

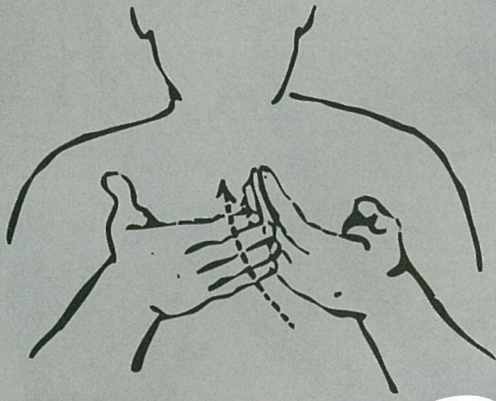
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The View From the Left

It is interesting that when I'm filling out a survey or questionnaire I am always asked my ethnicity and gender. These are obvious questions to have on questionnaires since they contribute to a slew of statistical information that somehow benefits society. The interesting part is that I am never asked which hand I use to answer each question.

Modern society is far more tolerant than the society of our grandparents, and as far as I am aware, children are no longer discouraged from favoring their left hand when they are developing motor skills. What was once discouraged is now simply ignored. One's handedness is an important statistic that should be considered along with gender and race.

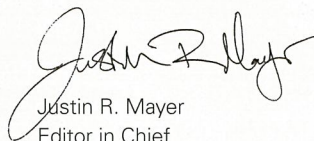
To many lefties, most of the world is backwards. It goes beyond scissors; minor things in our everyday lives favor the right-handed person in ways that only the lefty will recognize. For example the average school desk in most of the classrooms on campus favors right-handed people. Try taking a test without enough desk space to rest your arm upon.

The problem is the average right-handed person sees the subject of hand dominance as trivial. Even this editorial may sound silly to some people who read it.

But take the reality of the left-handed person and apply it to another issue—race, sexual preference, religion, physical ability, etc.—and consider what it is like to be metaphorically left-handed in a right-handed world. There are even larger things in our everyday lives that may favor us but not a different group of people, and sometimes only that other group will recognize the differences.

The next time you are wondering what it is like to be in another person's shoes, think of the time in elementary school when you got stuck with the left-handed scissors, or if you're left-handed think of the last time you tried to use normal scissors. It can get very frustrating. That is not to say that being that other person is frustrating, but being that other person and being surrounded by people who do not act considerately towards you is frustrating.

I suppose the left-handed analogy I used is a touch ironic since the left hand has its own cultural connotations that we may not always consider. But that is just an additional example of the idea that what feels normal to some is completely backwards to others.



Justin R. Mayer
Editor in Chief

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Feminism Conference Held at RIT

by Kunal Sharma

"Feminism in all its manifestations is one of the most important academic theories of the past 30 years," said Diane S. Hope, addressing those attending the conference, "Feminist Discourse: Theories, Practices and Challenges." In her opening remarks, Hope, who is the William A. Kern Professor in Communications at RIT and editor of *Women's Studies Quarterly*, spoke about the emergence and the importance of feminism in the fields of social sciences, arts, politics, humanities and technology. "The practices of feminism have changed almost all disciplines and affected political life, social life and community life. The disparity between the numbers of women and men at RIT indicate that women need all the information they can get—a conference is one way to do it."

The conference, hosted by The William A. Kern Communication Conference in cooperation with *Women's Studies Quarterly* and *The Feminist Press*, took place in RIT's Student Alumni Union on November 7. The two day event saw a congregation of speakers, theorists, researchers, educators, scholars and students come together at the SAU to discuss the impact of Feminist Discourses on the social, cultural and other areas.

The daylong event opened for the first session at 9:00 a.m. with two panels speaking on "Women as History" and "Women in the Arts." The three sessions offered saw speakers and moderators from SUNY Brockport, University of Rochester, University of Alabama and RIT present talks and presentations. The second session began 10:30 a.m., where one panel discussed the "Theory and challenges in Science and Society."

Mari Boor Tonn of the University of Maryland, and member of Women's Studies Quarterly Editorial Board, presented the inspiring keynote address, "Fighting Feminism: Exploring Triumphs and Obstacles in Feminist Politics and Scholarship" at 1:00 p.m.

In the presentation, Tonn spoke about the triumphs in feminist politics and scholarships. "Sometimes I think we are remiss about reminding ourselves and subsequent generations of the enormous progress occasioned by feminist fighters

of various stripes," said Tonn. "And I always feel this omission more acutely when I have a student make a statement to the effect that 'Nothing has really changed much for women over the years! Whether it be garden-variety cynicism currently in vogue, a lack of historical knowledge, or, more likely, a mix of both, such a comment is by no means peculiar to some young female students, to be sure."

Tonn further commented on the importance of education in a woman's life and the increasing percentages of women in graduate programs across the country. She ended the speech by saying, "Patriarchy is still alive and remains powerful. But, as our foremothers in both the first and second waves of feminist movements bravely taught us, sisterhood can be powerful as well. And it can be powerful still, if we continue to have the courage, the focus, and the commitment to let it."

The conference resumed after lunch with the third session: Feminism, Communication and Learning. The panel discussed 'Feminist Practices: Public Policy, Evaluation and Publishing', and, 'Challenges: Teaching Women's Studies'. All the presenters and attendees participated in a Round Table, held to assess the conference.

At 5:00 p.m., President Albert J. Simone gave the final presentation. In his closing remarks, he said, "we are at RIT; a student body of 15,500, and one third of those students are women. I believe it's a good number, considering that we are an Institute of engineering and computer science, but we need more women who are majoring in science, engineering and technology. The United States needs you in these fields, and I hope this point was emphasized here today."

He also spoke of how vital this type of conference is to RIT. "I think a conference like this is important to the women students who represent a third of the population of RIT. They are so important to the life of the campus and to the future of the country."

The day after the conference, a group traveled to the Women's National Hall of Fame at Seneca Falls, where feminist fighters such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and others began their battles for female equality. •

CrimeWatch

compiled by Justin Mayer

November 12 – Booth Building Petit Larceny

A staff member reported that his personal drill was stolen from his office. The staff member claimed that he always keeps his office secured while he is away. All persons holding keys to the office were interviewed however no leads were developed.

November 13 – Fish Hall Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

A resident reported an odor of marijuana coming from a dorm room. A student answered the door and consented to a room search. The search resulted in the confiscation of 1.75 ounces of marijuana, a paintball gun, bong, 27 empty cartridges of nitrous oxide, and various other paraphernalia.

November 16 – D Lot Auto Stripping

An unknown person smashed the rear driver's side window of a non-member's Ford Expedition and removed a book bag. No other vehicles in the lot were damaged. The car-owner's purse was in plain sight but was not taken.

November 16 – Ellingson Hall Dispute

Two male residents of Ellingson Hall were involved in a physical altercation, including pushing and shoving, due to ongoing issues related to living together. Neither party sustained any injuries and medical attention was declined. One student was argumentative and he was in possession of alcohol and marijuana. He was allowed to leave to take a final exam and was moved the RIT Inn for emergency housing.

November 18 – Ellingson Hall Disorderly Conduct

A student became irate when he learned that a former student was not at home and he would not be able to retrieve his property. The student had been recently removed from his room because he was involved in an incident involving alcohol and drugs. The student directed profanities at officers and refused to show identification. The student agreed to set up an appointment with his RA and was escorted back to his room at the RIT Inn.

November 18 – J Lot Auto Stripping, Petit Larceny

A student's Ford Escort wagon was broken into and a laptop computer and automatic pistol were removed. The vehicle owner stated he had moved out of his apartment and was leaving the area after his exam which is why he had the weapon packed in his car. Monroe County Sheriff's Office responded. No suspects.

November 19 – Kate Gleason Hall Harrassment

Two roommates had a conflict over online diary entries. One roommate gave the other permission to read her diary. A recent entry threatened to kill the roommate and the roommate read it. The threatened roommate was to be relocated after break.

November 19 – University Commons Grand Larceny

A student reported that someone entered his unlocked apartment and took three credit cards. Purchases were made at Banana Republic and the Regal Henrietta Theater. The student reported that his bedroom door is never locked and the main door to his apartment is often unlocked as well.

November 19 – Baker E Weapon Possession

A student was observed in a window of the dorms with nunchakus. The student made them and was practicing martial arts. The item was confiscated and a room search conducted resulted in negative additional findings.

November 21 – Ellingson Hall Weapon Possession

An RA and CEC conducting a room inspection observed a hunting knife and shotgun shells in plain view. Officers also observed an exit sign and a blow dart gun, all of which were confiscated. The door lock was changed pending the return of the student and a complete search of the room for further weapons.

The Week Submit your events to reporter@rit.edu

12/05 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.
RIT Scale Speed Team Race Day
 SAU Cafeteria. Free.

Various Times Through 12/11

Beast on the Moon

1510 Lab Theater. LBJ Building. Presented in a mix of ASL and English. See www.rit.edu/~423www/beast.html for information.

12/06 10 p.m. – 12 a.m.
SkateFest 2003

Skating party at Ritter Ice Rink. Open to all RIT faculty, staff and students. Admission is free and skate rental is free with donation of a canned good or other non-perishable food item for FoodLink. Rental without donation: \$3.

12/08 Various Times
ITS Technology Seminar

Begins and follows through 12/11. Visit www.rit.edu/~wwwwits/ for more information. Complete schedule included in this week's feature story.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Auditions for House of Frankenstein

Panara Theater. Visit www.rit.edu/~423www/auditions.html for more information.

12/09 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
NTID/New York State Department of Labor Job Fair

LBJ Building, first floor. All deaf and hard-of-hearing job seekers are invited to attend.

12/10 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Special "Meet The Authors" at RIT Library

Staff of Student Health Center will be discussing their book *Student Health Center Cooks*. Purchase copies and enjoy samples. Free.

12/11 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Practical Information Sessions: "Buying or Leasing a Car"

Wallace Library. Presented by Tom Camp Sr. of Dorschel Automotive. Free.

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Gannett Lecture Series

"Rethinking the Juvenile Death Penalty: The Case of Kansas Charley." Webb Auditorium. Free.

12/12 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Gosnell Lecture Series: "Nature and the Marketplace"

Carlson Auditorium. Presented by Dr. Geoffrey Heal, the Paul Garrett Professor of Public Policy and Business Responsibility at Columbia University. Reception to follow. Free.

6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Karaoke Contest

SAU Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Taiwanese Student Association, Chinese Student Association, and Asian Cultural Society. Choice of Chinese or English songs. Chinese food and drinks will be available. \$2 for contestants and audience members.

Eastman Kodak Quad Dedicated

Right: Only a few days before the official dedication of the Eastman Quad, workers lift the arch onto the pillars at the top of the stairs.

Chris Zajac/ REPORTER Magazine

Below: On Friday, November 14, the dedication of the Kodak Quad took place. Members of the RIT community, along with Kodak staff, watched as the Kodak Arch was unveiled for the first time. Johanna Miller/REPORTER Magazine.



Brick Beat compiled by Adam Kreidman

RIT Criminal Justice Department Welcomes New Chair

Thomas Castellano, who previously worked at Southern Illinois University for almost twenty years, recently joined the RIT community as the new chair of the criminal justice department in the College of Liberal Arts. Castellano is currently involved in research regarding the efficiency of super-maximum security prisons, evaluating the changes in levels of prison violence that Illinois has experienced. Illinois is one of the few states that has a super-maximum security prison. Castellano supports a movement that proposes restorative justice rather than the retributive system our country currently has in place. The restorative justice system would allow those who are affected by a crime to determine the extent of the damage done, the source of it, and how to remedy the problem. "Crime is best addressed at the community level with government supporting and guiding local citizens in their attempts to promote safe, secure communities, through community policing, drug courts and community corrections," said Castellano.

Free Master's Degree for NTID Participants in New Program

The Professional Fellowship Program of NTID is offering deaf or hard-of-hearing college graduates with a bachelor's degree the opportunity to apply for a free master's degree in a professional or technical field. Those who are accepted into the program will receive a full tuition waiver, free on-campus housing, and a \$15,000 annual stipend as compensation for a career-related, part-time job. Applicants must be United States citizens and accepted into a master's degree program at RIT to be eligible. To apply, contact the NTID Office of Outreach and Transition Services at 585-475-2087 or ambnes@rit.edu. Applications for admission for fall 2004 must be submitted by February 15, 2004.

Nanotechnology Education at RIT Breaks New Ground

RIT is one of a select few universities in the United States that is presently creating coursework to train students in the field of nanotechnology. The National Science Foundation recently awarded RIT a \$100,000 grant to create a new interdisciplinary concentration to evaluate the possible impact of nanotechnology on society. "We're trying to avoid the hype. We want students to understand the technology and what it could do and what it might do," said Paul Petersen, special assistant to the Provost and project leader. Petersen, along with Diane Hope, the William A. Kern Professor in Communications, and Wade Robison, the Ezra A. Hale Chair in Applied Ethics, are developing three freshman/sophomore-level classes focusing on nano-technological issues. These classes will be open to 25 students during the first year, and 125 during the second year. Provost Stanley McKenzie said, "This ground-breaking course sequence will put RIT at the forefront of colleges and universities exploring the social and ethical implications of nanotechnology, along with the underlying science and technology."

Lenore Blum to Speak on Women and the Culture of Computing

Lenore Blum, Distinguished Career Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University, will be the featured speaker at the latest Dean's Lecture Series, sponsored by the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. Blum's talk, "Transforming the Culture of Computing: Women in CS," will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 5, at the Golisano College Auditorium, with a reception following. Blum became a member of the faculty of Carnegie Mellon University's School of Computer Science in 1999. She serves as the faculty advisor to Women@SCS at CMU, and is the co-director of ALADDIN, a center for algorithm, adaptation, dissemination and integration. •

HistoRIT by Jeff Prystajko

Get your current events elsewhere.

Elvis lives!

But nobody cares. It seems a little less conversation and a little more action was a little too much for conservative 50s rockers a half-century ago. A 1956 nationwide survey discovered that 54 percent of men and 46 percent of women did not enjoy listening to Elvis Presley's music. One widespread criticism observed was that for many of those who did enjoy listening to the King of Rock n' Roll, they "can't stand watching him." The worst prediction, however, was voiced by an RIT student: "Presley is a fad; he won't last long." Just think, we're saying the same thing about Britney Spears now...

You don't miss it until it's gone.

The energy crisis that began plaguing the country in 1973 affected the lives of everyone, including RIT students. As the bitter wintry weather set in, dorm residents and classroom occupants were confronted with cold, dimly-lit rooms as heat was turned down and lights were shut off to conserve fuel and electricity. For those who lived far from home, spending the

holidays with their families became nearly impossible; flights were canceled and gasoline was rationed. Beyond the dark hallways and an unlit Quarter-mile, however, there was one potential benefit for innovative thinkers – a cash prize of \$150 for the best idea on how to conserve energy on campus.

A college by any other name.

I propose a toast to the College of Liberal Arts, which is celebrating its twenty-first birthday this month—in title, at least. RIT's Board of Trustees approved the change in 1982, thereby eliminating the old designation, the "College of General Studies." The goal of the transition was to both clarify the college's purpose to the community, as well as procure additional outside funding that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. One begs the question, however – after two decades with an acronym like "COLA," why are there still no corporate soft-drink sponsorships? •



From left, Matt Pacer a third year Applied Networking, with Tayeb Karim and Jason Flynn at the keyboard, both second year Computer Science majors, work on their programs. Each team was given eight different problems and had five hours to create a solution.

RIT Hosts Regional Finals of Major Programming Contest

by Pat Villacin
photograph by Chris Zajac

On November 8, RIT was host to one of the most challenging events in computer programming today: the regional finals of the 2003 ACM Northeast North America Programming Contest. The contest gives college students the opportunity to hone and demonstrate their problem-solving, programming, and teamwork skills. It also allows them to interact with students from other universities, while providing a platform for ACM (Association for Computing Machinery), the computing industry, and academia to encourage and focus on the next generation of computing professionals.

The annual event, which began in 1970, is sponsored by IBM and is organized by ACM, which is the world's oldest and largest educational and scientific computing society. Its members are comprised of computing professionals and students from over 100 countries.

Teams, comprised of three students each, came from RIT, MIT, Harvard, University of Rochester, Amherst College, Brown University, and Canadians from McGill University, Saint Mary's University, and Dalhousie University. Overall, there were a total of 16 schools participating in this year's event. Each team is provided with a single computer and a calculator and is given a choice of solving the problems using either Java, C/C++, or Pascal. The premise of the competition is that the team that solves the most problems within the allotted five hour time period wins. If there is a tie, whoever solved the problems the fastest wins.

The event began at 8:30 in the morning with a breakfast served in the main IT conference room on the second floor of the Golisano building. At 9:30 a.m., Professor Paul Tymann of the Computer Science Department officially welcomed the students and teachers from the other universities and introduced the sponsors, judges, and people responsible for organizing the event. Among the RIT judges present were Professors Hans-Peter Bischof, Warren Carithers, Axel Schreiner, and Jim Heliotis. Afterwards, Tymann handed out the rules of the competition and problem sets to the teams. There were a total of eight tasks given to each team, which ranged from the simple to

an arduous problem that could take anywhere between a day or two to even try to accomplish.

Teams ran out of the conference room to go to their assigned computers in flocks. A long and exciting day had begun. The RIT team consisted of third-year student Jason Flynn, second-year student Tayeb Karim, both Computer Science majors, and second-year student Matthew Pacer from the new Applied Networking and Systems Administration program (ANSA). RIT got an early second place lead, closely trailing MIT by two minutes with their first submission. Then RIT took the other teams by surprise as well as the lead by submitting their second solution only 25 minutes later at the elapsed time of one minute, 17 seconds. A team's total time is a culmination of the times for each submission, plus the total time from each previous submission.

A little after noon, lunch boxes were delivered to the members of each team, but the programming continued at a rapid pace. While one member was busy trying to eat as fast as humanly possible, another one would continue to work at a problem on the team's computer, while yet a third would be working on a solution for the next task. By this time, MIT had taken over the lead again with Harvard cutting a close second and RIT dropping to third. MIT and Harvard would remain in the lead, taking turns at the top spot, submitting solutions neck and neck until the end. MIT finally emerged as the victor, winning the contest with a total of six problems solved and a total time of 18 hours 52 minutes (time accumulates based on each attempted submission). They will advance to the 2004 World Finals in Prague, Czech Republic, on March 28 to compete against the winners from the other ACM regions around the world.

RIT's team was a little disappointed afterwards but still glad they had had a chance to participate in the contest. When asked if he would be interested in doing it again next year, Matthew Pacer said, "Yes, definitely!" •

Alternative Holiday Gifts

by **Kate Bloemker**

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me: four Nokias, three gleaming iPods, two DVDs, and an Xbox under the tree.

Something tells me that we've lost the spirit of (insert gift-giving winter holiday here) in recent times. I'm not saying that buying *The Two Towers* on DVD for your Tolkein-loving dad automatically makes you a consumer whore, but the holiday season is a prime opportunity to remind ourselves and others how good it feels to improve the world. Use that opportunity! It's never too early to get a head-start on that holiday good will. Here are a few organizations that offer alternative gifts:

The Heifer Project

"Have a cow, man," is what the Heifer Project says to hungry families around the world. For as little as \$20, you can give a gift of farm animals to a person in a developing country. This gift can be a personal donation, or it can be given in the name of someone else, in which case you are provided with a printable gift card. The Heifer Project's goal is to offer families ways to not only feed themselves, but to be self-reliant. Cows and goats will produce milk, and chickens and ducks will multiply, producing many eggs, which can be consumed or sold to make money to pay for school and better housing.

Price Range: \$20 for a flock of chicks or ducks - \$5000 for a veritable menagerie.

For More Information: www.heifer.org

Seva Foundation

Seva is unique in that instead of providing the same service for everyone, it pinpoints what the needs are in each community it serves. Most of its programs seek to educate people in underdeveloped nations, in the sense of traditional literacy and in other practical ways that make each day a little less of a burden. Other programs provide sanitary needs and medical care, such as restoring sight to a person blinded by cataracts. Gift cards are also available.

Price Range: \$30 to provide literacy training to a remote villager - \$20,000 to provide a fresh water source for an entire community.

For More Information: www.seva.org

Alternative Gifts International

Not sure what type of cause you would like to help? Or do you have an idea but don't know where to look? Try AGI. AGI is a collection of 33 sponsored relief and development projects in the U.S. and abroad. Food, shelter, environmental, and social justice programs are all here, so it is easy to tailor your humanitarian gift to what a particular person is passionate about.

Price Range: \$5 to provide a home birth kit to an expectant mother in Haiti - \$660 to donate a computer to a rural school in India.

For More Information: www.alternativegifts.org

Ten Thousand Villages

Sometimes you just want to buy something tangible, rather than a piece of paper saying that a person in Burundi has been given a goat in your mother's name. That's understandable. A Ten Thousand Villages store is the best place to find a beautiful, unique gift that can be bought with a clear social conscience. All of the soapstone boxes, carved furniture, silver jewelry, and traditional instruments are made by craftspeople around the world who have been paid fair wages rather than the few cents an hour that many artisans are paid in developing nations. Ten Thousand Villages also specializes in fair trade coffee, which is grown and harvested by fairly paid workers. The nonprofit stores are found in cities as large as Chicago and as small as Mishawaka, Indiana. Visit the Ten Thousand Villages website to find the one nearest you.

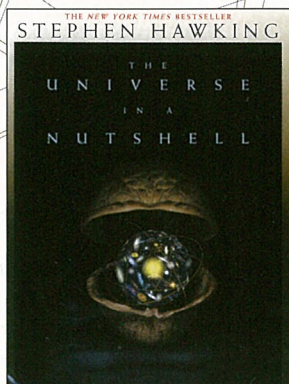
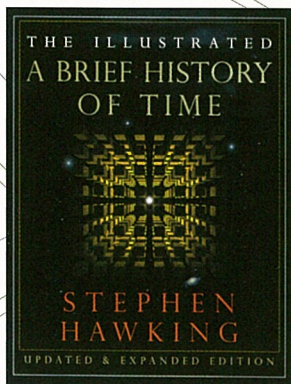
Price Range: Approximately \$2 - \$200.

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On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: five Creole textbooks, four water buffalos, three clucking hens, two midwife trainings, and a clean glass of water.

Peace on Earth and goodwill to all. •





Black Holes, The Universe, and Everything: Reviewing the work of Stephen Hawking

by Elliot Jenner

In 1988, Dr. Stephen Hawking burst onto the popular scene, and the *New York Times* bestseller list, with a book that has since been published in forty languages and sold over nine million copies (roughly half of which have actually been read), called *A Brief History of Time*. Since then, he has gone on to publish many papers and books while continuing to push back the frontiers of science. Read on for reviews of two of his first, iconic book and its sequel, now available in an illustrated, hardcover boxed set.

The Illustrated A Brief History Of Time

Ten years after its original publication, Dr. Hawking returned to *A Brief History of Time*, to update it with the most recent advances in physics and expand it to include topics he had not covered before. He begins with the universe as we see it everyday and then quickly progresses into Relativity and Quantum Mechanics. These “buzz words” may seem scary to many people, but Dr. Hawking is able to explain them quickly and easily. He then follows up with chapters on such popular topics as black holes (new to this edition), the origin of the universe, time travel, and wormholes.

Despite the complexity and downright strangeness of many of the topics being discussed, things never become too technical or difficult to understand. No special classes are needed here; most people in high school would probably have no problem understanding this book, provided they are willing to put in some time and effort. For those who consider themselves “math phobic,” don’t worry, there isn’t a formula in sight. The writing is clear-cut, easily understood, and never descends into jargon throwing.

What really makes this edition shine over other physics books are the illustrations. In many books, readers need to strain their brain just to try and imagine some of the situations being described. Here, nearly every page is graced with pictures and diagrams to help make things easier for the reader to comprehend. While occasionally fanciful, these pictures are a valuable addition to the book, which is much more accessible thanks to their inclusion.

As an introduction to the weirdness that is our world, *The Illustrated A Brief History of Time* is one of the best books available. ★★☆☆

The Universe In A Nutshell

The Universe In A Nutshell is a sequel in the truest sense of the word. It takes what the reader learned in the first volume and expands it, illuminating it in bold new ways. Take note: Those who have not read and understood *A Brief History of Time* (or something comparable) will be lost here.

In most physics books, topics are broken down into many small stages, because the author must assume that the reader has no prior knowledge of the subject. Because it is a sequel, Dr. Hawking aims to provide a unified understanding of whole areas of thought, using the knowledge he imparted in his first book. Topics include “Predicting The Future,” a look into causality and predetermination in modern physics; “Protecting the Past,” a look into the possibility of time travel and its consequences; and the fancifully titled “Our Future? Star Trek or Not?,” a discussion of such things as technological development and faster than light travel.

Dr. Hawking had a bit more freedom to complicate things this time. Unlike in *Brief History*, the occasional formula does rear its head. However, they are always found in sidebars, as a sort of “in case you are interested” kind of thing. They usually accompany the short biographies of famous scientists that appear when their contributions to science are mentioned. Dr. Hawking also had a little more freedom to insert humor. While the jokes usually go over well, some of them get annoyingly overused.

Illustrations once again serve to clarify the difficult concepts of this book. While they are useful in most cases, the publisher has utilized them to attempt to cover up the fundamental flaw that *The Universe In A Nutshell* suffers from: its length. Its content is dwarfed by its older sibling. While all of the topics get full and complete coverage, the actual reading time clocks in at about half as long as *Brief History*. Many of the pages contain less than a quarter of a page of actual text, and, while there are many useful illustrations and diagrams, there is also a lot of space being wasted by unnecessary imagery, such as the little green men that keep showing up as an excuse to shrink the margins. Given that it is roughly the same price as *The Illustrated A Brief History of Time*, many will find themselves thinking that they should have gotten more.

Despite its shortcomings, *The Universe In A Nutshell* is an interesting and informative read. It goes into much more depth than most other popular physics books dare tread, while at the same time remaining intelligible and interesting. ★★☆☆

Wish it was summer playlist ▶▶

David Gray: December
 Dar Williams: Mortal City
 Norah Jones: Cold Cold Heart
 Rufus Wainwright: Shadows
 Ben Folds Five: Fred Jones Part Two
 Coldplay: Shiver
 Counting Crows: Long December

Sheryl Crow: Soak Up the Sun
 Beach Boys: Surfin' USA
 Garth Brooks: Two Pina Colodas
 Paul Simon: Kodachrome
 James Taylor: Mexico
 Jimmy Buffet: Margaritaville
 Beatles: Yellow Submarine

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Best things about coming back from Thanksgiving Break:

- No matter how old they are, the leftovers we brought back with us beat food at Gracie's by a long shot.
- Coming back to snow. Talk about a "Welcome back to Rochester" gift.
- In a couple weeks we get to go home again.
- Finals won't come back for another nine weeks.
- We missed our high-speed Internet connection while we were away. Sad, but true.
- A whole semester of awesome *Reporters* to look forward to.
- Coming back your 'college friends' that you were surprised you missed as much as you did.



From the Archives

Believe it or not, RIT has shut down due to snowfall. This was the scene the week of January 15, 1982. Heavy snowfall paired with wind gusts up to 40 miles per hour shut down the New York State thruway and prompted RIT officials to call a snow day. The sign on this poor student's ride reads "Wish this was yours Dr. Rose" referring to former RIT president Dr. M. Richard Rose.

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by Peter C. Gravelle

Like books? I know I do. I've been a big fan of reading ever since grade school, but I have always sped through any book I've borrowed so quickly that I am very glad I didn't buy it. Now, any given library can only hold my attention for so long, and buying books hasn't gotten any more appealing as I've gotten older. I certainly shouldn't go sneaking around, snatching books from libraries and bookstores. So why not grab other free books?

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Design ★★★★★ While a bit simplistic, the design is functional. The search box is simple to use and easily found.

Content ★★★★★ All the greatest works of history. In one place. I cover before the gods of literature and pray for my life.

Safe For Work ★★★★★ Maybe this is a bit inaccurate of a rating. I mean, Shakespeare did have some rather bawdy bits. So did Moliere and Chaucer, but they're all classics—not dirty books, right?

Not A Fad ★★★★★ For some strange reason, this site is obscure, which it most certainly not appropriate. •



it was funny... Thundercocks comedy group debuts at RIT

photographs by Michael Sperling

Above: Pete Mulroy (left), Lauren Stoeker-Sylvia (center) and Thomas Starkwether act out a sketch about a mother pregnant for 18 years. The Thundercocks were in a comedy showcase at Syracuse University on Saturday, October 15. The showcase featured a number of area colleges.

Right: Tim Hettler, the head of RIT's first sketch comedy group the Thunder Cocks, acts in a sketch about *The Godfather*. This group of seven members had its first performance on Friday, November 14. This free show was one of many planned for this school year.



RIT 3 minute interviews

compiled by Hope Kendrick
and Eileen Baumgartner



Janhavi Vora

Fourth year; Graphic Design

Hometown: Bombay, India

Job: I do work in the ETC design services on campus, and also at the Liberal Arts Building, in the main Dean's office as a Student Assistant.

Ideal Date: (To) have fun and experience what it is like. I've never gone on a date-date actually, you know, because in India it's not like that. You meet somebody you like, you're friends first, and then if you start liking each other then you probably, after a few months, start seeing each other.

The Meaning of Life: To live it fully and experience almost everything. To get the satisfaction out of what you do. Besides what I want to become, I want to try each and every sport activity like scuba diving or bungi-jumping or skiing. I mean, I don't know those things, but I want to do it at least before I go back to my hometown.

Favorite Thing About America: I like how people over here are so carefree, as in they don't care what other people think. They just dress up the way they want, or, you know, just live the way they want. You don't have to just go to school and study and make a career. They take their own time to study. They work, and again do something, like just go biking and then maybe they start working again. I like that they chose an entire life-style and they just work at living that life style.

Favorite Word: Food. Actually, dessert.

Least Favorite Word: Enemy. I want to talk to everybody and be friends with everybody. I don't want a person hating me for some reason. Maybe hatred is my least favorite word.



Miguel Ruddock

Fourth year; Electrical Engineering.

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York, via Jamaica

Extracurricular: I play basketball. I don't really have time that much because of my engineering curriculum, but... my extra curricular activities I can't really state in *Reporter*.

Ideal Date: Hmm... I guess go out to dinner or go see a play or something. A Broadway play or something like that.

The Meaning of Life: To gain understanding.

Favorite Word: Tranquility.

Least Favorite Word: Damn. I don't know. "Broke." That's my least favorite word.

Greatest Ambition: To get my college degree and be successful in not just what I got my degree in, but all my other interests that I have.

If someone were forcing you to get a tattoo where would it be and what would it be of? I don't really like tattoos. I would put it someplace where nobody can really see it. Probably like right here (pointing to inside of his arm) My friend has this tattoo of a...it was like Arabic and it was like "Yo, I control my own destiny." I like that.

Favorite Lucky Charm: I hate that shit.



Melissa Mazur

Second year; Exploration Program/
Leaning towards science/biology.

Hometown: West Hartford, Connecticut

Who is the President of RIT? I know him because I've met him, but I don't remember his name.

The Meaning of Life: Isn't that a movie? Yeah, *Monty Python... Holy Grail*. The meaning of life, it's too big of a question to answer, I think, personally.

Favorite Word: Other than supercalifragilistic xpidocious? There's another one, but I can't think of it right away. Um, yeah, I'll go with that one.

Least Favorite Word: The

Greatest Ambition: To live in Greece, the country. Because, I know there's a city around here called Greece.

If someone were forcing you to get a tattoo where would it be and what would it be of? I actually have a drawing. It's a unicorn type thing, and I'd probably put it down by my ankle.

Tell us a Joke: What do you call a smart blonde?

R: A Brunette?

Melissa: No, a golden retriever.



Will the Real Slim Shady Please Stand Up?

The Dangers of Identity Theft

by Michael Denning



Imagine that someone halfway across the country has your social security number, your bank account numbers, your credit card information, and all your personal data. They aren't pretending to be you, they *are* you. They are clearing money from your bank accounts, drawing loans, mortgages, buying cars, and running up your credit card bill as they commit today's fastest growing crime—identity theft.

But how does this affect *you*, specifically in the college environment? Just ask the twenty million other Americans who have been victimized—your identity is no different to a criminal. Awareness is the key to prevention. Knowing what these criminals do, how they think, and how they use your identity to commit crime will prevent yourself from becoming an easy target.

How does it happen?

There are dozens of ways a thief can obtain your personal information. Stealing your mail, going through your garbage, obtaining your bank and credit card statements are only a few. Our social security numbers are used for nearly everything on RIT's campus, and are written down all the time on documents that get passed on from person to person. It certainly doesn't take a miracle for it to get in the wrong hands somewhere down the line.

Often times, an identity thief will intentionally divert pertinent financial documents, sending them to addresses where victims do not have access to them. Many individuals don't think twice if their credit card statement doesn't arrive on time, or bank statements get lost in the mail. Before you even realize you've become a victim, the thief has probably already used your identity to obtain thousands of dollars.

"Where are the public service announcements?" asked Dr. Sam McQuade, RIT professor of computer crime and criminal justice. "We need to raise consciousness, educate the population...we are being victimized blind." Considering how fast technology is advancing in this age, criminals are always finding new ways to obtain confidential information over the Internet from unsuspecting victims. It is essential that we do not freely disclose personal information in e-mails or over the Internet. Even the smallest, most insignificant information, could provide all an identity thief needs to "become" you.

What do they do with your identity?

Since their primary goal is to obtain money, identity thieves will either fraudulently use your information to build debts (for their own financial gain) in your name, or simply sell your identity to others. An illegal immigrant could use your social security number and date of birth to apply for employment, driving, even birth certificates. Perhaps the better question to ask would be

what criminals *couldn't* use your identity for.

Mr. Rodney Lezette, Investigator for RIT Campus Safety, has a wide array of knowledge on the subject of identity theft and offered some of his own views and experiences. "From the standpoint of an actual identity theft crime, one of the things we have learned is that the person doesn't know it has occurred, and it could have been going on from months to years," Lezette explained. "People aren't checking their credit reports."

How do law enforcement agencies respond?

There have been cases where Campus Safety has been made aware of an identity theft crime. After investigations are conducted, however, it is almost always determined that the crime was initiated before the student came to RIT. Besides the student being a member of the RIT community, the actual crime has no relation to RIT. Campus Safety does, however, assist those who have been victimized or think they may have been victimized.

Once the student has notified Campus Safety of a possible crime, they will assist the student through an outlined process to minimize future risk and attempt to recover possible losses. Once a police report has been filed, the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax, and Transunion) must be notified and the account in question is flagged. If errors are found, the Fair Credit Reporting Act mandates that credit reporting agencies investigate the individual's allegations of error and return a report to the individual within a month. Cases should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, who can be reached at 877-382-4357.

Next, the victim will need to get his or her "identity" back. Replacement cards and account numbers for those that have been used fraudulently must be obtained. If ATM card or personal checks were involved, the bank must also be contacted immediately, so that new checks and ATM cards can

be obtained with different account numbers and pins. It is especially important at this time to monitor all mail and financial information for signs of more fraudulent activity, and that the Postmaster is contacted if there is reason to believe that mail is being diverted. If the victim's social security number or driver's license number has been used in the crime, he or she must also contact the Social Security Administration or Department of Motor Vehicles, respectfully.

What's been done to prevent it?

Prevention is necessary but not always easy. "It gets really complicated," Lezette said. "It could even go to 'Dumpster Diving.' We catch people on campus, non-members, who go through your cans and bottles, but they also might be going through your garbage looking for statements. They can fill out a change of address form, and have all your personal information delivered to them." At that point, it becomes a race to see how long it takes for the victim to realize he or she has become a victim.

Because identity theft is a relatively new crime and developing every day, constant attention is needed by the government to prevent it. Though the Identity Theft and Deterrence Act of 1998 made it a federal crime, some states have added additional measures. "New York is one of the few states that has laws specifically for identity theft, aside from what the government can do for you. As a student, you may be from a different state. You are considered a victim from that state, but there really isn't anything the local police can do for you. This law enables us to investigate

no matter where you're from. You can reside in New Jersey, attend college in New York, and take a trip to Pennsylvania and leave a credit card slip lying around. That's all it takes to get your information, and with these new laws the police have more options," Lezette said.

Another problem is that when a credit card company recognizes a victim of fraud, it's easiest to write it off as a business loss, rather than go after them in court. As a result, thieves aren't always pursued. While the Federal Trade Commission does not address individual problems, victims can notify them if a company refuses to help. At this point, the FTC will examine the company for patterns of possible law violations and act against them if necessary.

So how can you specifically protect yourself?

First, you must be aware that there are no fool-proof methods. If a criminal is determined to get your information, most often, he or she will. Lezette, however, offered some guidelines that can be followed to minimize the likelihood of having your identity stolen.

Shred your important documents. If someone goes through your garbage and finds an old bank statement or pre-approved credit card application, he or she could have a credit card in your name in as long as it takes for the credit card company to mail out the card.

Have your personal checks delivered to your bank, not to your home. A thief could easily pull a package out of your mailbox, but would have trouble obtaining it at a bank, especially considering they wouldn't even know you ordered checks.

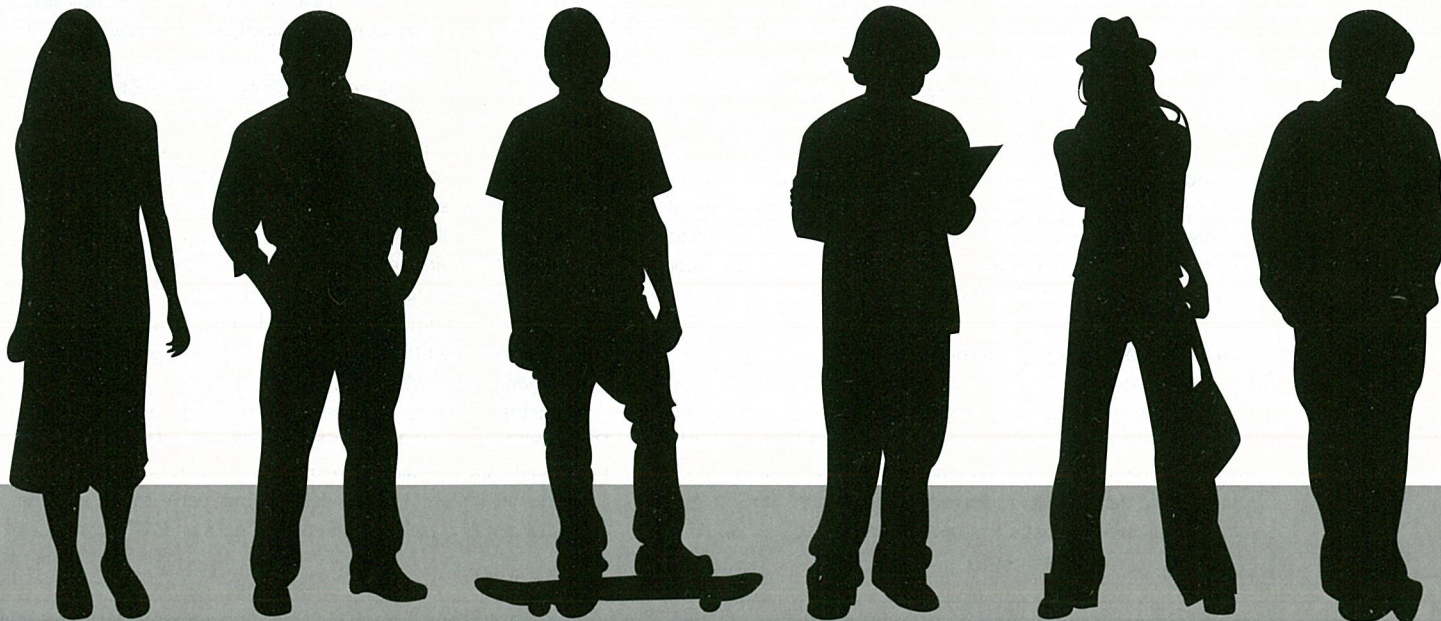
Deposit your mail in a US Post Office Mailbox. Don't leave mail lying around in your mailbox or out in the open. It can be stolen just as easily. By leaving your mail in a secure location, you can be sure it will stay out of the hands of criminals.

Pay attention to and keep track of what important documents you should be receiving in the mail. If you apply for a credit card, and the application says it will be mailed to you within six weeks, make sure you have it within six weeks or you need to notify the company. If you wait, or even forget about it coming, an identity thief might already be using it to run up charges. Make sure statements arrive when they are supposed to. Carefully examine them for signs of unusual activity.

Be careful how and to whom you give out your information. The doctor's office, the dentist's office—they all have your personal information on file. Is it secure? Never give out your social security number unless absolutely necessary, and don't write it on checks or bills. Don't give out information on the phone unless you are absolutely positive who is on the other line. If it's over the Internet, make sure the sites are encrypted and secure. Understand, however, that whenever you provide personal history or credit/debit card information over the internet, you are putting yourself at risk.

Order your credit report at least every other year. You will always know whether or not the information is correct and can detect fraud earlier.

Don't carry around IDs and credit cards in your wallet that you don't use every day. It's just not worth the risk of having them lost.

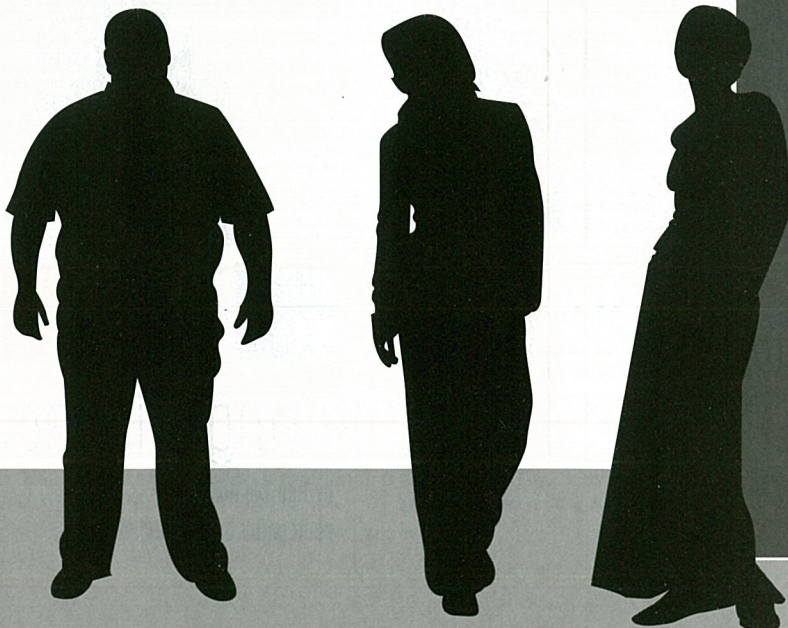


Also, **guard your ATM pin, and don't make your passwords easy to figure out.** Sure, it may be easier to use the same password for everything, even using just simple words- but it also makes it easier for a criminal. Use different passwords, use capitals, numbers, symbols –and don't make it easy for anyone to figure them out.

Unless you have a strong need for a debit card, get rid of it. Yes, debit cards do allow us to manage our money better, but it is also money that a criminal has easy access to should he or she obtain your card. You will not get your money back as easily (if at all) as you would if it were charged to an actual credit card. Debit cards draw money right from your account. Trade it in for a regular ATM card and you will be safer.

It may sound as though one must be paranoid to in order to protect him or herself, but this is not the case. These are small steps and measures that we all can take to help prevent ourselves from falling victim to this crime.

This issue is perhaps best summarized by Mr. Steve Petro, Resident Agent in Charge of the Office of Investigations at the Social Security Administration. "Students are responsible for safeguarding their valuables including their 'identities.' In addition, anyone who has access to, or custody of, other individual's personal history, has a responsibility to insure that information is safeguarded and disposed of properly. Identity Theft is a crime of opportunity. Remove the opportunity and you prevent the crime." •



Security Week

Information and Technology Services (ITS) will host a series of seminars, presentations, and forums about network security issues and how RIT community members can protect themselves, between December 8 and 12. All workshops will be free and open to students, staff, and faculty. To register, email ciotis@rit.edu with selection date and title. Or, go to www.rit.edu/its.

December 9

Identity Theft
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Golisano College Auditorium

Hacking (students only)
11:30-1:00
SAU Alumni Room

Security Assessment Results: Policies, Practices, and Prevention
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Xerox Auditorium

Virtual Private Network
1:00-3:00 p.m.
VIA Lab, Wallace Library

Physical Security
1:30-3:00 p.m.
CIMS 2220

December 10

Patching Operating Systems and Anti Virus Software Usage
9:30-11:00 a.m.
VIA Lab, Wallace Library

Combating SPAM
12:00-1:00 p.m.
VIA Lab, Wallace Library

Firewall Software
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Clark A, SAU

December 11

Ethics
10:30-12:00
Clark A, SAU

Information Con Men – The Era of Social Engineering
3-4:30 p.m.
CIMS 2220

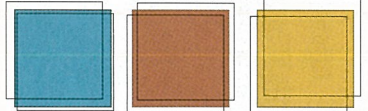
Dialogue: Peer to Peer File Sharing, Issues and Information
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Panara Theater

December 12

Security Panel Discussion: Alumni in the Security Business or How They Find Out All that Information!
11:30-12:30
Golisano College Auditorium



Faces of RIT: David Jay Reed



World-Class Professor, Printmaking Pioneer

by Ren Meinhart
photograph by Johanna Miller

David Jay Reed is many things. Currently a Professor in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences in the printmaking and foundations departments, he has also been an actor, photographer, a graphic designer, a construction worker, a valet, an art juror, a lecturer, and, continually, an artist of many mediums. However, the role that captured my attention most on the cold November afternoon that I met with him was that of an animated storyteller, speaking quickly in an accent that gives away his Australian roots ever so slightly.

The son of an Australian mother and an American father who met during World War II, David moved around often as a child—five times before the age of ten between Australia, the United States, and Japan. This affinity for traveling became a trend in his life. “I’ve gone everywhere—I’m out there. The traveling thing that, as a kid, I disliked so much, has kind of reversed itself and I have this need to travel all the time. I go nuts if I can’t travel.” Before coming to RIT, David traveled extensively in Australia, primarily as a graphic designer and then printmaker, and Japan as an English teacher. At RIT he teaches classes in printmaking—a medium that has become his favorite to work in, and an accidental discovery.

“I actually like the work that I do a lot. I like my own work. And what happened was, when I was painting and drawing, I would sell the painting and then I’d want it back again, or I’d sell the drawing and I’d want it back again,” he said. “It hit home once when I sold this one image and I went back the next day and asked if I could buy it back and the guy wouldn’t. I loved this image so much that when it left my home, it felt like someone had taken a part of me away with them.” David then stumbled upon printmaking while working at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. “I saw that (with printmaking) you could produce a plate which would produce you ten pieces and I thought, wow, I could keep one! That’s exactly what it is. I get to keep one of my own works and still sell them.” His stint in printmaking didn’t last very long, however, as the materials required left him very sick. “I was ingesting lacquer thinners, turpentine, rosin dust, I got sick, so I gave it away.”

David got back into printmaking, once again, almost by accident. “I met Keith in Tokyo. Emiko—my girlfriend at the time—was Japanese, and the ad for the workshop was in Japanese, so I never would have seen it. But, Emiko saw it, called me up, and said, ‘aren’t you interested in etching? There’s this person from Canada doing a workshop on etching.’ And I said, ‘let’s go,’ not really thinking that anything was going to come of it. When I went, I saw that it was non-toxic etching and it was Keith Howard, who also had gotten sick. He was up there talking about the things that I understood and said, ‘there’s a new way of doing it and it’s non-toxic.’ That changed my

whole life.” David followed Howard’s research and continued to attend his workshops until Howard suggested that David come to RIT to complete a Master’s degree in Printmaking.

While at RIT, David took an independent study credit working in the four-color process method of printmaking. “At the time, Professor Howard said that it was a very difficult medium to work with because up to date he had not seen anyone actually produce any four-color that was very successful,” he said. The process that David pioneered takes a digital image, breaks in into four channels—cyan, magenta, yellow, and black, and then using a combination of ink and a material called “Image-on,” reproduces a print of the image. “The first time I did it, of course, Keith said, ‘if it doesn’t work, don’t worry about it, this is all research.’ But, the first print did come out, and from there, David continued to improve the process to nearly foolproof perfection. “I was working with photographs, so I was trying to get flesh colors and I was getting fairly close—it was only a matter of tweaking each time. Keith kind of thought that was a breakthrough, and immediately got me a class teaching it.”

Teaching the process has been very beneficial. “The students have taught me. The students come up with other ways of doing it that are different than the way I do it and just as successful. Or, they create imagery that I probably may have never tried myself. We’re able to cut into new territory and open it up for further research and development.” The class, open to all CIAS students or all skill levels, will be held again this spring.

David considers his education at RIT, “the hardest thing that I ever did. The quarter system is too fast. Too much to learn in too little time and I found it very frustrating and stressful. But, it produces great people. The thing about this type of college is that with that pressure, you get great things done and you learn a lot.” He went on to say that he has the highest respect for the professors here at RIT. “I think they’re wonderful. I liked every one of my teachers. Even they understood the pressure we were under. So it’s the system that I find difficult, not the teachers. It was a joy learning from them and I tip my hat to them. Now I’m in the same boat.” Teaching in such a dynamic environment is a challenge that David approaches with careful planning and an emphasis on fun. “I like the way that I’ve constructed my course. The way that I’ve set the system up—it teaches you everything that you need to know, but you also get to do what I think are some pretty fun projects,” he said. “I try to make my classes fun. I would like to do my own courses. I would never teach a course that I would not like to take. That, to me, is what education should be—fun. That’s the way I am, if I’m happy, I learn. And I love teaching, so I’m having fun. I’m loving everything I do.” •

A Professional Highlight:

There have been so many! I could tell you stories forever. The highlight of selling was when an eight-year-old child bought my art. She saved up her money for a year to buy a piece of mine. That brought tears to my eyes. I mean, I was willing to give it to her, but she paid for it. That was a highlight of my life.

Most Interesting Place He’s Lived:

Tokyo. I love the Japanese people very, very much. I like their personalities, the way they think. They’re a very caring group of people. I made friends with many of them and I’ve kept in contact with a lot of them. I miss Japan very much. I had a good life—I lived in a very good area, and I was making a lot of money.

When He’s Not at Work:

I have no hobbies whatsoever. I come here seven days a week. During the working period, I come in every single day without fail. I usually get home between ten and eleven o’clock at night and I come in around eight-thirty, nine o’clock in the morning and I do that every day. I’m always prepping and making modules for students. For relaxation, I watch films. I’m an absolute, total freak. I was an actor on stage many, many years ago—in another part of my life, in Australia.

Favorite Film?

No, I have no favorites. I love everything. I watch everything from biographical shows all the way up to horror. I have a thousand favorite films. *Betty Blue* is high on my list. *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, I’ve probably seen it fifty times.

Favorite Book?

To date, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. I have a soft spot for Geisha girls. A warm fuzzy feeling that I never really understood, but when I said that to my mom, she said, “well the reason that is, is that when we lived in Japan, your father and I were wealthy enough that we employed geishas to come and entertain us and our friends, and during the breaks, they just loved you.” They’d just whisk me off and play with me and mother me. So I have this affinity with these beautiful women who just loved me to death and looked after me while my parents were being entertained or entertaining their friends. •

word on the street

compiled and photographed by Chris Zajac

Q: If you were an identity thief whose identity would you steal and why?



1 I'd be Lucky the Leprechaun because I'd have a big pot of gold and be magically delicious.

Paul Walter

Fourth Year
Information Technology



2 I'd try looking for the most non-conspicuous character. Like someone who doesn't have a lot of money, doesn't have an important job, so that I'd have a backup character to go into. Suppose I got rid of him somehow, I'd just slip into this character and no one would notice he was gone.

Manu Gupta

Third Year
Bio-Informatics



3 I would steal David Crosby's identity because I could get some free stuff, like cake or something. That's why I would steal his identity.

Jeremy Tabasula

First Year
Mechanical Engineering Technology



4 I would steal the Olsen Twins' identity. They are rich and I want money, and they are really hot.

Matt Martin

First Year
Mechanical Engineering Technology



5 I would take Dennis Leary's identity because I'm an asshole. That's basically why I would do it.

Andrew Milinichik

Third Year
Biotechnology

I would probably steal the Hilton sisters' identity cause they've got a lot of money and have been around the world and I could get a lot in life with them. Being them you could go places and be like, "Yeah I'm the Hilton Sisters," and people would be like "Word up, yo."

Justin Stabb

First Year
Electrical Engineering Technology

I don't want to be anybody. I'm happy with who I am. Most people would want to be somebody rich but I don't know what I would do with all of that money. I'd probably give it to charity.

Jeremy Clark

Third Year
Information Technology

I'd be Einstein.

Christina Witkowski

Second Year
Bioinformatics

Al Simone. So I could give myself free tuition and pass all of my classes and have gotten my degree already all while not being screwed by Housing Operations and the Bursar's Office.

Max Palmer

Fourth Year
New Media Design

It's mean, but old or just non-tech savy people are good targets, because you have a better chance of getting away unnoticed longer. And, if they realize it, they still have no real idea of what is going on."

Justin Newcomer

First year Applied Networking and Systems Administration

Well, it would have to be someone that was "normal"—fairly well off, but not famous in the least. Basically, someone that would not realize it was taken until it was too late."

TJ Miller

Third Year
Mechanical Engineering.



Varsity Teams Look to Bring the Heat

Winter Sports Preview: Part II

by Matthew Doak

Before break, *Reporter* gave you an inside look at how some winter teams, swimming, wrestling, and hockey, are preparing for the season that lies ahead. This week, we're rounding out the RIT winter Varsity lineup with previews of men's and women's basketball and indoor track. These Tiger teams will face some exciting competition both at home and at other area colleges, so many students should have the chance to check them out. Admission for men's and women's basketball games is free at home for RIT students, excluding postseason play. Indoor track meets will take place at other venues.

Men's Basketball

The RIT men's basketball team is led into the season by 20 year Head Coach Bob McVean. The team hopes to duplicate much of the success it has had in the past, despite the loss of Mike Stanton, who averaged 14.6 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per contest last year.

The Tigers have qualified for a postseason tournament in each of the last 12 seasons and have also had six 20-win seasons over the past ten years. Last year, the Tigers finished 20-8 and defeated Nazareth 78-76 to capture the ECAC Upstate Men's Basketball title for the first time since 1992.

Despite losing Stanton, RIT returns its second and third leading scorers this season. Sophomore Fran Snyder was the ECACs rookie of the year last year, averaging 12.7 points and 3.7 rebounds per game for the Tigers. Also returning is junior Sean Murphy who averaged 10.3 points and 4.0 rebounds per game last season. Both Snyder and Murphy are expected to see time at both the guard and forward positions.

Last season, RIT outscored their opponents by an average of six points per game and out-rebounded their opponents by three per game. The team lost four of its eight games by less than ten points.

The Tiger roster currently stands at 20 players, including ten newcomers. While it is difficult to see them all getting significant minutes right away, McVean is hoping they will help push the veteran players hard in practice and eventually contribute significantly in games.

The men's basketball schedule currently has 25 games, including eleven dates at home. The team battles St. John Fisher on January 24 and Nazareth on January 27. Both games are at home. The same team will meet again in late February.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team hopes to continue to improve this season, after going 7-18 a year ago. That mark improved on the previous year's record by six victories. The women are looking to become more of a force on the court, as last season, opponents outscored the Tigers by nearly nine points per game. Opposing teams also had the advantage on the boards, out-rebounding RIT by nearly four per game.

Coach Deborah Buff, now in her second season, will rely on six freshmen, along with the returning players to lead the way. The Tigers lost the school's second 1000-point scorer, Lauren Long, who graduated in the spring. Long averaged 12.1 points per game last season and was a second team All-Conference selection.

The duo of Noelle d'Estries and Christina Ernie lead the group of returning players. D'Estries averaged 8.6 points per game last season while Ernie registered 11.3 points per contest. Karli Couchman also returns for her junior season after averaging 6.6 points per game in her sophomore campaign. Couchman was also the team's second leading rebounder last winter.

The team's schedule consists of 25 games this season. The women take on St. John Fisher and Nazareth on the same dates as the men.

Men's and Women's Indoor Track

Coming off of a strong cross country season, tack and field Head Coach Dave Warth hopes the success of that season will carry over to his much larger indoor team.

Many familiar names from cross country will run middle distance and distance for the men's indoor team. Jeff Abbott, John Booth, Adam Cross, Curtis Howard, Ryan Pancoast, and Jesse Williamson all continue running indoor track at the completion of the cross country season.

Lisa Curtin, Jessica McCarthy, Amy O'Donnell, and Jessica Vastola all continue running through the winter for the women's team.

The women's team has lost the services of All-American jumper Molly Urquhart, who went on to the NCAA competition for outdoor track last season, along with Allison Griggs. Griggs returns for her sophomore season and will compete in throwing events for the Tigers. Griggs has already rewritten the RIT record books for all throwing events and looks to better her own marks. •



RIT's Laurie Underhill (left) and Christina Anabel (right) try to score a point against Buffalo State's Jen Breier (center). RIT played Buffalo State in a tournament on September 19, winning 3 to 0. Rebecca Lanthorne/REPORTER Magazine

Fall Sports Wrap Up

by Julie Scuderi with Amir Figueroa

Women's Soccer

In a year that was supposed to be dedicated to rebuilding and strengthening a very young team, the women's soccer accomplished so much more, earning a winning record along with numerous honors. The 16 first-year players were happy to put any doubts that fans may have had about the team's potential to rest. Coach Tom Natalie could not have been more pleased with his team's 11-7 record and their post-season appearance. "This team is very self-motivated. They have a great willingness to work hard."

This tenacity is what made it possible for seven of the team's key players to receive all conference honors. Junior star goalie Carrie Yehle earned second team All-Conference honors for the second straight year. Yehle led the Empire Eight with eight shutouts for the season. Joining Yehle on the second team All-Conference squad was senior forward Melanie Lowe, who was the second leading scorer for the team with seven goals.

Honorable mentions were given to Jen Rynda, Emily Stecher, Moet DeLaTorre, Brooke Thompson, and Mallory Frost. All-State votes are still pending, and RIT is sure to make an impact on that team as well.

Although the season was ground to a halt when Nazareth dropped the Tigers in the semifinals of the Empire Eight tournament, the girls are excited about the future.

Never wanting to settle, they have dropped two of the weaker teams from their schedule for the 2004 season, and added two stronger teams, Fredonia and Pottsdam. Natalie knows that stronger competition equals a stronger team.

"I am expecting a very bright team next year," he said, which will

entail some key recruiting in the off-season. This year's team had 29 players, the most that the program has ever seen. Only four seniors are graduating, so tryouts next year will be extremely competitive. In the meantime, the girls are already practicing on their own time. They have begun their winter weight program, and have taken it upon themselves to rent out local facilities each week to work on their skills.

Be sure to keep an eye on this vastly improving group of girls. The outlook for the next few seasons is extremely promising.

Women's Tennis

With the close of the season, some of RIT's greatest tennis players will be retiring their racquets for good. Senior Sara Kula ended her career strong, with a 12-2 record this season in singles and first team All-Conference honors for the third straight year. She also posted a 12-2 record when paired up with Lindsey Brady in doubles play. The pair was also named to the first team All-Conference. Brady received an honorable mention in the conference for her 6-3 record in singles. Jen Hume, who racked up an 11-2 record in her last season with the Tigers, was named to the second team All-Conference.

Hume and Brady were the only members of the team to make it to the quarterfinals in the NYSWCAA championship tournament at Ithaca College. When Hume paired with senior Carlie Schubert, the two ended with an equally impressive 8-2 record. The team's season ended after falling to some tough competition in the state championships held at Cornell, despite Hume's success in making it through two rounds. Overall, the girls finished their season with a 10-5 record and a third place ranking in the Empire Eight. Head Coach Ann Nealon was very pleased with the improvement and dedication shown by the girls.

"It was great watching the girls grow to another level," she said. Nealon is excited about the freshmen athletes, who look extremely promising for next year. Melanie Blass, Theresa Barrett, Aimee Holmberg, Sara Knight, and Emily Ross make up this group of newcomers who are already showing convincing signs of great things to come. Nealon is also working on heavy recruiting in the off-season. The girls will rest up before returning to practice with the men's team in the spring.

Women's Volleyball

Even with the success of an ECAC championship title under their belts, the women's volleyball team is still looking ahead to next season. The girls barely missed qualifying for the NCAA tournament when they lost to Nazareth late in the season. Placing second in the Empire Eight division, they earned the honor of hosting ECAC tournament, in which



Brittany Peters attempts to gain control of the ball against William Smith College's Seraphine Hamilton on October 21. Chris Zajac/REPORTERMagazine

they were seeded first. The women were able to prove their dominance and take first place in the tournament. "It provides a different perspective when you win your last game of the season," said Head Coach Roger Worsley. "It will be a springboard for the entire year to come, but our goal is still the NCAA tournament."

The Tigers downed Clarkson in the semi-finals by a score of 3-0. Freshman middle-hitter Danni Fisher led the team with 7 kills, 2 blocks and 4 aces. Sophomore outside hitter Laurie Underhill also added 5 kills, 2 blocks and 8 digs. In the Finals, the team faced second seeded Ithaca. The Bombers proved to be no match for the Tigers, who ended the tournament with a 3-0 rout. This marked the first title that RIT has won in four consecutive appearances at the tournament. "Hosting the tournament made the difference; we were more focused, more relaxed," said Worsley. "But, winning was a done deal in our minds."

Missy Groginski was named Tournament MVP, finishing with 11 kills and ten digs.

The Tigers finished their season with an impressive 25-15 record and the honoring of the team's top players. Sarah Ballard was rightfully awarded first team All-Conference honors, as well as an All-Region honorable mention. She finished the season with 1369 assists and 460 digs. This marks the third year in a row that the junior setter has received All-Conference honors. Underhill was awarded second team All-Conference honors after she posted 382 kills during the season. Chris Anabel, last year's Empire Eight Rookie of the Year, took home an honorable mention after leading the team in kills this season, with 408. The girls will take a much-needed break before returning to practice after the holidays.

Men's Cross Country

RIT men's cross country team began the fall season with high hopes and strong leaders

in captain Jeff Abbott and fellow seniors Michael Albanese, John Booth, Adam Cross and Curtis Howard.

The season ended in a disappointing finish at the 2003 NCAA Atlantic Regional Cross Country Championships at Letchworth State Park. Prior to the race, the team was ranked sixth in the region, but finished ninth out of 38 teams. While not a bad ranking, this team had hoped for higher, as this is one of the lowest finishes the Tigers have earned at Regionals. The race was not without its highpoints for the Tigers, as senior Adam Cross finished 25th overall, with a time of 26:05.7 on the eight-kilometer course.

Women's Cross Country

Among the 35 other teams competing at the 2003 NCAA Atlantic Regional Cross Country Championships at Letchworth Stat Park, NY, the Tigers ended up in 14th place.

Heidi Spalholz conquered the six-kilometer, placing 15th overall with a finishing time of 23:44.4. Spalholz earned the seventh and final individual qualifier position for an NCAA Championship bid.

Seniors Jessica Vastola, who placed 105th in a time of 26:01.4, and Megan MacNeil, who placed 141st with a time of 27:05.5, had strong showings as well.

Other Tigers to place were junior Lisa Curtin, sophomores Trisha Sliker and Julie Morganti, and freshman Sarah Paul.

In the 2003 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, held on November 22 at Hannover College in Hannover, Indiana, Spalholz placed 135th overall, finishing the six-kilometer course in a time of 24:13.5.

Men's Crew

The men's crew team, who raced in four races in the fall, had an outstanding season, showing that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the longer spring season. The varsity eight, lead by freshman coxswain Justin Blum and stroke Matt Walter, finished in second place in their first race at the Head of the Ohio, and from then out showed their strength and determination. The second varsity eight had an impressive race as well at the Ohio, finishing in eleventh position.

At their home race, the Stonehurst, the men's team once again showed strength and determination with impressive finishes. The varsity eight boat then had the opportunity to travel to the Head of the Charles, where they finished 19th of 40 boats.

The last race of the fall season for the Tigers was the Head of the Fish Regatta, which took place in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Both varsity boats, as well as the novice boats that attended ended the season with a bang. The Tigers finished third with a time of 11:42 in the varsity open eight race. They lost only to Williams College and Hobart & William Smith.



RIT's Michael Lawson (right) heads the ball away from St. John Fisher's Chris Ross (left). RIT played St. John Fisher on October 15.
Chris Zajac/REPORTER Magazine

The men's second varsity eight finished in 13:08, which gave them a 21st place finish.

Men's soccer

Although the men's soccer team had an overall disappointing record of 7-9-1, the guys proved themselves a worthy opponent on numerous occasions by shutting out their competition.

The highlight of the season came when the Tigers beat nationally ranked Keene State and Hamilton by scores of 1-0 and 2-0, respectively. In an important conference game earlier in the season, the Tigers dominated Utica by a score of 2-0. Also, in one of the last games of the season, the Tigers whooped Nazareth by a score of 3-0.

This year, five members of the men's soccer team took home All-Conference honors. Senior forward Trae Lower, who became the fifth all-time leading scorer at RIT this season, was named to the first team. Senior defender J.J. Wagner and sophomore mid-fielder Mike Lawson also earned first-team honors. Freshman mid-fielder Geoff Schmidt was a second team pick, while Junior defender George Chavez earned an honorable mention. Goalkeeper Nate Andrews also had a successful season, recording 54 saves on the season.

The team sported four freshmen this year who are expected to contribute greatly to the team's future. Schmidt, Franz Orban and Steven Rygiel are all rookie midfielders who started this year for the team. "We need to build around these midfielders, and we will," said Head Coach Bill Garno, who is expecting to do some major recruiting in the months to come. This is the last season for six of the team's seniors, so some crucial holes have to be filled, especially on the defensive end. With the top two defenders, Wagner and Travis Proctor leaving, the team is looking for individuals who can step into those roles. The team has plans to hit the weight room in early December and start up their spring practice in April. Some minor adjustments are all that is needed for this team to excel in the seasons ahead. •

*** 3 STARS

by Matthew Doak



Melanie Lowe – Women's Soccer

Melanie Lowe's late season tear helped the women's soccer team clinch a berth in the Empire Eight tournament. She scored two goals in a win over Wells College and had two goals and one assist in the RIT's regular season finale at Roberts Wesleyan. Lowe's 18 points, including seven goals and four assists, placed her second on the team and eighth in the Empire Eight conference. She was selected to the Empire Eight Women's Soccer All-Conference second team, along with teammate Carrie Yehle.



Missy Groginski – Women's Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Missy Groginski was recently named a Rochester Area College Athletics Co-Athlete of the week in addition to being named the RIT Female Athlete of the Week. The awards came after Groginski helped lead the Tigers past the Ithaca Bombers, securing the school's first ever ECAC Division III Upstate Volleyball Championship. Groginski registered eleven kills and ten digs during the match on her way to MVP honors. Her season totals were 307 kills and 499 digs in 115 games.



George Eliopoulos – Men's Hockey

In addition to being the RIT male athlete of the week, men's hockey goaltender George Eliopoulos was named the ECAC West Goalie of the Week for the period ending November 16. Eliopoulos recorded 24 saves in RIT's shutout win over arch rival Elmira on November 14. The shutout was the first of his career and marked the first time ever that the Tigers blanked the Soaring Eagles. Eliopoulos was also solid the previous week as he made ten saves and combined with David Wisrley for a shutout over Humber. Eliopoulos also made 19 saves on November 15 in RIT's 6-1 win over Utica.



RIT's Brad Harris takes the pass from Steve Farrer, #14, as he is checked into the boards by Elmira's Steve Roop. RIT won 4-0, earning a first time shutout against Elmira. Chris Zajac/ REPORTER Magazine

Winter Sports Schedule

compiled by Marci Savage

Bold denotes Home Games

Men's Hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
12/05	Manhattanville – Rye, NY	7:30 p.m.
12/06	Neumann – Aston, PA	7:00 p.m.
12/12	USA Under 18 – Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
12/13	USA Under 18 – Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
1/02	Plattsburgh Tournament	4:00 p.m.
1/03	Plattsburgh Tournament	4:00 p.m.
1/09	Potsdam	7:00 p.m.
1/10	Curry	7:00 p.m.
1/13	Cortland – Cortland, NY	7:00 p.m.
1/16	Fredonia – Fredonia, NY	7:00 p.m.
1/23	Geneseo	7:00 p.m.
1/24	Oswego	7:00 p.m.
1/31	Hobart	7:00 p.m.
2/06	Utica – Utica, NY	7:00 p.m.
2/07	Elmira – Elmira, NY	7:00 p.m.
2/13	Neumann	7:00 p.m.
2/14	Manhattanville	7:00 p.m.
2/21	Hobart – Geneva, NY	4:00 p.m.
3/05	ECAC Tournament – TBA	TBA
3/06	ECAC Tournament – TBA	TBA

Women's Hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
12/06	Elmira – Elmira, NY	7:00 p.m.
12/09	Cortland	7:00 p.m.
12/12	UMass Boston	7:00 p.m.
12/13	UMass Boston	3:00 p.m.
1/06	Hamilton	7:00 p.m.
1/09	St. Michael's – Colchester, VT	7:00 p.m.
1/10	St. Michael's – Colchester, VT	3:00 p.m.
1/17	Southern Maine	7:00 p.m.
1/18	Southern Maine	11:30 a.m.
1/23	Rensselaer – Troy, NY	7:00 p.m.
1/24	Rensselaer – Troy, NY	3:00 p.m.
1/31	New England College	3:00 p.m.
2/01	New England College	11:30 a.m.
2/07	Manhattanville – Rye, NY	7:30 p.m.
2/08	Manhattanville – Rye, NY	1:00 p.m.
2/13	Holy Cross	3:00 p.m.
2/14	Holy Cross	3:00 p.m.
2/19	Utica – Utica, NY	7:00 p.m.
2/21	MIT	7:00 p.m.
2/27	ECAC Quarterfinals – TBA	TBA
3/05	ECAC East Semis and Finals – TBA	TBA



Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
12/05	Skidmore Tournament – Saratoga, NY	7:00 p.m.
12/06	Skidmore Tournament – Saratoga, NY	5:30 p.m.
12/12	Brodie Tournament	6:00 p.m.
12/13	Brodie Tournament	1:00 p.m.
12/16	D'Youville – Buffalo, NY	7:00 p.m.
12/19	Cortland	6:00 p.m.
1/06	University of Rochester	8:00 p.m.
1/09	Elmira	8:00 p.m.
1/10	Ithaca	4:00 p.m.
1/14	Chase Tournament – TBA	TBA
1/16	Chase Tournament – TBA	TBA
1/17	Chase Tournament – TBA	TBA
1/23	Alfred	8:00 p.m.
1/24	St. John Fisher	4:00 p.m.
1/27	Nazareth	8:00 p.m.
1/30	Utica – Utica, NY	8:00 p.m.
1/31	Hartwick – Oneonta, NY	4:00 p.m.
2/06	Ithaca – Ithaca, NY	8:00 p.m.
2/07	Elmira – Elmira, NY	4:00 p.m.
2/13	Hartwick	8:00 p.m.
2/14	Utica	4:00 p.m.
2/17	Nazareth – Pittsford, NY	8:00 p.m.
2/20	St. John Fisher – Pittsford, NY	8:00 p.m.
2/21	Alfred – Alfred, NY	4:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

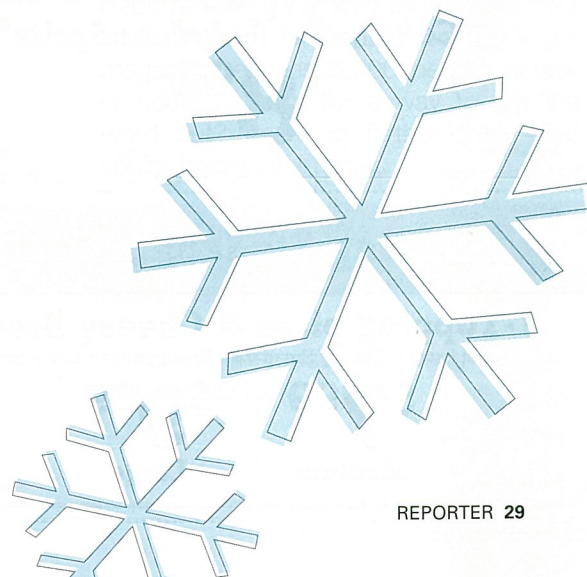
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12/06	Clarkson – Potsdam, NY	3:00 p.m.
12/09	Cazenovia – Cazenovia, NY	7:00 p.m.
12/13	Keuka – Keuka, NY	2:00 p.m.
12/19	Cortland	4:00 p.m.
1/06	University of Rochester	6:00 p.m.
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2/17	Nazareth – Pittsford, NY	6:00 p.m.
2/20	St. John Fisher – Pittsford, NY	6:00 p.m.
2/21	Alfred – Alfred, NY	2:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track

Date	Opponent	Time
12/05	U of R and Brockport	TBA
12/13	St. Lawrence Relay Meet – Canton, NY	TBA
1/09	Kent St. Black Squirrel Open – Kent, OH	TBA
1/10	Kent St. Black Squirrel Open – Kent, OH	TBA
1/17	U of R Quad Meet	TBA
1/24	St. Lawrence – Canton, NY	TBA
1/31	Fredonia Mary Phillips Invite – Fredonia, NY	TBA
2/07	U of R	TBA
2/14	Kane Invite at Cornell – Ithaca, NY	TBA
2/21	Denault Invite – Ithaca, NY	TBA
2/22	NYSCTC Pentathlon – TBA	TBA
2/27	NYSCTC Championships – Canton, NY	TBA
2/28	NYSCTC Championships – Canton, NY	TBA
3/05	ECAC Championships – Boston, Mass.	TBA

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

Date	Opponent	Time
12/06	Alfred – Alfred, NY	1:00 p.m.
12/13	U of R	1:00 p.m.
1/14	Geneseo	6:00 p.m.
1/20	William Smith	7:00 p.m.
1/28	Brockport – Brockport, NY	6:00 p.m.
1/31	Lemoyne	1:00 p.m.
2/07	Nazareth – Pittsford, NY	1:00 p.m.





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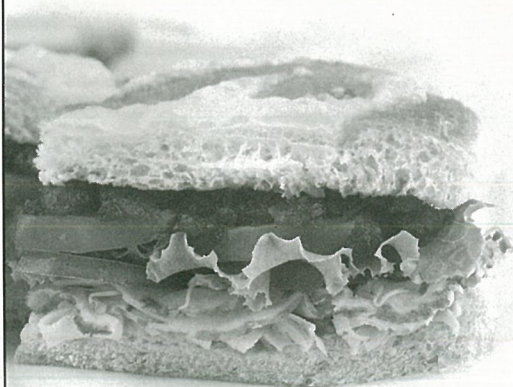
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