were condemnable. I had a fly problem because the window didn't close properly. I realized that swatting them would only make a mess because there were so many so I came up with a method of removal using a plastic cup and a stiff piece of paper. After they landed I slammed the cup over them and slid the paper underneath. I held the cup out the window so they could fly away but I started to suspect that they were coming back in soon after I let them go. One day I caught 14.

### Loss

Best friends are difficult to come by, which makes losing one incur one of the most painful wounds imaginable.

It's not what you're thinking; there's no sad, untimely death stories here. No, this was a friendship between two ordinary guys, nearly polar opposites when it came to personality and experiences. On the surface, it was just ordinary camaraderie; two freshman dorm neighbors hanging out and causing trouble. Beneath the surface, though, were two people who came to realize they understood each other in a lonely world where no one else could. It's been said that male bonding can be stronger than the feelings formed in marriage; I've yet to be a husband, but for the moment I'll lean towards agreement.

Funny how everything once thought to be perfect can unravel in the blink of an eye.

Details aren't important here, but one note about myself is integral to this whole anecdote: I don't use drugs, and I'm far from a

heavy drinker. For this, I've been ridiculed, and there have been plenty of tempting situations, but it's my choice.

I've made my decision because my "friendship" ended up taking a backseat to alcohol and a fucking plant. By the time I realized what had happened, it was far too late. On his end, there was no more room for reasoning, and no interest in quitting. Parties overshadowed classwork, and grades plummeted. The new weekend pals he got stoned and shitfaced with were far cooler than I.

What else could I have done? What words could I have said earlier on? Why couldn't he have just realized life isn't always some selfish obsession about oneself—that true friends really do matter? I didn't just lose a good friend, but I watched helplessly as a promising young individual began throwing his life away. Not knowing what direction it's taken to this day, there's zero closure.

### Things That Go Bang in the Night

My roommate and I both had our girlfriends visiting from out of town. Normally, if one of us was having a girlfriend visit, the other would find another place to sleep. But on this particular weekend, it happened that both girlfriends would be up at the same time. Nobody had another room to take in two people, so all four of us had to stay in the room. It seemed like a given that everything would stay "calm" for the night.

I fell asleep, and when I finally woke up, it was to my girlfriend poking me and saying, "we have to leave now, we have to leave," while telling me to stay quiet. I was groggy and confused about the whole thing, and not very inclined to be getting out of bed. When I looked around to see what was going on, she motioned over to the other bed, and it became clearly obvious that there was a lot of movement and heavy breathing coming from under the covers.

We left and stayed in the lounge for the rest of the morning. I never confronted him about it, because it was just too awkward. I'm sure they realized that we knew what was going on, because neither my girlfriend nor I was there when they were done. There was just this unspoken realization that I was never going to be around when his girlfriend was again. •

# ways to break the ice with your neighbors

- Leave your door open and pretend you are the RA.
- Order extra pizza then ask if your neighbors want to buy it off you. Make sure to tell them the money is for a good cause.
- Tell people that you sleepwalk so you can get away with doing outrageous things in the middle of the night like walking into other people's rooms.
- "Accidentally" leave stuff in other rooms so that you have an excuse to go back later.
- Smile and say hello to everyone you see. If they don't reply don't worry about it, they probably aren't worth it.
- Try to meet as many people as possible by giving away free Kool-aid in the elevator all day.
- When people ask what your major is answer "Excitement!"

## PLAYLIST

Editor's End of Summer Blues

1. **The Roots** – "What You Want"
2. **Electric Light Orchestra** – "Mr. Blue Sky"
3. **Nada Surf** – "The Way You Wear Your Head"
4. **Radiohead** – "Where I End and You Begin"
5. **Common** – "I am Music"
6. **The Dandy Warhols** – "Bohemian Like You"
7. **Andre 3000** (of Outkast) – "Hey Ya"
8. **The Velvet Underground** – "Rock and Roll"
9. **Wilco** – "Heavy Metal Drummer"
10. **Jane's Addiction** – "Suffer Some"
11. **Eels** – "Saturday Morning"
12. **Yeah Yeah Yeahs** – "Miles Away"

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I graduated three months ago with an appropriately named B.S. degree in Information Technology. Ears still ringing from the air horns at graduation, and still a bit hung over from all the celebrating afterwards, I packed up all of my worldly possessions and drove home with the “Service Engine Soon” light glaring at me, safe to do so behind the clear plastic instrument cover. At some point during the six hours in the car, I came to the realization that it was all over.

No more interstate long-distance relationships of varying degrees. No more on-campus relationships or “arrangements.” No more bored freshmen faces while teaching First Year Enrichment or while running a floor meeting for the Baker B Boys. No more candidates for Student Government. No more student tax breaks. No more senioritis. No more busting my ass to make the Dean’s List, trying to cram in the last sip of Southern Comfort from the glass and the conclusion to the essay at the last minute.

Whoa. Hold on. Stop the press. Who gave this guy space in *Reporter*? Who is this kid? Let me start from the beginning, or rather, the end. Perhaps it was the beginning of the end? I don’t remember.

I held quite a few positions while at RIT: student, RA, FYE instructor, lover, ice guard, confidant, accountant, dumpster diver, chef, drinking buddy, disc jockey, boyfriend, writer for *Reporter*, Purity Test administrator, thief, mentor, designated driver, party host, photographer, webmaster, dealer of adult products, food aficionado, and countless others that I have likely forgotten.

I tended to wake my neighbors around noon with the bass cranked up on the stereo. I was paranoid that those same neighbors would hear the post-sex conversations. I had been critical of the trustees and administration as editor of *Gracies Dinnertime Theatre*, and later

attempted to shed a more positive light on the same group as a writer for *Reporter*. I partied like a rock star in the back row of Colony, threw parties of my own in Riverknoll where hundreds of dollars worth of liquor was consumed, yet never had alcohol poisoning. I dined with the Board of Trustees, as well as with Dr. Simone, and enjoyed it as much (though on different levels) as dinner at J.B. Quimby’s or late-night Garbage plates. I milked the campus bandwidth (gotta love those OC-3s) for all it was worth—without a single word from ITS, ResNet, or the RIAA—providing thousands of people with various electronic goodies. I even considered marriage for the first time. I wasn’t ever charged for damages to any dorm room or apartment, nor did I ever pay a single parking ticket. I was however, assessed a one dollar late fee from the Wallace Library for some comedy on VHS. I paid it in cash.

Back in my car, it felt like I had done so much, gotten away with a lot, and had a great time, while still managing to graduate with a decent GPA, all on a campus which reportedly has problems with diversity. It seemed strange that after four years at college, that was it. Over and done with. So long. Farewell. And now, somewhere in *Reporter*’s office beneath the Student Alumni Union, somebody decided that I might have the desire (or perhaps just the spare time) to jot down a few words for this issue. In part, I think it is because I have experienced (and gotten away with) it all. The idea is that if I could do it, so can you. Cliché? Perhaps.

At job interviews I would always say that I liked to get my hands dirty, to get involved with the process. It seems I learn the most when I’m genuinely curious, no matter the subject. Combine this curiosity with my tactile learning style, and that’s the solution for me. What does this have to do with you, you ask? Nothing, and that itself is the point. I found what worked for me. I believe the point of college is to find out what works for you in education, but more importantly in life. Your choices are important. Equally important is that you learn from the results and consequences of those choices, good or bad. Here’s some of what I learned. Some of it may apply to you. Some of it may not. Take it as you will.



# i'm not in college anymore

words of wisdom from a recent graduate  
by alex moundalexis

Nowhere else will you get the opportunity to learn so much in so little time. Campus life is amazing, imposing its own rules, but flexible enough to allow you to learn with relatively lax consequences. Sometimes learning is painful. The campus serves as a soft landing ground on which you can fall. Yes, it'll hurt—but it would hurt a lot more in the real world. Use this to your advantage.

Most of what you learn will probably be outside of the classroom. Talking to the people on your floor, arguing with your roommate(s), learning that staying up until the ass-crack of dawn for a week solid isn't the best way to approach your midterms, or learning that malt liquor doesn't mix too well with Irish Cream. Most of these life-lessons can't be taught, no matter how many times you're told about them. Look forward to them. You'll learn more from your own experience than you ever could from some graduate's word in a magazine.

In fairness to all the professors, until you figure out the basics of your life, try to do well in your classes. Not for sake of learning the institutional way, but in that it gives you more options later. You can't take the upper level courses that you're interested in if you flunked the lower level prerequisites because they weren't your cup of tea.

I know this all sounds like a freshmen advice column, but I haven't forgotten about you upperclassmen. I've found that the people who complain about there being no jobs are the same group that complain about there being nothing to do in Rochester, and they're generally wrong about both. There are jobs out there for you. Don't listen to anyone who tells you otherwise. For four years I was told that I.T. students got onto the bandwagon a few years too late (after the dot-com frenzy keeled over and died quietly), and that there were few jobs available. This is an outright lie, one that caused quite a few people

to give up hope. There are plenty of jobs, I can assure you. Just know that the economy isn't going to drop a six-figure salary in your lap. If you have the motivation and drive to succeed, you will. It also helps to know who's hiring and who's not. The government is offering thousands of stable jobs in hundreds of different areas, for one. Private companies that have government contracts are another. Don't be afraid to accept the help of anyone who can help you: friends, neighbors, family friends, or even a friend of your cousin's former roommate. Look to professors who have just come out of the industry or government service—they have tons of networking potential, and most of them will be more than happy to recommend you. Also know that the job offers always seem to arrive when you've just about given up.

A few final things that helped keep me sane while at RIT, good for students, staff, and faculty alike.

Bend a few rules from time to time. Partake in a cup of Irish coffee shared between friends before class. Involve yourself in something besides classes or work. Always hit the bars with your professors if they're willing, even if you don't drink. Try the Pulled Pork at J.B. Quimby's, with the bourbon sauce. Learn the back way to Wegman's, avoiding Jefferson at all. Out of context quotes can save the day. Leave your computer without putting up an away message, and observe the havoc that follows. When you think your head will explode from reading any more, go grab a cold one and watch the nature channel. A flat-head screwdriver can afford you all the toilet paper and paper towels you will ever need for your apartment. Get away from your computer as much as you can; if that means going to the library to check out the reserved readings (rather than reading the online PDFs), do it. Don't waste your time thinking about the way things could have gone.

Above all, do what you must do to get things done. This is your time. Waste it away if you please, but know that it will fly by faster than you can possibly imagine. I wish you all the best. •

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# Peer-to-Court

## RIAA Ready to Sue Thousands of P2P Users Over Digital Music

by Justin R. Mayer

This summer, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) announced its intentions to file lawsuits against individuals using peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing software to distribute illegal music files. "The law is clear and the message to those who are distributing substantial quantities of music online should be equally clear—this activity is illegal, you are not anonymous when you do it, and engaging in it can have real consequences," RIAA president Cary Sherman said in a statement released on June 25.

In the release, the RIAA states that it intends to file lawsuits numbering in the thousands toward mid-September. The RIAA is using software to scan P2P networks to determine the identities of users sharing a "substantial amount" of illegal music files—such users considered the intended targets of the lawsuits.

The RIAA is planning lawsuits similar to those filed this past spring against students at Princeton University, Michigan Technological University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The students targeted by those suits ended up paying settlements of up to \$17,000 out of their own pockets. According to Wendy Seltzer, a staff attorney for the Electronic

Frontier Foundation (EFF), the RIAA is not looking to go to court with every individual it is suing, rather they are expecting settlements similar to those in the spring's lawsuits while putting a stop to large file sharing hubs. "Right now, the recording industry seems to think that suing all of its customers is a good way to protect their business," she said.

Among those questioning the RIAA is Senator Norm Coleman, a Minnesota Republican and the chairman of the Senate's subcommittee on investigations. "The industry seems to have adopted a 'shotgun' approach that could potentially cause injury and harm to innocent people who may simply have been victims of circumstance, or possessed a lack of knowledge of the rules related to digital sharing of files," Coleman wrote in a letter to Cary Sherman in late July. Coleman began an inquiry into the RIAA's legal maneuvers on July 31.

Some of the RIAA's efforts have already been slowed by a Massachusetts District Court that rejected subpoenas for the identities of students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston College. The RIAA alleged that the networks of the two colleges were being used by a few students to distribute large amounts of copyright-infringing

music files and demanded the identities of the students through court issued subpoenas. Under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) Internet service providers (ISPs), including universities, are required to deal with reports of copyright infringement immediately. The provision of the DMCA known as "notice and take-down" requires that a copyright holder provide detailed information about the infringing file-sharer to the user's ISP at which point the ISP would disable the account. The RIAA has successfully used this method to issue thousands of subpoenas to obtain information, yet the Massachusetts District Court ruled that MIT and BC are not required to comply with the subpoenas since they were issued in Washington, D.C., and not the district in which the violations occurred.

"The ruling requires the recording industry to file subpoenas where it alleges that copyright infringement occurs, rather than blanketing the country from one court in D.C.," said Seltzer. In accordance with the ruling, MIT and BC received new subpoenas issued by the U.S. District Court in Boston by the end of August. In addition to the jurisdiction issue, MIT claimed that under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) the RIAA must allow MIT significant time to notify the student targeted by the subpoena that the college is divulging personal information.

"RIT is bound by FERPA," said David Bradstreet of RIT's Information and Technology Services Customer Support Services. "We can't give information out unless students consent. Typically, when a copyright complaint is received by RIT, ITS identifies the student fingered by the subpoena, forwards the complaint to the student, and offers 48 hours for them to respond." "In some cases we have to disable their Ethernet jack and wait for them to call us." Bradstreet recommends that students using P2P should turn off sharing so that others can not download files from their computers. "If an application does not have a way to turn off sharing, you should not use it."

As for the question of privacy on RIT's network, Bradstreet stated "We're not the police, we don't actually look for the stuff. We're reactive and educational. If we actually scan our network we become liable for the files we don't find." •

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[www.eff.org/IP/P2P/riaasubpoenas/](http://www.eff.org/IP/P2P/riaasubpoenas/)

**Recording Industry Association of America**

[www.riaa.com](http://www.riaa.com)

## Roadmap for the Information Superhighway

by Jeff Prystajko

Experience has proven that while RIT's webservers are jam-packed with information, finding what you need is often as difficult as finding a needle in a haystack. As a service to our loyal readers, *Reporter* hereby presents the 2nd Annual Campus Guide to Everything Internet.

### Activities

#### Clubs & Organizations

<http://clubs.rit.edu/>

From the Model Railroad Club to the Psychology Club and everything in between, RIT's diverse lineup of over 114 clubs has something for everyone. Get valuable career experience by joining a professional organization, or simply make new friends by getting involved with a special interest group.

#### College Activities Board (CAB)

<http://www.cab.rit.edu>

Get used to hearing the ever-popular phrase, "There's nothing to do on this [expletive] campus!" On a sheer coincidental note, this website's hit counters are extremely low. Reality: something fun is happening every week on campus, if not every day. Bookmark this site, and quit complaining.

#### Athletics

<http://www.ritathletics.com/>

Who needs football when we have a grand smorgasbord of other high-energy and high-impact sports to spectate? We dominate hockey, but don't forget about the rest. Fall, Winter, or Spring, there's always plenty of excitement happening on the field. Or on the track. Perhaps in the pool. (You get the idea.)

#### Greek Life

<http://greek.rit.edu/>

Sure, it's no Animal House, and you'd have to learn a totally new alphabet, but many students often find Greek life to be the most rewarding aspect of their college experience. This site boasts a list of every fraternity and sorority on campus, so it's easy to discover which chapter best fits your goals.

### Campus Info

#### Bursar Pay

<https://ipay.rit.edu/eccommerce/>

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#### Calendar

<http://www.rit.edu/~930www/Proj/Calendar/index.html>

Trying to plan your spring break vacation for next year? Wondering when classes start in 2004? Everything's here, including links to a detailed listing of upcoming events.

#### Food Service

<http://finweb.rit.edu/foodservice/>

A rule of thumb regarding RIT cafeteria food: each location offers a wide range of daily specials. Some of these are good. Some of these are not. Plan your visits around these specials! This website links to the daily menus for Gracies, the Ritz, and more. Don't let just anything contribute to your freshman 15; at least make sure it's delicious.

#### Residence Life

<http://www.rit.edu/~233www/>

Besides listing detailed information regarding every facet of dorm living, this site is your source for really important stuff: the free movie listings! ResLife cinema broadcasts semi-recent flicks every night on campus channel 14 starting between 6:00 p.m. and midnight. Grab some popcorn from the corner store (being careful not to over-microwave it and set off the fire alarms), and make it an anti-Blockbuster night!

#### Computing Information & Technology Services (ITS)

<http://www.rit.edu/~wwwits/>

Need help with your computer? While Nick Francesco's show on RNews may have been cancelled, you can still find plenty of answers at the ITS website. Besides providing tech support, you can also find information regarding

computing labs on campus, as well as updates to eradicate those pesky viruses and worms.

### Location Info

#### Parking

<http://finweb.rit.edu/CampusSafety/parking.html>

Myth: Parking is a major problem on campus.

Fact: Parking is a major problem on campus, if you consider walking five minutes to your building pure torture.

Nevertheless, RIT's jumble of parking lots, stickers, and privileges can sometimes get confusing, and parking confusion often lends itself to parking tickets. This interactive resource tells you exactly where you can and can't park.

### Academic Info

#### Online Learning

<http://onlinelearning.rit.edu/>

Whether you're a co-op student eager to continue your education from far away, or a secluded hobbit who fears physical human interaction, RIT's Distance Learning could be the solution you're looking for. A limited selection of courses are available for a variety of fields, and best of all, you can take them at home while sitting in your underwear.

#### Research Databases

<http://wally.rit.edu/electronic/electronic.html>

When Google just doesn't cut it, be sure to stop here—RIT hosts a fantastic assortment of research databases for nearly every field of study here. Start off with a general search using ProQuest; with years of archived authoritative magazine articles, it's simple to get quality information for your report without the hassle of endless browsing.

#### Website Directory

<http://www.rit.edu/~webtools/sitecat/>

Everyone on campus is allowed to create their own website, but this site proves that not everyone should. Updated regularly, this directory links to every home page created by students. While a handful sport superb artistry and rich information, many are guaranteed to make you chuckle. Who says learning about random people can't be fun? •



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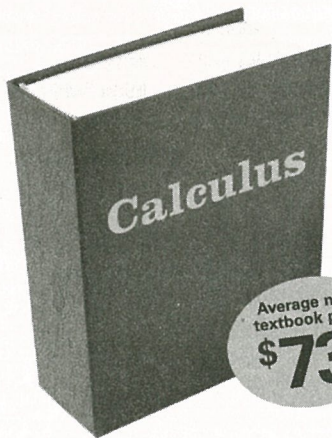
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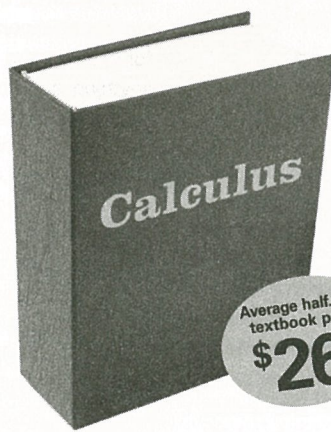
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# Fall Sports Schedule

compiled by Marci Savage

**Bold denotes Home Games**  
*Italics denotes Empire Eight Action*

## Men's Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>9/12/2003</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/13/2003</b>	<b>Clarkson</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/17/2003</b>	<b>Hobart</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<i>9/20/2003</i>	<i>Utica</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>
<b>9/24/2003</b>	Buffalo State	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<i>9/27/2003</i>	<i>Alfred</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/4/2003</b>	<b>Ithaca</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
10/7/2003	University of Rochester	1:00 p.m.
<i>10/11/2003</i>	<i>Elmira</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/15/2003</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
10/18/2003	Hamilton	1:00 p.m.
<b>10/22/2003</b>	<b>Nazareth</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/25/2003</b>	<b>Fredonia</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<i>11/1/2003</i>	<i>Empire 8 Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>11/2/2003</i>	<i>Empire 8 Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>

## Women's Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
<i>9/13/2003</i>	<i>Alfred</i>	<i>2:30 p.m.</i>
9/17/2003	Hamilton	4:00 p.m.
9/20/2003	Clarkson	2:00 p.m.
<b>9/23/2003</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<i>9/27/2003</i>	<i>Ithaca</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/2/2003</b>	<b>Elmira</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<i>10/8/2003</i>	<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/11/2003</b>	<b>Utica</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<i>10/14/2003</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/18/2003</b>	<b>Hartwick</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>10/21/2003</b>	<b>William Smith</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
10/25/2003	Wells	12:00 p.m.
10/29/2003	Roberts Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
<i>11/5/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>

## Women's Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
9/13/2003	Cortland	1:00 p.m.
<b>9/15/2003</b>	<b>Alfred</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/18/2003</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
9/20/2003	Brockport	1:00 p.m.
9/21/2003	Wells	1:00 p.m.
<b>9/23/2003</b>	<b>Oswego</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
9/26/2003	ITA's at William Smith	TBA
9/27/2003	ITA's at William Smith	TBA
10/4/2003	Geneseo	1:00 p.m.
<i>10/5/2003</i>	<i>Elmira</i>	<i>1:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/8/2003</b>	<b>William Smith</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<i>10/11/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Championship</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>10/12/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Championship</i>	<i>TBA</i>

## Women's Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
9/12/2003	NYU Invitational	3:00 p.m.
9/13/2003	NYU Invitational	10:00 a.m.
<b>9/19/2003</b>	<b>RIT Tournament</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>9/20/2003</b>	<b>RIT Tournament</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>9/23/2003</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
9/26/2003	Juniata Tournament	4:00 p.m.
9/27/2003	Juniata Tournament	10:00 a.m.
10/3/2003	St. Lawrence Tournament	TBA
10/4/2003	St. Lawrence Tournament	TBA
<b>10/7/2003</b>	<b>Alfred</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<i>10/14/2003</i>	<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<b>10/21/2003</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<i>10/25/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Cross Over</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>10/26/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Cross Over</i>	<i>TBA</i>
10/28/2003	Buff State	7:00 p.m.
11/1/2003	NYS Tournament	TBA
11/4/2003	SUNY Brockport	7:00 p.m.
<i>11/8/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>11/9/2003</i>	<i>Empire Eight Tournament</i>	<i>TBA</i>

## Men's Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time
9/13/2003	University of Rochester	12:00 p.m.
9/20/2003	Purple Valley Classic	12:00 p.m.
10/4/2003	Geneseo Invitational	11:00 a.m.
10/11/2003	St. Lawrence Invite	TBA
10/18/2003	Roberts Wesleyan Invite	12:00 p.m.
10/25/2003	Union College Invite	12:00 p.m.
11/8/2003	NYSCTC Champ	12:00 p.m.
11/15/2003	NCAA Champ	12:00 p.m.

## Women's Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time
9/13/2003	University of Rochester	1:30 p.m.
9/20/2003	Purple Valley Classic	1:30 p.m.
10/4/2003	Geneseo Invitational	12:00 p.m.
10/11/2003	St. Lawrence Invite	11:00 a.m.
10/18/2003	Roberts Wesleyan Invite	12:00 p.m.
10/25/2003	Union College Invite	11:45 a.m.
11/8/2003	NYSCTC Champ	1:00 p.m.
11/15/2003	NCAA Champ Qual.	1:00 p.m.
11/22/2003	NCAA Champ	TBA

## Men's and Women's Crew

Date	Opponent	Time
10/4/2003	Head of the Ohio	TBA
<b>10/12/2003</b>	<b>Stonehurst Regatta</b>	<b>TBA</b>
10/18/2003	Head of Charles	TBA
10/25/2003	Head of the Fish	TBA

# get UP and get active!

by Marci Savage

**S**o you think that just because you don't have the time to get involved in a varsity sport at RIT there is nothing athletic for you to do? This is not the case. RIT has many different intramural sports, clubs and work out facilities available for all students. These activities not only keep you in shape, but also allow you to meet new people. From just having some fun to getting in shape, read on for a listing of some of the sporting activities RIT students can become involved with.

## Intramurals

There are many intramural sports offered at the Student Life Center by the Center for Human Performance. They offer such sports as 3 on 3 basketball, golf, flag football, ice hockey, racquetball, soccer, softball, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. Don't delay, hurry up and register today! Deadlines are fast approaching for these intramural sports, as September 15 is the last day to become a participant. For more information about intramural sports visit the website <http://www.rit.edu/%7E311www/intramurals.php3>.

## Red Barn

The red barn is located near the Riverknoll apartment complex on the RIT campus, and

houses an indoor rock-climbing wall available for use by students. They also offer team building activities and a wellness activity course. If you are interested in any of these events offered at the red barn visit <http://www.rit.edu/%7E311www/facredbarn.php3> for more information, including cost and hours of operation.

## Club Sports

RIT offers a large variety of club sports every season. In the fall, students can participate in men's and women's water polo, the equestrian club, men's volleyball, bike club, pool club and many other club activities. There is a club at RIT to suit everyone's taste and activity level. If any of these clubs strike your fancy, or even if none of them do, visit <http://campuslife.rit.edu/clubs/sports.php> and be assured there will be a club there that fits your interests. If not, and you have an idea, consider starting your own club at RIT, it's easier than you may think!

## Facilities

If you are not interested in joining a club or recreation group and still believe fitness is important RIT has many facilities to help you achieve your goals. The include:

**1) Edith Woodward Swimming Pool:** RIT offer a six lane, 25-yard swimming pool for student use during open hours of the year. There are also locker rooms available for your convenience during pool hours. Visit the Student Life Center or their website for pool hours of operation.

**2) Ritter Ice Arena:** The arena serves as the home of RIT's hockey teams, as well as a location for open skating available to the students. Figure skating classes are also held at the arena. For a detailed list of public skating hours, as well as information about prices, visit the website listed at the bottom of the page.

**3) Nature Trails:** The trails are adjacent to the quarter mile, and can be easily accessed from the back exit of Grace Watson Hall, or near the new tennis courts behind the Student Alumni Union. There is a one mile jogging trail mapped out for use. Maps can be picked up at the Student Life Center or printed from the following page <http://www.rit.edu/%7E311www/facnaturetrails.php3>.

**4) Tennis Courts:** The tennis courts are open from dawn until 10:45pm on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure to bring your RIT ID, which is required to gain access to the courts.

**5) Student Life Center:** The SLC houses a 1/8 mile indoor track available for student use whenever it is not being used by the track team. It also houses racquetball courts, and the downstairs area holds an equipment cage where you can borrow towels, locks, and equipment, basketballs, volleyballs—you name it. The lower level also houses a weight room with equipment such as rowing machines, bikes, treadmills, free weights, and much more. Again, bring your RIT ID, as the friendly student employees at the front desk won't let you in without it. Visit the Student Life Center for hours of operation.

Whether you are a freshman afraid of the "Freshman 15" or an upperclassmen who likes to keep in shape, RIT has an activity or sport for you. The key is to get motivated, get out, and have some fun. Exercise is not only good for the body, but also for the mind and soul. After a week of stressful classes, midterms, or tests, it will feel good to release the tension and have some fun at the same time.

This website brings you to a listing of hours for all facilities including the pool, SLC, and ice skating. <http://www.rit.edu/~311www/facmainsschedules.php3> •



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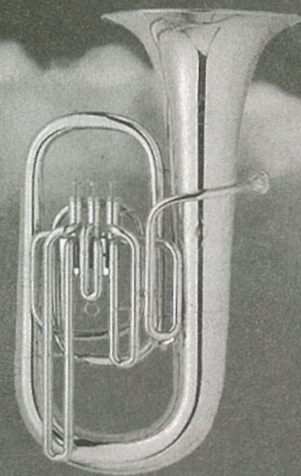
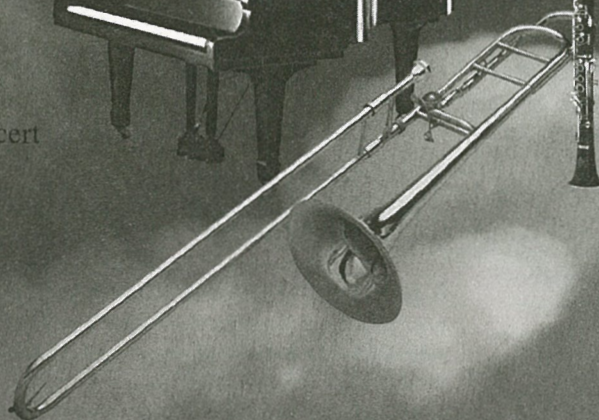
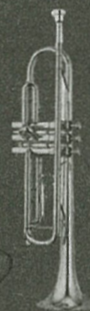
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