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### No Time to Lose

First quarter is always rough. Adjusting to college life after a nice three months of warm weather and part-time jobs takes a few weeks to do (providing you didn't stay here for summer quarter). In my case, October is always the worst month for productivity. I tell myself every year that I'm not going to let it happen. That I will block out the annual distraction, but every year I fail. And this year it has happened again. I caught baseball fever.

Usually the television is on in the background with the volume turned down so I can concentrate on my homework, but the second I glance over I'm hooked. There's nothing I can do about it and it makes me feel terrible. This wasn't always a problem. There was once a time when I could watch the playoffs without worrying about sacrificing five hours every night for a week straight.

Freshman year we took over the lounge and watched the Yankees play the Mets in the 2000 World Series for bragging rights in New York State. As a Mets fan surrounded by Yankees fans, that series was especially distracting and, in the end, disappointing, but luckily I had few commitments to be distracted from as a freshman. I wish that were still the case. This year's playoffs have taken their toll on me and the effects have been devastating.

I couldn't afford to have time taken away from my work this year. With the amount of work we get at RIT and the tight schedule we have to complete it in, few of us have time for distractions. If anything, the most important things the quarter system teaches us are time-management and the consequences of falling behind. But would five extra weeks a semester mean more time to work on existing work or just more work? It's hard to say, but I'm guessing it would mean more work. I've handled the load well in the past and have fended off the horrible collateral damage of postseason baseball, but this year it has been exceptionally difficult.

Responsibilities have been building over my time in college and they're all coming to a head. Unfortunately that head coincides with playoffs. It's a hard lesson to learn, but I know it's going to apply to everything else I do in the future. Above all else time-management is a vital skill that should not be taken lightly.

As I am writing this, the Marlins are leading the series going into game two. The series will most likely be over by the time you read this. Hopefully by that time I will have caught up with everything and learned to just wait for Sportscenter the next morning rather than sit through the whole game.

On an unrelated note, we are encouraging you all to write us letters to the editor about anything that' concerning you on campus or in your daily lives. We want to hear from our readers, otherwise our existence is futile.

Justin R. Maver Editor in Chief

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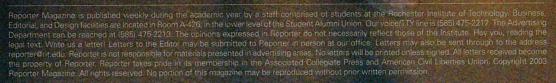
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### NEWS



## Institute to ban smoking in living areas

In the spring of 2002, a Bader Grant Survey found that 17 percent of upperclassmen at RIT consider themselves smokers. That figure is a compelling factor in the Institute's decision to reconsider its smoking policies in living spaces on campus. As a result, smoking will be eliminated from all RIT Apartments, Resident Halls, Greek Housing, as well as at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, starting in the Fall of 2004. The policy of "No Smoking" is an extension of the New York State law adopted in the past year that bans smoking from all public work places, including all buildings on campus with the exception of housing quarters. RIT will only be the most recent school in a growing list of those who have already banned smoking. Fellow upstate New York schools such as Cornell University and the University of Rochester both banned smoking in 2003, and the SUNY school system adopted a no smoking policy in living areas on all their campuses in 2003 as well.

Mary-Beth Cooper, the Vice President for Student Affairs, spearheaded the efforts to ban smoking in living areas, citing that "studies show that occasional and ex-smokers are at the greatest risk for starting to smoke again in campus environments that allow smoking in dorms and promote the sale of tobacco on campus." Cooper added that "it's harder to help people to stop smoking than it is to stop them from starting in the first place."

While smoking in dorms and in some apartment complexes is not banned presently, the growing concern over secondhand smoke was another major issue for deciding to switch to a no smoking policy. Cooper notes that the level of smoking students on campus is comparable to that of university populations across the United States, and those at RIT expressed the same reasons for smoking as their peers at other schools. Bader survey results cited stress control and lack of self-confidence a several examples of why students smoke. Cooper also cited results from a Harvard School of Public Health study that states students entering college as nonsmokers are 40 percent less likely to begin smoking when they live in smoke-free dorms. "What we're trying to convey is a message of care and safety-that's why we're putting this policy in place" said Cooper, noting that the university is not trying to kill community on campus, just be conscientious of the rights of nonsmokers as well as those who smoke.

The idea to ban smoking in living spaces was not something that came unexpected, as students have contacted the Office for Student Affairs with concerns with the issue. The Office for Student Affairs worked in conjunction with personnel from Housing Operations, Residence Life, the Women's Center, as well as the College of Science to validate the idea of banning smoking in living areas. The plan for a "No Smoking" policy in RIT housing was also a result of increased requests from students for smoke free dorms, a task that has not always been able to be fulfilled to do the lack of space in the Residence Halls.

RIT is not necessarily going to be leaving smokers out in the cold either, Cooper said. Certain schools have made accommodations for smoking students, such as the University of Texas-Austin, who built "smoking huts" for students, and Minnesota State, who built patios with picnic tables and ash trays for smokers. While these are examples of how other schools have dealt with the issue, RIT will not necessarily be doing the same. Cooper says that an "Accommodations Committee" has been created to research the need of such smoking spaces. The committee consists of the same groups who partook in the research of the smoking ban. "We're not telling people they can't smoke" said Cooper "We want to make this university a better and safer place for students that live on campus. Ultimately, this is for the benefit and safety of both smokers and nonsmokers alike." •

### NEWS

### CrimeWatch compiled by Hope Kendrick

### October 10 - S Lot

### Auto Stripping

A student reported parking his vehicle in the morning with the windows slightly rolled down, and when he returned to the in the afternoon, 100 compact discs and the car stereo were gone. The parking lot was checked, and no other vehicles were damaged. Crime alert flyers were distributed in S lot.

#### **October 10 – RIT Inn and Conference Center**

#### Weapon Possession

A staff member reported two students discharging a potato gun in a parking lot at the RIT Inn. The potato gun was confiscated and persons responsible referred to Student Conduct for appropriate disposition.

### October 13 - S Lot

#### **Auto Stripping**

A student reported parking his unlocked vehicle in the afternoon, and when he returned three hours later the stereo and compact disc player were stolen from the vehicle. Investigation completed pending new information or leads.

#### October 13 – H Lot

### **Auto Stripping**

A student reported parking her vehicle in the morning, and when she returned she noticed the car stereo and several compact discs had been taken. Investigation completed pending new information or leads.

### October 13 - S Lot

#### Auto Stripping

Aystudent reported parking his vehicle in the morning, and when he returned, his car stereo had been taken. Crime alert notices were distributed in the parking lot, and additional security staff is patrolling the parking lots.

### **October 13 – Campus Safety Office**

#### Petit Larceny

A student reported leaving a text book unattended on the third floor of the Wallace Library. When he returned, five minutes later, it was missing. Investigation completed pending new information or leads.

### October 13 - K Lot

### **Auto Stripping**

A Campus Safety Officer reported finding a parked vehicle with a broken passenger vent window. The owner parked and locked the vehicle, and when he returned two days later the car stereo had been taken. Investigation completed pending new information or leads. The Week Submit your events to reporter@rit.edu

10/24 Undergraduate Student Honors Exhibition Review Bevier Gallery. Free. Contact: Betsy Murkett: efmfaa@rit.edu, 475-5719.

> 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. RHA Pumpkin Carving Grace Watson Hall Lobby Paint or carve a pumpkin. Free.

4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. JIHAD Explained Webb Auditorium. Panel discussions about the concept of JIHAD. Contact: Ammar Naqvi: ammar@1ummah.org.

5 p.m – 9 p.m. Shabbat Hagadol U of R Douglass Dining Hall. Meet at Hillel House at 5 p.m. Free.

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Java Wally's "PHall MusicPHest" 2003 Java Wally's. Live Music. Free.

8 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Rocky Horror Picture Show and Costume Contest Webb Auditorium. Showing of RHPS with actors onstage interacting with the audience. Costume contest to follow. \$1. Contact: Paul Sudzak: pls1892@rit.edu.

### 6 p.m.

#### RITfest LAN Party NRH 1250. Visit RITfest.net to sign up to play many PC games.

Free. Contact: Bill Farner: wrf7588@rit.edu

### 10/25 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fall Quarter Swing Dance College of Science Atrium. Promoted by the RIT Swing Club. All welcome. \$2. Contact: Nicholas Johnson: njohnson@csh.rit.edu.

6 p.m. – 12 a.m. 6 Hour Comic Competition 7A-2490. \$5. Contact: Rose Figlioneri: ref5444@rit.edu.

6 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. Hillel Trip to Turning Stone Meet at Hillel House at 6 p.m. RSVP at rithillel.org.

8 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Nappy Roots Clark Gym. Students-\$10, Faculty/ Staff-\$15, Other- \$20.

### 10/26 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Fish Fall Fest Between Fish and Gibson. Free BBQ and games.

### 10/27 10/27 - 30

### Campus Week of Dialogue

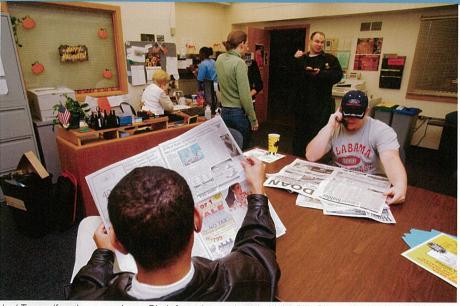
Fireside Lounge. Dialogue on deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing diversity. Visit www.events.rit.edu for more info. Contact: Tonyia Wilburn: tswpro@rit.edu, phone/ TTY: 475-5453.

### 10/30 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tech and Treat

Teaching and Learning Technology Lab, Wallace Library. Play with state-of-the-art computers, create a Streaming video, and learn how to use a digital camera. Free. Contact: Leah Perlman: lvpetc@rit.edu, 475-6998.

### 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Gannett Lecture Series "AIDS Epidemic: A Global Perspective." Free. Contact: Cassandra Shellman: cls3740@rit.edu, 475-2057.



Joel Turner (front) a second year Bio Infomatics student, (middle) Billy Pittenger a third year Mechanical Engineering student, and OCASA advisor Eric Canfield (back) relax in the OCASA office located in the RITreat. Many off campus students use the office to as a space to relax in between classes.

### SA Provides a Home Away From Home for Off Campus Students

### by Nicole Lighthouse photograph by Johanna Miller

The mystery behind the Off Campus Apartment Student Association (OCASA) is in its location and the responsibilities it carries at RIT. Formerly known as the Off Campus Student Association, OCASA is located in the RITreat next to the Student Government office. The mission of OCASA, which dates back to 1978, is to represent the off-campus and apartment student body by providing programming, information, and communication between off-campus students and the RIT community.

It is the responsibility of OCASA to acquire and implement student ideas based on student opinions on improvements based on their needs. The members of OCASA have set a goal to act as a liaison to the administration regarding off campus concerns. If there are no vacancies in the dorms or the on-campus apartments, OCASA is readily available to cater to the needs of all students and discuss their options as far as off campus housing in close proximity to RIT. Riverton Knolls apartments, Racquet Club, Rustic Village, and Winton Village are just a few choices. Several of these options have personal or RTS shuttle availability to those who don't have access to other vehicles.

OCASA is the student's resource to much more than simply off campus housing. They provide information about transportation to and from campus for both commuter and non-commuter students. Inside of the office in the RITreat there are "Source" books, the school's agenda providing a wealth of knowledge about Rochester including phone numbers and a map of the Rochester area as well as the simple planner/organizer.

OCASA has many perks behind the title as well. The RITreat includes access to computers, Macintoshes, fax machines, copiers, a scanner, newspapers, lockers, a refrigerator, lounge area, microwave, and of course freshly brewed coffee, hot chocolate and tea. Students can come in on a daily basis between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Here, students study, socialize and have their basic needs met.

OCASA sponsors events and programming including the Lake Placid Ski trip in winter, field trips to touring Broadway productions, and events that coincide with Springfest.

OCASA is run by an executive board headed by president Sionan Burke. "I've worked here for three years, and it's the people that make it all worth while. An amazing team," said Burke.

As a junior, Representative-at-Large Chris Stilson believes that OCASA is a great opportunity to meet new people. "I wanted to get involved with Student Government eventually. I started down the political track in high school and it was just natural to continue. The most rewarding aspects are new faces, accomplishing goals, networking, and the staff," said Stilson.

The students are a constant presence within the RITreat and always have positive feedback on the atmosphere and services. "I think this place is great. The social scene is great, so it can be distracting, but I have no complaints," said second-year student Jackson Dumont.

OCASA's Satellite office is located in the front, center region of the Colony Manor apartment complex and OCASA's computer lab is within the Laundromat building next to the basketball court. The Satellite office is a basic computer lab where anyone can use the computers, copier, phone, and lounge free of charge.

These are two offices that are sometimes overlooked, under-used and extremely beneficial to the student body of RIT. Students can take advantage of the services by stopping by or calling the office at 475-6680. •

### Brick Beat

Regional FIRST Robotics Competition Comes to RIT in 2005

In 2005, RIT will be hosting the first ever Rochester FIRST Robotics Competition for high-school students and the FIRST LEGO league tournament for nine to fourteen year olds. Rochester FIRST is an allied group of business and educational leaders, including RIT, Bausch and Lomb Inc., and Xerox Corp. FIRST was founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, the inventor of the popular personal transportation device Segway. FIRST, which stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, was created to spur the interest of young people in science, technology, and engineering through team-based competitions in which students build their own robotic designs with the assistance of adult educators.

Kamen said of FIRST's goal, "A society gets what it celebrates. In today's world, we need to be celebrating the technical and scientific prowess of our young people." The Rochester FIRST organizations plans to aid in the development of FIRST teams in high schools across the region by adding more sponsors to its corporate roster. Currently, Xerox supports local teams from Schroeder High School, Webster Thomas High School and Wilson Magnet High School. Edison Technical and Occupational Education Center's team is supported by both RIT and Bausch and Lomb. RIT professor and department head of mechanical engineering Edward Hensel serves as an advisor to the NASA and Gleason Inc. supported team from Fairport High School.

The competition, which will take place in RIT's Gordon Field House and Activities Center, is expected to attract thousands of people and at least 30 teams to compete. For more information on FIRST, go to the the FIRST website at www.usfirst.org.

### RIT College of Business Joins with SUNY Potsdam for accelerated MBA program

RIT's College of Business recently expanded its "accelerated 4+1" MBA program by signing an agreement with SUNY Potsdam. This agreement provides students with another path to gaining a Master's Degree in Business Administration. In this new method, students majoring in Business Administration at SUNY Potsdam can enroll in courses that will serve as a basis for their advancement. Those who meet the standards to graduate in said pragram may then finish their MBA in one year at RIT. Thomas Hopkins, Dean of RIT's College of Business,

stated, "RIT will now be able to offer its AACSB-accredited MBA program to a variety of SUNY Potsdam business students as an enhanced opportunity to achieve future career success." Contact Jody Lehr, manager of graduate business admissions, at 585-475-6916 or jlehr@cob.rit.edu for more information

#### RIT's Gallery r opens for its exhibition season

Gallery r, RIT's contemporary art showcase, recently opened for 2003-2004 exhibition season. The first show of the season is *The Big Format*, a competition showing the large scale works of RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences students. Among the jurors are RIT Illustration Professor Robert Dorsey and Professor Bruce Sodervick of the School of Art. There will be a wide variety of submitted art, including paintings, mixed media, sculpture and drawing, to photography, graphic design, ceramics, glass and wood. Gallery r, which is free and open to the public from Thursday to Sunday, 3 to 7 p.m., is located at 775 Park Ave. Call 242-9470 for more information regarding any current and upcoming exhibitions.

### Director of NTID's PEN program receives Award of Friendship from Chinese City

The city of Tianiin, China awarded Dr. James J. DeCaro, Director of the Postsecondary Education Network (PEN)-International Program, the Hai He Award of Friendship on September 30. Foreign nationals who have made "outstanding contributions for the betterment of the city" of Tianiin are given the award. The mayor of Tianiin gave the award to DeCaro during a banquet celebrating China's "National Day." DeCaro has been working at the Tianjin Institute of Technology, one of PEN-International's original partners. The Nippon Foundation of Japan aided in the creation of PEN-International in 2001, when it awarded PEN-International a grant. The goal of PEN-International is to create a worldwide network of colleges and universities that teach deaf people in order to share technical and educational knowledge. DeCaro, who has been affiliated with NTID since 1971, was previously its dean for 14 years. For more information on PEN-International, visit the program's website at www.pen.ntid.rit.edu. •

### HistoRIT by Jeff Prystajko

### The Pluses and Minuses of Pluses and Minuses.

So you're slightly unnerved that both you and your classmate received As; you camped in the Library and aced every test, while he apparently majored in Xbox studies but still managed a lowly 90. Fair? Not particularly, unless you're the lucky underachiever. Nonetheless, if you're expecting a change to a plus/minus system – don't hold your breath. In 1967, the idea was proposed here, and was backed by a University of California at Berkeley study. For anyone still convinced it'll happen here, you get an A for persistence (of course, without the plus).

#### **Beauty in Silence.**

"By educating our Deaf children about the wonderful ways our Deaf adults have succeeded." This was NTID student Brandeis Ann Sculthorpe's answer to the question, "In what ways can we help preserve our Deaf culture?" that clinched her victory to be crowned Miss Deaf America in 1988. In the bi-annual pageant, contestants are judged on talent, sportswear modeling, and interviews conducted on-stage in sign language. Sculthorpe's duties included traveling around the country serving as an ambassador for the National Association for the Deaf.

### Mmmm... cosmic doughnuts.

October, 1984: Nearly 50 RIT students traded in their pocket protectors and \_Star Trek\_ novels for wizards' robes and truth orbs as the fantastical "Foes and Questors" role-playing game was introduced on campus. Players on the red and blue teams portrayed characters such as Mages and "Ords", all while attempting to destroy their opponents by hiding the mystical cosmic doughnuts. Cardboard shields and foam swords were all the rage. Though the game never attained the popularity of classics such as Football or "Tag," the players did spend valuable time outdoors, and their agility and power attributes were increased by 2. •

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Desert Sessions 9 and 10:



### I See You Hearin' Me I Heart Disco Various Artists by Christopher Porzio

My ears have just been tongue-kissed by a wall socket. Josh Homme's collaborative production Desert Sessions 9 and 10: I See You Hearin' Me and I Heart Disco is a tempestuous surge of sexy, shin-bruising, highbrow musicianship. For his ninth project, Homme (Queens of The Stone Age) has enlisted a great cast of fellow visionaries, including Dean Ween (Ween), Alain Johannes (Eleven), Troy Van Leeuwen (A Perfect Circle), Twiggy Ramirez (Marilyn Manson, A Perfect Circle) and P.J Harvey. Homme has been orchestrating this type of event since his youth. In his younger days, the Palm Springs native would set up with his bands in the middle of the Mojave Desert, plugging into a generator station somewhere in the void of sand. His bands would rock crowds out from dusk until dawn.

> Sessions begins with Homme stretching his already surreal voice through some sort of fuzz box, offering "Dead In Love." The bonesplintering drums accentuate the release of a steam-valve guitar strike. The track unfolds into a down tempo groove to soothe the abused. "I Wanna Make It Wit Chu," an easily likeable and melodic tune, follows suit into a mellow moment just before the storm of "Covered in Punk's Blood" hits. This Chili Pepper-esque (circa Blood Sugar Sex Magic) instrumental radiates like a Dadaist blitzkrieg.

Oh my god: The fourth track, "There Will Never Be a Better Time," features the blood-soaked, rug-burned voice of P.J. Harvey. Backed by the urgency of Chris Goss's strident Spanish guitar, Harvey wails, "Kissing anything that comes my way/ burning anything that will burn." She growls and moans, having had her way with the listeners' oratory senses before leaving them flaccidly draped over the stereo speaker. Harvey's sirenlike voice slides into "Crawl Home," a bass-heavy wallop of a rhythm. Ramirez's surf guitar in this one is reminiscent of The Ventures' many pre-punk instrumentals.

"I'm Here For Your Daughter" flutters with a flamenco acoustic guitar and begins with Homme's institutionalized, softspoken drone: "I'm here for your daughter, please don't try and stop us/ I would have to kill you, that would not be nice." The track seamlessly morphs into "Powdered Wig Machine," a poppy-yet-trippy theme accompanied by Harvey's beckoning croon. "Come on, come with me," she sings, making listeners want to, badly.

"In My Head Or Something" exemplifies Homme at his magic, music-making best. This is the type of song you hear once, swear you've heard before, and can't get out of your head. Simple, instinctual and syrupy sweet to the ears, the song does what all great artists endeavor to do, which is to marry a serious musical effort with a pop appeal that does not degrade its legitimacy, but makes it widely accessible and relevant. I definitely suggest Desert Sessions 9 and 10 as a mood-enhancing party drug to be enjoyed by passionate, artistic, life-loving people. 金金 金金

### Lethal Skies by Winson Shuen

Looking at videogame history, sequels haven't always proven to be better games. From Square's Parasite Eve II to the many Army Men sequels, many of these games have been much worse than the originals. What about those sequels that are made from mediocre originals? Sammy Studios' Lethal Skies II has proven that it is indeed possible to improve on a game.

The story takes place a year after the first game, in which a war ended between the World Alliance and the World Order Reorganization Front (WORF). Because of the war, the World Alliance is collapsing, and internal conflict is building up to the point where another war is on the horizon. With nineteen fighter iets to choose from, you are a skilled pilot on the front line as the new war begins.

Upon inserting the disc, players are greeted by some well directed, Top Gun-ish introductions of fighter jets pulling off tough tricks that get a player's blood pumping for action. The game has great presentation, from the introduction video to in-your-face menus

and a great replay feature that records players' gaming footage much like in the Gran Turismo series.

Overall, the game has been greatly improved from the 2002 original. One of the best features in the game is the wide selection of fighter jets with custom missile placements. Even before the game begins, players can choose various jets for free flight training, which is a good way to get used to the aviation controls of the game. Other features include guick loading time, great voice acting, and iLink compatibility, which allows multiple hook-ups of PS2s for full-screen, multiplayer action.

One thing players will notice is how incredibly hard the game is, although I must admit that difficulty is a subjective topic. There is, however, a difference between challenging and unreasonably hard. There is no reason why one mission should require less than two minutes to complete, whereas others take an arm and a leg just to get a crappy ranking. No, I'm not bitter.

Lethal Skies II is undoubtedly an improvement over the original, even though I find it ridiculously hard. It has clever presentation and a lot of features for multiplayer support. The storyline is solid, enhanced by professional voice acting (and some royalty-free sound loops). This is a good game for those who are looking for a challenge. If you are not, however, you might want to stick with more traditional games, such as Ace Combat 04. • 金金

### AndrewKerr.com

Or, Where Our Author Mixes a Music Review into a Website Review by Peter C. Gravelle

website

Everyone knows that there is music released by artists themselves on a small scale without need for giant record companies (for some examples of these megacorps, head to http://www.riaa.com/about/members/default.asp), but the problem often is how to find them.

I found out about Andrew Kerr (a folk-ish musician) this summer from a friend of mine who put two tracks of his on a mix tape. I headed to the website, and downloaded a small handful of his free tracks. I was hooked, and excited to see that he was giving a concert reasonably near me soon. So, I went to the concert and bought his CD, "Ain't It Strange."

Should I ever build up the capital to do so, I can - and so can you -- purchase his other two albums, "Andrew Kerr Live" and "Rock Star" from a link on his website to CD Baby (www.cdbaby.com), a clearinghouse of sorts for independent artists. CD Baby pays the artist up to six times better per CD sold than major labels do, and the prices are still incredibly reasonable (\$10 to \$15 for Kerr's discs).

On the website, aside from a continually updated list of concert locations and times, and his entire discography, are all of the lyric sheets to his songs. For legal reasons, he doesn't have any of his cover songs' lyrics, but you can look those up yourself on your favorite search engine, right?

Design \*\*\* The site is a testimonial as to when and how frames are okay to use. The delightful blue and yellow color scheme is a joy to read.

Content \*\*\* Dude, does free music mean anything to you? And the lyric sheets? And the concert listing? I can't imagine a more complete artist website.

Safe For Work \*\*\* Nothing even mildy offensive to see here (unless you disagree with his political song, "As Good As We Get", also available for free download).

Not a Fad \*\*\*\* Judging by the relatively unknown nature of the New York folk scene, Mr. Kerr and his friends have nowhere to go but up. •

### LEISURE

N-GAGE Digital Hybrid for a Hefty Price

by Winson Shuen illustration by Steve Bernard

ou can rag on Nintendo all you want-and recently, many people have-but the truth is that Nintendo is still king in portable gaming. Although they weren't doing so hot with the Gamecube (until sales quadrupled due to a recent price drop), Nintendo owns more than 98% of the portable gaming market. That being said, the portable gaming market will be a lot more crowded in the next few years, since plans to enter the mobile gaming market have been made by various companies like Tapwave, Nokia, and even Sony, which publicly announced plans for the PSP (PlayStation Portable), due late next year.

Of these three companies, the most visible competition is coming from Nokia, which released an all-in-one handheld videogame device a couple of weeks ago. Nokia is confident that, with heavy advertising, they will be able to successfully enter the almost-monopolized gaming market.

But why should anyone pay any attention to anything but the Game Boy Advance (GBA), considering the 800+ titles in its game library? A lot of companies, ranging from Game Gear to Neo-Geo Pocket, to the ill-fated Wonderswan, have tried in the past, yet no one has been able to take down Nintendo. Why should Nokia be any different? Nokia obviously realizes this point, and decides to aim at a different target audience: the young adult market.

Let's examine the scenario: You bought a Game Boy when you came to college. Fabulous. Then you realized that RIT was a lil' busier than you originally thought, so you bought a PalmPilot to manage your dates (or lack thereof). Awesome. During Brick City Festival, your mom/dad/boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse/Uncle John hissed at you for not calling him/her, so you got yourself a cell phone. So, now you suddenly find yourself carrying three devices instead of one everywhere you go, wondering if it makes your butt look big or not. The good news is that Nokia may have found a solution for you. The Nokia N-Gage is a hybrid powerhouse: part cell phone, part MP3 player, part PDA, and, of course, part memory-cardbased videogame handheld. It is much more than what the GBA currently is, as it supports a more powerful processor and graphics chip, all in a pocket-sized package even smaller than the GBA.

This nifty toy comes with a hefty price, though. While GBA costs less than \$100, the Nokia N-Gage can be yours at a cool \$299 for the handheld alone. In addition, if you want to use it as a cell phone, tack on a few extra dollars for an external cell-phone carrier. Add that to the individual games that you will end up buying, and it may total up to \$400 initially. Ouch, baby. Ouch.

The fact that the Nokia N-Gage is an all-in-one doesn't necessarily mean that it's a good-for-all. Because of the compact size requirements, everything is literally squeezed together. The game/memory card slot is located behind the battery slot, so every time you want to switch games, you have to take out the batteries, while risking dropping or even damaging the batteries. The cell phone capabilities aren't anything glamorous either, since the handheld's receiver is on the side of the phone, which means that you have to tilt it to the side every time you answer a phone call. Ever held a pack of frozen hotdogs/veggiedogs up against your ear? Yeah, it would be something like that, minus the sweat of the package.

My guess is that while the early adapters might be the only ones wanting the Nokia N-Gage for now, the device could very well put Nokia on the video game industry map in the future. The new mobile gaming market is sure to be crowded for the next few years, and it will be interesting to see what Nintendo does to defend their current reign. Until then, I will be perfectly happy playing *Snake* on my Nokia cell phone. •

### iRevolution Apple Continues Conquest of Music Industry by Justin Mayer

With the release of its popular iTunes music software for Windows-based computers Apple has become an unlikely major player in the music industry. Since its opening, the iTunes online music store included with the software has sold over 10 million MP3 files from major record labels for a mere 99 cents a song. If those numbers hold up with the crossover to Windows, that 10 million will become more like 300 million.

Apple's plan of attack has been a work of genius. First they released the iPod to a market of consumers who have already built libraries of MP3 files through questionable methods. Then, after the iPod's popularity skyrocketed, Apple opened up the iTunes store and built it right into software that is 100 percent compatible with the iPod. By putting the delivery method out first, Apple had an advantage over every other online music store and iTunes became an incredibly easy way to spend money in increments of 99 cents.

The thing that has held the record industry back has always been the method of distribution: tapes, CDs, vinyl, or what have you. Joe consumer goes to the CD store to buy the new pop music CD of the week because he likes that one song he heard. He takes the CD home, pops it into the stereo, and discovers that the only song he likes is the one he already knows, and soon that song starts to get on his nerves. After this experience, Joe Consumer becomes wary of buying CDs because they're a waste of money. Now, with iTunes, Joe Consumer clicks his mouse twice and gets that one song for a dollar. For the cost of a CD he can get fifteen different songs from fifteen different musicians, guaranteed satisfaction that will bring him back for more downloads.

The timing of Apple's Windows release of iTunes couldn't be better. It has become increasingly difficult to download pirated music with the overlying threat of the RIAA and the recording industry's own tactics of releasing millions of fake music files. Frustration with CD prices and pirates combined with the "it's only a dollar" mentality ensure the success of the iTunes music store.

But what if it fails? In the event that the iTunes music store does not meet expectations losses will be minimal. The investment is in software development and marketing licenses; resources that can be refocused elsewhere. The unlikely failure of iTunes will be nowhere close to Apple's previous blunders like the flawed G4 Cube.

The business plan continues to unfold in February when Apple will launch a promotional campaign with Pepsi. By entering codes found under Pepsi caps into iTunes, contest winners will be instantly rewarded with a free song download. Thus Apple will expand its music revolution to a soft-drink-contest revolution.

Using its hip image to its advantage, Apple has started off on the right foot in the online music business and has found the solution to the lingering problem of music piracy. With Apple as a model, similar trends will start develop in other areas of the entertainment industry. We may see similar developments with movies and video games. Simply put, the iPod and iTunes are revolutionary, more so than the Sony Walkman. In many years they will be looked back on as the start of a new direction for the music industry, and a part of a brave new world to which we will all have to adapt. At least it's only 99 cents. •

### things to do on a rainy day other than falling asleep on the couch

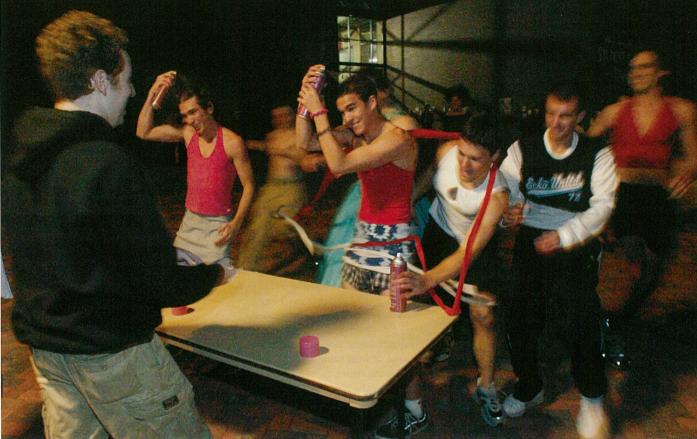
- Play with the cat in the hat.
- Plot revenge on the weatherman who said it was supposed to be "sunny and wonderful." The dirty liar.
- Lavout a magazine.
- Complain about the rain even though you weren't planning on going outside anyway.
- Accidentally forget to close your car windows.
- Write a list of seven things that is funnier than this list of seven things.
- No, seriously, write a list and send it to us. We'll print it if it's funny.

### **From the Archives**



TIGER FUR—The coat of "Spirit", Tech's first mascot has been made into a rug and will be displayed at the College Union next year. See Senate story for details. (Staff photo by Dave Buechi)

While we were trying to track down where they put the tiger statue we found this photo from the November 3, 1967, issue of *Reporter*. Today Spirit can be found in the Cary Collection of Wallace Library.



The hairspray station was one checkpoint in the Drag Race on the Quarter Mile. Students dressed in drag and ran down the quarter mile stopping at three stations for hairspray, jewelry, and make-up. Chris Zajac/REPORTER Magazine

### Ally Week at RIT Events Showcase GLBT Culture by Jen Keppler

The week of October 13 through October 17 became one of enlightenment, education, and fun as RIT enjoyed its first GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) Ally week. Members of the community took part in student-initiated and planned events that ranged from serious to hilarious and everywhere in between.

Ally Week, jointly sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Residence Hall Association, Student Government, and the Center for Residence Life, was primarily organized by a dedicated group of Resident Advisors, House Managers, and Residence Life staff. This group of individuals carried with them a passion for community, a desire to promote inclusiveness, as well as an amazing amount of energy and creativity.

With a major event happening every evening of the week, members of the community had the opportunity to experience different aspects of GLBT culture and learn what it means to truly be an ally. Monday night's "Drag Bingo," in which a professional drag queen called the bingo balls for more than a hundred students in the Student Alumni Union Cafeteria. On Tuesday, a crowd of 160 people enjoyed RIT's very own version of the popular television show, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, which challenged the audience about GLBT stereotypes. Wednesday, fifteen students discussed the campus climate for member of the GLBT community, the role of the ally, and the importance of valuing differences in "Gay it Forward," an open discussion group. On Thursday, in what would be the final official event of the week, 25 students dressed in drag participated in "Drag Racing," as several hundred more became spectators to the revelry. While that was the extent of sponsored formal events, throughout the week students engaged in active discussions on how to support friends and family in the GLBT community.

Perhaps the most valuable aspect of Ally Week was that, for many of the students that attended, the week did not end on Thursday. For some it was a week of fun with friends, and for others it was an eye opening experience, and a thought provoking catalyst for change, leaving an impression that will hopefully not soon be forgotten. While event sponsors hope that this becomes an annual tradition at RIT, the greater goal is that the progress made on individual levels continues to grow into a more accepting, tolerant campus community. •

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CROSS INTO THE BLUE

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9pm till Midnight

Graduate student Namgyel Dolker works on wireless models that will be used to conduct tests on wireless networking.

# Visions of the Future –

Student Researchers Develop Technology for a New Age

> by Tim Johnson photograph by Rebecca Lanthorne

Imagine moving from an airplane to a shuttle bus without losing your internet connection. Imagine programs that recognize how your eyes look around the computer monitor. Imagine a highway system that allows police officers to gain instant information about the area they are patrolling, including information about how likely it would be for an accident to occur. One day, people at a sporting event will be able to create an Ad-hoc network, and share information with each other without the presence of a wireless Local Area Network (LAN) server. Web sites will be intuitive and respond differently to different people. Computing technology is advancing in ways that can startle ordinary users, and the Laboratory for Applied Computing is on the frontier of these major advancements.

### The Laboratory for Applied Computing

RIT is actively involved in research. Departments across campus work every day on projects that will one day change the way we look at life. Just as the Printing Applications Laboratory is a link between the printing industry and RIT, the Laboratory for Applied Computing (LAC) is committed to giving students and faculty experience working with big-name computing companies such as CISCO and Hewlett Packard. The LAC allows students and faculty across campus to utilize some of the most advanced computing tools and keeps the University at a competitive level.

The lab, while housed and run by GCCIS, is a campus-wide facility available for research use by any academic department. RIT created the lab because of increasing interest in getting the faculty and students involved with the research happening on campus.

The lab research requires large contributions, and it's not an easy task for faculty, and especially students, to get grants from the government. RIT has been able to give internal funding to support the faculty and students working on the various projects, when a major company takes over some of the funding. The LAC put out a request for project proposals last January. "We put out a call across the campus, not just from GCCIS. And, basically what we asked for were faculty members who were interested in doing research with students, what the topics would be, and later where they could get external funding," said Dr. Roger S. Gaborski, the Director of the LAC. Gaborski is also an Associate Dean of GCCIS, and a professor in the Computer Science department. The LAC began funding over ten proposals last spring, involving 15 faculty members and 20 students who work 15 to 20 hours a week.

The projects in the lab break down into five main categories: Intelligent Systems Including Vision; Data Mining; Wireless Networks and Security; Digital Entertainment and Multimedia; Algorithms and Theory. Many of these projects are still funded completely internally, but some have been given outside support. "Right now, we're involved with Hewlett Packard in a process of coming up with new algorithms to optimize laser printers in order to get better quality images," Gaborski said.

The computing power and technology in the lab is impressive, as it boasts an IBM cluster composed of 52 dual 1.4 GHz nodes with a terabyte of memory. The two-story section of the building contains numerous computer workstations, tablet PCs, scanners, digital video cameras, and a human eye tracker used for computer vision and multimedia research. At the moment, each project uses a different area of the lab. "The IBM cluster, which is the largest piece of equipment in the lab, is being used by the College of Science for bioinformatics research," Gaborski said.

While the LAC is a campus-wide interdisciplinary facility, the research taking place is varied and specific. No two projects are the same, but all have their place in the future of computing.

#### What are you looking at?

(Goal Directed Visual Search Based on Color Cues: Cooperative Effects of Top-Down and Bottom-Visual Attention) People do not naturally perceive every detail of the surrounding environment. Rather, they only focus on interesting aspects, and ignore the rest. This idea results in people paying attention only to certain parts of a scene, whether it be on a computer screen or not. While it may seem that simply asking a person what catches his or her attention seems like a reasonable research tactic, responses are biased. To examine these unconscious eye movements more closely and objectively, the research team in the LAC uses sophisticated eye-tracking tools to get a digital concept of what catches a person's attention.

"With the eye-tracker, you'll look at an image on the screen, and we'll track your eyes to see where you look and how long you look at different areas of a computer screen," said Gaborski. "We came up with a model of what people notice first, image, shape, color, and we put that into the program. Then, we see what happens when we show that same image to somebody else and see where they look."

Aleksey Tentler, a student working on the project, spoke about what is referred to as "saliency attention." "You don't process the whole video, you look at the object that only stands out from the surrounding and process that area of the image," Tentler said.

Gaborski added, "If you take a walk through the woods, you don't really notice anything specifically. But, if a squirrel jumps out at you, you would notice the movement, and that motion is what we're trying to capture in the model." The main idea for this project is to model the human visual system, and apply it to the saliency attention factor in order to understand what catches users.

#### How do you organize your data?

### (Extending Text Classification: Co-Training and Adaptation in Text Databases)

In this age, information is everywhere. People can learn things faster and easier than ever before, and data is abundant. The problem becomes organizing this data into a workable, readable, and beneficial base of knowledge. This is where the Data Mining Masters come in. According to project faculty Dr. Ankur Teredesai, the purpose of data mining is to take any kind of data coming from various sources, and try to find patterns of some kind that are most interesting to the end user. "For a human, it is easy to perceive relevant data, but if I threw a bunch of numbers at you in a database, with a hundred attributes on a spreadsheet, you probably wouldn't be able to make much sense of it," Teredesai said.

Right now, the data mining group is focusing on developing a system for Campus Safety. The project involves Campus Safety officers using tablet PCs in order to submit information immediately and in the electronic form, and possibly even attach pictures of an incident, like a car accident. "Once we collect the information, we can send it back to the officers to let them know of the probability of an accident occurring in the area they are patrolling," one student on the project team explained.

Along with this application, the Data Mining division is also looking at different coding algorithms, one specifically which is called the "Common Law of Decision Trees," which deals with the effectiveness of links that users encounter on larger web sites. "How to auto-index, and adapt pages to suit different peoples' needs are some of the questions concerning this area of algorithms," Teredesai said. "Sometimes you have to click on five different links to find what you're looking for. We're working on what's called 'click stream data,' which is a process similar to what companies like Amazon use for consumer profiling." While this new method that the team is working on may be similar to Amazon's, it has the focus of organizing informational websites, a very complex task.

### Where's the middle man (or network)? (Dynamic, Fault Tolerant Key Management for Ad-hoc Networks)

Wireless networking is becoming increasingly available, and Hans-Peter Bischof of the Computer Science Department is researching the idea of creating Ad-hoc wireless networks. These networks allow computing devices to communicate with each other without going through a central server. In the future, personal computing devices such as cell phones, digital cameras, and PDAs will become more popular, requiring easier, more spontaneous networks. By definition, such Ad-hoc networks would be collaborations of all these devices to enter and leave a network without difficulty in a mobile setting open to the public.

"Let's say the Bills make the Superbowl," Bischof said. "Now, picture that you are standing somewhere and a big play happens, but you didn't have your camera ready. If an Ad-hoc wireless network was in place, you could put out a request to other digital cameras in the area asking if they have taken a picture within the last five seconds, and then download it to your camera."

The possibilities of an Ad-hoc network go well beyond football games and general convenience. For example, people involved in ROTC are beginning to implement an Ad-hoc program. This network could be used on the battlefield to centralize troop movements and relay critical information, while using encryption to ensure that the enemy cannot wirelessly tap into it.

#### Can you chew gum and switch from one computer device to another at the same time? (Seamless Handoff and Roaming in Next Generation

#### Wireless Networks)

With many different types of wireless networks, the logistics of making one seamless network are intense. In a project sponsored by CISCO, the LAC is working on creating a visibly seamless network. "Our aim is to get a seamless mobility for the user, and so that the user has a seamless transition from one network to another, such as going from a cellular network into a wireless LAN," said graduate student Dinika Joshi, who works under Associate Professor Dr. Nirmala Shenory.

In order to make this technology work, programmers have to create a shell network over the different individual networks. "This is a framework which is like a core network over different wireless networks, which in the future could be an IP core network," said Shenory. "The framework that we have proposed has nodes within the wireless networks and the core network. CISCO has been most interested in roaming from a cellular network to a wireless LAN."

Students and faculty run the LAC; GCCIS supports it; and RIT powers it. It provides a multitude of learning environments that allow students to receive relevant experience before they leave school for a career. "We're trying to give access to our lab across the Institute," said Gaborski. "We've made a big commitment to support the lab, and it's an attraction for RIT. There are multiple ways of learning, and some students do better on the hands-on areas. Our students work one-on-one with a faculty member, and it also gives us some name recognition by doing publications. Hopefully we'll be getting more outside support in the near future." •

### Faces of RIT Sam McQuade



by Michael Denning photograph by Chris Zajac

"Computer crime today is only limited by imagination, technical skill, and the resources available to you," says Professor Sam McQuade. In order to combat this highlyevolving area of crime, it is first necessary that the public is made aware of what is actually going on and then educated about what individuals can do to manage high-tech crimes and prevent themselves and others from being victimized. This second part is McQuade's passion—to research and educate others in the area of high-tech crimes and criminal justice secure technology.

McQuade's background is most impressive. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington, a Bachelor of Arts in Human Service Management from Western Washington University, and most recently completed Doctorial studies at George Mason University, in Fairfax, Virginia. He has been working in the criminal justice field for about twenty-four years. During this time, he has been a deputy sheriff, police officer, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Program Manager, and National Acadamies of Sciences Study Director for the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council. He has worked for the United States Department of Justice, and taught at the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy, the University of Maryland, and George Mason University. All this experience puts him at the top of his profession, and is confirmed by the awards and grants he has received for his work.

Several factors contributed to McQuade's decision to come to RIT. He was looking "for an opportunity to work in a place where I can do what I think is important." The propensity for snow and good fishing areas were a plus too. Outside the classroom, he is known for his impressive racquet ball skills and passion for fishing. His extra-curricular activities are not all recreational, however. Not long after his arrival at RIT, he helped found the Security Practices and Research Student Association, a RIT student run organization that addresses security related issues (www.sparsa.org).

There are many different areas that need attention today so that criminals in the cyber world are prosecuted. These include surveillance, weapons, transportation, and communications, most of which are not discussed in depth throughout the educational world. "There is little education available for future security managers. Police learn about these things after they get on the job." It does not have to be this way, and McQuade's work and dedication has helped a countless number of people learn about the different aspects of high-tech crime and criminal justice.

McQuade teaches two courses at RIT, the first being "Computer Crime," geared towards applied network administrators, as well as and those interested in the field. His second course is an independent research course for graduate students, where issues relevant to computer crime in today's world are discussed. "Many people don't realize computer crime isn't all cyber techniques." Physical and testimonial evidence always needs to be obtained. "Computer forensics then uses data entry and administrative logs to track activities online." Records from internet service providers can be subpoenaed, or hard drives can be seized and mirror images created. From that point, an analyst can lay out the file structure and look at its content, to help in any criminal prosecution.

"We praise ourselves as a high-tech society. Well, it's been twenty years since the PC has been a commodity and people are being victimized blind." Identify theft is one his concerns; affecting nearly twenty million people, identity theft is on the rise. "Where are the public service announcements?" asks McQuade. "We need to raise consciousness, educate the population, and provide training and support. If we are going to create policy on the national level, it is necessary to combine enforcement with education and incentives, and there needs to be regulation of the software industry so there is better security in their software." Intervention from a wide variety of majors, careers, and knowledge bases is necessary for criminal justice to work in the best possible way. "This is such a multi-disciplinary field," says McQuade, "and I enjoy working with students of different majors." Computer scientists are needed to help with technical aspects, while at the same time ethics need to play a role in technological advances. One example he provides is that of airport screeners. "As you pass through x-ray machines, screeners can see everything, and I mean everything. Some people feel violated, while others feel safer and more secure." Ethics will continue to play a larger role in society as technology advances. "Good cyber citizenship needs to exist. All the conveniences of 'wireless' electronics these days are not fool-proof." Wireless traffic can be easily monitored by those people with the right equipment.

Currently, McQuade is working with other faculty members so that RIT will become certified by the Center of Academic Intelligence, which is a program of the federal government sponsored by the National Security Agency. Currently, fifty-two universities nationwide are accredited, and McQuade hopes RIT will be sometime by December 2005. In addition, a new masters degree program in information security might be in place by the fall of 2005.

Considering how fast technology is advancing these days, nobody knows for sure what the future holds. One thing is for sure though; Sam McQuade will be at the top of the game, doing his part to minimize criminal activity, and continuing to educate others about keeping technology in the hands of the right people.

**I. Out of office passion:** "My students know that I am an avid racquet ball player. I play pretty serious racquet ball. My friends know that I love to fish. I fish for all kinds of fish- trophy fish. When I'm not spending time researching and fishing, I spend a good deal of time on the boat. I have two big dogs, both rescued from the pound. I shoot a mean game of pool and also do a little wood working periodically.

#### 2. What is your favorite board game? "Risk"

**3. What is your favorite movie!**"Oh, I have several. I like *The Sting*, it's a story about crime and commen and how they used telephone and telegraph technology at the turn of the century to pull of a gigantic scam.

**4. Where are you from?** "I was born in Kansas, a kid in Michigan, teenager in Minnesota, went to college for the first time in Arizona, moved to Washington State and completed college there, then to Washington DC for Ph.D. work. Now I'm in New York.

**5. What television shows do you rarely miss?** "I watch very little television. I do watch the History Channel sometimes, like *Modern Marvels*, I like the technology shows. I'll tell you a show I kinda like, I thought it was stupid at first, and then I got into it. *Roll Call*- they got all the gadgets, it combines history and technology, and has an entertainment element to it. *Law and Order* and *CSI* are pretty accurate, realistic, good crime dramas. *The West Wing* is interesting too."

6. Do you like to read?" Lots. Yeah, lots. Lots."

7. Do you like to travel? "I don't like to travel anymore. When I was with the federal government, I traveled a lot. I don't like being away from the house, I don't like airport or restaurant food very much, and I don't really care if I ever get on a jet again."

### WORD on the street

### Q: What is your opinion on the public smoking bans?

<1> "Regarding the clubs and bars, I disagreed before but then I started going there and I liked the idea about it. The clubs and bars would put the patio where you could smoke outside and the dancing and drinking inside is bad with all the smoke around, [even though I smoke]."

#### Julia Kolakova

Second year Graduate Student Public Policy

\*I haven't heard much about them, I don't pay attention. I don't smoke."

### Scott Rishell

Second year Mechanical Engineering

<3> "I think that smokers should be courteous to other individuals but at the same time people do have a right to smoke. And while it is kind of a dirty habit, it's everybody's right to smoke. Infringing on other people's rights at other's expenses is an important issue to look at both sides of because a lot of people don't like smoking but a lot of people do like smoking."

### Chris Smerz

Fifth year Computer Engineering

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<4> "I don't like it, I think it's bad."

**Lindsey Thompson** Second year Photography

<5> "I think that some places they need to have a smoking ban, but places like bars and tobacco shops and stuff like that, you can't tell people what to do in their own business."

### Nick Vuno

Third year Computer Engineering

"I think that if people want to smoke they shouldn't affect other people who are around them. If you're with other people and they don't want you to smoke, then you shouldn't smoke."

### Mark Mossa

Fourth year Mechanical Engineering Technology "I kind of like that you can't smoke in public places now. I understand that smokers need a place to smoke, but if it's around windows and close to our dorms the smoke gets in there and we still smell it. I don't like secondhand smoke like most other people."

### **Nathan Liebold** First year Film and Animation

"I like the smoking ban because I don't like the smell of smoke. But, no one follows the rule that you have to stand 50 feet away from a building and smoke and I don't like that. Everyday I come out of the College of Business and have to walk through a cloud of smoke."

### **Dan Territo** First year Business

"I'm very against the New York State smoking ban, even though I'm not a smoker and don't plan to be. It is taking away citizen's rights to make that decision for themselves, and there are other ways to reduce smoke in restaurants."

**Scott Urban** Second year Industrial Design

"As far as the state law, I think that's a good idea because I don't enjoy having people smoke around me while I'm trying to eat. As far as RIT's part in it, I wish they'd take it one step further and designate smoking zones, because I think its ridiculous to have to walk down the Quarter-mile and have smoke blowing in your face, or have people standing underneath open windows and smoking."

### Zack Panitzke

First year Information Technology

"Smoking is a personal preference, but this preference should not effect the lives of others."

### **Meng Jiang** Third year Computer Engineering













constituents, namely the students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and parents. This constant flow of communication and awareness among those connected to RIT works to foster a sense of community and understanding. Information and Technology Services' (ITS) creation of the new unified Events Calendar on RIT's homepage, the Office of the President's website, and Ask the President www.rit.edu/president are just a few examples working to achieve these intangible goals. His external work involves public relations and finding ways to bring RIT into a positive light with the media. "It's important to have strong communications so that people will understand what's happening, that they feel they're involved with the process, so it's not just top-down management," Finnerty explained.

Alongside Finnerty's work in public relations is his ongoing passion for journalism. Having

# Bob Finnerty

#### by John-Michael Stern photograph by Rebecca Lanthorne

From his firm yet warm handshake to the way his eves eagerly wander to greet people in the hallways, Finnerty carries himself with a down-to-earth sincerity and an easy-going politeness. His roomy office, complete with a desk fraught with paperwork, as well as his framed news article written about September 11 hanging proudly on the wall, reflects his personality: a thirst for journalism with a knack for organization. "I'm all about, whether it's in journalism or public relations, being honest and having integrity," Finnerty said. "I think that the bottom line is show the truth, and the truth will prevail." He went on to explain that he feels that this pursuit is the biggest message a writer can make. By utilizing these honest tactics, journalists "will gain people's respect, and gain credibility." Finnerty's easygoing style also carries over into his family life, where he is married with three children, ages eleven, seven, and four. In his spare time, he enjoys baseball, basketball, football, and anything to do with the outdoors.

As Chief Communications Officer, Finnerty wears two hats—internal and external.

His internal work involves connecting the dots between the university and its

served twelve years as reporter and editor for the *Democrat and Chronicle*, Finnerty now heads the University News Services, *The University Magazine*, and *News and Events*. He also works on the advisory board for *Reporter*. "I always consider myself as a journalist first, because I think you do public relations better if you think like a journalist," Finnerty said.

With the license of journalism comes the issue of how far freedom of speech and press should go. The publics poses the question, "Where do we draw the line?" On January 17, 2003, Finnerty addressed the Student Government on Dr. Simone's behalf: "As far as publications and your concerns with campus limits to freedom of speech, Simone does not view the issue as a freedom of speech issue. He views it as a community standards issue. He has seen things in the Vagina Monologues and Gracie's Dinnertime Theater that do not portray RIT in a positive manner." Finnerty believes that active dialogue is essential to the growth of the community. "It's really about getting a pulse of the community, trying to stay connected, and working through all the issues," he said.

Finnerty hopes that working with the myRIT Portal, *University News*, and the *Ask* the *President* website will give students the

opportunity to feel free to ask questions of the administration and submit their opinions. "This is an open university, and there should be some place to turn for dialogue," Finnerty said. He was particularly impressed with the war protest that occurred earlier this year, which involved a peaceful demonstration of students camping out on campus to make a stand for their anti-war sentiment. Finnerty also took note of the equally-present diplomatic Pro-Bush outcry. "I think it was done in a very respectful way on both sides, and it was done in taste," Finnerty commented. "I think that's the model that Dr. Simone would be looking for."

Finnerty sees a lot of momentum for RIT, mentioning with enthusiasm how the school has evolved over the past twenty years. For instance, while RIT was once a more regional school, 50 percent of undergraduates now come from out of state. "I think RIT is doing the right thing by moving to a more diverse campus in the student body and in the faculty," Finnerty said. "It's not just race; it's also gender, and diversity of thinking, and geographical diversity. All this plays into learning more and being able to navigate an increasingly diverse world."

In addition to the student diversity, Finnerty praises the branching out of the campus and its cultivation into student life. "When I tell alumni what's happening on campus today, from having Java Wally's to having the Student Alumni Union, ESPN Sportszone, the fraternities and sororities, and the landscaping that is taking place, they are envious and wish that they were at RIT today," he said. "The university has spent a lot of money to warm up the campus, making it more of a university. I think you're starting to really see that now. I think it's becoming a more dynamic place as you go along. When the field house is complete in spring of 2004, it will be one more piece of the equation. RIT is always thinking ahead, and that's the beauty of this place." .

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### SPORTS

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS FINISHES THIRD IN EMPIRE EIGHT TOURNEY

Jessie Morgan blocks a spike during Wednesday's afternoon practice. Michael Sperling/REPORTER Magazine

#### Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team wrapped up their season as they took part in the annual Empire Eight Tournament and came back with a third place finish.

In the first round, the Tigers cruised past Alfred 8-1. Sara Kula, Jenn Hume, Lindsey Brady, Aimee Holmberg, and Mehak Sujan all were victorious in singles play.

The Tigers also swept doubles play with the combinations of Kula and Brady, **Carlie Schubert** and Hume, and **Laura Fik** and **Michelle Nicholson**.

In the second round, Ithaca knocked off RIT 6-3. Kula and Hume were the only Tigers able to get singles wins and the doubles combination of Kula and Brady was the only doubles pair that came out on top.

In the final match, RIT defeated Elmira 6-2. Kula, Hume, Brady, Holmberg, and Sujan were all victorious in singles while the doubles pairs of Kula and Brady and Fik and Nicholson were also winners on the day.

#### Women's Soccer

The RIT women's soccer team followed up a disappointing four game losing streak with a solid performance this week. The team picked up two wins, both against Empire Eight competition.

On October 11, the Tigers took on Utica at home and were victorious by the score of 2-0. **Brooke Thompson** gave RIT the lead, scoring on a direct kick early in the game. **Mallory Frost** added another goal for the Tigers in the second half, sealing the victory for RIT. **Carrie Yehle** made five saves on the day to record the shutout.

On October 15, RIT picked up another huge league victory

with a win over local rival St. John Fisher. **Emily Stecher** scored on a penalty kick in the seventy-eighth minute to give RIT the much-needed win. Yehle had to make only two saves to record another shutout.

The team is currently 8-5-0 overall and 3-3-0 in the league. The two victories this week kept the Tigers in the race to earn a bid into the Empire Eight Tournament. The team takes to the road this week for two non-conference games at Wells and at Roberts Wesleyan under the lights on Wednesday.

#### Men's Soccer

The tough luck of the men's soccer team continued this week as they dropped two more games against Empire Eight competition, extending their winless streak to six (0-5-1).

On October 11, the Tigers traveled to Elmira and outshot the Soaring Eagles 16-4, but came out on the short end by the score of 1-0. RIT net-minder, **Matt Klosner**, faced only two shots on net and made one save.

On October 15, the Tigers battled tough weather conditions along with a tough local rival in St. John Fisher. Despite outshooting Fisher 22-11, the Tigers still came out on the short end by the score of 3-1. Trae Lower broke up the shutout late in the game by scoring an unassisted goal.

The 5-8-1 Tigers take on Fredonia this weekend at home in a non-conference match up.

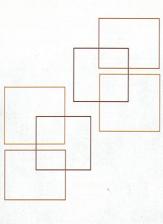
#### Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had a light schedule last week, playing only one match against Nazareth.

The result was disappointing for the Tigers as they were







JJ Wagner goes airborne for the ball against his opponent Bob King, #7, of St. John Fisher. Chris Zajac/REPORTER Magazine

dropped in four games (33-31, 20-30, 17-30, 25-30). Chris Anabel led RIT with ten kills and ten assists while Bonnie Harriman had eleven kills. Dani Fisher had six kills and six blocks while Sarah Ballard tallied 33 assists and eight digs.

The team is currently 13-10 overall and plays at the Empire Eight Cross-Over this week and then at Buffalo State next weekend.

#### **Cross Country**

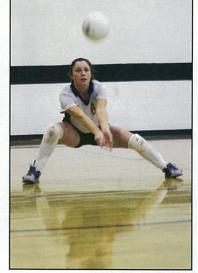
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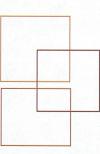
The men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Canton on October 11 for a meet at St. Lawrence.

The lady Tiger's 69 points in the meet placed them third behind St. Lawrence and Ottawa University, but ahead of Clarkson. **Heidi Spalholz** led the Tiger finishers in second place, behind only an unattached runner. Spalholz' time of 18: 57 broke the previous collegiate course record by 23 seconds. Other Tiger finishers included **Trisha Sliker** (11th; 20:24), **Jessica Vastola** (19th; 21:16), **Megan MacNeil** (22nd; 21:38), **Lisa Curtin** (26th; 22:28), **Sarah Paul** (27th; 22:40), and **Julie Morganti** (34th; 23:48).

The men's team showed their metal as they won the meet over fifteenth-ranked St. Lawrence and Clarkson. The Tigers had seven of the first ten finishers in the race. RIT's **Jeff Abbott** won the race in a time of 26:31 followed by **Adam Cross** (3rd; 27:17), **Jon Booth** (5th; 27:29), **Ryan Pancoast** (6th; 27:38), **Curtis Howard** (7th; 27:39), **Jesse Williamson** (8th; 27:42), and **Nate Lowe** (10th; 28:02).

Both teams travel to the New York's Capital District this weekend to take part in the Union College Invitational.•





Sarah Ballard. Michael Sperling/ REPORTER Magazine

### HJeff Abbott - Men's Cross Country

As a senior co-captain of the men's cross country team, Jeff Abbott is having an outstanding season. Abbott was named RIT's male athlete of the week on October 7 after helping his team to a second place finish in the Geneseo Invitational. His eighth place finish was RIT's best. Abbott battled poor weather conditions to post a career best time of 26:39 on the eightkilometer course. The following week, Abbott finished in first place as RIT defeated Clarkson and also shocked highly ranked St. Lawrence. Abbott's winning time in that race was 26:31.

### HJennifer Hume - Women's Tennis

Sophomore NTID student Jennifer Hume had an amazing season playing in the third singles spot for the women's tennis team. Hume finished the season with an 11-3 singles record, which includes three victories in the Empire Eight tournament. Hume was also one of six Tigers to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Northeast Regional Championships. Hume was named RIT's female athlete of the week on October 7.

### 🔆 Sarah Ballard - Women's Volleyball

Junior setter Sarah Ballard has been nothing but solid for RIT's women's volleyball team. She is currently second on the team in digs with 266 total and third on the team in blocks with 25. She has also set the ball for her teammates 738 times and racked up 226 assists. Recently, Ballard had 33 assists in a losing effort against Nazareth and 33 assists and 14 digs in a win over Alfred University. Last season, Ballard was a GTE Academic All-American and made the first All-Tournament team at the NYSWCAA tournament.•



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RIT's Steven Rygiel, #13, goes up for a header against St. John Fisher's #11, Dan Roser. Despite their best efforts, RIT lost 3-1. Chris Zajac/REPORTER Magazine

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### **RIT Men's Roller Hockey:**

### **Skating into a New Season**

As the RIT men's ice hockey team is getting ready to start their season in the next few weeks, there is also another hockey team gearing up for a new season here at RIT. The Men's roller hockey is preparing to begin another successful season of intense roller hockey. Last season, the Tiger's found themselves finishing in first place in Division I of the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (ECRHA), and coming in third in the National Tournament. This season, the Tigers have two teams competing in the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association. The A-team will be playing in Division I of the league, while the B-team will be playing in the B-Division of the league.

"I am looking forward to winning and becoming one of the top roller hockey teams in the Nation," said first-year Criminal Justice major Josh Stein. Stein experienced great success playing for the Mission Snipers out of New York City, before he came to RIT, and hopes to carry on his success here at RIT. "I want to learn what it takes to become a successful collegiate roller hockey team," said Stein.

The A-team at RIT has some of the best roller hockey players that RIT has to offer. The A-team is led by Captain John Nowak and assistant captains Tony Kukla, and Mike Leers. "Our Captains help in providing experience, dedication, and unmatched leadership skills," said Stein. Along with second year standouts Tim Dion, on defense, and P.J. Santoro on offense, the Tigers should have no problem executing a successful season. "We have strong leadership this year. These guys eat and breathe hockey. Some of them even spell it," said Dion. "We are not just a bunch of individuals; we have good chemistry, and work hard," stated Stein.

First year players Stein and Pat Gresecke will also provide the team with strong play and hard work. "I feel the team is coming together this year, and the rookies will prevail," said Dion. In net, Keith Kreme will provide the Tigers with strong goaltending, and consistent play. Nowak would also like to see "consistent improvement, and an ECRHA title." With these strong qualities, and dedication the RIT Roller Hockey A-team posses, they should look forward to a fun, and successful season.

The B-Team is lead by Captain Craig Stephans who is a fourthyear Computer Science major from Ontario, NY, and assistant captains Todd Vallencour and Tim Trapp. "I enjoy playing for a well respected roller hockey team. Other teams always come with their best game when they're up against RIT. So you always get a good, competitive game. You have to earn every win," said Stephans. First-year Business Management major Mike Kuzan is "excited and ready" for the upcoming season. "When I saw RIT had a great roller hockey program, I knew I wanted to be part of the team," said Kuzan. The B-team, like the A-team has a strong bond both on and off the rink. Stephans "likes the fact we all get along and we can hang out as a team." As the season progresses Captain Stephans has some team goals. "We need to learn to play successful together as a team, and play to our full potential. I would also like to see, the team and players improving throughout the season. Also a trip to nationals in Anaheim, California would be nice," said Stephans. Like the A-team, the RIT roller hockey B-team is excited and ready for a successful season.

During the weekend of October 11-12, both the A-team and B-team traveled to Philadelphia, PA to compete in a preseason exhibition tournament. The A-team finished 1-1-1, with a win against Binghamton, a loss against Suffolk, and a tie against Delaware. The B-team finished 1-2, with a win against James Madison University, and losses against Penn St. and University of Buffalo.

On October 18-19, both the A-team and B-team traveled to Pittsburgh, PA to play their first regular season games against some of the top Roller Hockey Colleges the North East has to offer. The season will then continue in March, finally leading to Anaheim, California in April for the national tournament if the teams qualify.

RIT roller hockey allows their players to gain the ability to make and build new friendships. "It's awesome to have a bunch of guys you can share great experiences with consistently, either here at practices, or on the road at games," said Kuzan.

Throughout the season, RIT roller hockey hopes to achieve its goals and have a successful season. "Our goal is to reach Anaheim for nationals in April, and if we work hard we should be able to accomplish it," said Kuzan. • SPORTS

### **Freshman Marvel** Speeds Past the Competition

### **PLAYER PROFILE: Mallory Frost**

by Amir Figueroa photograph by Johanna Miller

If you don't think you can play with everybody you can't and won't be able to. That's the bottom line. Player's with this mindset stand out among the rest, and this fall season it's all about freshman marvel, Mallory Frost. Representing Barre, VT, Frost has been shoved into the spotlight and is handling the pressure superbly. Although she is receiving much acclaim and praise, she is extremely humble and knows that she is only a fraction of the Lady Tigers.

Friday evenning, as she lightly stretched before practice, she threw a smile across the assorted soccer balls, nets and bags right in front of Head Coach Natalie and myself. Being the only player on the team that has a Friday night class, Frost completed her stretch and quickly got on the field. As Coach Natalie had his eye on Frost he clearly articulated that, "Frost is referred to as the key to the team. She wields a ton of potential but tactically she is behind." As my left eardrum receives this message my hand is fidgeting on my small notepad while my eyes are averted as Frost zips right past the sidelines with noticeably incredible speed. Assistant Coach Dan Shoniker, who is in his seventh year, along with Natalie, sifted through the library of his mind and read to me an interesting fact. "Mallory is the fastest player women's soccer player that I have seen in seven years coaching. She is an impact player who can't be knocked of the ball, for the simple fact that she is just so strong," he said.

Mallory may have unmatchable speed, but every superwoman has a weakness. Weaknesses are only temporary, however, and since the beginning of the season she has continued to work to hone her skills with and without the ball. "The talent and potential is there. All she needs is to play more games at the intercollegiate level. It's been most difficult for me this year because of a new rule, which states that once a player is taken out of the game they cannot return for that half. I have to really think long and hard about how much time each player gets," Natalie said.

With her great speed and ability to score with either leg, a rarity among freshman soccer players, Frost has compiled five goals and three assists over the thirteen games that the Lady Tigers have played.

With sixteen freshmen on the Women's Soccer Team, six who start on defense, the Lady Tigers have great leadership among their three captains Moet De La Torre, Melanie Lowe, and Nicole Paga. "The captains have been great in terms of having the team spending time together not only on the field but off the field," Frost explained to me as her short, cold Friday practice was almost over.

Being optimistic of her future here at RIT, Frost has set a few goals for herself this year. "What I really hoped for this year was to get a lot of playing time and adjust to the college level of play. I don't have a lot of fancy footwork, so my speed complements my lack thereof. It's just so awesome being a part of this team. We know we're awesome."

Despite the ups and downs that make up Frost's season, the past two games she has been playing superbly. Their patented 3-4-3 formation allows Frost to be isolated where she can use her speed and put the Lady Tigers on the offense whether they are down or leading during game play. Also, this is the first year that the Lady Tigers have been using a zone defense. They're getting used to it but they're all about defense. "We're a great defensive team. We only lose if we get caught up in a defensive shell and we don't fall back quick enough to stop our opponents from scoring," says Coach Natalie regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the Lady Tigers.

The RIT Women's Soccer Team has great competition. They face regionally and nationally ranked teams who cringe at the speed of Frost. Shoniker chuckled when he told me, "It's all in her first step. One minute she's right beside you, the next she's five yards away from you and then she's gone." When she's gone it's just her and the opposing goalie one-on-one where Frost excels best, and that's scoring with either leg, making her threateningly unpredictable to the goalkeeper.

With the Lady Tigers carrying an outstanding 8-5-0 record, the Empire Eight tournament is still anyone's game. One deciding factor in whether or not the Lady Tigers will have a bid to the State Tournament is if Elmira defeats Utica.

Though Frost stands out among the rest, Coach Natalie couldn't keep from referring to the Lady Tigers as a whole. With great leadership to direct this talented group of women the RIT Women's Soccer Team is state caliber. With players such as Frost leading the charge, the state tournament is within their grasp.



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Talisman Movie Cannes & Sundance Film Festival: Confidence & Sweet Sixteen, Ingle Aud. 8pm

RHA Pumpkin Carving, Grace Watson Lobby, 11am-3pm

Rocky Horror Picture Show & Costume Contest,

Webb Aud. 8pm-12am

### Saturday, October 25th

Men's Soccer vs. Fredonia, 12pm

🖌 Make a Difference Day at Hillside Liberty Hills Farm, 10am-3pm

CAB presents: Nappy Roots & Beatnuts, Clark Gym, 8pm

### Wednesday, October 29th

📽 Women's Soccer vs. Roberts Wesleyan, 7:30pm

### Thursday, October 30th

Grecian Jam, Ritz Cafe, 9pm-1am Forensic Science Club presents: CSI Night, 9pm, Bldg. 8-A300

### Friday, October 31st

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Men's Hockey vs. St. Norbert, 7pm

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