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EDITORIAL

"Politics Politics Politics!"

So exclaimed Mel Brooks as Comicus in *History of the World: Part 1*, indirectly summarizing the current focus of attention at RIT and at large. Comicus was searching for common ground for comedy, and politics is a common ground. But why is that true today? Because it is election time. In that tiny island of holiness, the Vatican, cardinals are picking a new pope, while on our parking-lot encircled campus we are picking a new Student Government (SG) President. The ramifications of these political appointments will, of course, transcend the insignificance of new rings, seals, and nameplates needing to be produced. In both cases it is important to know what you are getting into. And what is particularly nice about the SG election is that we actually have a democratic role in it. Did you vote?

Whether the next President is James Macchiano or Katie Giebel may not matter to you much in name, but it will matter to you when they start deciding where your money goes. Yes, YOUR money. Student Government has an enormous budget. I say enormous because to me—the penny-pinching, middle-class raised student—a sum of money totaling over \$2 million from roughly 13,000 undergraduate students paying \$183 yearly activities fees is a lot.

What SG events did you attend this year? The Halloween Bash? Maybe the Homecoming Pep Rally? Or the Winter Ball? How many of these events did you just not want to go to? And if you did want to go, how many did you not hear about in time? If your response to either of those last two questions is more than zero, you should probably turn your attention toward Student Government. They are in charge of planning those events and funding them. And just think, how much did those events, which you didn't attend for whatever reason, cost? Because that cost is coming out of your activities fees whether you attended an activity or not. In short, SG has power over YOUR money. Did you vote?

Although the president of SG is not on the same level of "spiritual guide" as the pope, their role is to be the unifying point for school spirit. They really set the tone for our campus. The pope bans birth control, while the SG president chooses to banner the campus in orange and brown (sometimes black—I, of course, prefer the colors of sunshine and rainbows). It is important to have a leader that represents what the constituents want. Liberal and Conservativeness is all aside here; RIT is about academic pursuits and communal relationships—that's the school spirit that Student Government is charged with. If you want any sort of say in how they mold school spirit here, then you need to know your president and they need to know you.

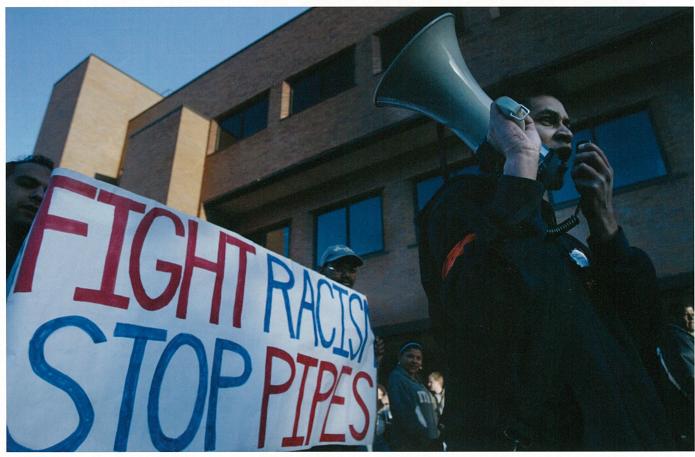
Last week, over 900 people came out to hear, support, and protest Daniel Pipes and his ideas on radical Islam. The political dialogue was oozing out of Webb Auditorium, which sharply contrasted the handful of SG groupies in attendance at the Presidential debates Monday and Wednesday.

Personally, I don't like to preach. I leave that to the popes of the world. I do vote though, because I care where my money goes. I guess that comes from my penny-pinching, middle-class raised background. Did you vote?

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Ream Kidane chants anti Daniel Pipes slogans to a crowd of about 50 outside building 7A before Pipes' Lecture. Kim Weiselberg/REPORTER Magazine

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A compelling reason not to identify you would be a "Motion to Quash"—a Motion that points out to the Court the impropriety of your ISP being forced to disclose your identity. As a tool to stop you from being identified, it may or may not meet with success.

If you don't file this "Motion to Quash," your ISP will have to promptly obey the subpoena and turn over your info. At that point, before they name you in the case, the Plaintiff(s) will most likely contact you (or will hire a "settlement facilitator" to contact you) to "settle" the lawsuit.

If you only take one thing from this article, it should be: Once you are contacted, DO NOT TALK TO THEM. DO NOT WRITE TO THEM. DO NOT SAY THINGS LIKE "BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS WRONG." Things like this can compromise what otherwise might be a great defense to a case (and they often tape record it). Just say, "I'll have my lawyer talk to you," or "please send me all the information you are basing your case on," get their contact information, and hang up. Before contacting them again, get your thoughts organized and determine whether you would like to settle the case or defend yourself in court.

If you decide not to hire a lawyer, make sure you do your research on the Electronic Frontier Foundation site (eff.org), and learn everything you can about the tactics the Plaintiffs use. If you decide to hash out a settlement on your own (not an option I recommend, but hey, what else would a lawyer say?), I suggest you practice your conversation with someone who can do a good impersonation of a bill collector, which is exactly what the "settlement support center" people are.

Most importantly, even if you have made files available for downloading in the past, do not just assume that "they've got you." Just because the Plaintiffs claim to have screenshots of your hundreds of files doesn't mean: the evidence was properly preserved, the songs weren't in the public domain, or that the Plaintiffs are the ones with the right to sue for their infringement. Do your homework, keep a cool head, and use the resources available to protect your rights.

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Daniel Pipes speaks to a full audience in Webb Auditorium Thursday April 14. Kim Weiselberg/REPORTER Magazine

Daniel Pipes: Racist or Courageous?

by Austin McChord

"Arabs and Muslims deserve their rights! We say no to Daniel Pipes!" shouted protesters on their way to the Kodak quad where they assembled. Students were out in full force to protest Daniel Pipes and his Campus Watch organization. "We want to show that there is vocal opposition to racism on campus," explained Ream Kidane, one of the protest organizers. There were approximately ninety people there, along with many curious onlookers. "It's not everyday that there are protests at RIT... The fact we got this many people to show up is amazing," said one protester.

At the heart of the claims made at the protest was the statement that Pipes is a racist that encourages discrimination against Muslims. As the crowd grew the protesters began to march. Wielding a megaphone and standing atop a table, RIT Anti-war president Josh Karpoff announced, "Today at RIT we have a big problem on our hands; we have a racist bigot being paid cash money to come pitch racist crap." The protest speakers, which included RIT Anti-War Advisor Jean Douthwright, went on to condemn Pipes and Campus Watch for what they described as McCarthyist tactics and restrictions on free speech. According to the website (campuswatch.org), Campus Watch was created to, "Review and critique Middle East studies in North America with the aim to improve them.

The supporters of Pipes were much less conspicuous than his opposition. While they were not outside demonstrating, their applause was definitely heard during his lecture. Some had driven from as far away as Buffalo and Utica to see him speak. "He is a courageous man with a courageous message," explained one supporter. Both sides did seem to agree on one thing and that was Pipes' right to speak.

Webb Auditorium, which was under relatively heavy security, was only able to seat about 300 people—over 900 people turned up to hear Pipes, causing an overflow into three different buildings. When Pipes took the stage he spoke in a slow and academic manner—not what you would normally be expecting from someone who causes protests. In his lecture, 'Militant Islam and the War on Terror," Pipes raised several controversial ideas. He spoke of his belief that 10% to 15% of all Muslims are radical Muslims, or Islamists, and that this group needed to be identified and stopped.

Overall, Pipes attempted to explain that, "Terrorism is

a symptom [of Islamism] and that Islamists are a form of governance that America and democracy are required to defeat. He spoke of how fascism was brought to an end through "Blood and Iron and how communism crumbled under its own weight in the early nineties. "I believe we, the civilized world, meaning the United States, the West, and indeed the Muslim states, need to make the defeat of Radical Islam our goal. It's not defeating terrorism; it's defeating Radical Islam, Pipes concluded, "I am confident we will win this war, but I'm not confident that we'll do it expeditiously and with a minimum number of casualties.

When it came time for question and answer, Pipes essentially steamrolled most questioners with such responses as, "That's nonsense; please stick to the facts," and, "I would appreciate you keeping your corrections to things that you DO know about. At one point during the Q&A a questioner pitched a lengthy criticism of Pipes, drawing shouts and warring

applause from the audience. Pipes responded, "I am delighted to have a counter lecture along with my lecture. I'm delighted to learn that wild-eyed Anti-Americanism is alive and well at Rochester Institute of Technology." And he moved on, just ignoring the question. At that point one member of the audience exclaimed, "This guy is a hack! He won't answer the question, anyways!" and stormed out. The final question of the Q&A session was a request to return for a debate and more discussion on his ideas, but Pipes concluded the lecture before giving a response.

When asked about their thoughts afterwards, students seemed to see what they were looking for in the lecture. Those who supported Pipes felt that he gave a strong lecture and stood up to his criticism well, while those who opposed him felt that he avoided most of the pressing questions. Either way, most students who attended the lecture agreed that Pipes brought a timely and important debate to campus. •

A video and transcript of the lecture and Q&A session are available online for download at http://www.rit.edu/~gannett/Archived.html.

GALLEGY

Gallery R Benefit: A Lottery Where Everyone Wins

by Andrew Brooks

The clock strikes 7 p.m. and on the dot somebody's hand reaches into a large bowl with scraps of paper. One of these scraps is your rather inexpensive 80 dollar ticket, your ticket to your latest favorite piece of art, labeled "W." The virtual drum roll of tension starts in your head as they unfold the paper and read aloud, "Number 23." Looking down at your part of the ticket, it reads, "22." The drum roll becomes higher in that Number 23 might choose the work of art labeled "W." They choose "C" and a big sigh of relief rushes through you until the next ticket is drawn. This is how the Gallery R benefit event worked on the patron.

The Gallery R benefit event was started six years ago as a way to increase its operating funds. It was modeled after hearing about a very effective fund raising event in Vancouver. Gallery R hit a lack of sales and wanted to have enough money in order to cover students' projects, exhibitions, and art fairs. While the specifics of the benefit have changed year to year they have mainly worked off of a similar idea.

Artists are asked via phone, mail, and meeting to donate art. This is a very important part of the benefit because every ticket ensures the buyer a work of art. "It has become somewhat of an anticipated thing, too," said Zerbe Sodervick, Director of the Extended Studies Office and Coordinator for Gallery R. Artists like donating their work to such a cause because they love the gallery. Artists can also use this benefit to start

a reputation in the artistic community. "We are not devaluing art work," said Sodervick. Gallery R attempts to value individual's tastes.

RIT undergrad students, graduate students, alumni, and friends in the Rochester community submit sculptures, paintings, drawings, jewelry, ceramics, blown glass, film cells, and photographs. By doing so they all are placed on an even playing field and the competition that arises between them is not one of money or auctioning but one of taste. It is the hope of everyone to get their favorite artwork in the collection; this theoretically could be the case. "Last year, a friend of mine had the very last ticket drawn, and had eight to ten pieces to choose from, most of which were still at the top of his list," said Sodervick.

A location must also be reserved for the event; this year it was arranged to be at Rooney's, an intimate, upscale restaurant on Field Street. The doors opened at 3 p.m. so that people could come in while it is quiet and observe the art. Sometimes, patrons can buy extra tickets if they see something they really like. Each patron is armed with a brochure to explain each piece of art and a golf pencil to aid in the decision making process.

With hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and tons of great art pieces to choose from, it was a great night for the artists, the patrons, and Gallery R but also for Sodervick's students who help run and take charge of the whole event. "I wanted to provide an educational experience for the students who work with the gallery and for the event management students," explained Sodervick. Sodervick teaches an undergraduate and graduate section of Art Gallery Management wanted to provide these students with the experience a benefit that will aid in the continuation of Gallery R. •



Student Government (SG) Presidentlal candidate Katie Giebel (right) looks on as her running mate Eric Alley (left) answers a question from the mediator during the second of two debates in the SAU Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 13.



SG Vice Presidential candidate Cory Hoffman (right) answers a question from the mediator, as running mate and Presidential candidate James Macchiano (left) looks on, at the debate on Wednesday, April 13.

Student Government:Presidential Elections: Did You Vote?

by Josh Van Hook | photographs by Eric Sucar

Student Government held its yearly elections this week with votes being cast from April 18 to 21. Results are going to be announced later today, April 22, at the SG meeting. This year's candidates for President were Katie Giebel and running mate Eric Alley. They ran against James Macchiano and his running mate, Cory Hoffman. Each set of candidates has a background in leadership positions such as Pan-Hellenic President, Resident Advisor, project manager, and Leadership Institute member.

Giebel and Alley

For these two it's all about FACTS. After visiting various clubs across campus these two came up with some issues they decided to address. They came up with five issues: a problem with fundraising (students tend not to carry cash), a lack of an easy way to pose concerns to SG, the division of clubs, an absence of school spirit, and a desire to keep the good things. Thus was born the aforementioned acronym that stands for Flexibility, Approachability, Consistency, Team effort, and School spirit.

Giebel wished to acquire flexibility by making Flex machines accessible for fundraising events so that cashless students are able to donate. Approachability is to be addressed by implementing an online SG submission system for concerns and suggestions. Consistency stems from Giebel and Alley's desire to help successful RIT events continue. Teamwork is fueled by a desire for the various clubs across campus to work together in order to hold bigger, better events. Giebel and Alley would like to see clubs cosponsor events to get more of the student population involved. The final piece of their platform is focused on increasing school spirit. The upcoming year, as Giebel said, is going to be an "awesome, awesome year." With this mentality they seek to boost morale for the upcoming year. As their posters boast, the acronym says it all.

Macchiano and Hoffman

While these two did not come up with an acronym to symbolize their campaign, they instead came up with a main tenant, the desire to unite. After asking around campus, Macchiano and Hoffman found that, "RIT is divided." Their goal of bringing the students on campus together comes in four parts. First, they want to increase school spirit and give the students

a sense of identity by promoting school colors. They want to make everything, "more RIT related," as Macchiano stated. They would also like to see the field house, website, and apparel display more orange and brown.

They also wish to support the many varied clubs here at RIT. By highlighting the clubs and organizations, Macchiano and Hoffman contend that students will exhibit more pride. As Macchiano put it, it's about "quality not quantity." Another way they wish to get students to unite is by providing more programming that they feel would appeal to a larger group of students, such as massive LAN parties, and a "Dance for rent" party where the last dancer standing gets their rent paid for a quarter. Finally, Macchiano and Hoffman believe that nice places to hang out exist on campus. By improving these places students may become more unified. As Macchiano stated, "anyone can go to any building on campus to interact during a break." For Macchiano and Hoffman, it is about bringing unity.

It's the Vote That Counts

While some aspects of the platforms differ, all agree on one problem, the lack of knowledgeable voters. Many of the students across campus have heard about the elections but know little of the candidates or their platforms. A few students voiced their opinion that they knew, "exactly whom they are voting for." This sentiment unfortunately does not represent the majority. Thus, Giebel and Macchiano spent time and effort getting their names and ideas out there. Those big posters and flyers plastered all over campus were not just for looks; they were meant to provide a message. Similarly, the debates that were held and ultimately aired on TV were for exposure. Both sets of candidates worked hard to get recognition in the general student body, and this managed to pull a possible two dozen people out to the debates. Can this be considered a success? The answer correlates to one simple question: did vou vote? •

CrimeWatch

compiled by Andrew Bigelow

April 7

Auto Stripping - K Lot

A student parked his car in K Lot on April 4. Upon return on Aril 7, the driver's side mirror was noted to be missing. The investigation is closed pending new information.

April 8

Fire Alarm - University Commons

After a fire alarm was tripped in a UC building from excessive marijuana smoking, the residents were questioned. One student and two non-members admitted to setting off the alarm. A search of the student's car yielded marijuana. The non-members were banned from campus and the student now faces a Student Conduct hearing.

April 9

Trademark Violation - Residence Halls

RIT received a cease and desist order from UBISOFT regarding a student's actions in hosting a copyrighted game on his web site and also displaying a UBISOFT trademark. The student has been referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Weapons Violation - Residence Halls

Two students were found in possession of a potato gun and a pellet gun, which were immediately confiscated. A search of the student's rooms yielded additional toontraband in one of the rooms. The case has been referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

April 10

Criminal Mischief - Campus Connections

Unknown persons toppled a small architectural wall located between Campus Connections and the Tiger on the quarter mile. FMS has made repairs to the wall and Campus Safety will now pay additional attention to the wall.

Weapons Violation - Residence Halls

Two students were observed on the south side of Gracie's with an air-powered handgun. The gun was confiscated and a search uncovered additional contraband. The case has been referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Criminal Mischief - Gibson Hall

Unknown persons super-glued the lock of a room in Gibson. FMS repaired the lock core and alert notices were placed on the floor. The case is closed pending new information.

RITForecast

compiled by Casey Dehlinger

Friday

A cross campus Earth Day Extravaganza will occur from 11 p.m. to 3 p.m. Hindu Awareness Month will be commemorated in the Interfaith Chapel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Caribbean Student Association will be hosting a Dominoes tournament from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the SAU Cafeteria with all you can eat food for \$5. A Dodge Ball Game: College Republicans vs. College Democrats will be in the SLC at 6 p.m. Pitch a Tent for ALS allows students to camp out on the Greek Lawn; registration required. A \$5 Pink Panther Pageant will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Webb Auditorium. Ingle Auditorium's curtains open at 8 p.m. for the RIT Players production of Twelfth Night; admission is \$4 for RIT students and faculty and \$7 for outsiders. The RIT Gay Alliance will be locked into the 1829 room watching movies and playing games in the SAU starting at 10 p.m.

Saturday

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A free BBQ, volleyball, and frisbee will mark **Field Day** behind NRH from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., sponsored by Residence Life. If that isn't enough, a **Foam Party** with DJ will start up in the Commons/Ellingson Quad from 6 p.m. until the a.m. hours. **Twelfth Night** continues its run starting at 8 p.m. The **Caribbean Student Association** will host a party in the SAU Cafeteria from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

Sunday

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Check out **Race Day** in the SAU Cafeteria from noon to 5 p.m. (RC cars only.) **Twelfth Night** closes, its final run showing at 2 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium and ending at 4:30 p.m. Hungry? Have \$5? Deaf or hard of hearing? A **Banquet** for those who answered 'yes' to all three will be held in the SAU Cafeteria from 6 p.m. to midnight. Don't have \$5? Two out of three ain't bad, but you still can't go.

Monday

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If you're upset about on campus housing, OCASA is holding an **Apartment Fair** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SAU Lobby. Besides rhyming, **Think Pink Week** will also be held in the SAU Lobby, raising money for breast cancer by selling pens, shirts, and maybe even food. This will occur from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday

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Pie a Zeta and benefit breast cancer [research] at the Infinity Sign from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Webb Auditorium will host the lecture "Is There Freedom of Information in America?" from 10:30 a.m. until noon. From 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 Ingle Auditorium will host the Isaiah Thomas Awards. French Conversation Hour [and a Half] will happen at Java Wally's from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

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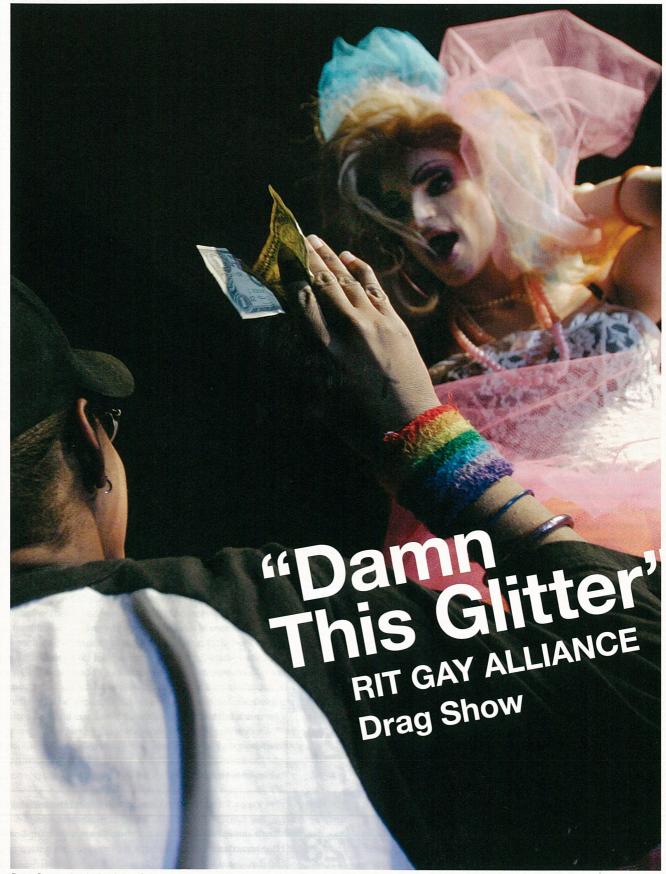
Phi Kappa Tau take donations for Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Camp at a **toll booth** on the Quarter Mile. If you feel like donating to Think Pink Week's breast cancer charity while making someone wet, partake in the **dunk tank** outside of Building 28 and . Or, handle your desires in a more Buddhist manner by attending the screening of the video **Intro to Buddhism** in Clark B of the SAU at 8 p.m.

Thursday

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APRIL

Phi Kappa Tau's **toll booth** continues, as does **Think Pink Week** in the SAU Lobby. Middle schoolers will attend the **E-Cubed Engineering Fair** in the Clark Gym from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Spanish Conversation Hour** [and a Half] will be at Java Wally's starting at 6: 30 p.m. Grace Watson Hall will host the Second Annual ResLife **Lip Synch Contest** from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Drag Queen Annie Rexic performs on stage, while a student holds a dollar bll up for her. The RIT Gay Alliance Drag Show was held in Clark Gym on Friday night. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine



Leila Montour, a published poet, reads one of many original poems at the Muslim Poetry Slam on March 15 in the Xerox Auditorium. The program which lasted about an hour featured two other poets as well. Michael Sperling/REPORTER Magazine

by Ben Foster

Poetry by its nature is a brutally honest medium. Each line and verse has an emotional origin within the writer. Listening to a culture's poetry, then, can give you a sense of what is important to their way of life.

Last Friday, April 15, RIT students had such an opportunity to understand a culture through its poetry, in this case Muslim Americans. Their culture is often misunderstood, and even feared in today's society. However, when you listen to the writings of Muslim Americans, you do not simply hear anger at a government they disagree with politically, but you hear compassion and their humanity. This effect was intensified at the Muslim poetry slam, as each of the three poets was not only Muslim, but also a woman. Poems about motherhood juxtaposed with poems about war and God made a jarring mix for someone unaccustomed to this culture and their poetry.

The audience was less surprised then I was. The Muslim Student Association, the Women's Center, and the College of Liberal Arts hosted the event itself; perhaps unsurprisingly, the vast majority of the audience was Muslim. They seemed familiar with the mix of politics with God and family. Before the readings began, a student went to the front of the auditorium and recited a prayer from the Koran in Arabic and then in English. The audience responded with the appropriate words and I felt a little out of place. Things were about to get a lot more accessible, though, as the first poet took the stage.

Leila Montour began with a poem about war entitled simply "War Poem." It mixed traditional Islamic images of women warriors with a modern political message: "Elemental, she was always in his eye / All I know about death and war / In my day is preemptive strike." She continued with politics for the next few poems before switching to God in a poem entitled "The Idols." "We the progeny seek it each year / like baby birds we close our eyes and wait for vibrations" Her last poem was a profoundly personal account of a car crash she had been in with her daughter. It was filled with a mother's fear and compassion. "It was the night I saw the smashing / Steel is strong, not us / We waited hazard lights on."

Pamela Taylor, the second reader, infused her poems with a little more humor and formal style then her predecessor, beginning with poems from her "99 Names for Allah" poetry cycle. These were short, reverent poems with Taylor's profound faith running through them. As Montour had, she moved on to political topics with a poem about the controversial lecturer Daniel Pipes, entitled "Pipe Dreams." It ridiculed Pipes' assertion that 15% of Muslims are radicals, and contained lines such as, "Intern them all to keep us safe, how many Guantanamos will it take to hold them all?" Perhaps her most striking poem was about motherhood. It was very Islamic, and yet universal. It was the story of trying to pray while her child swung on her. Entitled "A Mother's Prayer," it began, "I am a jungle gym."

The last poet to speak went simply as "Veiled Poet." Although all of the women wore traditional Muslim clothing, Veiled Poet was the only one concealing her whole face behind a veil. Her style was much more urban and distinctly American. She focused less on global issues and more on the misunderstanding of Muslims, especially women, in America. "You Know Me" was one such poem. "What? / Yes I am a Muslim woman / Yes I was born here / Yes that's a veil upon my face / Yes I can understand you" She radiated pride in her heritage through her veil, which was clearly empowering to her and not limiting.

When all three poets had finished, my notions of what "Muslim poetry" meant had been changed. I saw a people devoted to their faith and families, yet feeling alienated from a modern society whose values they challenge. Poetry is about expression and voice. These writers have clearly found a way to be free. It doesn't matter if their faces are covered; their pride is obvious. •

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Finger-poking good

by Sean Hannan | illustration by Brittney Lee

I wanted to vomit. I had never had such a visceral reaction to a mere movie poster before. This particular poster was for the film *Caravaggio*, a biopic about the baroque painter of the same name. What is depicted in the poster, however, is a finger probing the stigmatic chest wound of a faceless man, presumably Jesus. That visual made my skin crawl and my throat tighten, yet I could not look away. The poster is part of an exhibition of Polish poster art at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, which I visited over spring break.

Such an image is hard to forget, and a scant few weeks later, I found myself googling for "Polish poster art." Thankfully, I came across Polishposter.com, which offers not only a vast gallery of Polish film posters, but also a way to buy the artworks. In addition, the site gives links to other sites on the topic, and a little history of the art form.

What makes these posters so intriguing compared with what we are used to seeing is the sheer amount of power given solely to each artist. Because there aren't lawyers and marketing departments dictating the font size for an actor's name, these posters seem less like a paint-by-numbers operation and more like individual works of art. Of course, with the artist wielding the creative power, the end result could have nothing to do with the movie whatsoever. Take, for example, the poster for the wacky 80s comedy %Short Circuit%. This movie about a wisecracking robot and its misadventures with Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg is represented in Polish poster form by a black and white two-fingered peace sign and the numbers "005." Maybe the sheer star power of Steve Guttenberg was just too much for the Polish theater-going public.

One thing at which Polish poster art is far superior is conveying an important subtext that might otherwise go unnoticed in the original poster design. Take, for example, the poster for %Trading Places%—that 80s movie with Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy. Sure, it's a rags-to-riches revenge comedy, but it's also about the power of money and the American dream. In the Polish poster, these last two aspects are illustrated by an iguana with an American flag for a tail and a dollar bill for a body, perched on a branch overlooking a landscape with a rainbow. While not exactly, say, as straightforward as showing the two stars throw around wads of cash (as the American poster depicts), it's a hell of a lot more interesting.

As I mentioned before, the site has an easy way to purchase these works if you so desire. Unfortunately, most of the posters are in the \$50-\$100+ range. Accompanied by \$11 AirMail shipping direct from Poland to Rochester, these decorative pieces are a bit out of budget for your typical dorm decoration. But if you've got the cash and you dig the style, I'd say it's worth it. Definitely more worthwhile than those idiotic "BEER...helping ugly people have sex since 1862!" posters that people hang up.

I, myself, can't say that I'm ready to start up a Polish poster collection. Something tells me that paying off student loans is a bit higher of a priority than art collecting right now. However, I find myself actively engaged in just browsing through the seemingly endless galleries. Sometimes it's just interesting to see how other cultures choose to represent. •



theVERDICT ***

Design: ★★☆☆

It's not the most whiz-bang of site layouts, but it does its job. Watch out for the checkout screens though; they're a doozy.

Content: ***

There are over 1500 posters for films of varying nationalities. That's about 1492 more than are currently on display at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Safe For Work: ***

Since Poland is in Europe, and Europe characteristically does not shy away from the female form, there are some nipples scattered across the site. But it's art, so it's allowed.

Not A Fad: ★★☆☆

Unfortunately, the site informs visitors that poster art is dying off. It just costs far too much monetarily and creatively to compete with other, simpler forms of getting the word out. What's up, globalization?

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STREAM* OF FACTS: April 22

On **April 22**, 1945, Adolf Hitler admitted defeat in his underground bunker and decided that suicide was his only recourse after learning that Soviet forces had taken **Eberswalde** without a fight.

The town of **Eberswalde** was established in 1254 by the Ascanian margrave Johann I. The emblem on Eberswalde's coat of arms shows a green oak tree, and above the oak tree a red eagle. Towards the oak's bole stand two **black boars**.

Pendragon Book 2: **The Black Boar**, is the second book of The Pendragon Cycle a series of fantasy or semi-historical books by Stephen R. Lawhead based on the **Arthurian Legend**.

The Matter of Britain, or **Arthurian Legend** is a name given collectively to the legends concerning the Celtic and legendary history of the British Isles. Two larger stories intermesh in the Matter of Britain. One concerns the quests of various knights to achieve the **Holy Grail**; some succeed (Galahad, Parsifal), and others fail (Lancelot).

Monty Python and the **Holy Grail** is a comedy film from 1974. It was written, performed, and directed by Monty Python, an Anglo/American comedy group, during a gap between the third and final seasons of their popular BBC television series *Monty Python's Flying Circus*.

The **Flying Circus** was an elite German air corps led by Manfred von Richthofen, a.k.a. The Red Baron, during **World War I**.

During **World War I** at the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium, German troops introduced poison gas on **April 22**, 1915.

QUOTE*

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives."

-Annie Dillard

theHAIKU* by Brian Garrison

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RANDOMREVIEW*

Bob's Diner: I would tell you where this place is, but you don't want to go. So I'm not going to give you the option, and let me tell you, I am doing you a favor. It's not far from here, so it is totally possible you might bump into it. If you do find it, don't go. The food is cheap and it totally tastes it. My burger, the so-called house specialty was no better than say, a Big Mac, and certainly was more expensive then that. My colleague ordered a steak dinner that came with buns and a salad, and although it was not bad, everything was bland and unoriginal. This place is a little farther then Mel's, and farther then Jet Diner, and can't hold a candle to either of them.

REPORTER* RECOMMENDS:

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Play by Play on Two Shakespeare Productions at RIT

by Andrew Brooks

RIT would like to wish OI' Billy Shakespeare A Very Happy Bardic Birthday. [Cue RIT-themed version of *Happy Birthday*] The Institute will be celebrating William Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, this year with the production of two of his plays right on campus. NTID is producing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the College of Liberal Arts and the RIT Players are producing "Twelfth Night." Both of these plays themes include overturning authority and jokingly making the powerful look absurd while making absurd, foolish characters powerful [or at least effectual].

Dr. Roger Freeman, playing Duke Orsinio in "Twelfth Night," and Nate Jentsch, as Curio, rehearse on stage Friday evening. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine

The Productions

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The NTID production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Bonnie Meath-Lang, is one the of six plays produced per year in the NTID Performing Arts program. Each season includes three main stage shows at Panera Theater, and three smaller studio performances. The productions are part of the Theater Practicum class, which allows students to make plays from scratch every quarter. Not everyone in the class becomes a cast member, but the crew duties they undertake are very crucial, especially in an eight-week time frame.

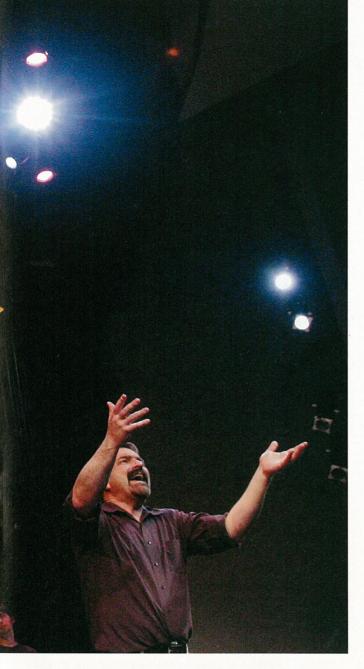
Some outside professionals are also contributing to this play. Jo Bennett, a Canadian actress from television, advertisements, and the stage, is lending her acting ability and professional interpreting skills to not only assist with the production but also to gain knowledge to start a sign language

theater back in Toronto. She is voice acting the role of Titania, queen of the fairies.

Another experienced professional donating his time and talents is Peter Elliot. His resume includes much professional acting in New York City, worked in sound design for Steven Sondheim. He is also a voice actor in the production, performing as Lysander and Peter Quince. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is being acted not only through voice actors, located off stage, but also through sign language onstage.

Twelfth Night

The College of Liberal Art's production of "Twelfth Night," directed by Peter Ferran, is not only celebrating Shakespeare's birthday, but also the 175th year of RIT, the 10th year of the



RIT Players' existence, and a veteran cast, many of which will be leaving this year. It is for all these reasons that "Everything is larger," said Jeff Collar, an information technology alumnus acting the role of the Priest. Some of these "larger" aspects of the play will be easy for the audience to see. The stage in Ingle Auditorium has been expanded with set pieces that thrust out into the seating area, a 10th anniversary banquet for alumni and current cast and crew has been planned following the last performance, and biggest of all, the 55-piece RIT Philharmonia will be on stage for a majority of the show.

Philharmonia, and its director Michael Rhuling, will be characters involved in "Twelfth Night"—the Orchestra of Duke Orsino, who is in turn being played by RIT faculty member, Roger Freeman. The Philharmonia's involvement came about as a result to the great magnitude of music used in "Twelfth

Night." While no sheet music survived with the original scripts, at least one of the Clown character's songs in "Twelfth Night" is believed to be historically accurate, and all of the music sung onstage is appropriate to Shakespeare's period. As for the orchestra, Michael Rhuling and Peter Ferran picked the orchestrated excerpts from Edward Elgar's piece, "The Enigma Variations."

Much like NTID's production, a less visible part of the production—new this year—is the hiring of three outside professionals to assist the play in reaching its highest potential. These include a costume designer, a scene designer, and an acting coach. RIT Players did not have to go far for more help though, as some professors experienced in theatrical arts lent a hand.

The Faculty Involvement

The participation by professors is essential to a greater learning experience for the students. The NTID productions work very closely with the School of Film and Animation, by providing studio productions for the senior projects of stagecraft students. Also, SoFA faculty member, Nick Minetor is the lighting designer for NTID productions.

Since the RIT Players, a student club, often works with the College of Liberal Arts, certain faculty are readily available and eager to help their students and their institution excel. Professors act as an immense resource of information and skills. "A faculty member has to listen to everything the student does," said Shaun Jamieson, Production Coordinator for the RIT Players and fifth year Professional Technical Communication student. Most of these student actors have not taken acting classes, so they, in true RIT fashion, often have to learn their skills, "on the job." An experienced actor acts as a role model to students and gives tips along the way.

One faculty member, Professor Linda Shenk, assists in the understanding of Shakespeare's language, characters, and main themes. Her title, in theatrical terms, is dramaturge. She teaches Shakespeare literature classes at RIT and also earned an undergraduate degree in theater. "They [the production committee] slyly worked it so I overheard one conversation, 'We're doing Twelfth Night,' and it stopped me in my tracks," said Linda Shenk.

One of the main factors that make Shakespeare's plays unique is his use of language. "The language is a lot more difficult to memorize and a lot more difficult to understand," said Collar. Shenk is well aware of this difficulty, having tried to shepherd many a student through language few are willing to admit is *modern* English.

The Rehearsal Process

The preparation schedules and resources for the two shows are similar and different at the same time. They share the usual overall progression of auditions, round-table readings, going through motions on stage, and then fine polishing of onstage actions, but the finer details of each group's processes are somewhat different.



Director Peter Ferran (left) gives some instructions to Jeanne Morin-Leisk and Mike DeHart before rehearsal of the play "Twelfth Night" on Friday night. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine

A Midsummer Night's Dream

"It is done in a very structured way to see progression of rehearsal and to see the point of rehearsal," said Bonnie Meath-Lang. Each NTID show is auditioned and cast towards the end of the previous quarter. Auditions are also a little different, in that NTID looks not only for talent and physical appearance, but also for the signing style, in order to fit an individual to a character. After auditions, two weeks' time is spent on table work with the script to talk about the rudiments of the characters and obtain a shared understanding. A big obstacle for this production at this point in the process was the translation of Shakespeare's language into American Sign Language.

NTID casts then spend the next two weeks finding blocking—the right movements and locations on stage—which also assists in the memorization process. The final three weeks are used to polish not only technical issues but also refine relationships between the actors and the characters portrayed. NTID has, overall, about 7–8 weeks of rehearsal. The classes for those in Theater Practicum are the rehearsals, and Panera Theater is the classroom.

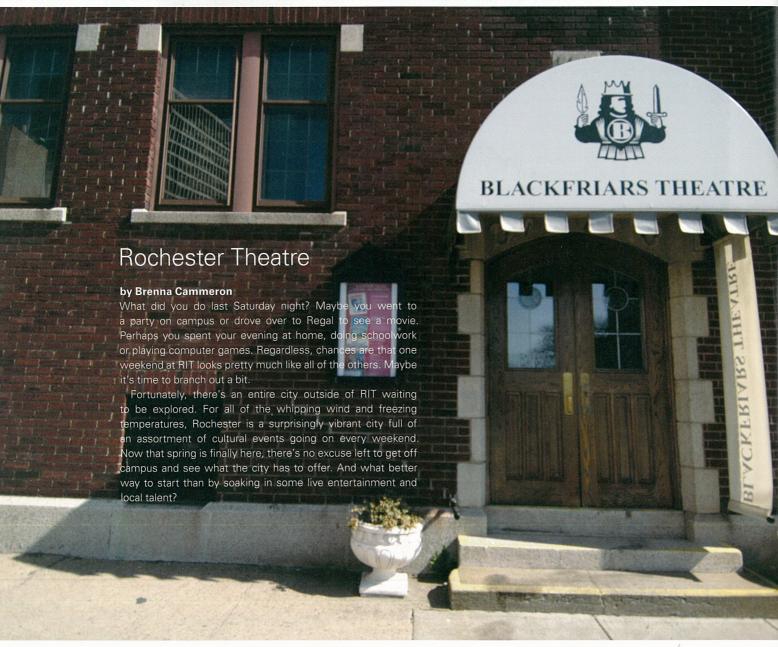
Twelfth Night

After auditions and casting in the middle of winter quarter the RIT Players read the script about half-dozen times as a group over a few weeks before taking the first steps in rehearsal. This is both to help the actors understand their character very well and preserve the precious little time that can be reserved in Ingle Auditorium for full run-throughs. The next few weeks, scenes are acted out in classrooms, still using scripts but it quickly progresses to a point where people do not need them. "A week ago, people knew their lines, weren't reading anymore, and could pay attention to what [their] body's doing," said Jamieson.

It is after this point of going only by a page or two of the script at a time that some of the fine-tuning can occur. At the same time, the cast and crew are moving from classrooms onto the Stage in Ingle Auditorium. This part of the process encompasses only the last few weeks and becomes more complicated, as scenes must be relearned with props and costumes. In order to keep things at a minimum of complexity the director has to try and introduce as few new ideas as possible during this final period. Everything must be memorized.

An example of this fine-tuning is when Director Peter Ferran told an actress Jeanne Morin-Leisk, "Don't speak until you get past this point on stage." Nothing new is introduced, but instead the act of performing itself is adjusted. In this case, the

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change took place so that all in the auditorium, instead of a just a few rows, will be able to hear the actress. The rehearsal process ends with the last week involving every member of the cast acting out the play in full costume, as if they had a show that very night. The only difference being there is, of course, no audience.

The Sign Language

Sign Language is an important part of the experience for both productions. For "Twelfth Night" RIT Players will be working with the same interpreters who have done their shows for the last ten years—Lola Johnston and j. david "Santa" mcclosky. They bring the roles of many different characters into a silent array of dazzling emotion and gestures.

Sign Language plays a much different role in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Each of the actors onstage creates a presence of visual imagery in his or her signs to reflect the vivid imagery used in Shakespeare's text. To assist in the translation, Ethan Sinnet, the scenic designer, also became the Shakespearian Translator for this production because of his in-depth knowledge of Shakespearean literature. Not only is he responsible for providing a Celtic feel throughout the design of the set but he is also in charge of the emotions evoked through actors' sign language. Alongside the onstage actors signing is a voice actor reflecting through tone and inflection what the character onstage is going through.

Unique Challenges

The RIT Players have a saying, "It's always something. Actually, I it's always several somethings." With any production, there are sporadic problems or situations that may arise because of the specific play or specific cast members. Other than specifics issues of this production, namely understanding and translating Shakespeare's language, NTID productions face the possibility of deaf and hearing actors splitting into groups and not really interacting. "I don't want hearing actors to feel marginalized," said Director Bonnie Meath-Lang. "It can happen easily." This is why she has a friendly, encouraging warm-up at the beginning of each rehearsal. All the actors, crewmembers, and anyone involved join up on the stage and do stretches, sign language games, and other activities. It creates a better sense of community, as well as priming the cast with the energy they will need to bring to the rest of the performance.

The College of Liberal Art's production has found one of their biggest problems to be scheduling. Especially with such a large cast and crew, meeting all at the same time and place can be challenging. Individual scenes have been scheduled and broken up under assistant directors for this reason. Ferran also scheduled individual rehearsals for soliloquies or sections of the play involving few characters. Everyone knows that they must make themselves available for the last few weeks of rehearsals, and of course the performances, barring a suitably horrid physical injury.

Another set of challenges arose in the assigning of roles and their respective costumes. For example, Joseph Fox plays the character Flute in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The character Flute is a bearded man forced to act the role of Thisbe, a young girl in love, during a play for the character Theseus's marriage celebration. "It is my first time being dressed up as a woman," said Fox. Likewise in Twelfth Night, Morin-Leisk plays Viola, a female character who later assumes the disguise of a male named Cesario. Every actor has to work on physical movement, but few have to learn how to walk all over again in order to portray the opposite sex.

One of the greatest challenges in theatre belongs to the director—"the how of getting the actor to trust him/herself," said Bonne Meath-Lang. "Each has this 'Aha!' moment where they can trust themselves... find a key to open the character to him/her." This is not a challenge of getting an actor interested or eliciting their best effort, it is rather one of getting an actor to accept that they will be good.

Even with all the time constraints, the resource limitations, and the manpower restrictions, plays at RIT come together in the last few weeks after tons of work. Characters understood, lines memorized, and stage directions done over and over again, this hard work is truly rewarding because of the final product. The Cast of "Twelfth Night" visited some classes in the literature department who were working on the play two weeks before the show opened. As they told those students, "Theatre lets you look at yourself. No matter your method of acting, you can always compare yourself to your character; ask if you would react the same way in the same situation. And with a really good production, the audience does the same thing." •

A Midsummer Night's Dream

\$5-Students, \$7-Other, Panera Theater, LBJ Bldg Thursday May 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m.

Twelfth Night

\$4-RIT students/staff/faculty, \$7-Public, Ingle Auditorium, SAU April 21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. April 24 at 2 p.m.

In the Big Leagues

The RBTL or the Rochester Broadway Theatre League is the best-known theatre organization in the area. The League, formed in 1957, is responsible for bringing some of the most exciting and well-advertised shows to the area. The RBTL has already brought touring productions of Mamma Mia, The King and I, Stomp, The Producers, Lord of the Dance, Thoroughly Modern Milly, and Chicago to the Rochester stage in the 2004-2005 season alone. Although the spring season is almost over for the RBTL, the organization is still sponsoring one more show: Moving Out, a musical integrating 24 Billy Joel classics into what is described by The New York Times as "a shimmering portrait of an American generation." The RBTL brings great shows to the Rochester area, but the downside here is the price: tickets for Moving Out range between \$27.00 and \$62.00. If you can stomach the ticket price. Moving Out runs between May 3 and 8. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster, as well as at the Auditorium Theatre.

On the Local Level

Moving to the local theatre scene, the best-known group in Ithe Rochester area is certainly the **Geva Theatre**. Geva, which was established in 1972, is located in what was once a Naval Armory in the heart of downtown Rochester. The renovated 522 seat theater hosts 11 full productions every year, often featuring local talent. Geva is currently in the middle of a production of Hamlet, featuring actress Kelli Fox in the title role. [Yes, for all of you that are wondering, she is a woman.] Hamlet runs until May 15, with tickets ranging from \$15.50 to \$41.00. However, for those looking for a great live show for the price of a night at the movies, "rush tickets" are available to students in the half hour before performance time for \$8.00 each. According to Geva ushers, tickets are almost always available to students at this special price. Although you might not end up with prime seating, Geva's thrust stage goes a long way in making sure that every seat in the house is a good seat. For those staying in Rochester past May 20, Geva Theatre will also be hosting A Chorus Line from May 25 to July 1.

Perhaps one of the most creative stages in the Rochester area can be found in the heart of the city at the **Downstairs Cabaret Theatre**. Opened in 1983, Downstairs Cabaret is certainly a more intimate atmosphere than the RBTL and Geva Theatre. In 2002, the Downstairs Cabaret branched out to include two locations: one on Windsor Street, and another on

540 East Main Street, near the prestigious Eastman Theatre and the city Java's. The Downstairs Cabaret—as the name indicates—is a cozy little place with desserts and drinks available throughout the evening. The Cabaret is currently running two shows: I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, a four-actor musical about what the theatre's website describes as "everything you've secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives, and inlaws...but were afraid to admit." Downstairs Cabaret's second offering, The Water Coolers is described by the site as "a high powered, laugh-out-loud new revue about the routines and rituals of corporate America." Tickets for both I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change and The Water Coolers are \$21.00 to \$24.00, with special student discounts available.

Beyond the Stage

What if you're looking for something a little more alternative, you might do well to consider Comix Café, conveniently located in the heart of good old Henrietta. Voted one of the top ten comedy clubs in the nation by *USA Today* in the March 31 issue, the Comix Café hosts shows of varying hilarity almost every night of the week. In addition, the Comix Café features a full bar, honky-tonk live music, pool, darts, and lots of greasy munchies. Notable upcoming shows include "The Sandman Hypnosis Show." Although not traditional comedic fare, the Sandman should prove especially interesting on Monday, May 16, when Comix Café hosts a special "XXX rated show" with \$13.00 admission. Otherwise, the tickets for The Sandman are between \$9.00 and \$12.00; the show runs from May 11 to May 16. For more information, go to www.comixcafe.com or call the club at 585-424-5233.

Another interesting late-night activity is available at Geva's adjacent theatre, the Nextstage. Geva Comedy Improv offers shows every Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. Started in the Fall of 2003, Comedy Improv mixes their nights up with themed shows with titles such as "Theatre Sports," "Gorilla Theatre," and "Improv Movies." Tickets for the Comedy Improv are only \$7.00. Tickets are available at the Geva box office, www.gevatheatre.org, or by calling 232-GEVA.

There's no doubt that Rochester's cultural scene is made up of much more than just the clubs on Alexander Street. Given all of the interesting, and affordable, alternatives for a Saturday night, what's keeping you on campus? •

n the Street compiled and photographed by Jodi Goldenberg

Q: What is your favorite play and why?



"Miss Saigon, it was the first play I saw in downtown Boston."

Alisha Gianakakis Advertising Public Relations Second Year



"West Side Story, it is just a good play." Kristen Bourassa Graphic Design

Second Year



"Hamlet, because it is weird and people just keep dying." Mina Ramzy **Biomedical Computing**

Second Year



"AIDA, good plot and songs!" **Russel Barley** Undecided Science First Year



"A Midsummer Night's Dream, it is all very ironic with sophisticated humor that you won't catch on to if you aren't paying attention."

Jeff Neckers Visual Media Fourth Year



"A Christmas Story in Radio City Music Hall, all the animals came out and one took a shit on stage!"

Joe Lucania Software Engineering Third Year



"The Lion King in Toronto, the costumes were cool and they came out into the audience!"

Rebecca Brand Undecided First Year



actors are so damn hot!" **Tiffany Turner** Metal Fabrication and Jewelry Design Second Year



"A Streetcar Named Desire because I was in it in high school!"

Jennifer Boulter Interior Design Second Year



"Footloose, the music and a Backstreet Boy was in it!" Maria Tedeschi Criminal Justice Fourth Year



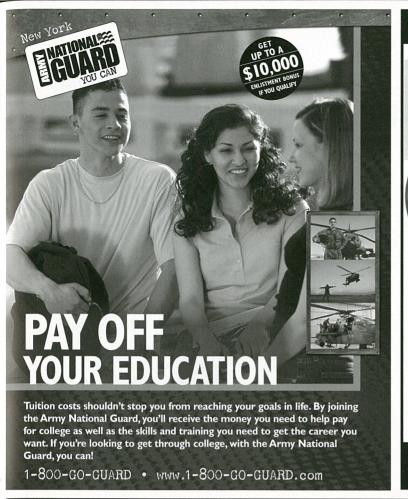
"I think the last play I saw was when I was 9, it was The Secret Garden." **Paul Pachence**

Graphic Media Fourth Year

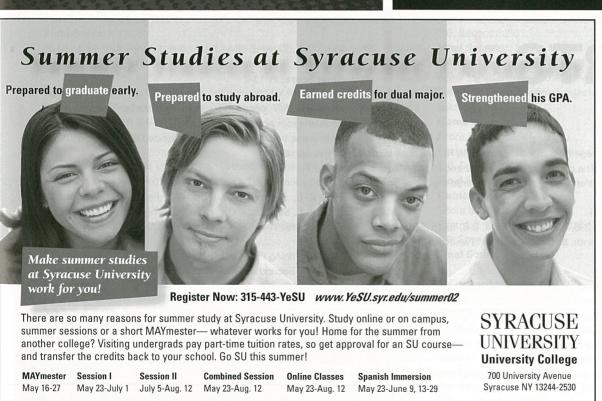


"A Czech Republic play by Karl Chapek, RUR; the word robots was coined in the Universe of Robots where they were cloned to do work." Russel Raymond

Public Policy Third Year







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RIT Lacrosse midfield Colin Jesien (right) plays during the 4th quarter of a game against Ithaca on April 13. RIT went on to lose against Ithaca with a final score of 4 to 13. Thomas Starkweather/REPORTER Magazine

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Baseball

April 9: RIT and Hartwick College treated the crowd at the RIT baseball field to a thrilling twelve-inning duel. The game ended 8-8 at the end of regulation, but with one out in the bottom of the twelfth, the Tigers scored the game-winning run with a single.

Score by Inning (RIT-Hartwick)

First: 1-0, Second: 3-4, Third: 3-8, Fourth: 8-8, Fifth: 8-8, Sixth: 8-8, Seventh: 8-8, Eighth: 8-8, Ninth: 8-8, Tenth: 8-8, Eleventh: 8-8, Twelfth: 9-8

Final Score: W 9-8.

April 10: The Tigers won two games against Utica, taking the first game by a close margin of 3-1, and making the second game a 13-2 blowout. RIT pitcher Mike Fox was one out away from pitching a no-hitter in the first game with two outs in the bottom of the seventh when Utica snuck in their lone run.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Utica)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 1-0, Fourth: 1-0, Fifth: 1-0, Sixth: 3-0, Seventh: 2.1

Final Score: W 3-1

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Utica)

First: 2-0, Second: 3-0, Third: 3-0, Fourth: 6-0, Fifth: 11-2, Sixth: 13-2, Seventh: 13-2

Final Score: W 13-2

April 12: RIT continued its winning ways, sweeping the doubleheader against Keuka College at the RIT Baseball Field. With these two wins, the Tigers extended their winning streak to five games.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Keuka)

First: 0-0, Second: 2-0, Third: 5-0, Fourth: 5-0, Fifth: 5-0, Sixth: 6-0, Seventh: 6-0

Final Score: W 6-0

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Keuka)

First: 1-1, Second: 3-1, Third: 3-1, Fourth: 3-1, Fifth: 3-3, Sixth: 4-4. Seventh: 5-4

Final Score: W 5-4

RIT record through 4/12/05: 11-4 Overall, 3-0 Empire 8

Men's Crew

April 9: RIT took on Ithaca College and Skidmore College on the Ithaca Inlet. RIT was able to pull out a win in the Varsity Four (A 7.22, B 7.41), but Ithaca took the Varsity, Second Varsity, and Novice Eight Categories. Skidmore took the final Novice Four Category.

April 10: RIT and the University of Buffalo squared off at the Genesee Waterways. There, the Tigers' Varsity, Second Varsity, and Novice Eight Squads all won their races (Varsity Eight - 6:26.72, Second Varsity Eight - 6:45.29, Novice Eight A 7:01.03 Novice Eight B 7:22.39), winning the competition by a landslide.

Women's Crew

April 9: RIT competed against both Ithaca and Skidmore College in Ithaca, NY. RIT took both the Varsity Four (8.00) and Novice Four (9.07) races, while Ithaca took the Varsity Eight and the Novice/3V Eight categories to round out the day.

Men's Lacrosse

April 9: SUNY Oswego hosted a match against RIT, one which went into overtime with it all tied up at 8-8. David Thering's assist to David Bednarz produced the game-wining goal, making it 9-8 in favor of the Tigers.

Final Score: W 9-8 OT

RIT Goals: Colin Jesien (4), Andrew Ruocco (2), Zach Bednarz (1), Joe Argese (1), Brando Wilkin (1)

April 13: Ithaca College snapped RIT's four-game winning streak as the home crowd watched them score thirteen goals on the RIT net, resulting in a 13-4 loss.

Final Score: L 4-13

RIT Goals: Andrew Ruocco (1), David Thering (1), Brando Wilkin (1), Joe Argese (1)

RIT record through 4/13/05: 5-5 Overall, 3-1 Empire 8

Women's Lacrosse

April 9: The Lady Tigers continued their losing streak as they fell to Hartwick College in their eighth loss this season, failing to win a single game to date.

Final Score: L 11-16

RIT Goals: Pinckney Templeton (4), Lisette Silver (3), Becky Jaiven (2), Lindsay Fueuer (1), Emily lanello (1)

April 13: Believe it or not, RIT was not defeated by Alfred University (Let's keep the fact that Alfred canceled their 2005 season due to a lack of players on the down low).w

Softball

April 9: RIT and Alfred University played a double header to open RIT's Empire 8 season, with RIT taking both games.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Alfred)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 0-0, Fourth: 0-0, Fifth: 0-0, Sixth: 0-0, Seventh: 0-0, Eighth: 1-0

Final Score: W 1-0

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Alfred)

First: 2-0, Second: 4-0, Third: 4-0, Fourth: 5-2, Fifth: 6-2, Sixth: 7-2, Seventh: 7-2

Final Score: W 7-2

April 10: After sweeping Alfred, RIT itself was swept by SUNY Cortland. The Lady Tigers' offense produced only two runs for both games combined, and they were shut out in the first game.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Cortland)

First: 0-2, Second: 0-6, Third: 0-7, Fourth: 0-9, Fifth: 0-9

Final Score: L 0-9

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Cortland)

First: 0-1, Second: 0-1, Third: 0-1, Fourth: 0-4, Fifth: 1-5, Sixth:

1-5, Seventh: 2-5 Final Score: L 2-5

April 12: A combination effort between the pitchers only allowing few runs, and a nice boost from the line-up, led RIT to sweep St. John Fisher.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Fisher)

First: 2-0, Second: 2-0, Third: 2-0, Fourth: 2-0, Fifth: 2-0, Sixth:

2-1, Seventh: 2-1 Final Score: W 2-1

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Fisher)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 6-0, Fourth: 6-0, Fifth: 6-0,

Sixth: 6-0, Seventh: 6-0 Final Score: W 6-0

April 13: With the sweep of Utica College by scores of 2-1 and 2-0, the Lady Tigers remained undefeated in Empire 8 action at 6-0, and improved to 11-9 for the season.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Utica)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 0-0, Fourth: 0-0, Fifth: 0-1, Sixth:

0-1, Seventh: 2-1 Final Score: W 2-1

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Utica)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 0-0, Fourth: 1-0, Fifth: 1-0, Sixth:

2-0, Seventh: 2-0 **Final Score:** W 2-0

April 15: RIT extended their winning streak to six games as they won a pair of games against Keuka Lake with the home field advantage.

Game 1

Score by Inning (RIT-Keuka)

First: 0-0, Second: 0-0, Third: 1-0, Fourth: 2-0, Fifth: 2-0, Sixth:

2-0, Seventh: 2-0 Final Score: W 2-0

Game 2

Score by Inning (RIT-Keuka)

First: 1-1, Second: 1-1, Third: 2-1, Fourth: 6-3, Fifth: 7-5, Sixth:

7-5, Seventh: 7-5 Final Score: W 7-5

RIT record through 4/15/05: 13-9 Overall, 6-0 Empire 8

Men's Tennis

April 8: The Tigers improved their record to an overall 3-1 for the season with a win over St. John Fisher. RIT lost one doubles match and one singles match, but won the rest, resulting in a 6-1 win.

Doubles Winners: David Chachu/Rod Razavi (8-1), Frank Salome/Jon New (8-2)

Singles Winners: David Chachu (6-4, 6-2), Frank Salome (6-1, 6-2), Zak Blazic (6-1, 6-3), Jon New (6-3, 6-4), Rod Razavi (7-6(7-1), 5-7, 7-5)

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April 9: RIT men's tennis shut out opponent Elmira College, winning all the matches in singles and doubles competition. **Doubles Winners:** Rod Razavi/Jason Swails (8-3), Frank Salome/Jon New (8-3), Joe Schember/Nathaniel Benz (8-6) **Singles Winners:** Jason Swails (6-2, 7-5), Frank Salome (6-0, 6-3), Zak Blazic (6-0, 6-0), Jon New (6-0, 6-1), Rod Razavi (6-0, 6-1), Adam DePuit (6-1, 6-1)

April 10: RIT hosted St. Lawrence College for a Sunday morning match. RIT won the match 5-2, improving their winning streak to five straight games.

Doubles Winners: Frank Salome/Jon New (8-2)

Singles Winners: David Chachu (6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-3), Frank Solome (6-1, 6-0), Zak Blazic (7-6(3), 6-4), Jon New (6-1, 6-1), Rod Razavi (6-2, 4-6, 10-4)

April 12: Roberts Wesleyan College was the next victim to the RIT men's tennis powerhouse. At an impressive 6-1, the Tigers defeated Roberts Wesleyan by a score of 7-2, only losing two games during the entire match.

Doubles Winners: Frank Solome/Jon New (8-4), Nathaniel Benz/Joe Schember (9-8 (7-3))

Singles Winners: Frank Solome (6-2, 6-0), Zak Blazic (6-1, 6-4), Jon New (6-2, 6-0), Rod Razavi (6-1, 6-0), Adam DePuit (1-6, 7-5, (14-12))

April 15: The men's tennis team extended their winning streak to seven matches after winning all three doubles matches and all but one of the six singles matches against Oswego College.

Doubles Winners: Rod Razavi/Jason Swails (8-2), Frank Solome/Jon New (8-4), Joe Schember/Nathaniel Benz (8-6) **Singles Winners:** Frank Solome (6-1, 6-4), Zak Blazic (6-0, 6-0), Jon New (6-2, 6-2), Rod Razavi (6-2, 7-6 (8-6)), Jordan Bell (5-7, 7-6 (7-4), (10-8))

Men's Track

April 9: RIT men's track participated in the University of Rochester Alumni Invitational held at Fauver Stadium. Men's Track put up some good times in the competition, with Michael Herb placing second in the Pole Vault with a vault of 4.20 meters, and Jimmy Sorrel placing second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.39. Dereck Bojanowski, Matt Bango, Ryan Pancoast and Jesse Williamson also fared well in their respective competitions.

Women's Track

April 9: RIT women's track put on some good performances and times at the University of Rochester Alumni Invitational held at Fauver Stadium. Danielle Simmons won the 800 meter competition with a time of 2:15.54. Simmons also won the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 50.52, along with teammates Jessica Mills, LaKeisha Perez, and Kathryn Palermo. In addition, Perez rounded out a solid day by placing fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.71, and was fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.71.

>>> Hustle for Habitat:

"If you do nothing, nothing will happen."

by José Plaza

"It's nice to see people come together for an event like this." That's what Running Club president Maureen Wood, a fourth year Biology major, had to say about the upcoming Hustle for Habitat 5K Run/Walk. The event, which is to benefit victims of the catastrophic December 25 tsunami that devastated millions last year, will take place on May 1 starting at 8:30 a.m. What started out as merely a vision for Alex Popkin, a fourth year Illustration major and Phi Kappa Tau brother, has evolved into The Hustle for Habitat 5K Run/Walk Benefit and Carnival/Barbecue.

So what is Hustle for Habitat all about? This is in fact the second year of the event, and it will undoubtedly surpass the success of last year, where about 100 participants helped to raise nearly \$1000 for Flower City Habitat for Humanity. After last year, a few light bulbs lit up in the heads of people who all had similar ideas in mind. All it took was a few connections between groups at RIT to set the stage for this year's benefit, from the initial idea conceived by Alex Popkin to the contact between Wood and Greek Council Member Kevin Kray. "It's amazing how it all fell together pretty easily," stated Wood.

The collaboration between Greek Council and the Running Club has been extended further by joining forces with SG, IFC, CAB, RHA, and RIT Student Affairs. With this powerful union of forces, the bar for Hustle for Habitat has been raised to an ambitious goal of raising \$7000, through 300 participants and various donations. The proceeds will be used to help build thirty-five Habitat for Humanity houses in tsunami-devastated Southeast Asia.

However, planning for the May 1 event has not been an easy stroll down the Quarter Mile. The organization and efforts put forth have been in the works since the end of January, during which weekly meetings, marketing campaigns, and requests for funds went on behind the scenes. From contacts with Campus Safety about road closings, to follow-ups on free water-supply requests, to the making and posting of the flyers and registration forms, everyone involved has put a lot on the line for this to be a successful event.

Ben Harris, a 2nd year MIS Major, contributed to last year's Hustle for Habitat not only by helping to organize it, but by also participating as well. This year, he feels that they are dealing with something much larger. "It [the tsunami] is kind of surreal, and to see a group of RIT students come together for such a cause is unprecedented." Running Club advisor Peter Haggerty expressed a high sense of personal satisfaction when speaking of those who have worked towards the "Hustle" this year. "I'm very proud to see the time and effort that has gone into this," said Haggerty. "I don't think we could have done any more. Now, we hope and pray."

Though most students weren't aware of—or weren't motivated about—the tsunami benefit concert a few weeks ago in the Gordon Field House, Hustle for Habitat hopes to overshadow the poor turnout for that event. Organizers Popkin and Harris put it in the simplest of terms when they said, "Help us make a difference! We've already done our part." The entry fees are as follows: \$5 for RIT students, \$10 for RIT faculty/staff and \$15 for the public. Wood added, "You can contribute in so many ways; it seems to be a waste not being a part of it. At least do it for the t-shirt." •

The Hustle for Habitat website is http://www.rit.edu/~wxcwww/hustle.html, where you can find an entry form if you are interested in running/walking, and information on donating.



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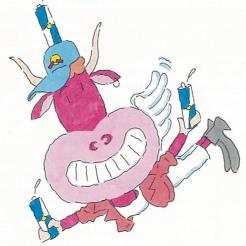
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