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## EDITORIAL

### HASTA LA VISTA, BRICKS

What you're holding in your hands is the final issue of Reporter Magazine. That's it. We're done. In our very own response to the age-old question, "Is it better to burn out than to fade away?," we've decided to quit while we're ahead and go out with a bang. And so basically, we couldn't care less anymore. We're saying it like it is. Like we think it should be—whatever the backlash. And so follows a list of things that we've always wanted to say but never could, campus politics being what they are:

- Student Government is impotent. Incompetent. Same difference. Either way, they're not doing a lot for us.
- No matter what way you slice it, retention is futile. People are leaving because they're not having fun. It has nothing to do with the weather, the registration process, or the food.
- We have amazing math, science, and engineering resources and minds at our disposal and yet still we overestimate enrollment and end up in the red.
- Our vaginas don't talk. Or wear clothing. Or care about the presence of sexual innuendo advertising on campus.
- A hundred years of partnership with Kodak yielded a staircase, something completely not photo-related. The Titanic had a grand staircase—now look where it is. And while we're on the subject of oversized wrecks that should never have been built, the scrap metal yard called—they want their Sentinel back.
- There is no spectator seating at the turf field. How does this promote school spirit, again?
- The housing situation is sadistic at best. Cruel, unfair, and worthy of pure hatred at worst. We often wonder if anyone cares that so many of us feel so screwed over. So often.
- Greeks: If we had spare change, we'd use it for laundry. Ours, yours, whatever.
- School spirit would be better if alcohol was involved. Or at least if lack of alcohol wasn't shoved in our faces all the time.
- And to the entire campus community: no matter what, don't take anything in an April Fools issue to heart. Thanks for being such good sports.



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Working closely with the RIT Physics and Astronomy Departments, President Al Simone took a giant leap in promoting the university by naming a star after it. Simone initially contacted the International Star Registry in January with the hopes of financing an entire constellation that looked like a tiger; however, after his Interstellar Strategic Planning Committee spent several sleepless nights poring over constellation charts, they decided that the positioning of the RIT Tiger would result in either chaining it to Andromeda or splitting up Gemini. After an emergency meeting with astronomy professors Michael Richmond and Anne Young, President Simone finally commissioned a nice orange-hued Red Giant to represent RIT to the universe at large.

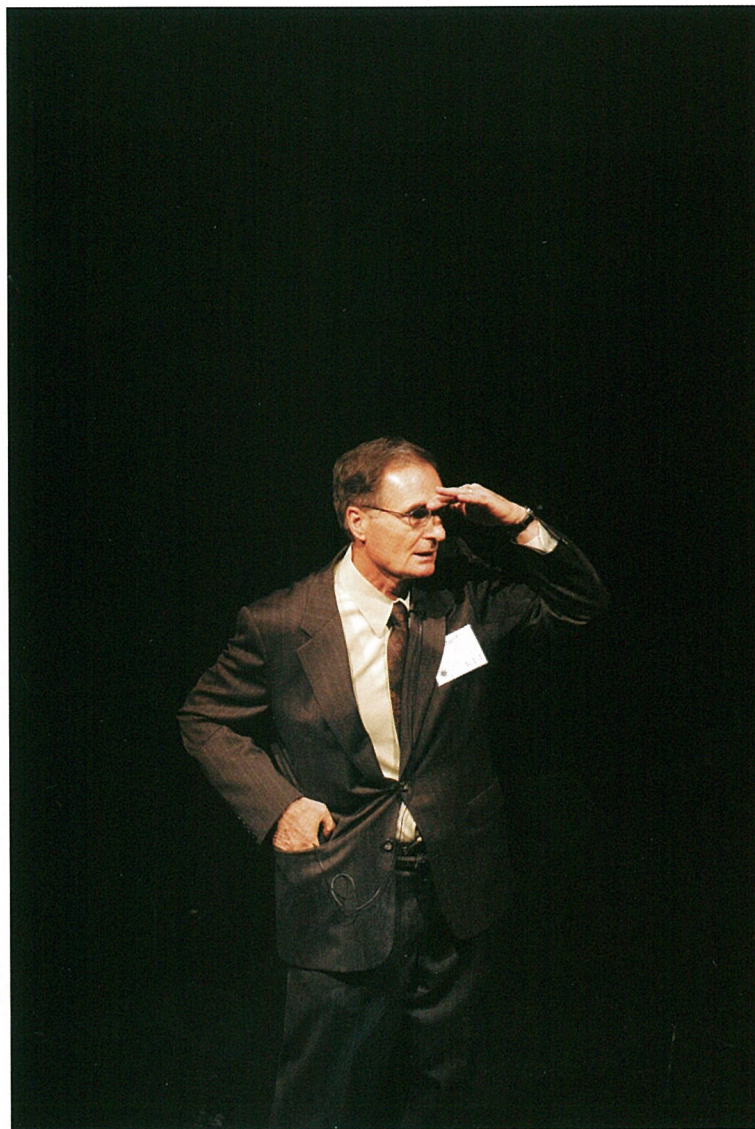
In a press release, Simone discussed his hopes for the newly registered gaseous body as part of his "Powered by the Future" campaign for RIT. He cited that his predominant reason for the expenditure was to "symbolically power RIT straight through the next millennium." Simone then went on to reaffirm his vision of RIT as "the preeminent model of a technological institution committed to addressing the Universe's most critical needs."

The beauty of naming a star after RIT is in its relatively low cost and semi-ubiquitous presence. To register a star with the International Star Registry, the cost comes to a mere 54 dollars, plus shipping and handling. The shipping and handling pays for delivery of the parchment certificate and star charts revealing the telescopic coordinates of RIT's star, which are currently on display in the President's office. Unfortunately, Simone is getting only half of the advertising he originally expected, due to the fact that RIT's star can only be seen from the northern hemisphere. As a result of this, the Interstellar Planning committee is researching the possibility of getting a southern hemisphere star on time-share with an Australian sister-school.

RIT's star will be officially unveiled as soon as Rochester's skies can accurately be determined as clear in the evening. When questioned whether the seemingly perpetual clouds in Rochester's skies might thwart the star from instilling a sense of school spirit and pride in RIT students, President Simone quoted Elie Wiesel, saying, "Questions unite people, and answers divide people." He continued by mentioning how a new survey is planned to elicit the feelings of the RIT population toward the star.

Although its cost is fairly insignificant, students and faculty still doubt whether the star will be of any benefit to RIT. Many such complaints have stirred familiar sentiments associated with Simone's last Interstellar Planning project, the Sentinel, even though that astronomically priced endeavor supports RIT through what Simone referred to as a good defense against "a possible attack by the Decepticons." ■

# Simone Registers to have Star Named After RIT



## HOT HOT HITS

▶ songs that even your older sister will like

Paula Abdul—Opposites Attract  
Wilson Phillips—Hold On  
Dirty Dancing Soundtrack—Hungry Eyes

Milli Vanilli—Blame It on the Rain  
Hanson—MmmmmBop  
Spice Girls—If You Wanna Be My Lover  
OMC—How Bizzare  
Styx—Sail Away  
Slayer—Hell Awaits

Val Halen—Right Now  
Boyz II Men—The End of the Road  
Ace of Base—All That She Wants  
MC Hammer—Can't Touch This  
Kris Kross—Jump, Jump  
New Kids on the Block—Please Don't Go Girl

# Student Health Center Tests Positive for Awesomeness

In a recent survey of university healthcare providers, RIT's Student Health Center ranked in the top five for promoting healthy sexual lifestyles. This first annual report surveyed students and staff among 217 top accredited colleges and universities. The study, conducted by U.S. News and World Report, cites sexually transmitted disease education and treatment, gag reflex, and availability of birth control as its primary ranking criteria.

While it exists to treat minor injuries, illnesses and other health problems, a majority of Health Center-related visits are to procure birth control. With six different brands of oral contraception regularly in stock, in addition to the ability to prescribe patches, injections, and other methods of birth control, the SHC offers students a variety of options for when your milkshake brings all the boys to the yard. Students who have never used contraception can meet with care providers to discuss the choices available as well as their proper use.

Marie McGillicutty, a nurse practitioner with the center, commented on the importance of employing at least *some* method of birth control: "I think it's necessary whenever we have a campus full of students doffing clothes and boffing like bunnies. Though with these six-month winters, I can't really blame them. I mean, what else is there to do?"

Along with birth control, the center offers sexually transmitted disease testing, as well as education and treatment. Health Center Director Tom Twillsdale feels that this aspect is what makes the SHC an integral part of the RIT community: "Proper sexual education is a must in this day and age. The youth of today get the alcohol in 'em and the next thing you know, they're rubbing their hoo-has against anything with a pulse. Hell, for some of you degenerates, pulses aren't even necessary."



While Twillsdale has a seemingly cynical view of student health, staff physician Ron Fontaine remembers what it was like to be a promiscuous youngster: "Thirty years ago, the days of my youth, if you got a little burning down there, you got a prescription to clear it up and you were back in action the next weekend. Today, you kids got the AIDS and the botulism and the Ebola, and frankly, I don't know how you stay alive." The fact that the 15,000 students enrolled at RIT are staying alive is a testament to the efforts of the Student Health Center.

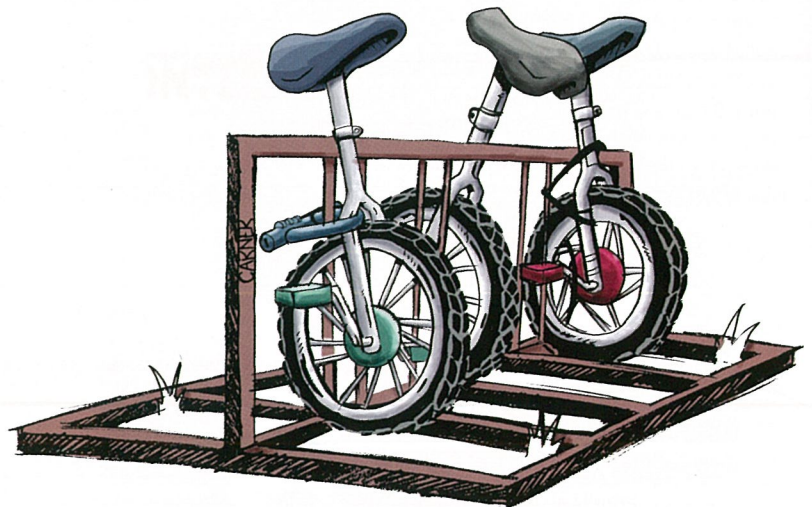
While the study's primary focus was the sexual healthcare of the student body, most students seem unaware of the SHC's accomplishments. When asked about the sexual climate on campus, Tim Brody, a third year Computer Science major, remarked, "Are you shitting me? People have sex here?" ■

## Ya'll like unicycles?

On the eve of April 9, RIT will enact a code by which every student must abide to peacefully continue his or her existence at RIT. In an attempt to put an end to parking lot rage, the campus will experience an overhaul to one required, universal means of transportation: unicycles.

No RIT student will be without wheels this spring. "Banning automobiles altogether and replacing them with clumsy half-bicycles is a big change," said President Albert J. Simone, "but we're certain that everyone will be so excited about the new Ultimate Frisbee Field that will replace G and H lots that they'll barely bat an eye at any minor inconveniences that will result from this measure."

To add insult to injury, there are no plans to increase the number of bike racks on campus, therefore, this initiative, like so many others at RIT, won't really solve any problems at all. As for the commuter students who must grapple with unicycling in from destinations outside Henrietta, the administration stayed true to form and remained unsympathetic, offering no comment other than, "Tough shit." ■



## March 22 – Colony Manor

### Fairly Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

670 pounds of Marijuana. The investigation continues.

## March 23 – University Commons

### Harassment

Three residents of University Commons reported a group of unidentified males yelled “doodie-face” from inside a nearby apartment. The investigation continues.

## March 25 – Golisano Building

### Grand Larceny

Six keyboards were stolen from a lab. Campus Safety canvassed the area, and the keyboards were not found. The investigation continues.

## March 25 – RIT Campus

### Defacing Property

Many stickers have been found defacing RIT property. Campus Safety detained three suspects known as “Heinz’s Posse.” Case closed.

## March 26 – Nathaniel Rochester Hall

### Heavy Word Processing

The six keyboards stolen from Golisano were found being used for far too much word processing. The student was charged with Grand Larceny and Overworking of Inanimate Objects. He is awaiting trial in a local penitentiary.

## March 28 – Nathaniel Rochester Hall

### Indecent Exposure

Two Students fell naked from a second story lounge. When detained by Campus Safety the students claimed their clothes ripped during the fall. The students were referred to Student Conduct for appropriate disposition.

## March 22 – Nathaniel Rochester Hall

### Attempted Theft

Campus Safety found a student with his hand caught in a drink machine, attempting to steal a beverage outside the elevator to Nathaniel Rochester Hall. The fire department was called, and the student was eventually freed after releasing the container that was in their grasp. The student was referred to Student Conduct for appropriate disposition.

## March 29 – Office of the President

### Identity Theft

An unknown person stole RIT President Albert Simone’s personal checkbook from his office sometime earlier in the day. Several of the checks have been used already to purchase a golf cart, an RIT baseball cap, and two dozen dancing California Raisins dolls. Investigation continues.

## April 1 – Student Alumni Union

### Perjury of News

Members of the *Reporter* staff were found guilty of concocting fake news for their April 1, 2004 issue. Though the staff was heavily interrogated, their only reply was, “April Fools, Suckers!” and to comment that anyone who could not take a joke was, most definitely, a “doodie-face.”

## 4/2 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Clark Gym

William Hung comes to perform as part of his “She Bang!” Tour. Sponsored by CAB like every other trendy, no-talent musician that comes to RIT. There will be no opener, as no one dares tour with him. 8 p.m. in the Clark Gymnasium. \$10 for students, \$20 for faculty, staff, and other.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Bathroom #3 in Building 76

Senator John Kerry presents his lecture: “The Art of Cursing in Public: How to Say Dirty Things and Still Come off Smelling Like a Rose.” The presidential-candidate hopeful will curse for an hour and then play to the college demographic and serenade the audience on his electric guitar from the seat of his Harley. Tickets: \$5 in honor of whatever charity John Kerry is pretending to care about that week.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Bathroom #4 in Building 76

President George “Just call me W” Bush will give a presentation to the student body. He will be chewing with his mouth closed. Tickets: \$5 in honor of Jesus. Proceeds to benefit Mel Gibson.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Wallace Library

“How to Turn on Your Computer.” Wallace Library, in conjunction with other popular events such as “How to use Microsoft Word,” and “How to make a PowerPoint presentation.” Free and Open to Students.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Fireside Lounge

Martha Stewart will be out on a weekend pass, presenting, “Designing for Small Rooms: How to Create a Homey Environment in the Most Constricting of Situations.” This will be followed by an instructional workshop on how to knit chic stripe variations into fabrics. It’s a good thing.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Basement of Building 7B (cause it smells funny)

Michael Eisner to speak on “Confronting Unemployment in Today’s Computer-Animation-Loving Society.” Tickets: \$5 in honor of him. This lecture will be followed by a presentation by Steve Jobs, titled, “Pixar’s Vision of the Future: Fish not Mice.” Tickets: Free with the purchase of a Pepsi product.

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Vinnie and Bob’s Room

Center for Campus Life will be sponsoring a Monopoly tournament with special guest Bill Gates, with house rules that replace the “Get out of Jail Free” cards with special “Please pay the European Union 497 Euros card.”

## 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Webb Auditorium

“Blah, Blah, Blah, Crap, Crap, Crap, and You” A Gannett Lecture. Friday afternoon in Webb Auditorium.

# Civil War

■ Anime/Kendo Club Dispute Sparks  
■ War Across the Quarter Mile.

Brandon "Rym" Decoster, President of the Anime Club and team captain of the Kendo Club, is a force to be reckoned with. Or so he liked to say before his Kendo captaincy was challenged by Katsunori "Katsu" Matsushita at the end of winter quarter. Matsushita, President of the Kendo Club, challenged Rym to an honorable duel, the official way to settle such disputes. Rym's response: "No way! I don't want to die." If only he knew how close to the truth he was.

Cross-membership among the Anime and Kendo clubs is high, and Rym's response polarized the two, turning normally peaceful viewings of Miyazaki films into brutal shouting matches. The Kendo Club demanded that Rym live up to his commitments.

The arguments festered like a painful boil until the third week of spring quarter, when everything exploded. Elite members of the Kendo club attempted to capture Rym at the Anime Club's Monday meeting, bursting into Ingle Auditorium in full armor, brandishing water pistols loaded with water straight from the Genessee River. The conflict spilled out of the auditorium and onto the Quarter Mile, blocking all pedestrian traffic. Casualties among the Anime Club in this initial skirmish were high. The Kendo Club suffered only minor bruising. Rym escaped.

The Anime Club called in Rochester Wargamers Association and Guild (RWAG) and strategists from the Empty Sky Go Club; they also tapped the Chemistry Club to help them in the production of top-secret weapons. In response, Kendo called in the Kung Fu, Martial Arts, and Fencing Clubs, in addition to the Society of Physics Students (SPS). After an initial effort to stop the fighting, the rest of the Institute retreated into the tunnels below the Eastman Building to wait it out. Reports of cannibalism among those in the tunnels are still being investigated.

As the battles escalated to an all-out war, several U of R clubs attempted to join up with their various RIT allies, but were detained by coalition peacekeeping forces. These forces, sent in by President Bush without the support of the UN, have thus far kept the war contained only to the campus. Several groups, including Moveon.org, have filed formal



protests against this unauthorized action, and protests have sprung up nationwide. Outspoken filmmaker Michael Moore was caught sneaking through the woods behind Gracie's with a camera crew in tow late last week. Although turned away by peacekeeping forces, Moore put out a press release saying that the RIT conflict is "the new Kent State," and he plans on making a film comparing the two.

Talk of liberating RIT has stalled, pending the determination of the WMD threat presented by SPS and the Chemistry Club. At the current time, the Pentagon has stated that intelligence indicates that there is a very real threat of nuclear and/or chemical weapons being in the hands of the various rebel groups. Both the Kendo Club and the Anime Club have fervently denied these accusations, and have invited U.N. weapons inspectors. Currently, both sides are entrenched on opposite ends of the Quarter Mile bridge.

It seems, however, that even when this is all over, Rym Decoster will never be the same. It is said that the once fearless leader now refuses to move from his self-constructed bunker beneath the Sentinel. Rym lays on a cot made of vandalized car seats and human skulls, every once in a while muttering, "The horror, the horror." ■

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# SEALs Look to RIT for Counterstrikers

## > boy can that kid shoot

In a surprising initiative in the War on Terror, the United States Navy has announced plans to focus its recruiting on players of the popular computer game Counterstrike. The players would be admitted to an accelerated Navy SEALs training program that would give them some basic combat knowledge. "These guys probably don't need to learn all of the necessary tactics that go into our operations," said Chief Petty Officer Arnold Stonopolis. "They're already pretty 1337." Stonopolis elaborated that "1337," pronounced "leet," is the term he and other recruiters are using to identify the best of the best.

Several of RIT's top Counterstrike players jumped at the opportunity to enlist, and will be shipping out sometime next week. Stonopolis added, "Although I'm not sure some of these young people will be able to handle Hell Week, I am still confident in the students who will be working with us. There is one young person in particular, code named 'Acid D34th,' who racked up 367 kills, rescued 71 hostages, and defused 13 bombs just last night. If we put a guy like that in the field, we'll put an end to terrorism in no time."

"I'm fast and precise, those're my strongest points," said Acid D34th, whose real name has been withheld for security reasons. "I can get into the Terrorist base and waste everyone in there with the quickness. They're usually a bunch of n00bs who can't handle my dual Radeons." Acid D34th refused to comment on whether his "Radeons" would be of any use in an actual fire fight.

"We're also considering players of the popular SOCOM II for PS2, but at this point we will only be working with Counterstrike players for liability's sake," said Stonopolis. Reports indicate that the Marines are considering a similar program that will focus on players of Medal of Honor. ■



# Facilities Management to Replace Elevator in Booth Building



Following years of complaints among students and staff, the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences announced this week that they will replace the elevator located in the James E. Booth Building. The elevator is original to the building, constructed in the late 1960s, and has had a notorious reputation for being extremely slow. In 1994, the elevator was even voted as "the most embarrassingly low-tech device on campus" after a survey of students brought the issue to the attention to the administration. "We've fielded a great deal of complaints over the years," said Shirley Dimple, RIT's director of Vertical Motion Devices. "I'm sure there's no one on this campus that wouldn't be glad to see it go."

In addition to being extraordinarily slow, staff and students who use the elevator find the content of the graffiti, which continuously lines its walls, to be offensive at times. Many students are even sorry to see the elevator go, solely for the fact of its ability to draw the students together or create conversation amongst riders. It was announced that the walls of the high speed replacement elevator will be coated with a special Teflon layer of paint, detaching would-be poets and drawers of phallic forms from having their way with the college's new investment. "I'm pretty peeved about not getting to draw genitals in the new elevator," said an anonymous Industrial Design student. "That elevator was my creative outlet. Now, I'll be forced take my 'art' elsewhere on campus, perhaps to an elevator in the Eastman building—give President Simone a good eyeful of my work." In addition to students who will miss a chance to speak out creatively, some students hold a deeper connection with the elevator.

A grass roots organization has formed in protest of the replacement of the elevator, or "old brownie" (OB), as it is commonly referred to due to its dark brown interior. "The destruction of the campus environment begins with the removal of this historic elevator from our building" said Hugh Jass, organizer for the group protesting the elevator's removal. "Though slow and unreliable, like an old Chevy Cavalier on a cold day, OB is the one constant in our lives that we can still count on." Realizing the irony of his statement, Jass cut short an interview with members of the press to stage a sit in with the rest of his group. Plans for the group to take one last ride together on the elevator were cut short when an alarm sounded indicating that the group had exceeded the weight limit of "old brownie." Half the group was forced to wait to make a separate trip, while the other two members of the group made their final voyage. Officials at RIT plan on making "old brownie" into a piece of public art on the new Hostess Fruit Pie quad following its removal. "Let's see Albert Paley out-do this," said Dimple. "Our sculpture is a hell of a lot cheaper, too." Students should expect to be using the stairs for approximately the next three to four months while crews install the new elevator. ■

# RIT Trivia What They Didn't Tell You

Think about how many times you've counted your steps down the quarter mile to check the real distance, or nights you've spent looking for that legendary tunnel connecting the residential and academic sides of campus. Consider how often you cursed the gender ratio, and pondered fruitlessly about the real meaning of the Sentinel. Fret no longer, *Reporter* has done the work for you, and uncovered the truth about RIT myths and rumors. While this list can't possibly cover every mystery, hopefully it will put some nagging questions to rest.

## What is the real distance of the quarter mile?

Why are we so fascinated with this question? We realize that RIT students tend to be skeptical and like to question everything, but sometimes a quarter mile is just a quarter mile. Deal with it.

## Was the campus really designed for Arizona?

Of course not. Do you actually think they put thought into "designing" this campus?

## Did RIT ever have a live tiger mascot?

We did have a tiger at one time, until one hot sunny day, Ritchie (or Spirit, whichever you prefer), laid down next to a parking lot and fell asleep. Campus Safety issued Ritchie a parking ticket for taking up a space, and the tiger was so disgruntled that he fled to the woods and has lived among the deer ever since.

## Has RIT ever been in the Guinness Book of World Records?

Yes, and you're probably thinking it was because of the "number of bricks in one place" thing. But actually, we only hold the record for most consecutive days without a snow-day.

## What is the Sentinel supposed to be?

The name would imply that it is supposed to represent a soldier type figure that guards RIT against "evil-doers," it is actually the artist's interpretation of our esteemed President Al Simone. Albert Paley concocted the behemoth metal sculpture in an attempt to capture Simone's superhero side.

## What's happening on the eighth floor of the Eastman Building?

Can you say administrative rave parties? The floor has no windows, so there's really no other explanation for what could be going on up there. While no administrators could confirm this fact, one FMS employee has admitted to taking used glow sticks and empty alcohol paraphernalia to the dumpster.

## Was RIT originally SHIT (South Henrietta Institute of Technology)?

Some would argue that it still is.

## Is there a quarter mile tunnel?

Yup, sure is.

## RIT Department Develops a Pretty Sky Button

Our fine city is predominantly overcast during eleven months of the year and boasts of 123 foggy days and 224 days per year with some sort of precipitation (one hundred of which are snowy). This climate has been said to contribute to Seasonal Affective Disorder, increases in days spent coughing, increases in students who spend all of their time playing video games indoors, low morale, and, above all else, lowered retention.

A major facet of the retention pitfalls that the school suffers from stems from a disgruntled photo-student population who find the above environment far from conducive to taking "pretty pictures." "Every photo I make looks like I'm going for something angst-ridden and dark when really, I'm just taking a photo of Mount Hope Cemetery because its cool," said one freshman photo major.

In an effort to correct this very serious issue, the almighty Retention Committee asked the Top Secret Frivolous Scientific Inventions Department (TSFSID) to see what they could do. "The administration said they wanted sunny days and all the clouds swept away so that's what we gave 'em," said one developer. Inspired by beer goggles, the "Sesame Street Button" device can be inserted into any camera and, with the click of a button, will create a pre-engineered, digitally beautified sky in every photograph made.



How, you ask? It's a mystery—and according to the developers that we spoke with, it's going to stay that way. Unfortunately, a little too much mystery is part of the button's equation as it sporadically malfunctions, producing skies of a spectrum of Technicolor Easter egg colors and tartan plaids.

It has also been said that a primary reason that would-be freshman steer clear of the Brick City lies not in their acceptance to MIT or CalTech, but in their negative reaction to photographs of the campus. As one prospective student said in disgust, "It looks like God ate a bunch of mushrooms and then threw them up all over the sky. Like the students perpetually live under a soggy blanket."

Developers at TSFSID are hoping that the Sesame Street Button will solve this problem once and for all, as it will allow the Institute to create photographs that feature such sparkling blue skies that the viewer will forget the pile of bricks under them. The increased enrollment that will, of course, occur as a result of this will not only pay for the man-hours invested in the project, but will add dramatically to the Institute's increasingly valued bottom line. ■



# in Orientation

## What's the real ratio of males to females?

If you take into account the entire population, the ratio isn't quite as bad as you might think. First of all, the Croatia campus is crawling with females; and if you don't believe us, fly out there and check it out for yourself. Secondly, there is a large population of female students involved in the Online Learning program. And finally, many RIT males are far too concerned with installing their Linux operating systems and playing Dance Dance Revolution to be considered involved in the ratio. Considering these factors, the ratio is actually 27:1, female to male, so go get 'em, boys.

## Why does registration begin at 6 a.m.?

Every quarter, in that crack between "it's too late to stay up," and "it's too early to get up," the registrar's office simply wants to remind us non-ROTC-affiliated students that 6 a.m. does in fact still exist. And, hey, RIT students need never be at a loss for something to complain about.

## Why are the laundry rooms under the dorms closed between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m.?

After an unfortunate incident involving a freshman being crammed into a dryer in the wee hours of the morning, Facilities Management Services, Housing Operations, and Campus Safety decided to close and lock the laundry facilities.

## Is Coca-Cola sold anywhere on this campus?

Yes, but it's inaccessible to the general student population. Hidden away in a private, locked professor's lounge below Building 1, there's a solitary Coke machine. When one of your professors brought a can of Coke to class, did you really believe he or she brought it from home? Let's be realistic here.

## What powers the RIT zamboni?

Garden gnomes. The crew at the ice arena can only do so much, so the athletics department enlisted the help of some friendly little workers to make sure the zamboni could always be clean, shiny, and raring to go.

## What does all of the money from parking tickets go towards?

The money is actually just part of a sadistic ruse to get on the nerves of countless RIT community members. The faux fee simply goes back into purchasing sporty neon green jackets and fancy yellow button-down shirts for the Parking Services attendants—quite the vicious cycle.



# Committee Mania

Plagued by low retention and a dwindling numbers of incoming students, RIT has decided to form a committee that will be in charge of forming other committees that will meet for shrimp cocktails and champagne to discuss the problems facing the Institute. A finance spokesperson said, "Our committees will be coming up with ways to keep tuition down and retention up. We're thinking about making some really nice, gold-trimmed college banners for graduation, perhaps some more fake grass fields, and a CNN Zone has now been proposed in addition to a slew of new fancy places to sit on campus."

Committee fever has spawned the formation of the Committee for Things to Do, the Committee for Things We Shouldn't Do, the Committee for Things We Didn't Do, and the Committee for Things We Shouldn't Let People Do. The administration now faces the task of supporting these endeavors. Efforts to raise money started by charging students tolls to use plowed walkways (snow covered walkways are still free to travel on), but a spokesperson has said, "It's still not enough."

During a Squeeze Every Last Drop Committee meeting it was proposed and approved that the Institute put \$100,000 dollars towards buying lotto tickets. When asked for a comment a representative said, "Well it's 100,000 tickets—I think our chances are pretty good. I mean, come on."



The announcement has caused a rash of student protests and drum circles on the quarter mile. "I don't understand this flagrant waste of money," said a disgruntled student hackey-sacker. "All they need to do to make us happier is let us develop a social life on campus. My brother went here years ago when it wasn't a dry campus, and he says this place used to be real cool."

During a recent Stick It to 'Em Forum, President Simone responded to questions regarding the purchase of said lottery tickets by saying, "Hey you never know." ■

# Photo Equipment Cage Employee Defends Right to Be Sexually Harassed

Third-year Advertising Photography student and photo equipment cage employee, Zack Benifer, filed suit against RIT on Friday, March 19, declaring that the cage's no-tolerance sexual harassment policy for its employees is unconstitutional. "I have the right to the pursuit of happiness, under the Eighth Amendment, and that happiness includes being sexually harassed by female employees," said Benifer.

His quest to be objectified has existed since being hired his sophomore year to work two shifts a week. "I thought that it would be a good place to meet girls," he said. "But all the ones who work here just ended up ignoring me like most girls do." Benifer, a nondescript, D-average student who favors backwards baseball caps and Old Navy t-shirts, soon found his job of checking photo equipment out to students and taking inventory to be completely unfruitful. "One time Emily Heisenberg, who works the Monday shift with me, raised her eyebrows playfully and asked if she could touch my zoom lens," said Benifer. "And I was really excited. *You* know what I mean. But then I realized that she really was talking about my Nikon zoom lens."

Benifer's ulterior motives haven't endeared him to any of his other co-workers. "Zack's pretty weird," said Anisha Morrison, who worked with Benifer during the winter quarter. "One time I saw him stick a sign on his own back that said 'Grab my ass,' and then he walked around all day pretending he didn't know it was there. It was creepy."

Photo cage manager Robert VanWinkle seemed unaware of Benifer's actions, saying sternly, "I don't care what he does as long as he doesn't break anything. Don't touch anything, by the way."

Responding to accusations of having filed a frivolous lawsuit, attorneys Cellino and Barnes, representing Benifer, issued a statement last week saying, "All he asks is to be treated like a piece of meat. That's all Mr. Benifer wants."

RIT lawyers were more mature in their response, saying, "Zack Benifer is an asshat."

Incidentally, this is not the first time such a suit has been filed. Behind-the-scenes domestic squabbles on the nation's most popular children's show, *Sesame Street*, came to light in 1985 when Ernie sued Bert for "not touching my rubber ducky enough." The case was settled out of court.

Civil litigation is a long and arduous process, and if Benifer's case isn't settled out of court like Ernie's, it could be years before a decision is reached. "That's okay," said Benifer. "My grades suck. I ain't goin' anywhere for at least a couple more years." For the time being, Benifer continues to stew in his quasi-notoriety. One notable personality who has jumped on the Benifer bandwagon is John Grisham, who is hard at work planning a novel based on Benifer's fight. The book, tentatively titled *The Pelican Boxerbrief*, should be in bookstores upon the closure of the case. ■



# Street on the Word

A: At least 3 times a day.

"How many times do you brush your teeth?"

**Reagan Higgins**

Third year  
Graphic Design

"How many times do you put on deodorant?"

**Melanie Orshan**

Third year  
Metals

"How many times a day do you chase squirrels?"

**Pete Reske**

Second year  
Fine Art Studio

"How many times do you think about leaving Rochester?"

**Kiara Vollick**

Second year  
Visual Media

"How many times do I misplace my brain?"

**Guy on bench**

(sorry we didn't get your name)

"Why do bellybuttons have lint?"

**Joey McIntosh**

Third year  
Animation

"How many times a day do you fantasize about puddle-stomping adventures?"

**Kiara Vollick**

Still second year  
Visual Media

"How often do I fart?"

**Jon on bike**

Third year  
Information Technology

"How often do you go to class?"

**Dan Harris**

Fourth year  
Computer Science

"How often do you wish you were sleeping?"

**Tim Curtain**

Third year  
Marketing

"How often do you brush your teeth?"

**Monique Mazza**

Fourth year  
Criminal Justice

"How often do you go to the bathroom?"

**Kevin Carpenter**

Fourth year  
Information Technology

"How many times a day do you go to the bathroom?"

**Katelyn Kern**

First year  
Imaging Photographic Technology

"How many times do you trip [as in trip and fall]?"

**Lauren Harnett**

First year  
Photographic Technology

"How many times do you need to wax the flagpole?"

**Shaniqua Snenopolous**

Fourth year  
Packaging Science

"How many times a day do you see someone smarter than you?"

**Bryan H.**

"How often do you get to SPOOOOON?"

**K**

"How many times a day are you indicted for investment fraud?"

**Mr. Chris**

"How often do you make a joke and no one laughs?"

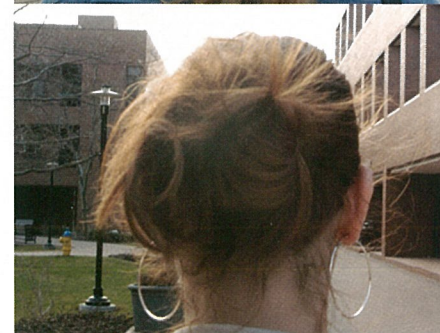
**Reginald Yourheart**

"How many times do your hands smell like racquetball balls?"

**Rebecca Diamonds**

"How often do you crack open the Kama Sutra book?"

**Anonymous**



# RIT Announces Celibate Campus Policy

School administrators made public last week their plans to enforce a ban on all sexual activity in the residence halls. The "celibate campus" policy came as a shock to students across campus, yet some outrage subsided not long after the mass e-mail announcing the policy was sent early Wednesday morning.

"If you're living in the dorms, you're not getting any action as it is," said Marlon Liebgott, a third year Inverted Polartronics Technology major. "If anything comes of it, it will just make people feel better about being sexually frustrated."

Liebgott's sentiments are not representative of everyone, however, as a new student organization has already formed to protest the policy. The group "Students for a Sensible Sex Policy" (SSSP) showed their displeasure last Friday night by forming a "spoon train" in the tunnels on the residential side of campus. "We're spooning for justice!" said Debbie Hostesstwinski, president of SSSP. "We want RIT to see that we are tired of them controlling our social lives!" The two Computer Science students Hostesstwinski was sandwiched between were smiling too much to comment.

Some RSAs have been heard complaining that they have "no idea" how to enforce the policy. "What do I do? Knock on people's doors if I hear repetitive movement?" wondered Tina Bachlarogers, a fourth year student who patrols Sol Heumann Hall three nights a week. "Whoever answers could just say that they were moving furniture or playing Dance Dance Revolution."

Administrators claim that the policy is only in its pilot phase and will not become permanent until an investigation has been completed. The reasoning behind the policy has not yet been made clear, which has led to some speculation about whether the policy is part of a campus-wide psychological experiment.

On average, the announcement was met with the indifference that has become commonplace on campus. "Whatever," said Blake Marston, a first year Technological Infrastructure Technology major. ■



## Video-gaming Becomes New Varsity Sport

This week, plans were finalized to make video-gaming a varsity sport at RIT. "I think it is just what the school needs," said new coach and former Information Technology professor Jeff Coyle. "We've had a lot of positive responses from the student body—something I have never seen with a varsity sport before."

The idea for the new sport sparked last April when twenty of the top video-gamers in the world competed for the championship title in California. Eleven of the 20 participants were students from RIT. "That's when I realized our athletic efforts needed to be focused in a different direction," said Coyle. "It makes sense: this is a technical school, and students here have a real appreciation for the art and science of video gaming."

To prepare for the new sport, Coach Coyle has been making significant changes to the RIT athletic program. One controversial change was decreasing the budget for certain varsity sports to cater to the large budget of the new video gaming program. "I don't think it is unfair at all," Coyle stated. "Our sport requires a lot of equipment—25 large screen plasma televisions with Xboxes and PS2's for each one."

Track coach Dave Warth finds the situation ridiculous, stating, "My runners won't have sufficient equipment and facilities for next year which could result in some serious injuries." A new wing has been added to the student life center that will exclusively be the practice and tournament area for the gamers. The Ritter Ice Arena is also adding on more seating to prepare for the large number of fans expected to turn out for competitions.

"I can't wait to be part of the energetic crowd and feel the real spirit of RIT," said the Tiger mascot.

Serious recruiting for next year has started in high schools across the country, and current students are already in serious training for the coming season. "We've got the gamers in the gym concentrating on the finger, wrist, and particularly the thumb muscles," Coyle said. The gamers are also expected to prepare on their own time by watching their diet and putting in a lot of hours in front of the TV. "A strict diet that combines sugar and caffeine will get the gamers on their toes and improve their reaction time," said Coyle. "Intense training like that will really give us an edge over the competition in the fall." The other schools joining the conference are Cal-Tech, MIT, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Buffalo State.

As far as goals for the opening season in the fall, coach Coyle already sees a lot of potential. "I can only picture success in the future because of the talented gamers and school spirit. I'd like to see us win the conference and make a name for RIT athletics." ■

# Microwave Abuse Leads to Creation of New Sports

RIT recently became the only institution nationwide to include "Microwave Sports" into its athletic program. There have been many complaints by students that sports require too much time and energy that could be better used for computer games. These new sporting events have been developed to allow students to take part in sports by using microwave energy in place of physical energy.

The first sport developed by the newly formed Sports for Dorks (SFD) committee was created in response to a very common problem amongst students. It seems that students don't know what to do with all of those seasonal marshmallow peeps that have recently become the "fruitcake" for every occasion (bunnies, snowmen, pumpkins, etc). Their solution to the problem is a brand new sport called Molten Peep Madness. Purebred peeps are hand chosen and then stuck with a single toothpick which acts as a joust. Two peeps are then placed in a microwave facing each other in order to prepare for the ensuing carnage. Once the microwave is turned on, the peeps expand and joust with each other to the death. In an attempt to implement RIT's new student retention initiative there are no losers whatsoever which is seen as a way to boost student morale.

Molten Peep battles promise to be the new trend in cutting edge "Microwave Sports." "Molten Peep Madness is so fun because it takes little energy and you get to watch the little peeps kill one another," said first year student Bobby Holiday. "This is also a great floor activity where everyone can bond and make new friends without having to leave the floor."

Another very popular "Microwave Sport" developed by the SFD committee is called Snack Bag Shrinkage. The object of the game is to find the largest metal-lined potato chip bag and then nuke it in the microwave. After the intense sparks cease, the result is a small scale version of the original bag whose



font is amazingly enough still legible. The person whose initial bag size to final bag size ratio is the greatest wins. The environmentalists on campus are strong advocates for the sport because it consolidates trash (fuzzy logic considering the toxic fumes that are emitted).

For added fun, the two sports can be merged by placing a peep in a bag to create an awe-inspiring shrink wrapping of the peep, followed shortly by peep oozing from the bag.

Both teams are currently looking for highly unmotivated students to participate in "Microwave Sports". The selection process for the teams consists of a thorough background check for any and all microwave mishaps. Both teams insist that everyone has an equal opportunity of making the team but microwave popcorn scorchers need not apply. ■

*CAUTION: Unsupervised microwave sporting events can lead to an inferno!*



# Football Program Reinstated

After almost 30 years of non-existence, the RIT football program is returning as a varsity sport. But there's a catch—the team will be formed as part of the MTV show: "Let's Make RIT a Jock School." Many feel MTV chose RIT to make a fool out of the institution, and at the same time boost ratings. President Al Simone thinks differently. "I think the show will be a great promotional tool for RIT," he said. "Look how popular UB has become after Sorority Life was filmed there."

For those who aren't familiar with the MTV reality series, it basically takes an individual who has a dream and, in 30 days, tries to make it a reality. Usually it is a talent or achievement that takes most people more than 30 days to accomplish, but MTV intensifies and compacts the process to make it more interesting and entertaining television.

MTV will have their hands full at RIT. In just 30 days, they will have to recruit players, train them, and hopefully help them to win a game. Producer Kelly Frank said, "We've never taken on such a huge challenge like this before—it will be an exciting 30 days."

Seeing as though RIT does not have many football players in the school, MTV coaches will be starting from scratch preparing players and teaching them strategies of the game. On the first day, coaches will be on the quarter mile scouting out potential athletes. "We want big, strong guys who aren't afraid to work hard," said Keith McEwan, one of the coaches. "This is no joke; we are going to build a great team."

And, out of all the schools across the country, many asked why RIT was the chosen one. "Why not?" said Frank. "Everyone likes to see the underdog succeed."

Simone was the one who originally approached the network with the idea saying, "I have wanted to bring football back to RIT, but we couldn't do it without outside help." MTV will provide everything from uniforms and equipment to improved facilities. Endorsements are already confirmed with Starter, Gatorade, and Power Bar. "The show will be such a great opportunity to get RIT's name out there," Simone said. "The students, administration, and overall school spirit will all benefit—we can't lose."

The show could also be a complete embarrassment. RIT originally got rid of the football program because of a heinous losing streak back in 1977. Hopefully a positive outlook and student support will make the entire experience worthwhile, whether the program is a success or failure. "I have no idea what to expect," said Frank. "But either way it will be a great story to watch." ■

## Ritchie Replaced by Geoffrey

It was a cold and blustery day on March 27, 2004 as the RIT crew team took to the Genesee River for their first race of the season against local rival University of Rochester. Tragedy struck right before the race when men's varsity rower Bob Fenton was impaled by a rogue spatula, and it appeared as if RIT was going to have to forfeit. Just then, Ritchie, the RIT tiger mascot, appeared on the scene and offered to take Fenton's place.

"It was the least I could do for the team," said Ritchie. "Even though I don't have opposable thumbs, I just couldn't stand to see the team forfeit to U of R." The team was happy that the mascot came to their rescue—that is, until disaster reared its ugly head during the race.

At about the halfway point of the 2,000-meter course, Ritchie was ejected from the boat when his oar got stuck in the remains of Jimmy Hoffa in the water.

In rowing, a team cannot win if it doesn't cross the finish line with all nine members in the boat, so the team lost the race. "You stupid feline!" chanted the crowd furiously as the rescue boat retrieved him from the frigid waters of the Genesee.

Ritchie was fired when the whole school found out about his mistake and began hurling rotten fruit from Gracie's at him every time he showed his stripes at a sporting event. "Unfortunately, we just couldn't have this spectacle taking away from our athletic events," said Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Cooper. "Boy, will I ever miss that tiger. He was like a son to me."

After the firing, Geoffrey, the former Toys-R-Us giraffe, was hired as the new RIT mascot. Prior to his hiring, Geoffrey had been living in an L.A. shelter for down-and-out animated characters. "I am excited about the opportunity to represent RIT," Geoffrey commented. "And Buzz Lightyear, my bunkmate at the shelter, was really starting to annoy the hell out of me. 'Falling with style,' my ass."

Geoffrey will be officially introduced as the new mascot at this Saturday's women's lacrosse game, and will be giving rides for a small fee. All proceeds will go to buy cars, planes and video games. ■



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