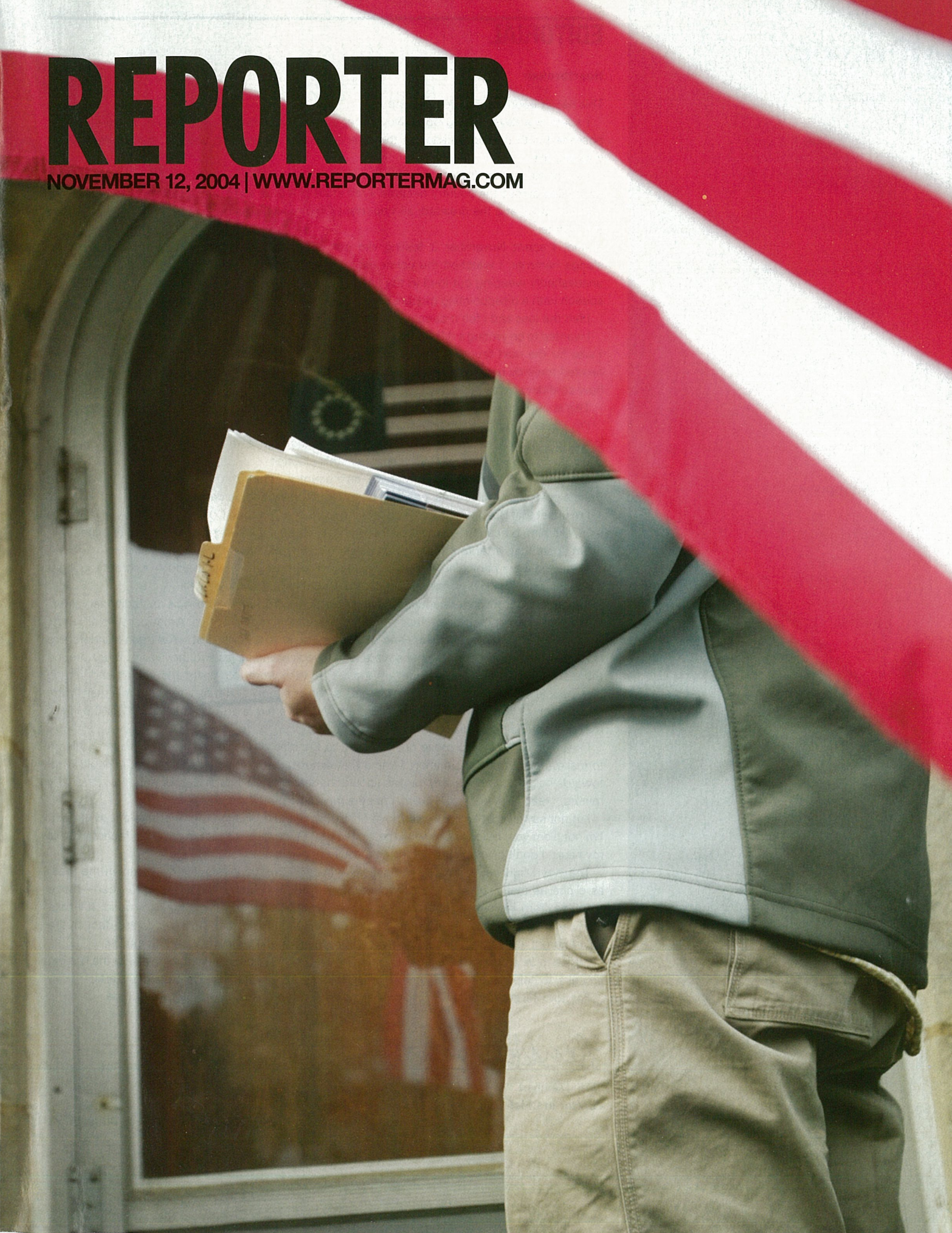


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# EDITORIAL

## Heartbroken

This hasn't been a good week for me.

I spent the days leading up to November 2 with a nervous knot in the pit of my stomach, obsessed with the significance of this year's presidential election and the magnitude of what was at stake.

I spent November 2 glued to my television in a state of apprehension, tensely watching as each state across the country became a red state or a blue state until all that was left was New Mexico, Iowa, and the dreaded, all-important Ohio, which was becoming redder and redder by the minute.

And, I spent November 3 feeling like someone had just hit me in the stomach with a sledge hammer. I watched the concession speeches with tears streaming down my cheeks, unabashedly weeping out loud in the safety of my empty apartment. I watched Bush's victory speech with a disappointing mixture of profound sadness and disapproval and fear.

I felt the loss and I felt it deeply.

I wanted to be writing a different editorial this week. I wanted to be writing about how optimistic I was for the next four years and how hopeful I was that America was finally turning a corner, headed towards becoming the very best version of itself possible. I wanted to be writing about how confident I was in the decision that our country made and the direction we were headed.

This is not that editorial. That is not at all how I feel. I feel not hopeful, but incredibly upset.

I'm upset about the long-term damage that a Bush administration can do with a majority in Congress without the threat of having to go through a re-election campaign, especially considering the "political capital" it gained in this election.

I'm upset about the message that we, as a country, sent out to the world—that we endorse Bush's policies and practices, peace and the rest of the world be damned.

I'm upset that Bush will be in the position to stack the Supreme Court with conservative judges who, like him, precariously waver over the fine line that is the separation of church and state.

I'm upset that, after four really rough years, we chose to have more of the same.

This is only the beginning of a very long list, most of which I'm sure you've heard throughout the week as we look at what happened, as we try to make sense of it all.

It's not that I don't understand that Bush's conservative politics, emphasis on traditional values, and overall down-home demeanor would be appealing to some voters. America takes all kinds, liberal and conservative, religious and secular, so on and so forth. But what I don't understand is that a large number of Americans were able to look at their lives and the lives of those around them and say that they were better off today than they were four years ago. I don't understand how people believe that America is stronger, safer, or simply better as a result of this man when so so much of the evidence says the contrary. We gave him a do-over and I can't, for the life of me, see why he deserves one.

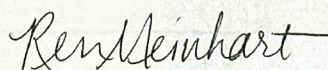
I know that I'll have to move on, get used to the idea of four more years of Bush, and learn to make the best of the situation. I know that America is far too divided and that I should work towards helping to bridge that gap, as should the rest of the country. But for right now, this very minute, I really just don't feel like it. I need a mourning period and this is it.

I'm not saying that I'm going to move off to Canada or a location more remote out of protest. I'm not. I am very much in love with the United States, despite the fact that it most recently broke my heart. I don't give up on anything that easily.

The way I figure it, it'll be up to "our generation" to fix things several years down the road, as cliché as that may sound. The wounds from the first Bush Presidency were deep—those resulting from his second will only grow deeper and be harder and harder to mend. It'll take many, many years and a lot of hard work to begin to recuperate from Bush's adverse affect on the environment, civil rights, the economy, and America's standing in the world (to start).

I'd like to be around to be a part of that, to be part of the solution. I want to help with the healing process, to help piece back together that which I love about America—its great big heart.

For now, I'll settle for starting to heal my own heart, piece-by-piece, hope-by-hope.



Ren Meinhart

Editor in Chief

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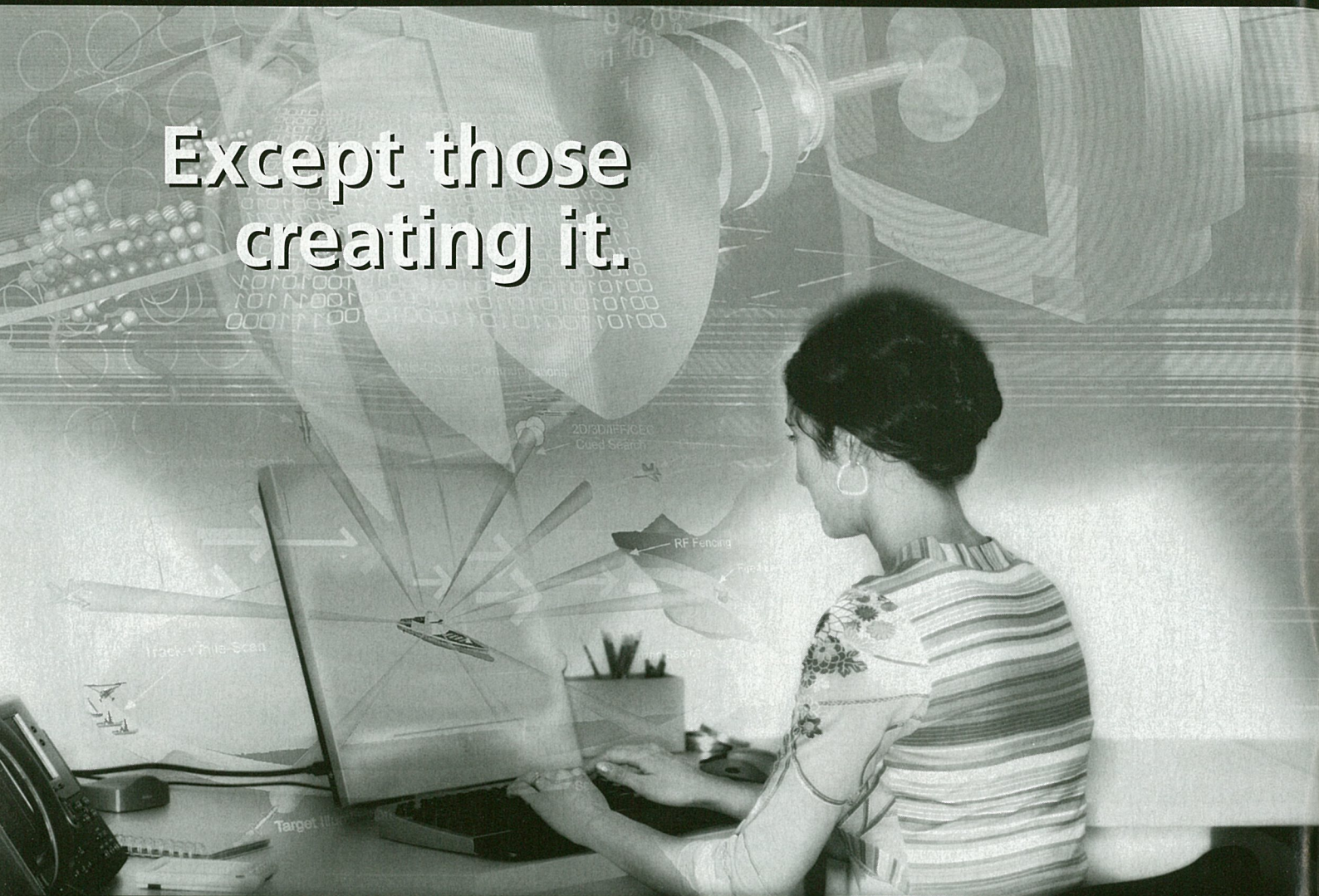
(left) Todd Spivack, member of the College Dems waits on a bus before canvassing for America Votes, a non partisen group that supports getting out the vote for progressive candidates, in Cleveland, Ohio one day before the election. This was the beginning of a long day of canvassing. Kim Weiselberg/REPORTER Magazine.

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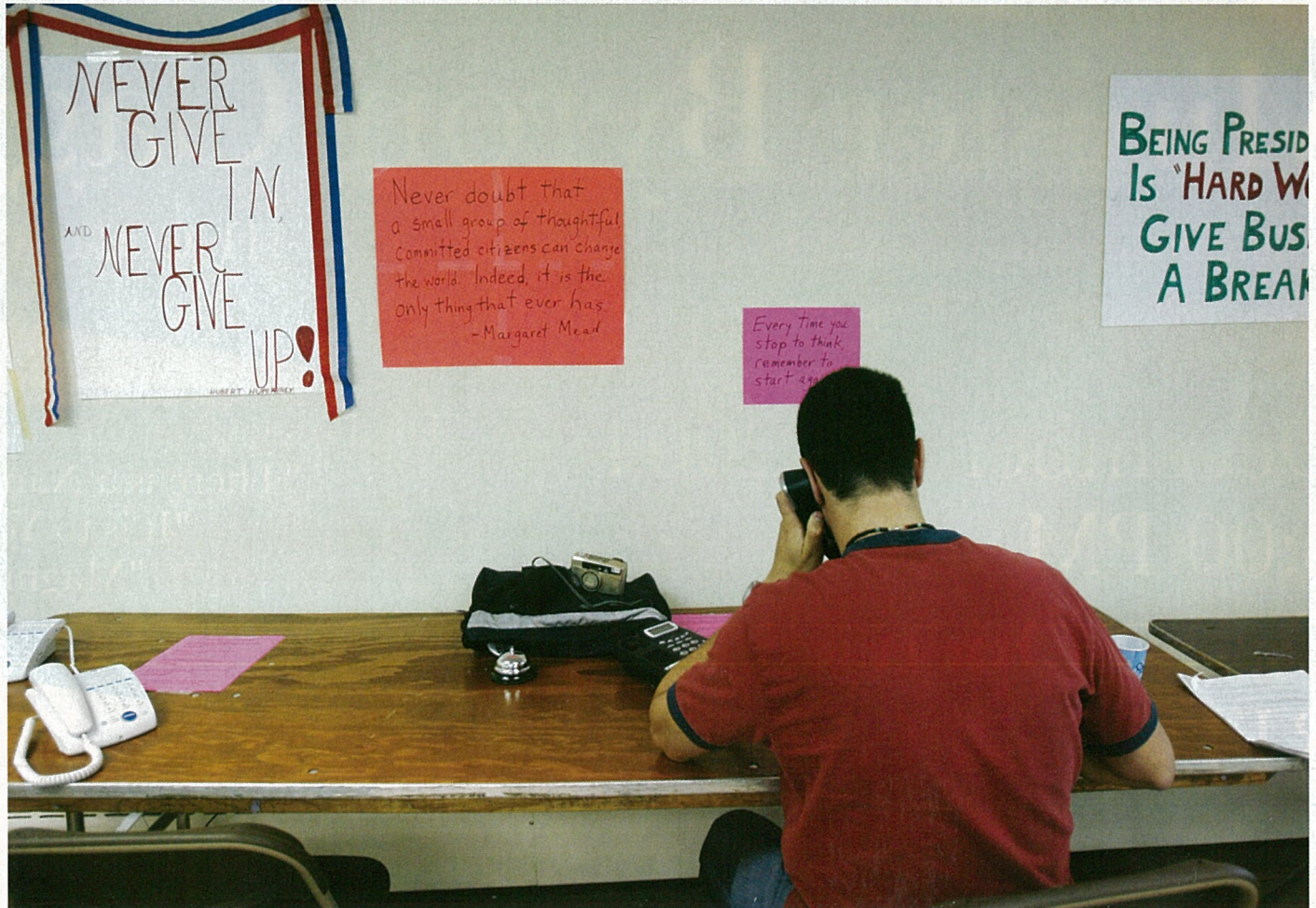
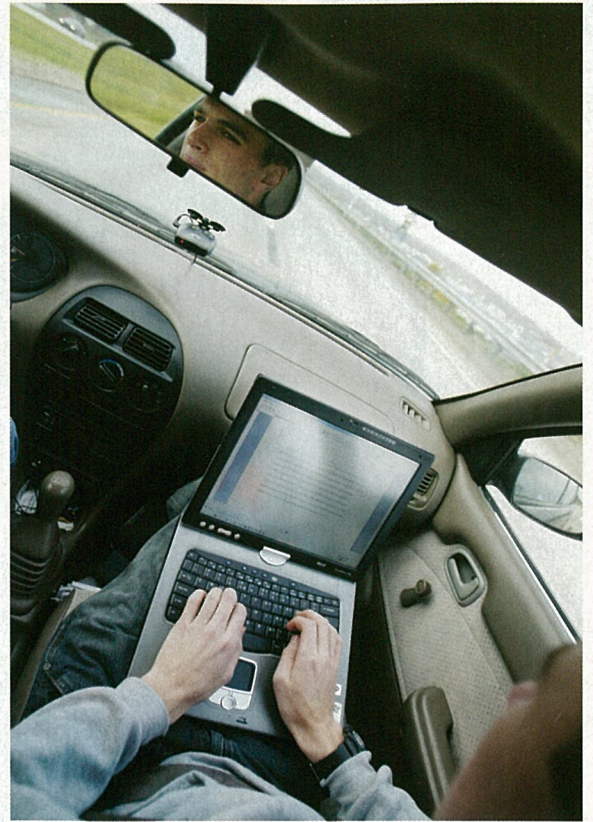


# The Fight for OHIO

## College Dems Travel to Swing State

photo essay by Kim Weiselberg

On October 30, several students from the RIT College Dems traveled from Rochester to Cleveland, Ohio, a swing state, to participate in a final push to elect democratic presidential candidate John Kerry from Massachusetts. These students volunteered with a nonpartisan 527 group called America Coming Together (ACT). ACT supports all progressive candidates by encouraging registered Democrats and Independents, through phone banking, canvassing, and lit drops, to vote in upcoming elections. Taking time off from their busy schedules, these students hoped that they could help to convince Ohio that a change in the White House is a necessary step towards the well-being of this country. Despite their efforts, B, Kerry lost the election to George W. Bush, with Ohio becoming the deciding state. Bush beat out Kerry by three percent of the vote.





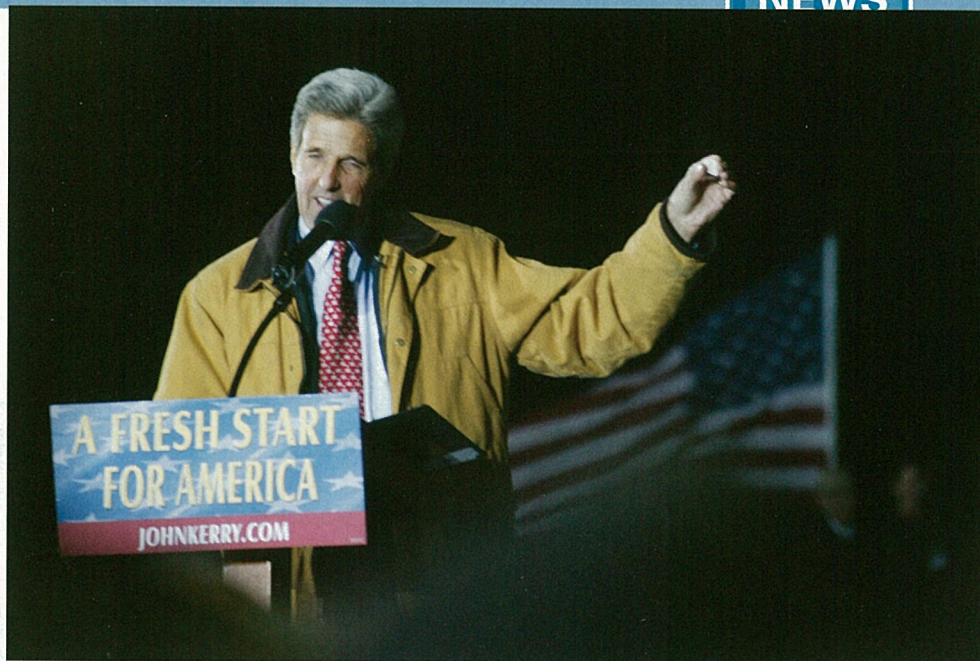
**OPPOSITE PAGE:**

(TOP) (in mirror) Todd Spivack and (right) Kevin Tierney travel down to Cleveland, Ohio on October 30 to volunteer for America Coming Together (ACT). Kevin writes a paper for his history class in the car so as to not to fall behind in his classes. Todd says, "This election is so important to me that if I didn't go to Ohio for the election then there is no way I would ever be able to concentrate in class."

(BOTTOM) Todd Spivack works at the phone bank at the ACT headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. The volunteers would call registered democrats and encourage them to vote on November 2.

**THIS PAGE:**

John Kerry, Democratic candidate for President of the United States speaks at a rally in downtown Cleveland, Ohio the night before the election. Cleveland was Kerry's last stop before the election.



(middle) Ron Kelly, one of many RIT Students who traveled down to Cleveland, Ohio to volunteer for ACT, cheers at a rally for John Kerry.



"The Boss", Bruce Springstein, plays for a packed crowd as an opener for John Kerry at Kerry's last rally before the election in Cleveland, Ohio.





**(ABOVE LEFT)** (left) A resident of Mayfield Hights, Ohio and a registered Democrat assures (right) Kevin Tierney that she is going to vote on November 2. Volunteers for ACT spent most of their time canvassing in neighborhoods to remind registered Democrats to vote in the election, hoping that high voter turnout would swing the election in Kerry's favor.

**(BOTTOM LEFT)** Fox News was the first to declare Bush the winner of Ohio. Although Ohio wasn't officially given to Bush until Kerry conceded the next day...This marked the end of Kerry's attempt to win the presidency.

**(RIGHT)** (left) Joe Pawelski and Mallika Ramaswamy take a break from canvassing and catch up on recent news in Joe's hotel room.



# RIT Faculty Showcase Sensor Technology for Department of Defense

by John-Michael Stern

In a \$3 million initiative with Delphi Corp., RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) held demonstrations of its "smart sensors" program at the Department of Defense Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition, Oct. 25-28, at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas.

Complementing the symposium's focus on military and commercial maintenance technology, the RIT sensors, activated on site in U.S. Marine Corp light armored vehicles, provided vehicle-health information via satellite and the Internet to a naval vessel located 1,500 miles away, off the coast of San Diego.

In actual combat, these sensors will observe vehicle location, fuel load, weapons condition, and ammunition status, while protecting against potential failures in critical operating components with improved detecting capabilities. Such monitoring of the systems will reduce logistics costs with improved resupply, maintenance and repair efforts.

In other words, Ed McCarthy, CIMS senior program manager said, "Imagine a car that tells you that its engine is beginning to fail and that you will need to get to a mechanic within certain amount of time and (tells you) what parts you may need...sure beats breaking down in the middle of no where without warning."

Key military leaders and the Department of Defense were impressed with these demonstrations, "of which RIT was an integral part," McCarthy said. "This demonstration was so successful that it is planned to be repeated down at the Pentagon for all the services as requested by Lt. Gen. Richard Kelly (USMC, Deputy Commandant for Installation and Logistics).

He added, "This was the first time that entire Global Net-Centric Support (global network support) was demonstrated from end-to-end by anyone within the Department of the Defense."

Also involved with the demonstrations from were RIT faculty members Dr. Nabil Nasr (Director of CIMS), Senior Engineer and Team Leader Michael Thurston and Senior Engineer Jeffery Heintz, who was responsible for implementing the communications network.

RIT and its CIMS research team conceived the sensors as a way of supporting efforts by the Department of Defense to create sustainable design strategies that increase the longevity of existing military systems. Delphi Corp. provided advanced sensors that were weaved into RIT's hardware and software vehicle support systems.

"An enormous amount of time spent planning and debugging this technology has really paid off," said Nasr.

CIMS faculty did not create these systems all alone, however. According to McCarthy, students majoring in mechanical, electrical and computer engineering majors made large contributions to the development while participating in the co-operative program.

Demonstrations of the sensors will continue with a field performance in early December for the Marines in Camp Pendleton, California. For more information on CIMS visit [www.cims.rit.edu](http://www.cims.rit.edu).



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## October 29

Petit Larceny – Sol Heumann Laundry

A student reported his unattended laundry was stolen from the basement laundry facility. Alert flyers were posted, but the investigation is closed pending new information or leads.

Harassment – Ellingson Hall

A student was reportedly threatened by his roommate with a pair of scissors. The case was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

## October 30

Criminal Trespass – University Commons

Upon entering her UC apartment, a student reported finding an intoxicated female passed out in the apartment. When the intoxicated student was revived, she refused treatment by the RIT ambulance. The case was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

## October 31

Criminal Mischief – Kate Gleason Hall

A hallway lounge window was found broken with a BB on the floor. No suspects have been identified yet and the investigation is closed pending new information or leads.

Petit Larceny – Colony Manor

A resident reported a black male and his friends entering his apartment asking for a roommate, who was not present. The group said that he, the roommate, owed them and then the group took a computer from the roommate's room and left. The roommate has not been seen since October 29 and his whereabouts are unknown. Campus Safety is continuing the investigation.

## November 1

Burglary – Ellingson Hall

A student reported that some of his property was stolen while he was in the shower. The involved persons were found and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Criminal Mischief – NRH Circle

A student reported that the rear window to his Toyota SUV was broken with a rock while he was parked in the NRH Circle. The investigation is closed pending new information or leads.

## November 2

Harassment – Ellingson Hall

After showering, a male student wrapped in a towel exposed himself to his roommate and two other males who he claimed had been verbally harassing him.

Auto Stripping – Grace Watson Hall

A student parked overnight behind Grace Watson Hall found his license plates missing the following morning. There are no suspects at this time.

# BrickBeat

by Casey Dehlinger

Princess Grace Has Found Her Prince

Jesse Borkowski, currently in his fourth year in the School of Film and Animation (SOFA), has received a grant from the Princess Grace Foundation to help fund his senior thesis. The film that won him the award was the experimental "Test Yy", which explores the effectiveness of symbols that are used by people and how these abstractions of everyday life can obscure the original intent of a symbolized concept.

What makes Borkowski's accomplishment even more prestigious is the fact that this marks the fifth consecutive year an RIT student has won the Princess Grace Award. Already one of the most selective of programs at RIT, the School of Film and Animation only accepts approximately ten percent of applicants each year. Borkowski plans to continue making independent films as well as attend grad school. The Princess Grace Foundation was established in dedication to Princess Grace of Monaco, who dedicated a great portion of her time and wealth to artistic endowments.

Honors for Amit

RIT economics professor Dr. Amit Batabyal has recently become the recipient of the Moss Madden Memorial Medal, an award given out by the British and Irish Section of the Regional Science Association International. The award is named for world renowned Regional Scientist Moss Madden and is annually given to the author of an outstanding article in a Regional Scientific publication. The author of over 300 essays and publications, Amit Batabyal holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University as well as a master's degree in agriculture and applied economics from University of Minnesota and a PhD in agriculture and resource economics from University of California at Berkeley. In addition, Dr. Batabyal is the Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics at RIT. Dr. Batabyal's paper "The Persistence of Ecological-Economic Systems: Alternate Measures and Their Properties," was the crowning achievement that won him the prestigious award.

# CrimeWatch



# Make-A-Flake

If I knew you were coming, I'da maked a flake

by Sean Hannan | illustration by Brittney Lee

Rochester's winters are notoriously rough. Not only are we graced with perpetually gray skies; we are blessed with lake effect snow and wind chills that kill small animals. Despite the bleakness, there is something very childlike and playful about the season. During what other time of the year can you build snowmen, make snow angels, and spell out words on the ground with your own urine?

Unfortunately, some of the folks on campus do not appreciate the season as much as they should. Instead of skiing, sledding, or depicting the kama sutra with snowpeople, they hole up in their caves and let the cabin fever take hold. Even if this is your modus operandi, a good way to ignore the cabin fever while still keeping with the seasonal festivities is the wonderful Make-A-Flake site.

Located at <http://snowflakes.lookandfeel.com>, Make-A-Flake mimics the elementary school art form of making paper snowflakes. You know, where you fold up a piece of paper and then cut it with scissors to create a pretty wood pulp version of nature? Yeah, that. As someone who has not participated in this activity since elementary school, this Flash-based version is a godsend.

When you reach the site, you can either make a snowflake or visit a gallery of previously created flakes. The Make-a-Flake option presents you with a triangular piece of "paper" that you cut with a tiny pair of scissors, which are controlled by your mouse. The interface is somewhat confusing at first, so here are a couple tips: 1. All cuts must start from the edge of the "paper". 2. The color of the center of the scissors indicates whether you can cut or not; green means go, red means no. 3. You don't make smooth cuts, rather a bunch of dots that connect to form a cut once you reach another edge. Having that in mind, know that this technological update of an old-school craft makes use of modern-day accoutrements such as undo and redo. Once you are happy with your snip-snipping, click on "Preview Flake", to virtually unfold and admire your creation.

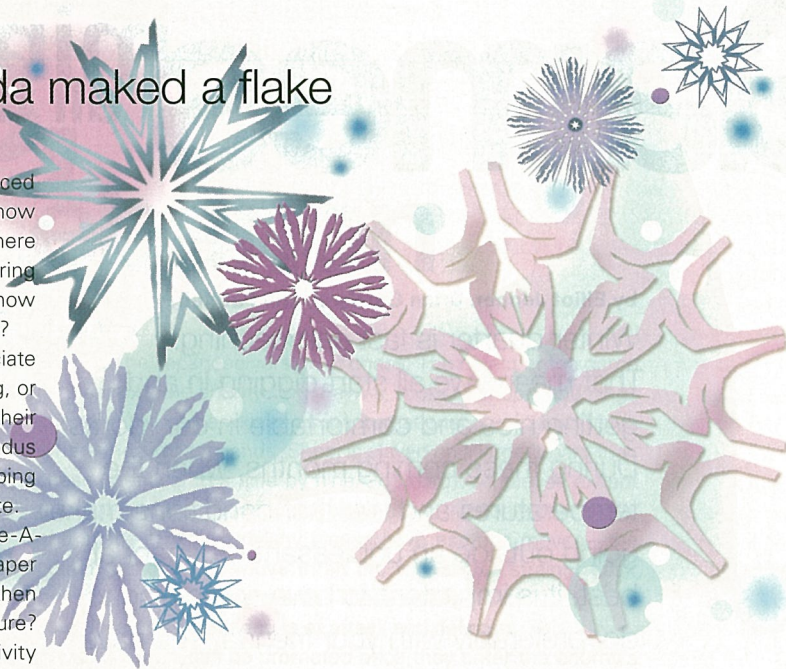
If you are happy with your flake, it can join over four million other creations in the gallery. Your unique snowflake can also be downloaded or e-mailed to your other seasonally disaffected friends. With finals coming up, making virtual snowflakes is a great way to procrastinate while avoiding depression and reaching a calm, Zen-like state. •

Design ★★☆☆: The colors and fonts are soothing yet funky, but the interface could be easier to use.

Content ★★★★★: With over four million designs in the gallery and a way to create four million more, there is always something to do at Make-A-Flake.

Safe For Work ★★★★★: Being that it's completely made in Flash, this site is safer than safety scissors.

Not a Fad ★★★★★: This site has been going strong since last winter, and, given the addictive nature, is sure not to melt when spring rolls around.



## ThisWeek

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1 p.m.-4 p.m.

RIT 175: Rochester and its Institute

Ingle Auditorium. RIT presents a documentary on the Institute, produced and directed by SOFA faculty. Reception to be held at 2 p.m., between the first and second showings of the film. Free. Contact: Bob Finnerty: [refuns@rit.edu](mailto:refuns@rit.edu).

8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Fall A Cappella

Ingle Auditorium. Presented by Eight Beat Measure. \$2. Contact: Matthew James Stellato: [mstellato@8beat.org](mailto:mstellato@8beat.org).

10 p.m.-12 a.m.

Open Mic Night

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10 p.m.-12 a.m.

Midnight Breakfast

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6 p.m.-12 a.m.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

LBJ. Sponsored by NSC. Free. Contact: Brian Strother: [bs@mail.rit.edu](mailto:bs@mail.rit.edu).

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# Games <sup>minus</sup> all those <sup>Clues,</sup>

by Elliot Jenner, Brian Garrison, and Pat Kelley

Winter quarter is fast approaching. That means we all start digging in and getting nice and comfortable in our rooms. During these coming months, when the temperatures and weather conditions make going outside an unpleasant prospect at best, it is important to have something to do, preferably with your friends. You have many options: video games, classic board games, cards. However, to spice things up, we present here some of the best games you haven't seen before. Go ahead, try something different.

## The Great Dalmuti

"The only place that peasant and princess change place faster than a fairy tale is in The Great Dalmuti!" Or so the rulebook claims. Other similar games, such as Asshole and Scum, might allow for just as fast of a switch. However, those card games are played with an ordinary deck of 52 cards, whereas The Great Dalmuti uses a special deck, which obviously means it's cooler. In the deck are twelve 12's, eleven 11's, etc., and two Jesters, which bring the card count to a total of 80.

The four to eight (or so) players sit in a circle in order of rank. Highest to lowest, the ranks are: Greater Dalmuti, Lesser Dalmuti, Merchant(s), Lesser Peon, and Greater Peon. To keep the Dalmuties in power and the Peons penniless, taxation takes place after all the cards have been passed out. The Greater Dalmuti gives up whichever two cards he/she damn well pleases in exchange for the Greater Peon's two best, and the Lesser Dalmuti exchanges one card with the Lesser Peon. If you don't want the merchants to feel left out during this exciting process, you can let the higher merchant replace any one card for one randomly selected from another merchant.

Play starts with the Greater Dalmuti playing one or more cards of the same rank, face-up. To "top" this, the next player must lay down the same number of higher-ranked cards or pass. Jesters are wild, and can be played with any other numbered card(s), but alone they have the low rank of 13. Each round goes until nobody tops the previous play. Ranking for the next deal is based on who gets rid of his/her cards first. Play is ended arbitrarily, or when the band bus reaches the competition.

Though The Great Dalmuti is out of print in English, you can still find a German deck on ebay. The German edition is generally cheaper, and adds an extra touch of eccentricity.

## Cranium Hoopla

It is Cranium light, Cranium without the fat, Cranium with a timer, Cranium without competition. What? Yes, players all team up together to beat the timer in no more than fifteen minutes. Each player is given cards, and if each player can get the other players to guess what is on each of their cards, in turn, then everyone wins. If fifteen minutes are up before all the players have completed their cards, then everyone loses.

The cards are all created equal, each almost entirely covered with a photograph and a written description of what the card shows (ranging from Marilyn Monroe to Viagra, or from Garbage Dump to Washington, D.C.).

The concept of the card must be guessed in one of the four ways, depending on the roll of the die. Yellow is Tongue-Tied, where the performer must get the players to guess based only



# Ladders, and Cities in Lebanon

off of a string of alliteration based on a first letter of their choice. Blue is Cloodle, allowing a drawn representation of the card—often a sketched-out version of whatever the photograph on the card shows. Green is Soundstage, requiring the card to be acted out with sound effects—such as humming and beeping. Finally, Red is Tweener, the most novel addition to this game, allowing players to speak only two sentences—starting with “It’s bigger than a…” and “It’s smaller than a…” making it entirely necessary to choose objects related to the concept being guessed.

People must respond quickly, since the timer is always against them. If any person is taking too long, the other players can decide to have their turn passed, slamming their hand down on the buzzer—prodding the next person to roll for their turn. For those of you who have played Cranium, this is faster, even more lively, and generally much louder. And any game that allows the clue “Pulsating penis pills” to be an automatic winner, deserves to be played.

## Chinese Chess (XinagQi)

Chinese Chess is perhaps one of the strangest and most involved versions of chess. In fact, the only similarity it has to chess is that the object of the game is to capture the enemy “king.” Utilizing a special board, players move their pieces along the lines, a la GO, rather than in the spaces. The general and his two mandarins are restricted to a square in the back of the board, while the elephant cannot cross the “river” in the middle of the board.

Perhaps the most difficult part of Chinese Chess is remembering how the pieces move. The elephant must move two spaces diagonally, while the cannon moves like a rook, but must jump a piece in order to capture. The general, although restricted to his “castle”, can check the other general on an open file. All of this unusual movement makes for an interesting and challenging game, with many strange positions and reversals.

Games tend to progress rapidly. Many factors must be considered in each move. In particular, it is too easy to forget about the cannons and create an opening you didn’t anticipate. The endgame can be somewhat odd, as the generals interfere with each other, allowing for some weird checkmates.

Overall, the difficulty level is about the same as chess. The fun factor is dependent on your ability to visualize—if you have problems keeping track of all the strangely moving pieces, you will more often be frustrated than entertained. Either way, it’s worth a try.

## Shogi

Shogi is the Japanese version of chess. The object of the game is to capture the enemy king. Pawns, rooks, bishops, and kings still have the same moves as in international chess, but that is where the similarity ends. Shogi is played on a larger board than chess (identical to a nine by nine Go board). All pieces except the rook and bishop, of which each player has only one, move one space at a time. Many pieces have esoteric moves—the golden general can move in an arc forward or straight back, but not diagonally backwards. These strange patterns lead to countless possible avenues of attack and defense.

Many pieces can be promoted once they enter the enemy’s territory, giving them different movement characteristics. While most pieces promote to golden general, the rook and bishop gain the ability to move one space in their off-direction. In nearly all cases, promotion increases the utility of your pieces. A big part of strategy is promoting your own pieces while stopping your opponent from promoting theirs.

You can also put any piece you capture back into play on your side. This creates a huge amount of tactical and strategic variation, and challenges the player to see both the pieces in play and the possible “drops.” You may think you have checkmate, only to discover that your opponent has turned the tables on you with a few well-chosen drops. If you think you need to see into the future to play chess, you ain’t seen nothing yet.

In Shogi, strategies unfold slowly, and the smallest error can be telling. Moves must be carefully considered for long term effect. This tends to lend games a deliberative atmosphere, as both players consider their moves very carefully. These aspects make Shogi much more difficult than chess—and they also make it more fun. •



# RIT Cribs

by Monica Donovan

**Location:** Art House (Colby)

**Designers/Tenants:** Kevin Sweeney (2nd year New Media Design) and Jeremy Tamagna-Darr (2nd year Advertising Photography)

"Listen up, Report-Folk!" commands the composer of a recent email to the magazine. "We have one of the hottest dorm rooms in the country and the pictures to prove it." And, indeed, they do.

Jeremy and Kevin were roommates last year as well as this year, and since that time have worked hard to transform their Art House dorm into a virtual entertainment center. They are the proud owners of Nintendo 64, PlayStation, GameCube, PlayStation 2, and Xbox video game consoles, as well as a DVD player and digital cable. Finally, their crowning glory of entertainment is a digital projector, from which they show movies almost nightly. Anyone who pops in at the right time can enjoy nearly ten feet of theater-like visuals and Dolby 6.1 Surround Sound. Three monitors and a small television sit on their long, shared desk against the movie wall.

Naturally, Jeremy and Kevin wouldn't provide entertainment without generous accommodations. They have created makeshift "stadium seating" by pushing the two bunk beds together and leaving the mattresses on top. Two very well broken in lazy boy chairs sit under the bunk mattresses. The room, they insist, "can comfortably fit 18 people." When the author, upon noticing the adjoined mattresses, cautiously inquires about sleeping arrangements, the two laugh. "We get that a lot," Kevin says. "I sleep behind the lazy boys. I like it better [than climbing up the bunk beds] anyways."

"It's a fun place for people to come hang out," Jeremy says. "It's one thing to have a lot of nice stuff—it's another thing to have a cool setup."



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## Some Facts

### A Stream of Facts: Pilgrim

- Although they discovered food and fresh water on Cape Cod, and even made contact with natives, the **Pilgrims** eventually settled at **Plymouth Colony** in Massachusetts on the other side of Cape Cod Bay.
- On March 22, 1621, the Pilgrims of **Plymouth Colony** signed a peace treaty with Massasoit of the **Wampanoags**.
- Due to the influence of Massasoit, the **Wampanoag** maintained peaceful relations with the Pilgrims until the violence of **King Philip’s War**.
- **King Philip’s War** ended when the king was ultimately shot and killed by an Indian paid by the English on **August 12**.
- On **August 12**, 1898, the Hawaiian flag was lowered from **’Iolani Palace** in an elaborate annexation ceremony, and replaced with the American flag to signify the transfer of sovereignty from the Republic of Hawaii to the United States.
- **’Iolani Palace** is situated in the capitol district of downtown Honolulu and is the only royal palace once used as an official residence by a reigning monarch in the **United States**.
- The **United States’** suicide rate exceeds that of its homicide rate; also, male **circumcision** is legal and, while controversial, is more widely practiced in the US than in any other country.
- The decline in **circumcision** in the United Kingdom followed a decision by the National Health Service (NHS), after an influential article by Douglas Gardiner in 1948 claimed that circumcision resulted in the deaths of about 16 children under the age of five every year in the UK.

Going to bed before taking a final the next day. Statistically, it seems that those who have a good night’s sleep score better on exams. But also remember that you have a better chance of getting the answers right if you are awake while taking the damn thing.

## > Reporter Recommends

### A Haiku

by Brian Garrison

Feeling a bit down  
 Had to do laundry today  
 Sometimes I miss home

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# RIT Connected

## No, we don't mean living

"How is RIT is connected to our community?" The fourth-year International Business major stared at me blankly. "Umm...I dunno. We've got the Eastman Building, right?" This served as a somewhat disheartening start to my exploration of RIT's interactions with the City of Rochester. Talking to some of the students here, one would think that RIT is a community unto itself, utterly disconnected from Rochester and all that it offers. Fortunately, they are wrong.

Ever since its establishment in 1829, RIT has strived to be deeply connected to the community that shares its name. RIT continues to do so by interacting with the outside world on several levels – in the community for charity, with other businesses for mutual productivity, and in the artistic community for a constantly developing cultural experience.

It is these connections that allow RIT to be one of the leading economic forces in Rochester. RIT is responsible for employing almost 2,800 faculty and staff, making RIT one of the largest 10 employers in the area, and the Institute has an economic impact on the city of about \$1 billion annually. "RIT is incredibly well connected to the community," says Debbie Stendardi, Director of RIT's Department for Community and Government Relations. Stendardi thinks that students sometimes fail to realize how much effort is put into interacting with our city on so many levels, saying, "We're constantly working to bring RIT and the community even closer together."

### Giving back

RIT has a long history of giving back to the city of Rochester. Most recently, RIT hosted an institute-sponsored event called RIT ROCS, in which students, faculty and alumni all worked in accordance with several Rochester-based organizations to help better our community. Other events in RIT's not-so-distant past include hosting the Special Olympics and the Empire State Games. This spring, the college will host the JP Morgan Chase "Corporate Challenge," a three and a half mile race that drew 201 RIT employees last year.

RIT also has a strong connection with Rochester's local Goodwill chapter. Every spring, RIT and Goodwill partner to host their "End of the Year Move Out Collection." As the name suggests, containers are left throughout the campus for students to drop off any unwanted items that they do not wish to take home with them. Last year, the collection received



# ts to the Community: ejournal

by Brenna Cammeron | illustration by Bill Robinson

about seven tons of reusable goods that would have otherwise ended up in our local landfills. Donations included about 1,000 pounds of clothing and 200 pounds of food.

The Gordon Field House is proving to be a huge draw to various outside venues, including those based in community service. This March, RIT will sponsor the RIT FIRST Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition. This organization, designed to pique high-school students' interest in science, technology, and engineering, has chosen to use RIT's Field House as their venue for this annual event. This event, which is sponsored by RIT, the Democrat and Chronicle, The Gleason Foundation, Kodak, and Xerox, is a great example of how our university is connecting with businesses in the community to educate and stimulate the minds of tomorrow's potential RIT students.

## Taking Care of Business Cooperative Learning: A Unique Opportunity

One of RIT's defining characteristics is its uniquely comprehensive cooperative education program, commonly known as going on "co-op," First developed in 1912, the co-op program allows students to spend two or more quarters developing their work skills by working (for money) at the company of their choice. RIT's cooperative education program is now the fifth largest of its kind worldwide. Its success is due, in great part, to the multitude of great job opportunities that the city of Rochester provides for RIT students.

Students on co-op have the option to go anywhere in the world to develop their skills, but over half choose to spend their co-op time in Rochester. There are over 450 employers in the Rochester area that participate in RIT's co-op program, including 60 of Rochester's "Top 100 Companies." Larger companies that endorse the co-op program include Bausch and Lomb, Eastman Kodak, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Paychex. Incredibly, RIT estimates that the co-op program contributes about \$13 million a year to Rochester's economy.

Part of what is so impressive about RIT's co-op program is the volume of job offers that come out of the quarters that are spent doing hands-on work in one's chosen field. At the end of the student's time on co-op, between 66-75 percent of students receive full time job offers from at least one of their employers. 50-60 percent of the offers are accepted. Manny Contomanolis, director of RIT's Office of Cooperative Education and Learning Services, is especially impressed at how local businesses both big and small have been instrumental in making the co-op program a success. "All companies are very concerned with utilizing co-ops and keeping students in the area," Contomanolis says.

## RIT Events: Connecting Work and Play

RIT's close business ties to our community have resulted in a plethora of events for both students and faculty. Most recently, RIT celebrated Kodak Day, a "Shared Commitment to Excellence." This event, which occurred on October 28th, celebrated the 100 year long relationship between the company and RIT. It included several activities throughout the day, including several lectures and panel discussions on topics such as co-op and career opportunities at Kodak, interactive demonstrations of new Kodak products, several giveaways, and free hot dogs and photo paper to the first 1,000 students in the Eastman Quad.

However, not all events that connect RIT and local businesses involve as much fanfare as Kodak Day. "Aside from the obvious contributions, RIT also constantly presents a variety of lectures, discussions, and workshops through various clubs and organizations" says Chris Bomysoad, a first-year International Business major. Indeed, one only has to look at the RIT Events Calendar to see that there is a constant flow of leaders from local companies that come to RIT to share their expertise on a guest basis.

## Ahead of Our Times

RIT's business interaction with Rochester is not limited to its cooperative education programs or the many events that it participates in. Some of the most innovative concepts in Rochester today are funded by RIT.

Located on Bailey Road, The Business and Technology Park is an ideal example of the great relationship that has developed between RIT and several local companies. The park offers office space for several developing technological businesses. Current residents of the Business and Technology Park include Hammer Lithograph Corporation, Lennox Tech Enterprise Center, and Polyshot Corporation. One of these companies in particular, Lennox Tech, is especially instrumental in forming a solid bond between RIT and local businesses. According to the RIT Business and Technology Park website, Lennox Tech offers "training, consulting, and connections to key resources like RIT...the proximity to of RIT and its understanding and commitment to current and future industry needs and demands enables rapid market management and growth." Additionally, the Business and Technology Park employs many RIT students and relies heavily on RIT faculty for individual contracting of their skills. In exchange, the Business and Technology Park offers RIT the opportunity to "improve the overall quality of education for its students and enhance its position as a leader in combining education with business."





Another prime example of RIT's synergy with the "Rochester of the Future" is the High Tech Incubator. Located on John Street, the High Tech Incubator was conceived in 2001 to develop technological ideas developed by RIT students, faculty, alumni, and partners into viable companies. The High Tech Incubator's current "venture businesses" include Pixel Physics and Lightforce. Student businesses include coFu, which allows internet users to search the internet more effectively via a specialized web browser plug-in, and Ruby Bay Development, a company that deals with the handling of an organization's "resource management, communication, and information administration needs." The High Tech Incubator is instrumental in getting these companies, which may have a great idea but few funds, off the ground. Among other things, the Incubator provides office space, conference rooms, copying and fax services, and a high-speed Internet connection.

RIT's newest project, aimed at actually anticipating trends in technology, is the similarly-named Academic Program Incubator. The program's mission is defined as this: to become a center for technology forecasters, demographers, marketing specialists, and industrial designers. In theory, the Incubator would actually allow RIT to develop academic programs five years or more before the jobs are actually needed in the marketplace. Set to open later this year, the Academic Program Incubator will be the first of its kind in the nation and will put RIT on the map as a pioneer in the field of academic innovation.

RIT's on-campus resources are a valuable draw for many fledgling companies in the area. Businesses such as Integrated Nanotechnology, a company that is developing microchips that use DNA to detect information, are using RIT's labs to develop their products in a technologically advanced area.

RIT is also the driving force behind several other technological organizations that are doing tremendous amounts of work locally. For example, the Infotonics Center of Excellence in Photonics and Microsystems is a collaborative effort between Xerox, Kodak, Corning, and RIT. In addition, RIT faculty are constantly working with various companies on partnerships, grants, and other contracted work.

### Behind the Brain Drain

Despite the many opportunities available to RIT students, few can deny that there is a startling trend emerging: the brightest of students often seem eager to leave Rochester in favor of bigger cities such as New York and Los Angeles. Reasons for this apparent "brain drain" from Rochester often lay in a student's career choice: although corporations such as Xerox and Eastman Kodak are integral in keeping our work force here, many students see companies located in bigger cities as

more "cutting edge" than locally-based companies. For many students involved in the highly competitive artistic studies, such as Photography, Rochester's market is simply too small, its audience too limited. Other reasons for leaving Rochester include the cold weather and the common need to have different experiences in a variety of locations before settling down in one area.

### Connecting Culturally

One common reason for students to leave mid-sized cities such as Rochester in favor of bigger cities is the reported lack of a social life in the City of Rochester. Not so, says Debbie Stendardi. She, along with the department of Government and Community Services, is working to develop a "University Town" atmosphere in Rochester, which is meant to rival Boston and Pittsburgh. As Stendardi says, "We have 80,000 college students in Rochester and we have the tools to connect our campuses."

Other opportunities for RIT students to connect with local campuses abound – it's just a matter of looking in the right places. RIT's administration is constantly working to bring local talent to RIT, including the recent performances of the world-renowned Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in the Gordon Field House. Coordinators of the program hope that aside from providing an enjoyable cultural experience for the student, performances such as the one RIT students enjoyed last month will encourage students to come out and experience all that the City of Rochester has to offer.

### A Connected Campus, A Connected Future

Given the amount of collaboration between RIT and Rochester's charities, businesses, and culture, it's hard to imagine what Rochester would be like without the college's influence. Through its deep connections with the community of Rochester, RIT has managed to create a mutually beneficial relationship for students and the community alike.

RIT's vision for the future is strengthened by its interaction with our community. The constant formation of new programs to enhance this connection only serves to improve both our community and our college. However, it is up to the students to find and take advantage of these connections, to stretch them to their fullest potential. With a thorough knowledge of RIT and the college's interactions with the community, we can work towards a stronger community, and a stronger campus environment. So that just maybe next time someone asks you how RIT is connected to our community your answer can be better than, "Umm...I dunno. We've got the Eastman Building, right?" •





## Q: What was your first reaction after the election?

**1** "Hillary 2004!"

**Allison Tentis**

Third Year

Mechanical Engineering Technology

**2** "I'm fine because the Democratic process played through; more people came out to vote. Bush was truly chosen, even though he wasn't my choice."

**Ben Weinberg**

First Year

Liberal Arts

**3** "I am really disappointed, for the next four years I will be nervous about what can happen to the country; from women's rights to that of minorities."

**Gillian Crisman**

First Year

Interior Design

**4** "We are depressed, what is wrong with the world?"

**Jamie & Whitney Lawson**

Graduate & First Year

Psychology

**5** "Disappointment, I was definitely hoping for the change."

**Lauren Malarkey**

Second Year

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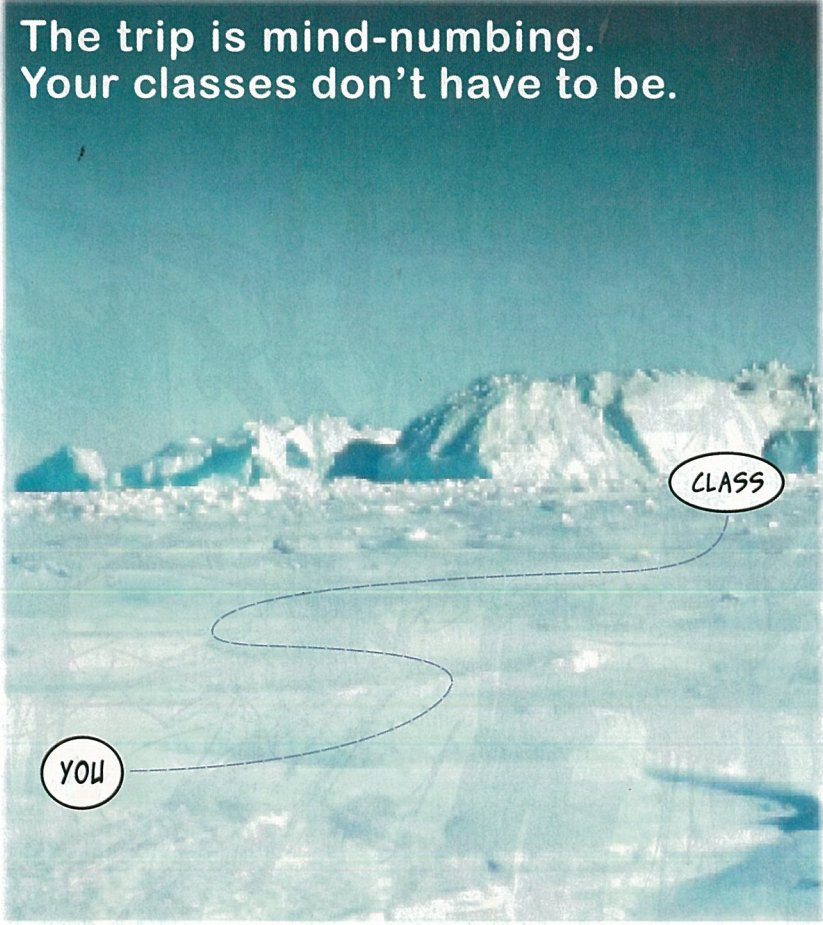
**6** "I was happy, I am a very big Bush supporter."

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# WORKING for MORE



The Future of Concerts at RIT

by Patrick Kelley | illustration by Michael Norton

The Gordon Field House is now a registered venue on Ticketmaster with a single event planned: Bob Dylan on November 13. A change worth noticing, as for years RIT has been planning to create a facility to hold large events, and now this goal is a reality.

The College Activities Board (CAB), in the past, was responsible for almost all of the concerts held at RIT. However, now there is another group pulling bands onto campus. The Gordon Field House has staff members who will be putting bids on bands that will be in the area, and this was the case with the upcoming Bob Dylan concert. These concerts will not be run by CAB, and will have publicly available ticket sales along with student discounts, although the student discounts will not be as low as the ten dollars that CAB charges students for concerts they sponsor.

Michelle Lipchick who is the main coordinator for CAB met with me to discuss their plans regarding the new field house. CAB hosted Kanye West at the field house for Brick City weekend and they regarded that show as a great success. The event was easier to work at the field house because that venue is designed with that type of concert in mind. Everything is much more centralized. Also, CAB was able to sell all their tickets and fill the venue, a much larger space than they are accustomed to. "The event went perfectly, we could not have asked for anything better."

Now, with the Gordon Field House staff also working to book events, CAB will soon be working on a plan to guide how concert choices are made over all. Since the field house staff has a large budget behind them, they could outbid CAB on any artist, so picks will need to be made before-hand. Also, it is important that the students get to maintain some control over which bands come to RIT, as it is for students' enjoyment that such events are hosted. Michelle was notified before the bid was placed for Bob

Dylan and CAB agreed it would be a good choice for the Field House staff to make. With better planning in the future, times might be adjusted so that concerts are not held at particularly tough times for students, in Dylan's case the Saturday before finals week.

CAB will of course continue to hold the same number of their concerts on campus. Some of these concerts will be held in the new Field House. Some will be held in Clark Gym, as in the past. Although the Field House is a great location for concerts, the costs are not always manageable. With the recent Kanye West concert, the set-up fees were approximately \$10,000 to RIT's Tech Crew, a cost that is more than double what it would have been in the Clark Gym. Michelle added: "Tech Crew is so great because they really try to make it [the cost] as low as they possibly can."

This increase in cost is often made back by an increase in ticket sales, but this would probably not be possible with all artists. An artist's selling power needs to match its location; this is why some artists play down at the RITZ, some in Clark Gym, and some now, in the Gordon Field House. It is really about managing what location works best for each artist.

CAB is currently working to set up their large concert for January before they move on to picking the main band for Springfest. As always they will see who is available at the right time, and then if choices were available, they would like to conduct a student survey again this year to see which performer RIT students would like to see. There is always a large push to see what the students want, and to make sure that the bands that are selected are the bands students want to see.

Now that there are more venues, and more teams, working to bring entertainment to the campus, the students will have a greater selection and quantity of events to choose from. Bob Dylan, an interesting and strangely appropriate first choice for a non-student sponsored event, will be performing Saturday, November 13, ushering in a new era of on-campus entertainment for RIT. •







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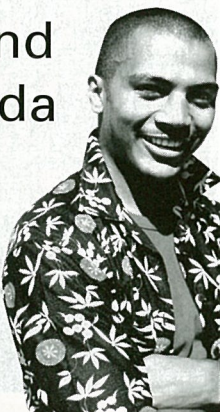
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## Sports **DESK** by José Plaza

### Men's Crew

**October 30:** RIT traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to compete in the Head of the Schuylkill.

**The results are listed below:**

Mens Open Club Eights  
 Boat A – 10th out of 39 teams (13:44:27)  
 Boat B – 21st out of 39 teams (14:20:63)  
 Mens College Frosh/Novice Eights  
 41st out of 47 teams 16:50:74

### Women's Crew

**October 30:** RIT traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to compete in the Head of the Schuylkill.

**The results are listed below:**

Womens College Frosh/Novice Fours w/ Cox  
 7th out of 16 teams (19:22:66)  
 Womens Open Club Eights

10th out of 36 teams (16:01:03)

Womens Open Fours w/ Cox

16th out of 32 teams (18:55:25)

Womens College Frosh/Novice Eights

33rd out of 51 teams (18:00:05)

### Men's Hockey

**October 30:** The men's hockey team was seeking to settle their score with St. Norbert College Saturday night after the season opener loss, and they got it. The Tigers put four goals up on the scoreboard to win the game by a score of 4-3

**Final Score:** W 4-3

**RIT Goals:** Simon Lambert (1), Ricky Walton (1), Matt Smith (1), Matt Harris (1)

**Shots on Goal:** RIT (26), SNC (34)

**Saves:** George Eliopoulos (31)

**Power Play Goals:** RIT (1-6), SNC (1-10)

Swimmers participate in a race during RIT's first meet in the new Gordon Field House. Timothy Kulik/REPORTER Magazine



**November 5th:** RIT played an action-packed home opener against Hobart College in a packed Ritter Arena. The game was scoreless going into the second period, but Tony Bifulco put RIT on the board three minutes and seven seconds later. 21 seconds after RIT took the lead, Hobart tied the game at 1-1 with their only goal of the night. RIT went on to score 5 unanswered goals.

**Final Score:** W 6-1

**RIT Goals:** Tony Bifulco (1), Darrell Draper (1), Matt Smith (1), Marc Hyman (1), Simon Lambert (1), Tristan Fairbairn (1)

**Shots on Goal:** RIT (30), Hobart (30)

**Power Play Goals:** RIT (2-10), Hobart (0-12)

**Saves:** George Eliopoulos (29)

Record through 11/5/04: 2-1-0 Overall, 1-0-0 ECAC West

## Men's Soccer

**November 3:** RIT made headlines in the Empire 8 semifinals game against nationally ranked Ithaca College. RIT's only goal, by Mark Frisicano, along with great defense, allowed them to knock the top seeded Ithaca team out of the tournament. They will face St. John Fisher for the title.

**Final Score:** W 1-0

**RIT Goals:** Mark Frisicano (1)

**RIT Saves:** Nate Andrews (7)

**Shots on Goal:** RIT (4), Ithaca (10)

Record through 11/5/04: 8-7-1 Overall, 3-3-0 Empire 8

## Women's Soccer

**October 30:** The Lady Tigers played their last regular season game at home against SUNY Fredonia, and what better way to end the season than with a win in double OT? Anna Kolnik, Kate Cassim, and Alania Chorney, who scored the winning goal with 1:36 remaining in the second overtime period, led the Tigers to the win.

**Final Score:** W 3-2 Double OT

**RIT Goals:** Anna Kolnik (1), Kate Kassim (1), Alaina Chorney (1)

**RIT Saves:** Carolyn Yehle (6)

2004 Regular Season Record: 6-9-2 Overall, 2-3-2 Empire 8

## Women's Swimming and Diving

**October 30:** The RIT women's swimming and diving team earned their first win of the season in a dramatic fashion, deserving every bit of the win. RIT pulled off the come-from-behind win by taking the last two events, the 200-meter breast stroke (Sarah Keesler) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Stephanie Owczarczak, Jamie Garver Rachel Mee and Jen Indovina). The final score was 118-116.

**1st Place Finishes:**

100-yard freestyle - Jen Indovina (57.49)

200-meter breast stroke - Sarah Keesler (2:37.88)

200-yard individual medley - Sarah Keesler (2:21.89)

200-yard butterfly - Brittany Kitzke (2:29.01)

400-yard freestyle relay - Stephanie Owczarczak, Jamie Garver, Rachel Mee and Jen Indovina (3:52.69)

Record through 11/5/04: 1-1

## Men's Swimming and Diving

**October 30:** The men's swimming and diving team captured their first win of the year over SUNY Fredonia on Saturday, winning 11 of the 13 events. The final score of the event, once tallied, was 140-59 in RIT's favor.

**1st Place Finishes:**

50-yard freestyle - Erik Zebbacher (21.90)

100-yard freestyle - Erik Zebbacher (48.56)

200-yard individual medley - Adam Luptack (2:10.05)

200-yard butterfly - Matt McGill (2:13.84)

200-yard backstroke - Tyler Morrison (2:08.14)

200-yard freestyle - Steve Nims (1:53.70)

500-yard freestyle - Eric Stevens (5:12.27)

1000-yard freestyle - Pete Kaemmerlen (10:11.76)

1-meter diving - Quinn Donahoe (234.90)

3-meter diving - Ryan Schaefer (234.75)

400-yard medley relay - Tyler Morrison, Adam Luptack, Matt McGill and Adam Nellist (3:54.01)

Record through 11/5/04: 1-1

## Women's Volleyball

**October 30:** Fifth-seeded RIT started their run in the NYSWCAA tournament against 12th seed SUNY Oneonta and 4th seed Skidmore, defeating each of them in only 3 games. The first victory also marked Coach Worsley's 100th career win.

**Results by Game:**

**Vs. Oneonta**

**Final Score:** W 3-0

**Score by Game:** (30-19, 32-30, 30-21)

**Notable Performances:** Bonnie Harriman (16 digs, 12 kills), Laura Grell (15 kills), Laurie Underhill (4 blocks)

**Vs. Skidmore**

**Final Score:** W 3-0

**Score by Game:** (30-20, 30-24, 30-19)

**Notable Performances:** Christina Anabel (18 kills), Bonnie Harriman (14 kills, 14 digs), Michelle Skowzgard (7 blocks)

**October 31:** Coming off of 2 wins the previous day in the NYSWCAA tournament, RIT faced off against top seeded NYU and Ithaca College, where they split the games. RIT finished 3rd in the tournament.

**Results by Game:**

**Vs. NYU**

**Final Score:** L 1-3

**Score by Game:** (15-30, 30-28, 18-30, 17-30)

**Notable Performances:** Sarah Ballard (32 assists, 14 digs), Christina Anabel (13 digs, 12 kills), Michelle Skowzgard (3 blocks)

**Vs. Ithaca**

**Final Score:** W 3-2

**Score by Game:** (17-30, 30-26, 30-19, 29-31, 15-13)

**Notable Performances:** Sarah Ballard (51 assist, 28 digs), Christina Anabel (21 kills), Bonnie Harriman (21 kills), Shea Haney (6 blocks)

**November 2:** The women's volleyball team ended their successful regular season with a win over SUNY Brockport in 4 games.

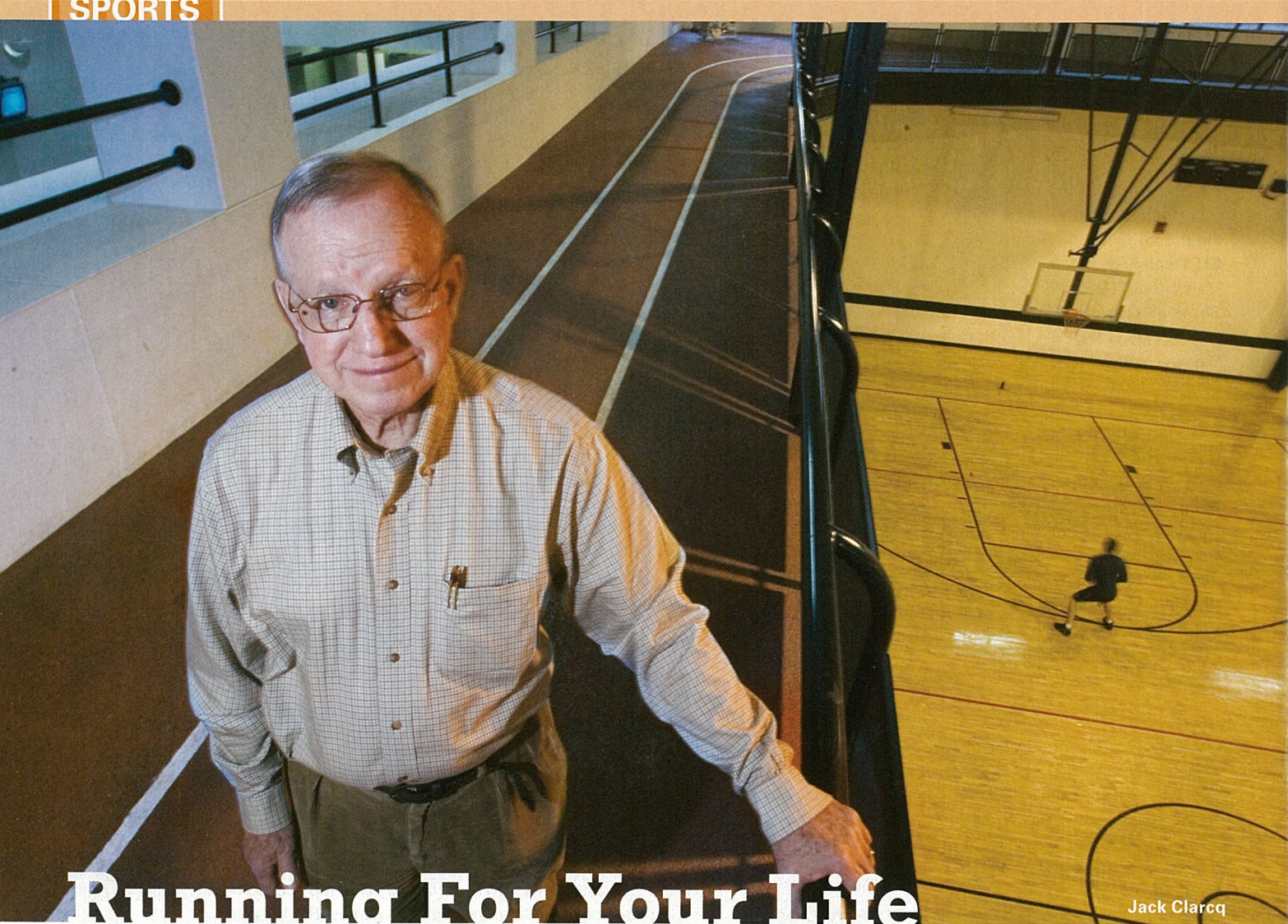
**Final Score:** W 3-1

**Score by Games:** (28-30, 30-18, 30-22, 30-21)

**Notable Performances:** Laura Grell (26 digs), Sarah Ballard (42 assists, 17 digs), Christina Anabel (20 kills, 17 digs, 4 aces), Shea Haney (8 kills, 6 blocks)

2004 Regular Season Record: 24-11 Overall, 6-1 Empire 8





Jack Clarcq

# Running For Your Life

(No Knife-Wielding Serial Killer Required)

by Lauren Dellaquila, Ren Meinhart, and Mike Eppolito

How many people can say that in their lifetime they have run the equivalent of more than half the circumference of the earth? Jack Clarcq can truthfully say that he has done so, and more importantly, done so willingly. While many people run sporadically from time to time, there are others who run consistently for many years and end up tallying thousands of miles. To honor these dedicated runners, the SLC created the 1000 Mile Club, which allows runners to keep track of their ever-increasing mileage. Currently, the top three runners on the list are Jack Clarcq, Ray Cotroneo and Bruce Oliver. It was our goal to find out what keeps these men's feet moving one in front of the other after having run thousands of miles already.

## Jack Clarcq: 13,100 miles

For Jack Clarcq, life is a matter of balance, and running the many miles that put him at the top of RIT's 1000 Mile list is a big part of that.

"I have a plan in my life that I deal with based on some stuff I've read—there's a physical side, spiritual side, emotional side, and a mental side, and to me, it's about trying to find a balance with all of those things."

Clarcq's dedication to running upwards of six miles, five days a week, fulfills not only the obvious physical side of that balance, but also gives Clarcq a sort

of emotional high. "I've been a runner just about all my life. I just love it," he said. "I just feel good after I have had a good work out, after I have pushed myself and extended myself...I just love it. I feel guilty if I don't work out. I just feel like, jeez, I ought to be out there doing something." Clarcq also finds that running allows him to spend time by and for himself—an opportunity for quiet, solitary reflection, providing a way to escape the stresses that he runs into throughout his day.

Running regularly fulfills another purpose as well—helping to control Clarcq's diabetes. "When I first started running, I didn't know about that. I found that out maybe 20, 25 years ago. My wife and I talked about that and fortunately it was late-onset and can be controlled by diet and exercise so that was just another impetus for me to work out. Running is a piece of it."

Leading the top of the 1,000 Mile list wasn't ever really Clarcq's intention. "I didn't keep track for several years when I first started running at RIT, but I thought that it might be interesting to see how many miles I can put in." Now, however,



Clarcq's competitive side drives him to watch the 1,000 Mile list, making sure that he keeps a good distance between himself and the other names below his.

Clarcq doesn't limit his athletic endeavors solely to the circle of the indoor track. He and his wife own a home on Keuka Lake and spend summers there biking, walking, running, and rowing in their 18-foot shell. "Physical activity has always sort of part of our life as a family," Clarcq says, citing that all of his children were really athletic growing up as well. Clarcq also practices Tai Chi and skis in the winter.

Clarcq is just as active in his professional life as he is in his athletic one. While his primary job at RIT is to tutor, advise, and work with deaf and hard-of-hearing students in the College of Business and the Hospitality program, he also teaches several classes with CAST and the Center for Multi-Disciplinary department. In addition to classes that delve into organizational behavior and organizational change, he teaches a section of Management Processes—a three-semester, four-credit class that certifies students in principles of management, training them to be industry leaders and supervisors.

In all of these classes, Clarcq puts special influence on getting to know his students one-on-one and can often be found meeting for coffee or breakfast with small groups of students.

"I want to know students as human beings. I want to know what they think about, what they worry about."

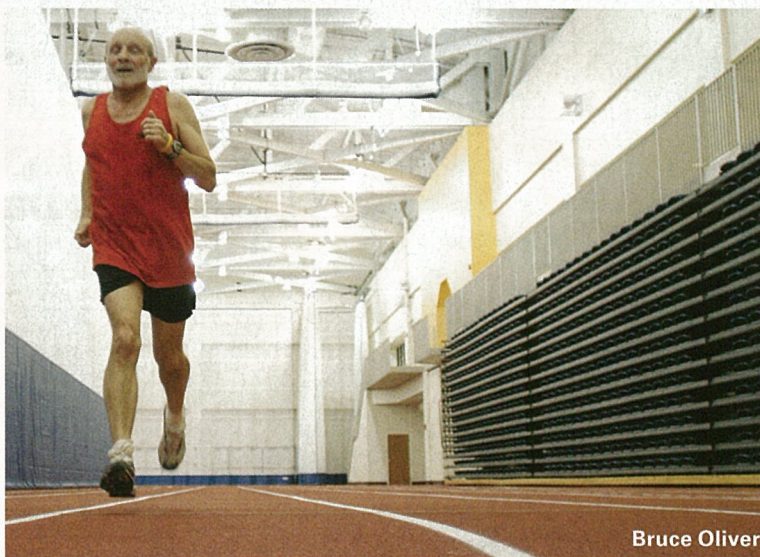
He also puts a good deal of stress on himself to stay up-to-date, continually bringing outside materials and relevant activities into his classroom. "I try to make sure that the course is green for students. The content has to change as the world changes... I'm quite sure that I'm not there and I hope I never do get there because that's when I'll become stale, that's when it'll be time to do something else."

So with no end goal in mind when it comes to his teaching or his running, it seems that Clarcq is perpetually on the go. "It's a journey, it's a trip and you have to, when you go, not be so focused on the journey that you can't take those side trips. The side trips to me are time with my wife, time with my kids and my grandkids. It's time for myself to read, to run. Those are the kind of excursions that I take to sort of widen my road from a single lane to a double lane."

### Ray Cotroneo: 7500 miles

Ray Cotroneo is a retired high school principal of the Rochester city school district, and the former chief examiner for high school equivalency testing in the Rochester area. He has made a name for himself here at RIT with his 7500 miles and number two placing in the RIT 1000 Mile Club.

At 68 years old, Cotroneo has been running since the age of 35 and has the first, second, and third place trophies to prove it. "At age 35, I noticed that I was putting on weight and started running," says Cotroneo. He eventually worked himself up to running three miles a day. At 45, Cotroneo was still running, and "still smoking a pack of cigarettes a day." Curious about the positive effects on his running if he quit smoking, Cotroneo quit and ended up working his miles up to 5 a day. Despite his increased running ability, Cotroneo began smoking again about a month later and found his running working itself back to 3 miles a day. "In my determination to run a 10K race some



Bruce Oliver

day, I knew I had to quit smoking, and I quit for good. I worked myself up to six miles a day and started speed workouts," said Cotroneo. At the top of his game, Cotroneo began running competitively in Rochester and Buffalo areas, "picking up a few trophies along the way."

As well as participating in local 5k and 10k races, Cotroneo has also been involved with the Senior Olympic Games. "At age 55, I started to participate in the New York State Senior Games, which was broken down into five-year age groups." Cotroneo competed in the 5k run, finishing in the top three. "The first three positions were recommended to run in the U.S. Senior Olympics," says Cotroneo, "which were held every two years." Cotroneo has traveled to Baton Rouge, Louisiana and San Antonio, Texas to participate in the games, finishing in the top 10 percent of runners in his age group.

Now that Cotroneo is retired, he has finally found the time to travel and is able to run or walk six miles everyday. Until the past few years, Cotroneo continued to "run competitively in 5k and 10k races in both Rochester and the Buffalo areas." Running provides Cotroneo with a way to keep himself in good physical and mental health. As for finding a way to fit exercise into his schedule, Cotroneo says "to find the time to run, you have to make the time to run." He does not train for races anymore, but he says that he enters races every once in a while for the sheer enjoyment and camaraderie of racing.

### Bruce Oliver: 6300 miles

College of Business professor Bruce Oliver arrived at RIT in the fall of 1985, after 20 years at the University of Washington. However, he didn't arrive at RIT's indoor track until recently. Nowadays, in between running, he teaches courses in accounting to undergraduates, and courses in ethics and technology-intensive environments to graduate students. In addition to his role as a professor, he is currently the director of the Center for Business Ethics.

Oliver's relationship with running began early, on his high school's cross country team, but according to him, running "disappeared from [his] activity list" after graduation. In 1999, though, one of Oliver's colleagues approached him about participating in the Chase Corporate Challenge, which is now run here at RIT. After that, another colleague invited him to run a 10k run (twice as long as the Chase Corporate Challenge) on the Fourth of July in Irondequoit. After running the races, Oliver found himself sucked back into the running world.

He now runs in a group that meets Wednesday mornings at 7 am, bearing the appropriate name of Wednesday's Children. "We have a whole variety of people—students, teachers, some outsiders that are not affiliated with RIT," Everyone's skill level is different. While some run three miles when they meet,





Ray Citoneo

others go a bit farther and run five and a half miles. The group of about 15 people usually ends their run with coffee and bagels at Crossroads. The group is open to newcomers, pointed out Oliver. "Anyone is welcome to join us."

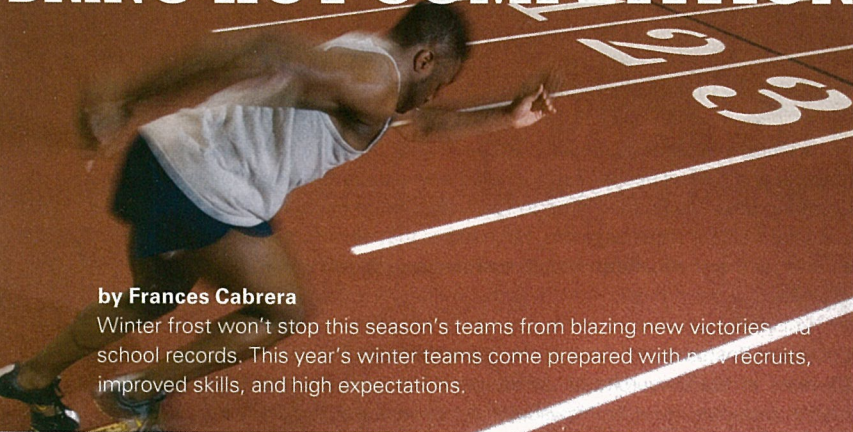
At 63, Oliver still teaches full time and manages to find time to run in races almost every other weekend. Despite his improved overall health, he did run into some trouble, literally, when his excessive exercise caused him trouble with ligaments running across the bottom of his foot. "I had to get orthotics (specially

tailored insoles) and I ran a marathon all taped up. It was a real severe injury," said Oliver. Between his job, injuries, and other distractions of life, how does Oliver find the time to exercise, let alone run races? "You have to make time. A day that I'm too busy to work out is a day that I'm too busy."

In just a few years, Oliver has logged a total of 6300 miles through the 1000 Mile Club, placing him 3rd overall. "[The] 1000 Club is a way to help me keep track of what I'm doing," He also finds the club to be a motivational tool which gives him a great sense of satisfaction. According to Oliver, running and racing are "a way of challenging yourself and succeeding."

While many people may question the sanity of recreational runners, others understand that it's the satisfaction, enjoyment, and benefits associated with running that keep people going. As winter approaches, there is no time like the present to hop onto the indoor track in the SLC and get over that dread of running for fun. You may soon learn that running serves a greater purpose than merely acting as a means to escape that infamous knife-wielding serial killer. While heading up to the track for your run, take a moment to stop in the stairwell and look at the complete listing of 1000 Mile Club members. •

## LOW TEMPERATURES BRING HOT COMPETITION



by Frances Cabrera

Winter frost won't stop this season's teams from blazing new victories and school records. This year's winter teams come prepared with new recruits, improved skills, and high expectations.

### Men's Basketball

After a strong 16-10 season, the men's basketball team is continuing to reach toward the NCAA this year. With three new recruits and five returning senior players, Coach Bob McVean is confident that an NCAA bid is within the team's grasp. "We have more depth, both in front with our post players and returning players, and in the guard position with the new recruits," said McVean. "This should increase the team's potential to score." Seniors Sean Murphy and Reggie Shore are returning to the team after taking time off for injuries. Joining them is the first Team All Conference star, senior Kyle Goff, and second Team All Conference star, junior Fran Snyder. Seniors Jesse Foote and Albert White will be returning post players. The new recruits include point guard Colin Roy and wing shooters Chris Kowalczyk and Barrett Zeinfeld. According to McVean, these new recruits will increase defense and hopefully rebounding. The team has plans to compete

in two additional tournaments, the Salisbury Tournament and the JP Morgan Chase Tournament, where they will face NCAA caliber teams in preparation for their championships. McVean sees his team handling these challenges on the court. He said that this year's team has "good cohesiveness thus far, good basketball instincts, depth, and quickness."

### Women's Basketball

Tying the school record of 10-15 for the number of wins is not enough for the women's basketball team. This season the team is focused on breaking that record and finishing over 500, which translates to winning more games than the team loses. Coach Deborah Buff said, "We are basically following the same plan as last year. It's just that [the players] know it this year." The reason for this is that out of 10 players, nine are returning this year, plus three new recruits: Joanna Dobeck, Shabnam Razmpour, and Jamie Snyder. According to Buff, these players will add rebounding, shooting, and instinct to the team. Of the returning players, senior Karli Couchman will be the captain this season. She has been on the team all four years and has seen the team progress from a one-win team to a record-holding team. Junior Noelle d'Estries is returning with her ability to drive the ball, as is junior Chrissy Ermie with her tenacity to win. "Our returners worked very hard in the summer to improve," said Coach Buff. "We physically are a stronger team." According to Buff, the improvement should take the team to the Empire 8 Tournament, which they just missed last year by placing 5th instead of 4th in the regular season.

Quincy Scott, RIT sprinter, practices at the track in the Gordon Field House. Timothy Kulik/ REPORTER Magazine.



## Men's Hockey

With a couple of wins already under their belts, the men's hockey team is beginning a season that they hope will lead them to the NCAA tournament. Coach Wayne Wilson said, "I think we have good chemistry and are much more focused on winning, and realize we have a very tough schedule to prepare to win big games." Along with this increased focus, several talented freshmen are joining the team. Freshmen Matt Smith, Simon Lambert, and Ricky Walton have already contributed to the team as forwards in their first game against St. Norbert College on October 30. Other freshmen to watch are Matt Harris, Brent Patry, Steve Burns, and Brandon Mulholland. These freshmen will have the examples of the key returning players to follow. Captain Mike Tucciarone, Jason Chafe and Darren Doherty will lead the team as forwards, while J.R. Holmes and Marc Hyman, with George Eliopoulos as goalkeeper, will be defending the team. Wilson said that if the team "stays away from any serious injuries," they can beat last year's record of 13-7-5 and get that NCAA bid. "We need to compete harder and be more disciplined, as I feel we have enough skill."

## Women's Hockey

Canadians have invaded the women's hockey team, and Coach Michael Grainsky is expecting great results. "We expect to be a better-conditioned team, in addition to having much more depth in our lineup this season," said Grainsky. Adding to this lineup are Canadians Stacey McConnell, Jackie Fraser, Sarah Wilson, and Isabelle Richard. These newcomers will be helping captains Alysia Park and Kasie Strong lead the team in scoring, with the possibility of setting new scoring records. Nicki Werner is returning to the team as the new goalie, in light of Elaine Vonderembse's departure. After ending last year with a record of 16-8-2, and 11-5-1 in their ECAC East league, the team hopes to increase its consistency in winning and "play deep into the playoffs, with qualifying for the NCAA Tournament being a realistic goal," Grainsky said. Grainsky is confident that the team is capable of such an accomplishment. He said, "Our strongest quality will certainly be our scoring ability. All four lines are certainly capable of scoring goals, a trait we did not have in the past."



Coach Wade Wilson gives a pre-game talk to the RIT men's hockey team prior to the start of the game against Hobart College on Friday, November 5. The Tigers later went on to score five second period goals en route to a 6-1 win over ECAC West rival Hobart. Eric Sucar/ REPORTER Magazine.

## Men's Swimming and Diving

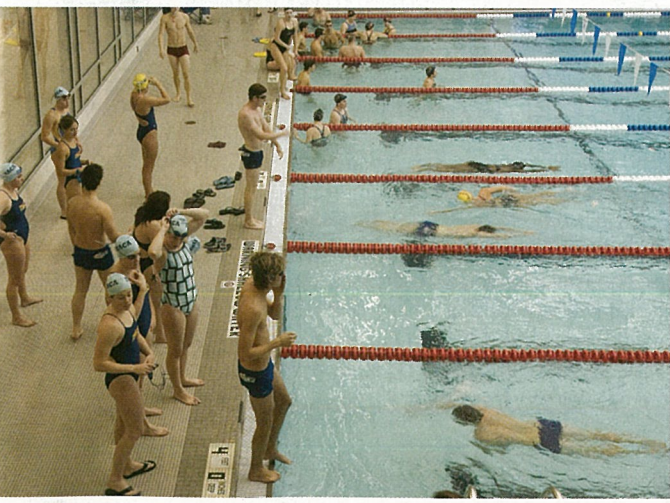
Larger teams create a larger pool of talent, and with a total of thirty-seven athletes, the men's swimming team is much more competitive than last year. "We are very deep; we're not relying on just one or two guys," said Coach Mike Cahill. "A team goal is to put a relay team at the NCAA. We probably have five or six guys who could make that relay." Key returning swimmers are the versatile Pete Kaemmerlen, sprinter Eric Zelbacher and diver Ryan Schaefer. Ryan, along with freshman newcomer Quinn Donahoe, has the potential to make it to nationals. Another freshman who could make it to nationals as a relay team member is Fred Tanzio. "Our big goal is to be competitive throughout the year and have a lot of best times," Cahill said. Challenging meets have been added to the schedule, so improving last year's 4-2 record is not Cahill's biggest aim. "Overall, I'm more interested in how our team is improving. Last year, Geneseo beat us very easily. This year we gave them a fight."

## Women's Swimming and Diving

Records are meant to be broken, according to the women's swimming team. After setting the 800 relay time and the 400 relay time last year, the team is looking for more. "We think we can get three or four school records," said Coach Mike Cahill. Helping the team achieve this goal is returning four-year veteran Jen Indovina, who with Teresa Burr and Jamie Garver set the 800 relay record. Also leading the team will be Sara Keesler, who set the 400 relay record. A freshman who could also enter the record-holding ranks is Rachel Mee. "We have a very well-balanced team. There are no holes in the lineup," said Cahill. The team looks to improve last year's 1-5-1 record and their individual times.

## Wrestling

Freshmen are the main priority for the wrestling team this year. With 11 freshmen joining the team, the veteran juniors and seniors are outnumbered. Nevertheless, Coach Scott Stever said they form a "very talented group, however young." One of Stever's objectives for the season is maturing the freshmen enough to become consistent winners. "Young teams always go through a period of acclimation. The task is to get them through fast," Stever said. Some of the newcomers to watch are Nate Bachman, Nick Brandreth, Bowen Daley, Trevor Hiffa, Charles Johnson, Julian Nicholas, and Andrew Pritchard. The effect of the influx of freshmen to the team has been positive for the older players. "Upperclassmen help as role models, and they work harder knowing that the talented freshmen may take their spot," said Stever. Overall, the team hopes to finish with an over-500 season. •



Swimmers warm up at Saturday's meet hosted by RIT at the new Judson Pool. Timothy Kulik/ REPORTER Magazine.



# Constitutionally Disappointed

How Eleven American States Decided to be UnAmerican

by Benjamin Foster

A little over a week ago, our nation had an election. President George W. Bush won his bid for reelection. I'm sure, considering that we live in New York, more than half our readers were saddened at that news. I, on the other hand, was not watching the election very closely. What kept me glued to the cable news channels were eleven state amendments up for referendum. Although the wording differs slightly in each, all eleven of these amendments defined marriage as a union strictly between a man and a woman. Eleven states were voting on a ban on same-sex marriage, and all eleven of them passed it.

Today, if you live in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon or Utah and you are gay, the state will not recognize your marriage. As each of these states reported their election results, I became increasingly sad. I was sad, not because these amendments actually affect me in any way, but simply because they are un-American.

I should begin at the beginning. 1776. The Declaration of Independence, the political philosophy upon which our nation is built, proudly states that, "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Eleven short years later, our nation wrote its Constitution, founded upon these principles. We have spent the last 250 odd years trying to live up to these high ideals.

Our modern constitution sports an addition that is relevant here. The 14th Amendment proudly states that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States" To put this more bluntly, a state may not pass a law which undermines the rights we all hold as Americans.

The immediate relevance of these principles should be obvious. Americans all of us have the right to pursue happiness. Historically, only one limit was added—that we are allowed to pursue happiness as long as doing so does not interfere with another's pursuit of happiness. This fundamental principle governs all of our moral law.

Honestly, two men or two women marrying simply does not affect my pursuit of happiness. There is no risk to society as a whole, therefore there is no moral imperative to block gay marriage from a political standpoint.

I don't think anyone wants the government to decide who he or she can or cannot marry. Proponents of the ban on gay marriage argue that allowing said marriages places America on a "slippery slope," where, before you know it, any relationship between two people or even between groups of people could be called marriage. I would argue that the opposite is just as true. Once you allow the government to decide that two women or two men are not allowed to join in marriage, what is to stop them from extending that restriction? Perhaps next they will ban marriages between individuals of different races, religions, or creeds. Before you call such an idea preposterous, ask yourself why it is any more preposterous than the assumption that same-sex marriage also validates polygamy, incest, or any other "socially taboo" union.

Keep in mind that these amendments are not explicitly legislating against homosexuality. Doing so would, I hope, strike nearly all of you as a gross violation of our 14th Amendment rights. It would obviously be as discriminatory as legislating against any other group of people. However, a ban on same sex marriage does devalue homosexuals. The ban implies that a homosexual union can never be as sincere as a heterosexual marriage. Simply put, a ban on same-sex marriage amounts to discrimination.

Beyond all of this, our country's separation of Church and State exists for a reason. The founders of our nation understood that there is no absolute certainty when it comes to faith. They respected the religious diversity that was inevitable in such a nation. We seem to have lost some of this respect. The movement to ban same-sex marriage has not come from any secular sources and, frankly, the secular arguments that are used against same sex unions are weak and contrived at best. It is a blatantly religious movement, and as such, it has little place in law.

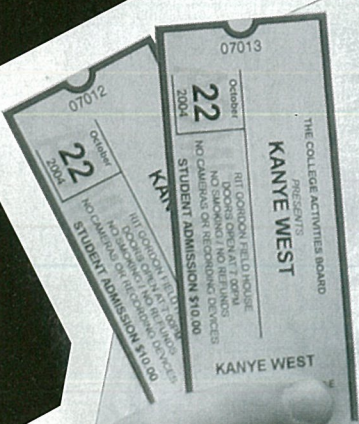
I've tried to remain lucid throughout this, but logic and law are honestly insufficient. There is an emotional toll to American idealism which I have a hard time accepting. Each of those eleven states stand in self-righteous judgment over their fellow citizens, and each of them deserves to be as ashamed of themselves as I am of them. •



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# *Holiday Celebration*



December 2, 2004  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
SAU Fireside Lounge

Cookies, Drinks  
Tree Decorating

All faculty, staff and students are welcome.

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