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EDITORIAL

Welcome (Back)

Hello again. This is Reporter Magazine: your weekly source for...etc.

Welcome back returning students. I know some of you had summer jobs. Some of those jobs sucked, and you are glad to be back to school or at least away from the people you worked with. Some of those summer jobs were rewarding or fun and you are returning a better person or at least less bitter about the world—which I like to think makes you relatively better. Some of you are not glad to be back from your summer escapades at all—sorry.

Welcome freshmen. I know some of you hated high school and are excited about the possibilities of starting anew at college. Some of you loved high school and are excited about continuing that love affair with schooling at RIT. Some of you are dorks—I know, I know...a lot of you are dorks. Some of you are ok with that. Some of you are not ok with that. Some of you will embrace dorkhood. Some of you will rationalize away the idea of dorkhood versus the philosophical impossibility of normalcy. Some of you might simply not find solace here—sorry.

Welcome transfer students. I know some of you are dorks too. Some of you are looking forward to a better fit at RIT. Some of you are hoping to take advantage of RIT's unique offerings. Some of you will like it here. Some of you will not—sorry.

Welcome everyone. I know some of you will change majors this year. Some of you will excel this year. Some people will find jobs, acceptance, love, or even piece of mind. Some of you will not—sorry.

Some of you are beginning to notice that there seems to be no other point to this editorial other than stringing together sentences involving the phrase "some of"—sorry.

So finally, I want to remind RIT that school has a certain bizarre connection with the idea of "school spirit." Though the principle is usually and, for some, painfully connected to sporting events, it doesn't have to be. I'll be honest with you: I'm not a member of that exuberant, cheering mass at the hockey games called the "Corner Crew." However, I have a great deal of respect for their undying fan fervor. For me though, a rally point is something more like novel academic research. Some of you might find *that* boring as hell—sorry. "To each his own," said Cicero.

"Go Math Club" can equal "Go Tigers." Find what does it for you.



Erhardt Graeff
Editor in Chief



First-year students move their belongings into their rooms in the residence halls on Sunday, August 28. Move-in times were staggered throughout the day to prevent traffic and long elevator lines. Thomas Starkweather/REPORTER Magazine

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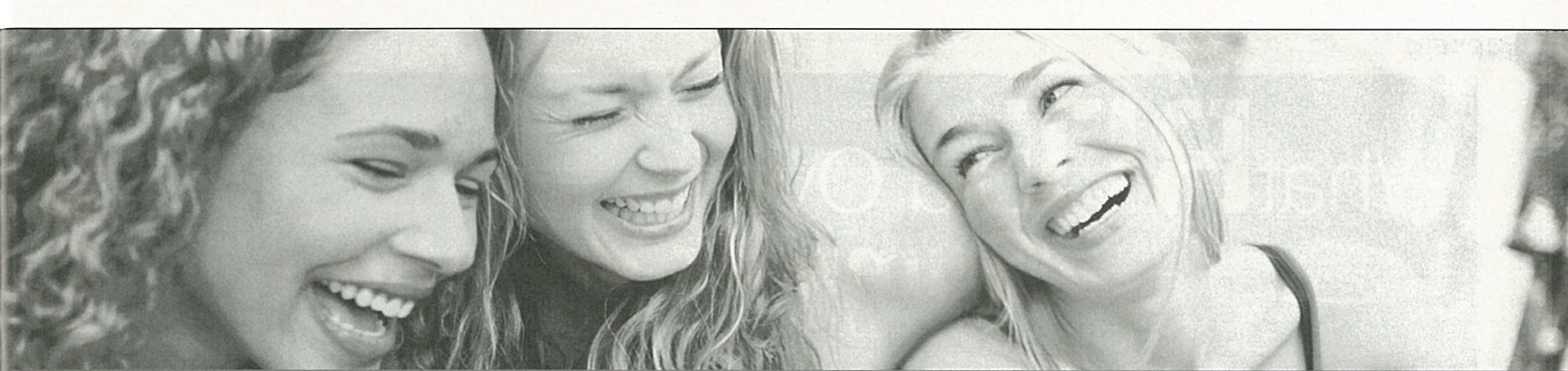
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What RIT Did Over Summer Vacation



Mr. Brian sips his coffee while supervising the installation of new chairs and desks, as well as an upgraded multimedia system, at the Gosnell Auditorium, Thursday morning, September 1. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

Dear Freshmen,

Welcome to RIT! Somewhere between the brochures and bricks you experienced during your visit, you decided that this was where you wanted to spend four years of your life. Congratulations on your acceptance. With any luck, you're settled in nicely by now and don't have the dreaded 'roommate from Hell' sharing your dorm. And, at the very least, your college courses are hopefully much more stimulating than your high school ones.

That being said, it's inevitable that summer was an entirely different story than the one you're living now. While you were (pick one) a) sleeping late, b) working full-time to accommodate tuition bills, or c) partying with your friends all summer, RIT was in a different-than-usual gear as well. The administration generously rationed out some of the unused campus space for outside events such as basketball camps, workshops for professionals, and event parking. Professors kept themselves busy teaching, researching, or pursuing side projects. Some students, sensing that they might be here longer than the traditional four years, stuck around to make up time by attending classes.

While many students enrolled part-time, some took intensive, highly selective summer transfer programs. These programs were a way for transfer students to make up for lost credits and served as a helpful head-start for current students who

want to get ahead (a.k.a. graduate faster). This summer, the Graphic Design department offered all of its sophomore core design classes in sequence. With only two weeks to complete each of what are normally three-credit, ten-week classes, the results can be a tad hectic. "Each [class] was really intense and challenging," said Eric Ries, a fourth-year Visual Media student. The workload, he added, was immense, "But in the end it was totally worth it because I could see my design abilities get better really quickly." The School of Photographic Arts and Sciences held its usually grueling Photo I and Photo II programs, each of which crams a full quarter of five- or six-credit photography projects into three weeks.

Instead of choosing option a, b, or c, nearly 100 College of Science (COS) undergraduate students took advantage of their free time by doing on-campus research. The work gave students valuable research experience under the guidance of professors. "Some students were continuing their research from the school year [but] some students had never done research before," said Catherine Mahr-Washington, Marketing Coordinator for COS. Fringe benefits included faculty lectures and extracurricular events such as rock climbing and movie nights. The research culminated in the 14th Undergraduate Research Symposium on August 12, where 22 students presented their work. "I am always amazed at the variety of topics presented and the breadth and depth of subjects covered," said Terence Morrill, Symposium director and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry.

Summer academics mean that some professors give up vacation time to stay at RIT and teach, while others seek more diverse teaching experiences.

CrimeWatch

compiled by J.S. Ost

Michael Peres, department head of Biomedical Photography and veteran professor of 20 years, went to Stockholm, Sweden to teach a weeklong digital photomicrography workshop this summer. The program, which has been around since 1997, is limited to 20 students. There is, of course, a waiting list. "Teaching a workshop like this with practicing scientists brings me immediately into reality," said Peres. "When I return, I am more aware of what the soon-to-be graduates will experience in the scientific and research arenas as imaging experts." As a result, he has crafted assignments for RIT students based on the various problems he has witnessed in the workshop.

You may have heard horror stories about RIT's blustery winters, but Rochester metamorphoses during the seven months of its other season: construction. When the bags of salt are finally put away, out come the drills and hammers. Ten different areas on campus were renovated this summer. Some, like masonry repair on the Gannett building and upgrades to exhausts and ductwork in the SAU, are simple remedies for minor blemishes on campus. Other projects constitute major cosmetic undertakings, such as the renovation of the Grace Watson Lobby to include a Spot Coffee, Freshens Smoothies, large-screen TV, fireplace, and lounge area. A 31,000 square foot addition to Building 17 (microelectronics), courtesy of a NYSTAR grant, is currently being built, and also started this summer was the construction of the brand spanking new Center for Biosciences Education and Training (CBET), which will have 35,000 square feet of space in its state-of-the-art facility. This new building will have three levels with research laboratories, specialized teaching and meeting spaces, support and office areas, and a two level atrium space for building occupants.

Much of the renovation ended in August in anticipation of the school year, but larger projects, like CBET and the Microengineering addition, will continue to (bless/spite) students and faculty with their presences throughout fall quarter.

So good luck. Remember: try the Java's hot cider, a quarter is only 50 days long, and you'll at least be getting credit for sitting through FYE.

Sincerely,
Monica Donovan



The Center for Biosciences Education and Training will house cutting edge research laboratories and teaching facilities. It will be located behind building 76 and adjacent to parking lot F. Ralph Smith/REPORTER Magazine

August 5

Wiltsie Drive – Petit Larceny

An off-duty Campus Safety officer observed a male running from an on-campus apartment complex, carrying what appeared to be signs. Officers were directed to the student's apartment, where the signs were confiscated and returned to Facilities Management.

August 11

University Commons – Burglary, Unlawful Entry

A student's laptop was stolen from her locked bedroom between 3 and 4 p.m. No forced entry was observed. The investigation is closed pending further information.

August 12

Kimball Drive – Criminal Mischief

A golf cart belonging to Housing Operations was left parked from 5 p.m. on August 11 until 8 a.m. on August 12. The ignition key switch was damaged in an apparent attempt to hot-wire the cart. The investigation continues.

RIT Inn and Conference Center – Harassment

The manager of the RIT Inn reported that a student harassed a part-time Inn employee. The student was interviewed and referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

August 17

Stern Way – Criminal Mischief

An unknown person poured laundry detergent in a small fish pond between 10 p.m. and midnight. As a result, seven fish were killed and the Graduate Community Advocate was notified. No leads were developed.

August 18

Stern Way – Petit Larceny

A student fraternity member reported that a fraternity sign was removed from an exterior wall between 6 p.m. on August 16 and 11:30 a.m. on August 17. A canvass was conducted and crime alerts posted, but no leads were developed.

August 20

Stern Way–Criminal Mischief

An unknown person removed the on/off switches from an air conditioning unit at a campus apartment, causing six AC units to stop working. In addition, pry marks were observed on the door to the Electrical Room. Special attention has been requested for the area while the investigation continues.

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In case of **ATTACK** by **HUNGER...** (A Guide to On Campus Eating)

by Nathan Liebold | illustration by Mike Norton

Inevitably, hunger will always catch up with us. It'll strike on the Quarter Mile or in a well-populated lab. Despite the worthy efforts of our valiant faculty, it'll find your stomach during even the most rousing two hour lecture and give you a good mauling. Hunger knows no boundaries, and frankly it has no manners. We, the meek gazelle, will ever be on the move from its tireless lion. Fortunately, when the lion of hunger strikes, RIT Food Services has got your back.

Several eateries are home to meals that will become your favorites, tried and true meals that are available every day. Sol's and Sandella's have all sorts of wraps and pizzas. The Oriental Chicken Wrap at Sol's is one that shines. It features grilled chicken, 'oriental lettuce,' and those little crunchy fried noodle things. It will definitely wow taste buds with a sweet and crunchy mouthful of chicken and pita. The Ritz, located under the SAU, holds a wealth of things to try. Turkey burgers are a healthier alternative to a normal beef burger, but don't let that fact keep them exiled from your stomach. They're one of the tastiest things on the menu, and may just replace your usual burger. The infamous Hot Burger is also not to be missed, with its hot sauce, mustard, and onions all under a bubble of lovingly melted cheese. While not an eatery, the Corner Store houses a nicely-sized grocery store with a good selection of things to stock the fridge with. The prices here however, are as steep as a jagged cliff face, and just as painful to your debit account.

Every once in a while the food service powers that be, bestow upon us a slew of mouth-wateringly unforgettable special dishes. The Ritz features a special burger daily, among these are such gastronomical delights as the Atomic Burger, which is a concoction of peppers, sauces and everything spicy. Every once in a while the SAU cafeteria features the delectable Asian treats of local chefs Mr. and Mrs. Yang, so be sure to grab some Lemon Chicken or Crab Rangoon when you have the chance. Thursdays provide an opportunity to grab some fresh sushi.



Regardless of which meal plan you're on, we all want to find good eats at good prices. Food Services isn't exactly discount eating but there are ways to stretch your debit. First Gracie's, ok, ok, sometimes the food here may leave a little to be desired, and there may be an endless amount of ribbing at the food and its sometimes "short" visit through the digestive system. Despite this, Gracie's can offer a cornucopia of foodstuffs for a decent price, especially for freshman on the 12-14-20 meal plans. Paying debit at Gracie's is a little pricey but it is all you can eat, so it's possible to make it worth your while. Crossroads offers a wide selection, and its sandwiches and soups are a quick, easy meal for anytime of the day. Both Sandella's and Sol's offer wraps and pizzas that are ready in a flash, and at a price that doesn't break the bank. Lastly, if you're in the mood for early morning breakfast, the SAU cafeteria has wonderful choices at decent prices. They have tasty breakfast sandwiches on warm croissants, or try the pancakes, sausages, or hash browns, which are all reasonably priced by the ounce. Any of these entrées will start your day right, assuming you can pull yourself out of bed in time.

Overall, RIT features a wide variety of choices when it comes to what's for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. There are more than enough eateries to keep from having to eat the same thing every day, especially with the new additions to the Commons that we'll all see soon. It would be nice once in a while to tame a Wendy's or Taco Bell craving right here on campus but this isn't yet possible as the only franchise readily available on campus is Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. Luckily a Quizno's is being added to the Commons, and it will hopefully be ready for the incoming crop of new RIT students. One of the only drawbacks is that most of the facilities are closed way too early, especially for those in class or labs that get out late—and none are open past midnight on a regular basis, though campus life definitely goes 'round the clock. Either way, when hunger comes calling, RIT's Food Services has your back. •

Finding Yourself in Henrietta

by Govind Ramabadran and Ben Foster



So you're new to RIT, feeling lost and a little afraid?

Not even sure which brick building on campus is which, let alone where to buy socks? Well never fear! This guide should get you started in Henrietta. All the places below are less than a 10 minute drive from campus. This list will give you ideas on where to eat, where to see movies, where to have fun, and even where to buy socks. Honestly, what could be better than buying socks?

Regal Henrietta 18 – Located on Marketplace Drive (make a right after the Red Lobster on Jefferson), this movie theatre is about the closest first-run movie theater to RIT. In addition to showing all of the latest movies of the month, Regal Henrietta provides a game room and a small café area for those long show time queues. The theatre offers stadium seating, a kiosk to pick up your pre-purchased fandango tickets, and accommodations for the handicapped and hearing impaired. Ticket prices for movies are between eight and nine dollars.

Cinemark Movies 10 – Located on West Henrietta Road (take a left onto 15 off Jefferson), and a little closer than Regal Henrietta 18, this discount movie complex shows second and third run movies. Unfortunately, none of the amenities that Regal Henrietta has are available at Movies 10, aside from standard movie concessions. While many people refer to it as a “dollar theater”, the ticket prices actually range from fifty cents for a Monday matinee, to two dollars for a Friday or Saturday night.

Olympic Lanes – Located on Scottsville Road (take Jefferson west and it's the first right after the river), this is Henrietta's finest bowling experience. They offer everything you would expect from a bowling ally: pricey food and drink, shoe rentals, a ton of pins, and balls with which to knock the pins down. Open until 1:00 a.m., and with weekly ninety-nine cents a game nights (check local listings for fall, they move them around a lot), Olympic lanes makes for a nice change from sitting around your dorm room.

Henrietta Hots – Looking for a place to get some food real late at night? Check out Henrietta Hots which is located across from the mall on West Henrietta Road (take a right off Jefferson). Rochester's Famous Garbage plates are Hots specialty and although these are not the original (try Nick Tahou's downtown for that), this place is much closer and really about as good, if not a little better. Hots is open until 3:00 a.m., and it goes almost without saying that everything they serve is horribly bad for you, and horribly tasty.

Jay's Diner - I know what you're thinking, “but where can I go for a milkshake, a plate of nachos, and a half stack of pancakes at 4 am?” Well in Henrietta, the best answer to that question is Jay's Diner located on West Henrietta Road (take a left off Jefferson). Sure the wait-staff can be a little rude and sometimes a little smelly. And sure the food isn't really that great, but it's not half bad, and seriously who cares in the middle of the night? Better yet, the staff isn't pushy and will let you chill over a slice of pie and cup of coffee until the sun comes up. Couple that with its impressive fifties style décor, and there is no better place to chat with friends at the end of a long night.

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United States Post Office (other than the one in NRH basement) – Take a right on Jefferson Road, and after about 3-4 miles, it's on your right.

New York Department of Motor Vehicles (Traffic division) – Take a right on Jefferson Road. A few miles down the road turn right onto East Henrietta Road. It's in the “Suburban plaza” strip mall, which also features a terrible diner and an extra sketchy liquor store.

Strong Memorial Hospital - Take a right on Jefferson Road, then turn left on Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road. Turn left on West Henrietta Road and travel a few miles up the road. Turn left onto Elmwood Avenue and it's right there on your left.

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OF FACTS:
September 9

September 9th 1947 "First actual case of (a computer) bug being found" - a **moth** was lodged in a relay of a Mark II computer at Harvard.

Moths are commonly regarded as pests because their larvae eat **fabric** made from natural fibers such as wool. They are less likely to eat mixed materials containing artificial fibers.

Fabric is a nightclub in central **London**, England. One of the novel features of the club is its vibrating floor.

The **London** Eye was recently the center of controversy when the lands owner South Bank Centre (SBC) tried to raise the rent on the land from sixty-five thousand, to two and a half million. In response London mayor Ken Livingstone vowed that the landmark would remain open and described Lord Hollick, the boss of the SBC, as a "complete **prat**".

The word "**prat**" has been commonly used in British English since 1567 to refer to the **buttocks**, and since 1968 to refer to an idiot.

Exposing ones own bare **buttocks** as a protest, or a provocation, is called **mooning**. Mooning someone is generally considered an act of and for the young, it is also rather rude.

Japan has two planned **moon** missions, LUNAR-A and Selene. The **Japanese** Space Agency even has plans for a manned lunar base.

September 9, 1942, a **Japanese** floatplane drops an incendiary bomb on Oregon in the only hostile bombing of the American mainland taking place during World War II.

QUOTE*
"What's well begun, is half done."
-Horace

RANDOMREVIEW*

Released early this past summer, the White Stripes latest CD, *Get Behind Me Satan*, is the sort of disconnected and rushed sounding album fans of the band have come to expect. Gone are the light hearted songs that used to pepper their albums and for the most part the crashing sounds of Jack's Electric guitar. Here a piano, some clever drumming, and an unusually good vocal performance from Jack carries a record whose tracks frequently sound unfinished to say the least.

LIMERICK*
by Brian Garrison

There once was a hippo that lived at the zoo
That led a rock band with the kudzu named Lou.
The anaconda Lefonda
Would wail on harmonica
While Lou played a wicked kazoo.

REPORTER*
RECOMMENDS:

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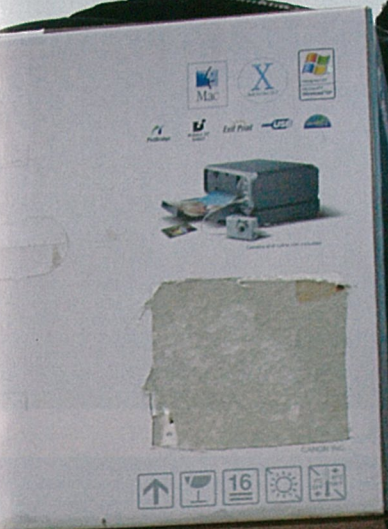
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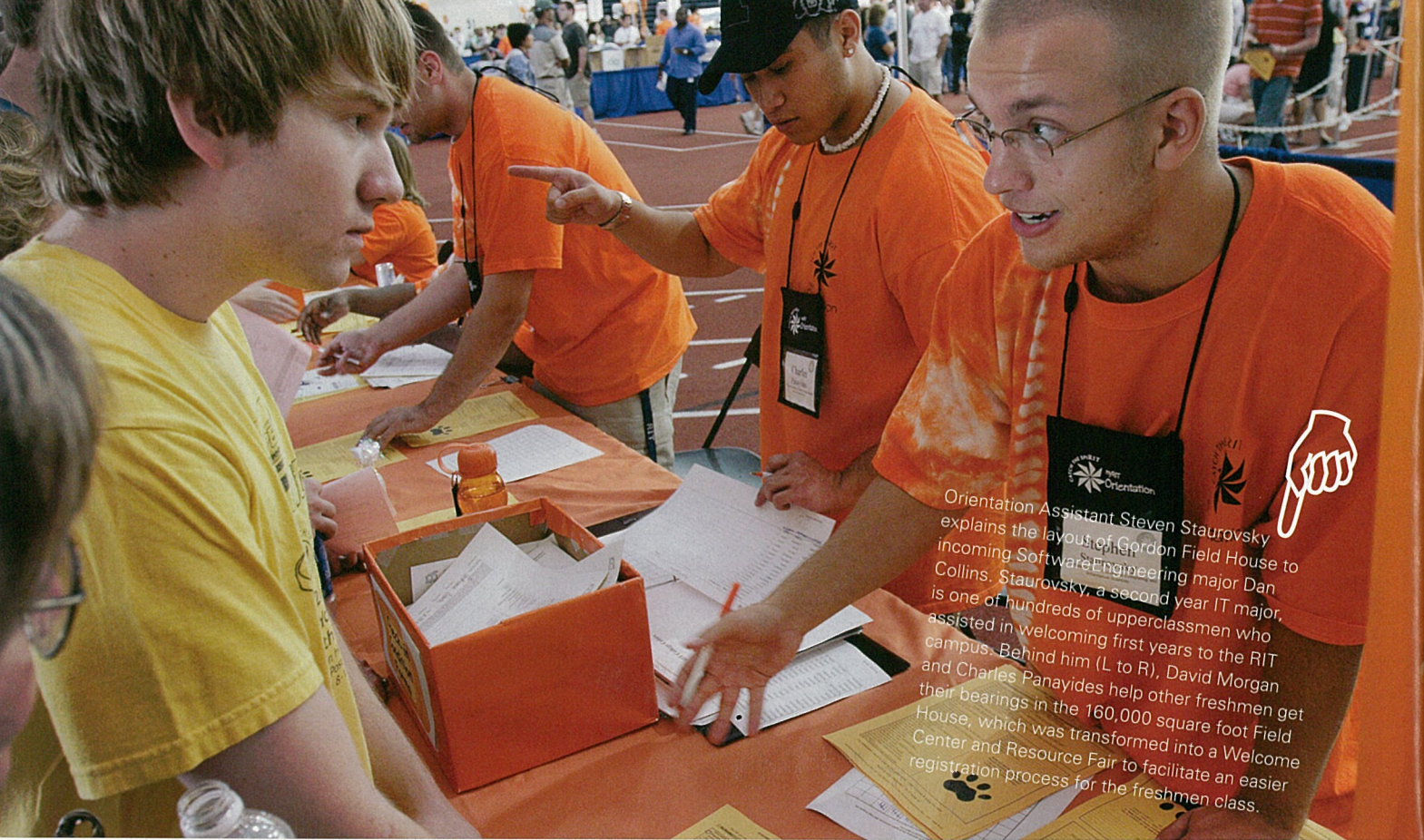


Ms E'RENTS ONE

by Brenna Cammeron | photographs by Tom Starkweather

Incoming freshman Sam Arent waits outside as he prepares to move into Sol Heumann Hall. Arent, a Software Engineering major, is one of over 2,000 incoming freshmen to move into the RIT dormitories on August 28. In past years, move-in took place in a two-day period; this year, the event was streamlined to occur in only one day. Arent, however, seemed unperturbed by the move-in process but voiced concerns of a different nature. "I brought too much stuff," he said. "The dorms are pretty tiny."





Orientation Assistant Steven Staurovsky explains the layout of Gordon Field House to incoming Software Engineering major Dan Collins. Staurovsky, a second year IT major, is one of hundreds of upperclassmen who assisted in welcoming first years to the RIT campus. Behind him (L to R), David Morgan and Charles Panayides help other freshmen get their bearings in the 160,000 square foot Field House, which was transformed into a Welcome Center and Resource Fair to facilitate an easier registration process for the freshmen class.



Incoming New Media Publishing major Patrick Gelb, along with his father Larry, get a lesson in patience as they wait for an elevator up to the dorm rooms in Sol Heumann Hall. Although the move-in process seemed tedious at times, Larry Gelb remained upbeat. "I find it [the move-in process] to be very organized. Any glitches that have occurred really had to do with us...people have been very friendly and very cooperative. Everyone's really helpful."



Brian Helm, a first year Engineering Exploration major, works on setting up his computer. Meanwhile, girlfriend Samantha Erbe (upper right) puts photos of the couple above Helm's bed "so you won't forget me." Another friend, Chelsea Cliff (upper left), looks on. Helm's mother, Chris, also helps set up his dorm room. When asked how the move-in process has been, Brian replies, "pretty easy." Brian's father retorts, "That's because we've been doing all the work."



Orientation Assistants (OAs) shout RIT-themed cheers during the Ice Cream Social and Parent Send-off on August 29. The enthusiasm of OAs (L to R) Eric Stevens, Kahle Toothill, and Kyle Callender add to the atmosphere of bittersweet celebration during the social, which offered free ice cream and an opportunity to formally say goodbye to family and friends. Despite some parents' reluctance to leave their children at college, the general feeling at the event was one of celebration and anticipation towards the upcoming academic year.



Christopher Platt, an incoming Mechanical Technology major, falls from the top of a boulder in RIT's Red Barn, which houses several climbing walls on two levels. Platt, who has been to a few climbing camps before, says he will "probably join the climbing club." Seann McArdle, an adjunct faculty member who directs the Red Barn activities both at Orientation time and throughout the school year, says that Orientation is a great time to raise awareness about the facilities that the Red Barn offers year-round. During Orientation week, about 100-150 students per night come to climb at the Red Barn; dozens more come "just to hang out." " [Orientation] is overwhelming" McArdle says. "But if we can let them know now what's happening here throughout the year...that's our goal." The Red Barn is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the school year from 5-10 p.m. for open climbing. Use of climbing equipment and facilities per quarter is \$15; for a one-time visit, the fee is \$3.



Over 2,000 students celebrate outside the Student Alumni Union during the Brick Bash, an event that this year had the most ever attendance in its five-year run. According to Dawn Soufleris, organizer of the event and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, this is the first year that Brick Bash has been used to kick off nighttime Orientation activities. In previous years, the event has always been held on the residential side of campus, but this year, Brick Bash was moved to the SAU. "We were trying to find a central location," Soufleris says. The event included a professional DJ, free pizza and soda, and an assortment of free glow sticks to heighten the party atmosphere. Brick Bash was funded by the Bader Grant, a task force that seeks to promote healthy and fun alternatives to drug and alcohol use. Although Brick Bash was a huge success, Soufleris questions whether RIT has the funds to make similar events a regular part of the RIT calendar, "it's a huge expense," Soufleris says. "But we would love to see this sort of thing happening [more often]...they're having a great time. These students have been dancing nonstop." Final photograph by Ralph Smith.



WORD on the Street

compiled and photographed by Ralph Smith

Q: What one thing are you going to try now that you are in college?



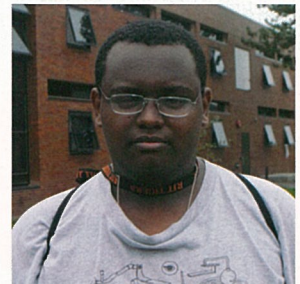
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Mike Roushey
New Media Design
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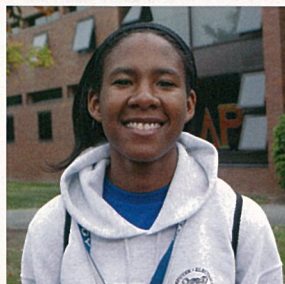
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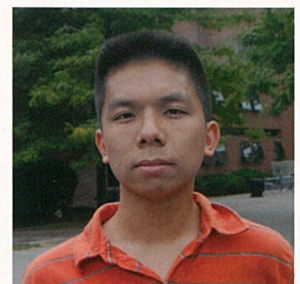
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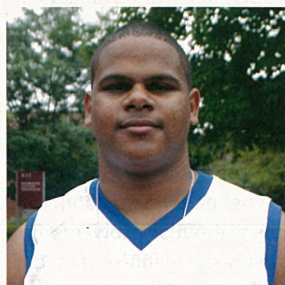
"Try to divide something and get it equal to zero"
Hillary Guzik
Biomedical Photography
Freshman



"Finish my tatoo and piercing. Find new body tricks."
Megan White
Illustration
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"Go ice skating for the first time"
Khiem Tong
Computer Engineering
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"Be more open with people and learn to get along by myself"
Wyatt Matos
Computer Engineering
Technology
Freshman



"Jumping on a trampoline"
Micheal Sadeef
Studio Arts
Freshman



"To be more social"
Phillip Batta
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"Start a curling group"
Lindsay Bergmann
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THE HUNT for UNITY

an interview with James Macchiano, RIT student government president 2005-2006

by Erhardt Graeff

Reporter caught up with Student Government President James Macchiano after his speech at Freshmen Convocation. He loosened his orange- and white-striped tie and put up his orange and brown sneakers on the sofa in his office—where we proceeded to ask a few questions.

Reporter Magazine: Last April, you and Cory Hoffman ran for Student Government President and Vice President on a platform of “Unite,” which involves projects like Spirit, Community Spaces, Increased Visibility of Clubs, and ‘Larger’ Programming. From this list of campaign promises, what can RIT expect you to tackle first this Fall?

James Macchiano: We are actually going for three of them. [Regarding] ‘Spirit,’ two back walls in the field house now have RIT seals with “Rochester Institute of Technology” written between them. And there is supposed to be more of that being put in. So that, along with a possible increase in the presence of school colors, is our main goal. We want more orange and brown so that when they see those colors, they think “RIT.” We are also redoing the Student Government (SG) website to be ready for when school starts. That will have a new look, which will include more orange and brown. We have plans to redo the RITreat. And we are still in talks with [Campus Connections]

because they are still selling orange and black. There have been a lot of good things starting up—even University Publications’ *News and Events* are now all in orange at the top and bottom. Though we are still not there yet, we are giving it the attention it deserves. We are still looking for a few more things—basically just ‘pomp and circumstance...’

RM: In respect to school spirit, you said in your “Macchiano Message and Promise,” displayed on your campaign website, “Students are ready and open to feeling involved at RIT and SG needs to take advantage of this and really reach out to students.” First, do you believe this? And, second, how do you see this being accomplished this year?

JM: I said that based on my experience with my immediate community, which was my old [dorm] floor. I found that when my co-RA and I talked about RIT in a positive way, we saw that it directly correlated with the [attitude of the] students. I think we had one of the most passionate floors at RIT. I think if we approach it right and have a nice, positive outlook towards RIT, then students will be receptive to it. I mean, kids want to have fun—granted, RIT is a different group of students with a different kind of fun. So, we are going to try and gear some things more toward that—trying to build a community with what we have. We are planning to have a big LAN party during Winter quarter to try and get as many people as possible out of their rooms. If they are going to play on their computers—fine, but let’s put them together. And we want to get Electronic Gaming Society (EGS) involved—we’ll help pay for it—I mean, I don’t know

what it takes to set that stuff up. People also love “Dance Dance Revolution.” Maybe we can give that a little higher focus on campus. [We’re looking at] things that RIT students already do, but highlighting it on a grander scope—involving more people. So, I guess to answer your question, which I haven’t yet...I do think RIT wants that. I think most students want to have a sense of community at college, whether or not they want to be directly involved with it, I think everyone wants to know they are all a part of something.

RM: When you talk about ‘Community Spaces,’ you are referring to spaces given for students and student clubs to congregate. What is the exact problem with respect to Community Spaces and how do you plan to solve it?

JM: This issue involves the *lack* of space. Greek Life still has no place—they are the only Major Student Organization (MSO) that doesn’t actually have their own meeting area or place on campus to simply keep their stuff. There is also just the fact that we have over 160 clubs—140 of which are active—where are they all keeping their stuff? Where are they hanging out? What we want to do—what we are going to do—is have a club audit. We are going to have some kind of rubric for evaluating what an organization does, how many members you have, how active you are—do you need space? Because I’m sure no one is going to complain that Rochester Wargamers Association and Guild (RWAG) or Anime Club needs space. I mean, Anime Club is one of the biggest clubs on campus and they have events all the time, but where are they going to store all of their DVDs? But then there is the Chess Club—how often do they meet? How many boards? How many chess pieces do they actually have? Do their space needs constitute having a locker or a club space? What we are going to try, and hopefully accomplish, is to maximize what we have. And then, after we maximize that, we’re going to look at how we might be able to branch off. Ideally, we would like to take all of the [administrative] offices out of the SAU. I mean, it’s the *Student Alumni Union*. That whole place should just be crawling with students all the time. I think, if anything, we are getting out the idea that students want a better space—some place that is theirs. If you go to other schools with a union, people hang out there.

RM: Earlier, you mentioned LAN Gaming as an example of SG collaborating with student clubs. I know you were talking about increasing the visibility of clubs and having that close alliance between student clubs and Student Government. How else do you see that coming to fruition this year?

JM: I would like to just increase collaboration as a whole. I’m trying to set up a President’s roundtable where all the leaders of all the MSOs come together at least once a month and ask, “What is going on? What are you guys planning for the future?” So that way, if the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee (BACC) is coordinating an event and the Off-Campus and Apartment Student Association (OCASA) is trying to coordinate a similar event in two weeks’ time, we could get them to collaborate and create [a larger] event. I think that is our number one focus—trying to increase the communication between different clubs and organizations. They all put on

great programming throughout the year, but they could be even better if they worked together. We are doing “Dance for Your Rent” and we are collaborating with Housing, ResLife, OCASA, and Sigma Alpha Mu. The event has already branched out—now there’s going to be a barbecue and fireworks. So it’s going to be pretty big—all because of collaboration.

RM: On your website, you discussed ‘Larger’ Programming as something that needs to coincide with the “Week of Welcome.” Is the ‘Dance for Your Rent’ part of ‘Larger Programming?’ Perhaps you can define what ‘Larger Programming’ is and what you have planned in regards to this?

JM: When I said that, I was a little misinformed. As I have met with College Activities Board (CAB), I have realized that they feel that the big events are theirs. And it is true that, although SG does do some programming, we are there to be the voice of the students to the administration. And large-scale programming is something like “Dance for Your Rent,” which has a large amount of people, quite a bit of funding, collaboration amongst a lot of people—these are things that I would consider make large-scale programming.

What SG is planning is, for one, “Dance for Your Rent.” We are probably going to do the Super Bowl Party again. We want to re-do the Pep Rally. I would like to see that incorporate Division One Hockey as its focus and center-point. Get it out of the gym—I would like to get it into the Ice Arena. Get both the men’s and women’s hockey programs to do some kind of competition between the two. Sure, we’ll announce the other athletic programs but we’re not going to do what we have done [in the past], which is announce the coach and the players because they actually—they rarely—care. No one had any spirit at all—I think it had the adverse effect. So, I would like to see the Pep Rally continue, but it needs a whole new facelift. We are going to continue doing ‘Tiger Idol’ because that’s always popular. And hopefully we will be able to get a LAN party that is just as large. Those are the main events that we are going to focus on. And then hopefully other MSOs will come up with some other things that SG can help out with. Because otherwise we will spend all of our time programming and not doing what we are really here to do.

RM: What is it that you ARE here to do?

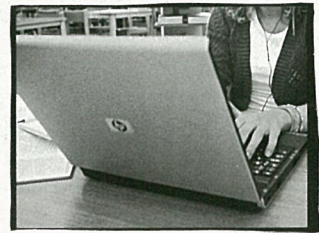
JM: I think mainly it is to be the voice of students to the administration. Now, I think one thing we are lacking is student opinions. I think [my opponent for President last year] Katie Giebel had a very strong suit for trying to get better ways to get student input. And I think in years past it has been pretty obvious that people don’t know enough about the [SG] Senate meetings. And if they do, I don’t think anyone cares enough to come speak at them. We need something done about having more publication of our meeting times and trying to get students involved here. What we would really like to be is just a ‘central hub’ for students so that they can feel comfortable at any point to just stop by and say, ‘You know what? I’m trying to change majors. Where do I start?’ And then we can point them toward someone that can help them. If they have a serious issue—maybe they don’t like the way Dr. Simone or SG is spending their money—I would like to be able to talk to them. [For example], on our website, you will now have the ability to write your comments into a suggestion box. Basically, we would like to be the voice of the students and try to get them more involved. And we *can* invoke change—but unless people actually say what their problems are, there is nothing we can do. •

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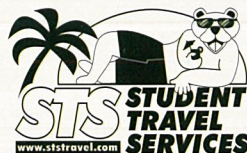
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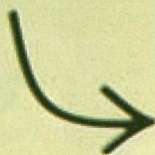
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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

by Frances Cabrera

While most were breaking a sweat working on their tan by the pool, these athletes were breaking a sweat doing some real work practicing on the field, court, and water. Few people are more prepared for the school year to start than these fall sports athletes. Most have been on campus early attending summer practices and intense preseason camps all to ensure the makings of a successful season: championship bids, wins, and titles.

Men's and Women's Crew

The opposition isn't crucial for the men's and women's crew teams this season, not yet. Unlike the other sports, crew competes in two seasons: fall and spring, with most races happening in the spring. Therefore, fall is the time where the teams compete against themselves and more importantly the clock. "Our fall season is our non-traditional season, so our racing results are based on our own goals," said Coach Jim Bodenstedt. He said it's "... a time to build team cohesiveness and get ready for the spring season with many miles of rowing."

However, fall isn't completely void of competition. The crew team competes at the Stonehurst Regatta in early October here in Rochester against local and regional schools and later at the Head of the Charles in Boston, an even larger event. Before heading to Boston, the men's team hopes to win the collegiate eight race at the Stonehurst Regatta. Co-Captains Shay Coe and Travis Driscoll, and varsity coxswains Justin Bum, "Bing" Comer, and "Stix Mott" will be leading the men's team to success. They have already led the men's team to place in the top 10% at the



The men's soccer team watches an exercise demonstration given by head coach Bill Garno during practice Monday, August 29, at the turf field near the College of Business. The team looks forward to defending their 2004 Empire 8 Championship and hopes to qualify for NCAA's for the 15th time. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

Head of Charles regatta last October and expect a repeat performance this year. After graduating five seniors last year, the women's team will be focusing on filling the gap the seniors left. Captains Jenna Venturini and Ellen Cretekos will take up the challenge. With hard work in the fall, Bodenstedt said that he hopes that their spring goals of medaling and reaching the ECAC and NCAA championships will be even closer at hand.

Men's Cross Country

Running from the Californian coast back to Rochester in heat, rain, and snow can do much to unify a team. "For [the men's team], our greatest strength is the work ethic of this team," said Coach David Warth. "After the Coast to Coast run last November, this team has really bonded together and understands the need and benefit of consistent and smart training." With all those thousands of miles behind them, the men's team plans to be in the top three in the New York State Meet Conference Championship and in the top five in the NCAA Atlantic District Championship. Last year they were third out of 15 teams in the state meet and tenth out of 33 teams at the Atlantic District meet.

To help them meet this goal, Warth said that veterans Chad Byler and Nate Lowe, will be leading the pack along with several newcomers. "The men's team will add a large group of talented freshmen led by Jared Burdick," Warth said. "Jared should make an immediate contribution to the program and could be in our top three right off the bat." Freshmen Billy Wong and Mike Brindax could also make it into the top seven by the end of the season.

Women's Cross Country

Coming out of the best fall season ever last year, the women's cross country team is anxious to continue improving. Last year, they finished sixth out of sixteen teams in the state meet and eighth out of twenty-five teams at the Atlantic District meet. For this fifth season of the women's cross country program, the runners plan to be in the top three in the state and in the top five in the Atlantic meet. "For the women's team, our strength is the veteran nature of this team," said Coach Warth. "We return most of our runners from last year, and this team is better able to focus on the specific season goals versus prior year teams." Returning runners include Trisha Sliker, a 2004 NCAA meet qualifier. According to Warth, Sliker "is coming off her best track season and a great summer of training. She looks to be one of the best runners this year in the Atlantic District." Freshmen Amy Hopkins and Rachel Simpson will be joining the team and hopefully its top eight as well said Warth.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team was a stingy team last season. In the 18 games of their 9-8-1 season, eight were shutouts and five were single goal games for the opposition. With such notable defensive skills, Coach Bill Garno said that for this season the team will work towards "creating and converting more scoring opportunities out of our possessions. Although we had 13 games where we gave up a single goal or less, we also had 13 games where we scored one or less. This has to change if we're to be successful in the coming season."

At least 15 newcomers will be joining the 21 returning members vying for positions and playing time. Captains and midfielders Mike Lawson (2005 Empire 8 Player of the Year), Geoff Schmidt, and Denny Smyth, will be setting the offensive tone for the team. Junior Franz Orban working with sophomores Andrew Ong, Dwight Cooke and Levi Stuck round out the midfield. "Defensively we'll be led by seniors Dan Beca, a selfless defender...and Gavin Thomas who finished second on the team in scoring last year..." said Garno. As forwards, sophomore Mark Frisicano (last year's leading scorer), will be working with seniors Jorge Ciurlizza and Brandon Smith, and with sophomores Chuck Marion and Eric MacCormack, to maximize all scoring opportunities. Garno said, "A key to our season will be whether we're able to put more pressure on the opposition's defense, and nothing does this more than scoring goals."

Women's Soccer

While last season's record of 6-10-2 may not indicate a winning season, it did mark the fifth year in a row the women's soccer team made it to the post season and proved to be a testament to what can be accomplished by a hard working team and freshmen talent. "Last year was a unique year," said Coach Tom Natalie. "Seven

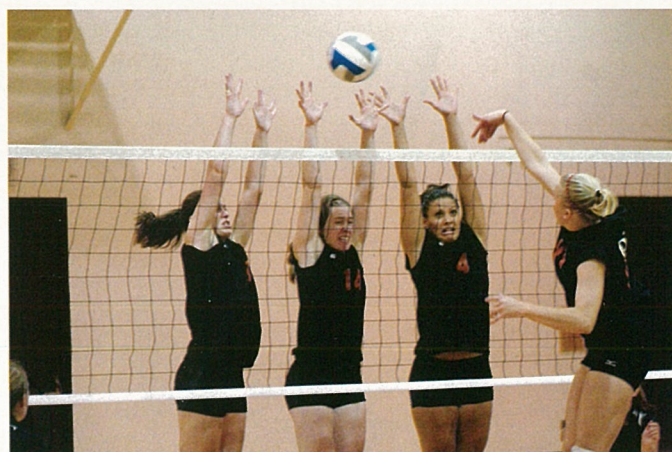
players didn't return, and three didn't even play because of injury. The team faced adversity, and a lot of different people got a lot of playing time." As a result, then freshmen such as Alaina Chorney and Anna Kolnik had the opportunity to have breakout years and rise to be the top scorers of the team. They return this year with newcomers Erica Main, Emily Traversi, and Lauren Tracey to learn from last season's mistakes and continue the goal-making momentum.

"Everybody was happy [last year] because we competed really well. We had lots of close games, and we had picked a tough schedule," Natalie said. However, those close games didn't end in their favor because the team didn't react offensively enough to higher pressure, said Natalie. "We played five teams ranked nationally..." Natalie said, given that fact alone "A lot of teams would play a defensive stance." This year, the team will be an "attacking group" in order to reach their goal of double digit wins and post season play.

Volleyball

Entering the season as double ECAC champs, the volleyball team is looking to get its third consecutive ECAC title. Coach Roger Worsley said that he expects the team to be the forerunner, or at least among the top forerunners for the ECAC champs, with Ithaca being their top opponent. This year could prove to be the best year for this because nine players are returning including five seniors. "There is not a lot that I need to say [to the team]," said Worsley. "Right now they know." Worsley said that the pressure to excel won't be detrimental for the players. "They've never let [the accomplishments] get to their heads... There's no element of overconfidence. This is the bar," said Worsley.


Captain Christina Anabel will be setting the bar for her team leading seniors Laura Grell (record holder for back row digs), Bonnie Harriman, Laurie Underhill, and Katie Werner. Werner will be replacing All Conference setter Sarah Ballard who graduated last year. Worsley said that sophomores Cecilia Ernestrom, Tahlia Miller, Shea Haney, and Christina Karas will be playing strong this season. "[Haney and Karas] were injured early on [last season], but emerged to help direct the team to the championships," said Worsley. •



From left to right: Katie Werner (#1), Laurie Underhill (#14), and Bonnie Harriman (#4) defend an attack from Jessica Schaffer (#10) during practice Monday, August 29, at the Clark Gymnasium. The girls' first home game will be the RIT Invitational which takes place September 16 at 4 p.m. and 17 at 9 a.m. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

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A Nerd's guide to Athletics

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For some weird reason, RIT and nerds seem to go hand in hand. RIT is an exceptional academic institution, but what you might not know is that RIT is also big in athletics. Maybe you have heard, and the reason you're here is for our great football program which has been undefeated since 1973. But in case you haven't, there are other ways for everyone to become active in a wide range of intramural, club, and varsity sports, in addition to various wellness classes. This breakdown will give you a good idea of what RIT has to offer in the line of Athletics:

Intramural Sports

While competition always plays a role, intramurals emphasize fun and relaxation more than anything. They provide a way to meet new people, or in certain cases to make stronger bonds with people you already know. Intramural teams are broken into Division I, II, and III skill levels, and co-ed leagues are also available. So if you don't feel like dedicating five days a week to a sports team, or just simply don't have the time to, this would be a perfect fit for you. Most importantly however, is that you make sure to turn your entry forms (which can be found across from the SLC main office) in on time. Keep in mind that due to the big turnouts for intramurals, the forms are accepted on a first come first served basis, with limited space. Contact Lex Sleeman or Brennan Coon in the SLC for more information.

Sports Offered

Fall Quarter (Entry Deadline September 9 at noon): *Basketball (3 on 3), Bocce, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Ice Hockey, Racquetball, Soccer (Indoor), Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball*

Winter Quarter (Entry Deadline December 5 at noon): *Badminton, Basketball (5 on 5), Dodgeball, Ice Hockey, Racquetball, Soccer (Indoor), Table Tennis, Volleyball*

Spring Quarter (Entry Deadline March 20 at noon): *Badminton, Basketball, Bocce, Golf, Soccer (Indoor/Outdoor), Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball*

Club Sports

Club sports are a step up from intramurals in that these teams do compete against club teams at other local schools. Successful schools advance into tournaments, in and out of state, to measure up against worthy adversaries. Club sports offer a more competitive edge, yet are flexible when it comes to time dedication. All the school's club teams are independently run, so for information on individual club teams, looking them up on the RIT webpage would be a great idea. You can inquire about membership requirements, fees, required equipment

and the like. If you don't find a club sport that suits your needs, RIT also allows you to start your own club sport team.

Current Club Sports

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Men's: *Lacrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Volleyball, Water Polo*

Women's: *Rugby, Water Polo*

NCAA Division I and III Intercollegiate Sports Teams

These teams gather up RIT's finest to compete against other colleges across the nation. Lead proudly by the new RIT Men's Division I Hockey, RIT competes locally, out of state, and even out of the country from time to time. If you think you've got what it takes, contacting the head coach for a given team would be the best start. That way, you can find out about tryouts, team meetings, and all the other good stuff. The official RIT sports site, www.ritathletics.com, would be the place to visit for more information.

Men's Teams: *Baseball, Basketball, Crew, Cross Country, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Wrestling*

Women's Teams: *Basketball, Cheerleading, Crew, Cross Country, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball*

Wellness Programs

The classes offered through RIT's Wellness department are sure to suit you one way or another. Their main goal is to keep you active with something that you enjoy which perhaps might not be found in a team sport. Are you an outdoor person? Hiking, or Jogging: Preparing for a 10K in which the final exam is an actual 10K, might be excellent fits for you. Feeling a Saturday Night Fever? Ballroom Dancing, Swing Dancing and Salsa Classes are available. Or perhaps you just need to relax. Thanks to Yoga and Massage Therapy courses, you will be able to elude that stress which has been building up from all that schoolwork. There is more, but the point is that you will find something to suit your needs. Check out the SIS Open and Closed Courses list to see what is being offered. •

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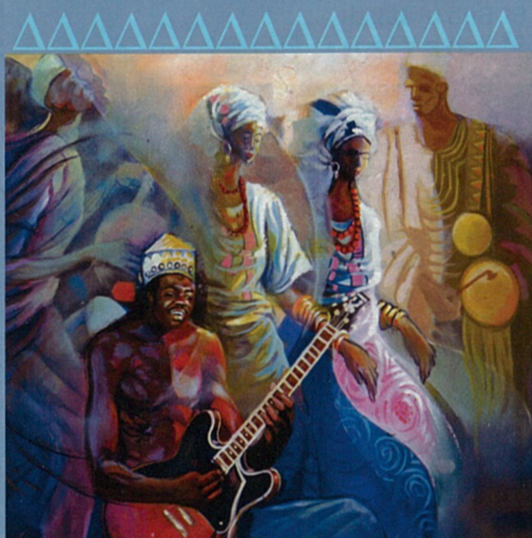
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