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## EDITORIAL

### Who is Aslan to You?

Religion and Pop Culture are not simply parallel human phenomena but have in fact been tightly interwoven since the dawn of worship in any form. I mean... Greek tragedy was based on the idea that "all the gods and goddesses are doing it" and when the Renaissance hit Europe, it was hard to find a painting that didn't depict a bible scene or even a person posing with a bible. Thus, it did not surprise me to learn that C.S. Lewis incorporated a good dose of Anglican flair in his *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Did you know that Aslan the Lion is supposed to be Jesus? Well, I guess everybody knows that now, though. Or, at least the grownups in academia, theology, and the media are quite aware of this connection. However, I had no clue until I read/re-read the *Chronicles* two summers ago and noticed the profound allegory at work. Call me a naïve little boy, but when I originally read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* my thoughts were something along the lines of "Sweet! Talking beavers. Wait... what's a faun?"

And I'm pretty sure that when my mom brought home Lewis' *Chronicles*, she wasn't trying to trick me into studying Christian dogma. I grew up in a "Christian home," but I also grew up with simply stacks upon stacks of children's books—I was a sucker for imaginary escapism via books and my mom just enjoyed keeping me supplied with inventive stories.

One can certainly argue there is no such thing as a writer devoid of "agenda." Still, I believe it is our choice—our right even—as readers to digest what we want however we want to digest it. Perhaps this is because I don't concede to any sort of strict predestination; even so, how would the mortal writer govern my beliefs? I think he or she can convince me of something only if I am willing to be convinced.

This is why I have an enormous problem with both Christian and secular apologists trying to tell me that a good tale of fantasy and adventure is going to make the innocent consumers into hearty believers. Specifically, of course, we are talking about *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* in its paper and now celluloid versions (see our interview with the screenwriter on page 10). Lewis' classic—now packaged for easier popular consumption—is apparently a spectacle that "freethinking" parents feel will enslave their children in a Lion-led Christian theology; whereas, Christian parents are overjoyed there is something in the theaters they can use for a week's worth of church youth group curriculum.

Either way you slice it—what we definitely have here is some fresh pop culture. Now I remember the last big religious blitz, where people passed out, even died, at showings of *The Passion of Christ*. And I agreed that Gibson's blockbuster was impressively cathartic, but in the same way Antigone's tragic losses have tugged on our *souls* since before Christ was even on the scene. It was a powerful story. Then again, with *Narnia*, we are dealing with a film targeted at children—our highly impressionable future socialites.

Ironically, from what I have read, Lewis wasn't even specifically writing for children back in the 1940s. He was instead writing a lot for himself and for his contemporaries like J.R.R. Tolkien. True of the intermingling relationship of religion and pop culture though, since then many have *used* the Narnia allegories to win friends and influence people in specific ways.

But I feel strongly that at the core, Narnia is fiction—regardless of metaphors or images—it is first and foremost literature. If you think your kid will be poisoned by Christian implications of the fierce, maned Lion-Christ, then block access like you would a porn site on your computer. It's all pop culture—something that will inevitably ebb and flow with religion. Our society is increasingly global and pluralistic and that goes for our beliefs and their influence on culture. To me, the knowledge that Lewis' writings were full of Christian allegory gave me a deeper sense of the literature value. But I still look at Aslan as a big ol' talking Lion.



Erhardt Graeff  
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Mike Spady, Ana Jessica DeJesus, Kriston Pumphrey, and Kamau Buchanan performing Michael Jackson's "You're Not Alone" at the Katrina & Rita: A Whirlwind of Rememberance presentation that took place Saturday, December 3 in Ingle Auditorium. Ralph Smith /REPORTER Magazine

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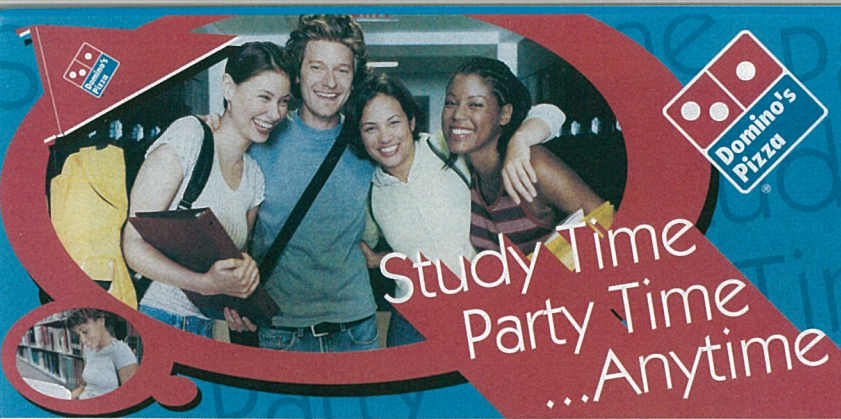
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student government

# Should RIT “Sweat” Some More?

## Students Push for RIT to Join WRC

by Jennifer Scheffler | photograph by David Wright

Have you purchased anything lately from our very own Campus Connections bookstore? According to Sociology Department Professor Christine Kray and two students, Heidi Hoffman and Aeryn Daboin, there’s a possibility that your purchase could be harming innocent workers overseas. These three are taking a stand to convince RIT and President Simone to join the Worker’s Rights Consortium (WRC).

Hoffman, a fourth year student who helped start the campaign, explains that WRC “Would ensure that RIT-licensed clothing is not made in sweat shops with long hours, low wages, hazardous and unsafe working conditions, disrespect for workers’ rights, sexual harassment, and child labor.”

Kray explains why exactly the concern for workers’ rights is on the rise. Kray says, “To remain competitive in today’s highly competitive global economy, most companies feel pressure to cut the costs of production. Outsourcing parts of the production overseas typically cuts costs because of lower wages, fewer benefits, more lax environmental and health and safety standards, and other reasons.”

**“Over 140 other universities and colleges in the US currently are a part of the [Working Rights Coalition].”**

All 23 of the vendors that Campus Connections deal with are members of the Independent College Bookstore Association (ICBA). This means that they each have workplace codes of conduct. However, as Hoffman states, “Upon my review of these codes, I have found that they are filled with loopholes and policies on working hours, overtime compensation, freedom of association, and women’s rights. The WRC Code of Conduct would be much more specific and ensure effective monitoring by a third party.”

“Right now, from the petitions we have been constructing...students want to help.” adds Hoffman. “Over 140 other universities and colleges in the US currently are a part of the WRC.” Pittsburgh University, for example, is running a similar campaign to join the WRC.

Hoffman, Daboin, and Kray’s next goal is to discuss and receive approval from President Simone in order for RIT to become affiliated with WRC. In order for RIT to join, the institute must develop a code of conduct regarding licensees, pay 1% of the gross licensing revenues or \$1,000, and must provide WRC with a list of names and locations of all factories involved with RIT’s products provided at Campus Connection.

Some universities that are against the idea of sweatshops were a part of the Fair Labor Association (FLA). But, most recently they have joined WRC because of its stronger regulations. Kray says that with WRC,



Heidi Hoffman and Aeryn Daboin (left to right) recently started a campaign to have RIT join the Worker Rights Consortium, a non-profit organization that ensures clothing and other goods sold on college campuses are not made in sweatshop conditions.

“Students will be able to proudly wear RIT logo clothing knowing that the workers who made that hat or T-shirt enjoy some of the protections that we as Americans want for ourselves.”

President Simone said in a previous speech, “We have an obligation as a leading institution of higher education to contribute as much knowledge and as many quality human resources as we can for the betterment and support of our local, national and world communities.” Therefore, Daboin and Hoffman, leaders of the WRC campaign, believe that “RIT should agree to join the Worker Rights Consortium and adopt a code of conduct with standards at least as high as those set forth in the most current code of conduct by the WRC.” They hope to have RIT join WRC within the next academic year. •

*A new student group is forming through Student Government to address the issues concerning the WRC campaign. Questions about “Students for Fair Trade” can be emailed to [NoSweatRIT@gmail.com](mailto:NoSweatRIT@gmail.com).*



Diana Lisseld of Pittsford receives a flu vaccine at Rochester Public Market on Thursday, December 1.

## The Flu and You

by Renee Keiser | photograph by Young Jang

The scene was chaotic outside Bartlett Hall in Plymouth, Massachusetts back on November 10; people abandoning their cars in the street and lining up by the hundreds. They were lining up to receive a magic potion—not love potion number 9, but one of 400 flu shots to be dispensed at a public flu shot clinic. The shots were gone in 90 minutes.

In the last two years, the nationwide shortage of flu vaccines has prompted many similar stories. Since 48 million flu shots were impounded from US flu shot supplier Chiron for contamination back in 2004, the United States has experienced major flu shot shortages. As a result, many private doctors don't have enough shots for all their patients. This year, restrictions were imposed on the flu shots: until October 24, only specific groups of people could receive a flu shot, including those over age 65 and healthcare workers.

So, should we be concerned about getting a flu shot? To answer this, understanding the flu virus is key. Flu viruses can change through *antigenic drift*, a change within the protein structure of the virus that creates a new subtype. This occurs over time, causing the strain to be unrecognizable to the body's immune system. Antibodies that can't recognize the virus can't fight it, which is why many people infected once with the flu get sick again. The only way to prevent this—by ensuring antibody recognition—is to get a flu shot every year.

Each year, flu shot manufacturers create a flu shot with properties of the most current viruses that are infecting people. **There are two types of flu shots. The most common flu shot is an inactivated (or 'killed') virus injected into the body. The second type of flu shot is a nasal spray. This nasal spray is made with weakened flu viruses.** About two weeks after the flu shot is dispensed, those antibodies build up in the body to protect against any future invasions of the flu virus.

*Reporter* wanted to see if the general RIT student body is feeling worried about the situation. Forty students were polled randomly on questions regarding flu shots. Out of those 40 students, 17 had a flu shot sometime in their life. In regard to this year, 7 students said they had gotten a flu shot already, were going to have a flu shot, or were seriously considering getting a flu shot.

The statistic that rang the loudest, however, was that *none* of the 40 students polled were concerned about an influenza outbreak. Most said that the reason was that students on campus are healthy, and could take necessary precautions. Julie Morganti, a fourth year Nutrition major said, "I'm not worried about a flu outbreak... I think that if more people were healthy and ate better, less people would get sick and there might not be a need for flu shots because everyone's immune systems would be able to fight off many antigens."

In addition to eating more healthily, there are many simple steps to take in preventing the flu from spreading without getting a shot. The Center for Disease Control recommends general rules that should be taken into consideration with any cold or virus, such as avoiding close contact with those who are sick, washing hands frequently, covering mouths and noses when sneezing or coughing, and staying home when sick—basic behaviors that should have been taught in kindergarten.

So while the flu shot is stopping traffic in other towns across the nation, here at RIT, there most likely won't be any uprisings for flu shots. Alas, if you *would* stop traffic to get a flu shot, visit the Monroe County Health Department's website at <http://www.monroecounty.gov/org42.asp> for more information on the latest flu shot clinics and information. •

*Some information taken from the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).*

# CrimeWatch

compiled by Govind Ramabadrn

## November 12

### University Commons – Criminal Mischief

An unknown person(s) threw a beer bottle at the living room window of a University Commons residence and broke the window. One of the residents was home sleeping, but did not hear the window break. A canvass was conducted with negative results. Crime Alert flyers were distributed in the area. Investigation closed pending new information.

### Baker Hall A – Unlawful Dealing With a Child

The Baker Hall A RA heard a beer pong game being played in a dorm room. A student admitted that he purchased a 30-pack of Labatt Blue and supplied the beer for the game. Two other students under the age of 21 consumed alcohol during the beer pong game. Case referred to Student Conduct.

### Perkins Green – Unlawful Dealing With a Child

After responding to a noise complaint, an officer discovered that a student had hosted a party where a non-member had consumed two to three glasses of wine. Another student, 21 years of age, was found highly intoxicated. The RIT Ambulance responded and transported him to Highland Hospital for treatment. Monroe County Sheriff's Department responded and it was determined that the student/host would not be arrested at the time. Case referred to Student Conduct.

### B-Lot – Criminal Mischief

A student admitted to driving across a grass median in B-Lot as a short cut, causing turf damage. Case referred to Student Conduct.

### University Commons – Burglary

Residents of University Commons reported that unknown persons entered their apartment through the unlocked door and threw two eggs inside. The investigation continues.

## November 14

### Carlton Gibson Hall – Criminal Mischief

Several students accessed the roof of Gibson Hall and threw a television off the roof. The students were interviewed and their residence hall rooms were searched. Brass knuckles were found and some bolt cutters were confiscated. Case referred to Student Conduct.

### Fireworks

Campus Safety officers observed fireworks being ignited in the south end of S Lot and a vehicle pulling away from the area. The vehicle was stopped and the students turned over two boxes of fireworks. Fireworks were turned over to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Case referred to Student Conduct.

## November 15

### Colony Manor – Harassment

Person stated that an unknown person hit his car with an egg while it was parked in Colony Manor. Investigation closed pending new information.

### Fairwood Drive – Theft of Auto Parts, Auto Stripping

Seven cars were broken into. At least one window was broken on each vehicle as a means of entry. Most of the cars' stereos were stolen. Monroe County Sheriff's Department responded and filed a report. Investigation closed pending new information.

## November 17

### Perkins Green – Unlawful Possession of Marijuana

While investigating a fire and alcohol policy violation, a student was found to be in possession of marijuana. During the investigation, the student fled the area. The student was apprehended and transported to General Hospital for a voluntary psychological evaluation. Case referred to Student Conduct.

### Racquet Club – Harassment

Students reported that unknown person(s) wrote obscene words on their apartment door at Racquet Club. The investigation continues.

## November 18

### B-Lot – Criminal Mischief

An officer observed three youths walking in B-Lot. They were identified as two students and one 16 year-old non-member. The three had just spray-painted a white substance onto one black GMC Suburban in the lot and an abandoned vehicle in the rear of B-Lot. Monroe County Sheriff's Department responded and checked for outstanding warrants. The suspects' vehicle was also searched and beer was found in the car along with an empty bottle of whiskey and a small cap gun. An officer was sent to the students' dorms and conducted room searches. One student was also found to be in possession of other alcohol, which was disposed of. The non-member was banned from campus and the students were referred to Student Conduct.

## November 19

### University Commons – Trespassing

A student stated that an unknown person opened his unlocked door at University Commons and broke a beer bottle on the floor. A male who was a non-member was located near the building. Officers checked the area for additional non-members and located three others in a vehicle at the corner of Jefferson and Lowenthal. Four ban letters were issued. The vehicle they were driving was searched and no suspicious items were found. The driver was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license. They were all escorted off the RIT campus. Case closed.

## November 28

### Hale-Andrews Student Life Center – Criminal Impersonation

A wallet was turned in with multiple IDs in it. The owner, a student, stated that he obtained the identification and Massachusetts driver's license from a non-RIT student. The RIT student stated he used this identification to get into drinking establishments in the area. Case referred to Student Conduct.



# RITForecast

compiled by Casey Dehlinger

## November 29

### Colony Manor – Criminal Mischief

Some unknown person(s) entered an unlocked utility closet at Colony Manor and tampered with the cable wires. Contractors reported no property damage. According to system monitoring logs, the wires were pulled at 12:40 a.m. on November 29. The utility closet was secured using the deadbolt lock on the door. Investigation closed pending new information.

### Kate Gleason Hall – Criminal Possession of Stolen Property

An RA observed a beer pong table and a bottle of vodka in a dorm room. The residents departed the area prior to Campus Safety's arrival. A follow-up investigation was conducted and the three residents admitted that they hosted a beer pong game in their room. An orange highway cone was confiscated from the room and returned to Facilities Management. Case referred to Student Conduct.

## November 30

### Colony Manor – Criminal Mischief

An unknown person(s) gained access into the room behind the washing machine and dryers in the Colony Manor laundry room and damaged the machines. Investigation closed pending new information.

### Hale-Andrews Student Life Center – Grand Larceny

A student reported that his pants and wallet were stolen from an unlocked locker in the Student Life Center. The incident occurred between 6:20 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Crime Alert flyers were posted in the area. Investigation closed pending new information.

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Friday  
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DEC

#### **GCCIS Dean's Lecture Series:**

2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Building 70 Room 1400. Dr. Ernest Prabhakar speaks on "Mac OS X: Open Source and the Future of Unix."

#### **Asian Culture Society Fashion Show:**

7 p.m.–10 p.m. Webb Auditorium. Fashion show with breakdancing, vocals, and skit acts. \$4.

#### **Rock the Boat:**

9 p.m.–midnight. SAU Cafeteria. Sigma Sigma Sigma fundraiser for cancer research. In honor of deceased sister Amira Gumby. \$2.

#### **Friday Night in the Ritz:**

10 p.m.–1 a.m. Ritz Sports Zone. Nomi performs live R&B music, brought to you by CAB. \$1.

Saturday  
10  
DEC

#### **CAB College Bowl Practice Session:**

11 a.m.–3 p.m. SAU Alumni Room, 1829 Room. Learn the rules. Play in the practice rounds. Eat free pizza. The real thing is on January 14.

#### **Indoor Flying Festival:**

Noon–5 p.m. Gordon Field House. The RIT AeroDesign Club's second festival.

#### **Noche Buena:**

5 p.m.–8 p.m. CIMS: 2210-2240 Meeting Room. Sponsored by the Latin American Student Association, the agenda involves a Spanish dinner and presentation. Students \$3; Faculty/Staff/Other \$5.

#### **RIT Holiday Concert:**

7:30 p.m.–9:45 p.m. Ingle Auditorium. RIT's Ensembles join together. Reception following.

#### **Chocolate on Ice:**

10 p.m.–2 a.m. Ritter Ice Rink. Games and activities involving chocolate. On ice. Because it's at an ice rink. Sponsored by OCASA and ResLife.

Sunday  
11  
DEC

#### **Delta Shapes:**

3 p.m.–4 p.m. LBJ Dance Room. Exercise program geared towards women to keep physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy.

Monday  
12  
DEC

#### **RIT Big Brothers Big Sisters Information Meeting:**

4 p.m.–5 p.m. SAU 1829 room. Learn how to become a big brother or sister for children aged 11-18 through the Rochester Big Brothers Big Sisters Association.

Tuesday  
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DEC

#### **Mistletoe Hats:**

Whatever you do, don't run a wire through a Santa hat so that the tip points out in front of your face and then attach mistletoe to the tip. It's stupid. Not to mention, mistletoe is poisonous. It killed Balder. And he was like the coolest Norse god ever.

Wednesday  
14  
DEC

#### **Snow Pyramid:**

Why not? Igloos are so utilitarian/Roman in design; try building snow structures that mimic warmer climates. Try to build a snow obelisk that isn't blatantly phallic. For the exceptionally adventurous, build a snow Sphinx.

Thursday  
15  
DEC

#### **Thursday Night Cinema Series:**

10 p.m.–midnight. CAB presents *The Polar Express*. Hey, I believe in Santa; and he's definitely Tom Hanks. Free hot chocolate and candy canes afterwards.

# Staging a Classic: An Interview with the Narnia Screenwriter

by Lauren Howard | illustration by Brittney Lee

**"Hello, this is Lauren."**

**"Hello, Lauren. This is Chris, and this is very strange."**

*So began a rather interesting conversation that I had over Thanksgiving break. I was speaking with writer Christopher Markus, whose name may soon be more familiar.*

*Markus, with his writing partner Stephen McFeely, are responsible for writing the screenplay for the new Disney film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, based on the bestselling children's book by C.S. Lewis. *Narnia* is the tale of four children who are sent to live in England's countryside during World War II, and accidentally happen upon a magical realm by way of a wardrobe.*

*Prior to *Narnia*, the duo of Markus and McFeely penned *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*, a biopic of the famous British actor of the '50s and '60s, which won a number of awards during this year's Emmys, including "Outstanding Writing for a Miniseries, Movie, or Dramatic Special."*

*Though he currently resides in Los Angeles, Markus is a native of Buffalo, NY, where he was raised with his sisters Jennifer and Liz by parents Gabor and Rosemary Markus. Thanks to the magic of the Internet (and Markus's parents, who helped set up the interview), I was able to speak with the up-and-coming screenwriter.*

**Reporter Magazine:** What made you get into screenwriting? Did you go to film school at all?

**Christopher Markus:** Let's see. I was at UC Davis in the graduate fiction writing program. There I met one Steve McFeely. About one year into a two-year program, we realized that writing sad little short stories about how your girlfriend broke up with you wasn't exactly a guaranteed way to put food on the table. One day, we were drinking beer and watching *Baywatch* and suddenly it dawned on us...somebody writes this. And there's only like twenty lines in the whole thing. We quickly made plans to move to Los Angeles.

**RM:** Did it take long to find work in LA, or is being a writer as easy as the guys on *Family Guy* say it is?

**CM:** Impossibly easy. They used to pick homeless guys off the street to write *JAG*. But actually, no. We both got actual JOB-jobs when we got here in 1996, writing in the mornings before work. It took about two years to get an agent. We got our first paying job about six months after that. Nothing actually got filmed until early 2003.

**RM:** How long do you think it would take a kid fresh out of film school to find work?

**CM:** I don't mean to sound grim, but I would say [it takes] longer. That way, if it takes two weeks, you'll be pleasantly surprised. Then again, it all depends on what kind of work you're looking for. I'd say it wouldn't take all that long to find "work" in the movie industry. Maybe not necessarily the exact work you've trained for, but work in and around it. Which is all for the good. Too many people show up here wanting to be a big writer or director right off the bat. I think time in a trench probably makes you better at your chosen field, once you get around to doing it.

**RM:** Any words of wisdom for aspiring film makers? Any books they should read, movies they should see?



**CM:** Well, I tend to try to stay away from claiming access to wisdom. But I can tell you that there's a picture of Hal Ashby hanging above my desk. Studying anything he directed up to about 1980 will make you a better film maker, if not a better person. There's a couple of books by William Froug that I found helpful starting out, "The Screenwriter talks to the Screenwriter," and "The New Screenwriter talks to the New Screenwriter." They don't exactly tell you how to write, but they present a very comforting continuum of very approachable humanity in interview after interview with writers from the '30's and '40's up to now. It's nice to know that the people you're trying to emulate weren't gods. Other than that, watch Chinatown once a year.

**RM:** I watched "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers" the other day. Good stuff. Anything in particular draw you to that job—besides it being a movie about Peter Sellers?

**CM:** We knew that HBO would allow us to take a non-traditional route into the story, which was very appealing. Also, aside from his own evil genius, Sellers was such a pivotal cultural character. Writing about him gave us a chance to write about everything from post-war England to 70's Hollywood. Plus, we really did need a job.

**RM:** Congratulations on the Emmy.

**CM:** Thanks. It's very pointy.

**RM:** And now for the moment that I'm certain all the nerds who read this will be waiting for...What was it like working on Narnia?

**CM:** It was actually really very pleasant. We'd never thought about working either in children's film or fantasy, but then the call came through that they were looking for writers...and all of our "realistic, very adult" writerliness just kind of melted away. It was like stepping back into my childhood, seeing as the 100-year Narnian winter does bear close resemblances to Buffalo.

**RM:** So you've been a fan of The Chronicles for some time then?

**CM:** Certainly when I was a kid, I loved them. They'd faded into this very warm memory for me. Reading the books again in preparation for writing, it all came back. It was actually very interesting to see how much was actually in the books and how much I'd brought to it with my young imagination. That was kind of C.S. Lewis' brilliance, in that he left room for the reader, vague spaces for a kid to fill in on his or her own.

**RM:** I heard from my good friend, the Internet, that there are plans to adapt all of the books to film. Is this true?

**CM:** Well, I believe they've all been optioned by Walden Media, the company behind the first. If that one does well, I'd say odds are there will be more. If everyone's saving their pennies to go see King Kong the week after, then Steve and I might have to be returning to that Baywatch plan. But we certainly live in the age of the gigantic episodic fantasy saga, and the material's there, so...

**RM:** Oh a random note: any interesting tales of Hollywood socialites?

**CM:** You know, I very rarely leave the house. Though I did see Clint Eastwood on the Warner Brothers lot the other day. It's like seeing a walking oak tree. . . my life mainly involves walking my dog. He, however, has a very active social life. Scarlett Johansson keeps leaving messages for him.

**RM:** I see...

**CM:** I try to introduce myself, but no, it's all about the dog.

*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, opens this week nationwide.



# The Path of Neo

by Nathan Liebold



*The Path of Neo*, paved with the broken bones of your enemies

You can see the code itself, dripping down the walls, and you just know that something isn't right. They say that you're "The One", but someone may be able to stop you, someone standing right in front of you—your match, Agent Smith. Now it's time to truly prove yourself. Your powers have grown, but so have his. He lunges at you, narrowly missing, and you serve him a piece of boot pie right to his jaw—but it bounces off like rain on a rooftop. You clash like titans, with the raw power of your blow-for-blow fight peeling the paint off of the walls around you. You are he and he is you, each to balance the other, but in the end there is only one outcome—win or lose, life or the end. It's time to focus, to use everything you've got, Neo. It's time to balance the equation once and for all. This is your path in destiny, the Path of Neo.

In *The Path of Neo*, players step into the sunglasses wearing, trenchcoat-clad moccasins of Neo—with all the perks that the job entails. The first baby steps in Neo's fight against the machines ultimately grow from steps to gravity-defying leaps and bounds as he becomes stronger and faster than ever imaginable. At first with SWAT teams, it's blow for blow where even the tiniest slip can mean a quick death. **Eventually, even a legion of Agent Smith's can be beaten down to the ground like a dandelion crushed beneath your size twelve steel-toed boot.**

As players take Neo through the game, he gains new abilities and a greater ability to focus and unlock these powerful skills throughout the numerous missions. Soon they progress in awe and power at an enormous rate, striking singly, striking in strings of hit after hit that toy with enemies, obliterating the digital bones and hearts of the wicked. In the end a grenade launcher shot at an Agent's chest feels just as from-the-heart as using focus abilities for a diving kick, a face punch, or a bear-hug. If that's not enough, try ramming them into the ceiling, slamming their body into the ground, six kicks to an uppercut juggle, or even the megapunch combo. Ok, needless to say, I lean more toward the hand to hand aspect rather than favoring the somewhat sloppy, awkward gunplay.

The path of the story is pretty linear, both leaving *and* not leaving room for exploration. **This game highlights what its title says: the path of Neo, not the path of anyone else, leaving many glorious moments of the trilogy out of the game.** *The Path of Neo* hits all of the key points of its namesake's story but goes even further, showing players an even deeper view of how far the rabbit hole goes. Most of what is seen in the game ends up going further than where the trilogy took us; and at moments drizzled throughout the experience, players are even able to handle things completely differently. These moments are definitely worth playing for.

There is a sort of understood and inherent simplicity to most action games that most action game-makers don't seem to try to break out of. While *The Path of Neo* isn't the most intelligent video game out there, it definitely does its best to be anything but simple. As characters progress, so do Neo's abilities, adding a sort of role-playing aspect in character growth. The sheer wealth of moves and attacks keep the action flowing, despite the desperate attempts of the opposition.

In the end, all of the work is worth it.

## The Path of Neo is definitely one of the best videogame conversions

to be played, for the sheer fact that its depth makes it nothing close to a mere conversion. I found *The Path of Neo* to be a wonderful game based on the story within *The Matrix* and the fact that so much of what is shown in the game isn't featured in the trilogy adds a lot of depth to both Neo's story and the game play itself. •

Rating: ★★★★★



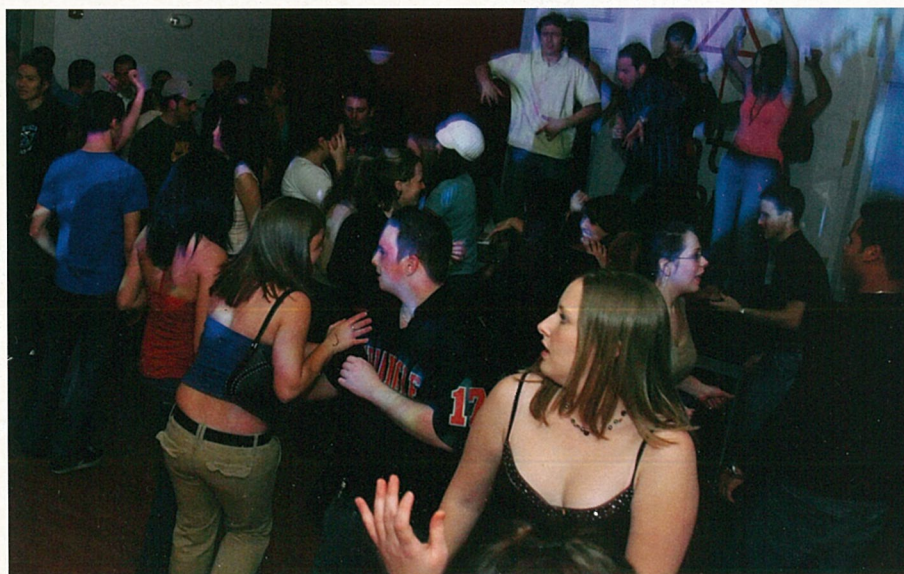
# TRIANGLE DJ DANCE PARTY

photography by Jacob Hannah

A couple shares a moment while students dance at the Triangle DJ Dance Party on Saturday night, December 3.



Dueling DJ's Paul Mulyk (right) and Yuri Stawnychy play music at the Triangle DJ Dance Party. "We expect about 200 people to come over the course of the night," said Stawnychy who is a fourth year computer science major. Admission for the dance was two dollars to cover the cost of the equipment they rented at Applied Audio. Any extra money will go to the American Diabetes Association. "As a fraternity we've raised money for ADA and also for Hurricane Katrina victims this year," said second year Applied Networking student Steve Cotton. The dance, which is a Rush event is held every quarter at the Triangle fraternity house.



Students dance at the Triangle DJ Dance Party last Saturday night.

# Where are you going?

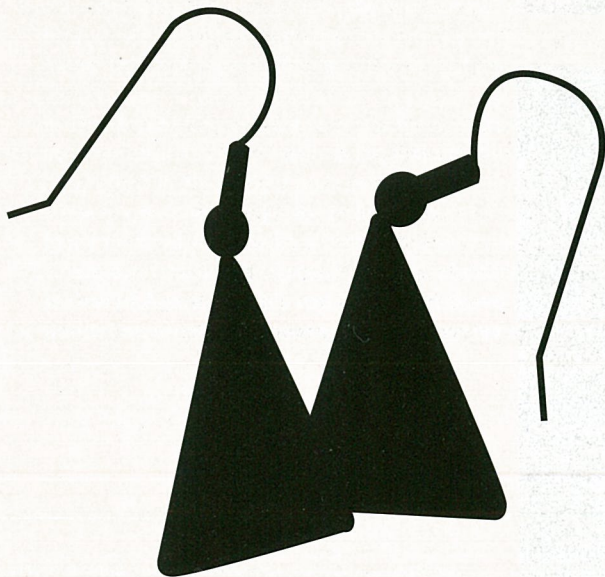
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## Ride Board

In the SAU, across from the RITreat



# Faculty and Staff Annual Craft Sale



Wednesday  
December 14th  
10 AM – 4 PM

# Student Alumni Union Lobby

# AT YOUR LEISURE | Things, Stuff, and People too...

## STREAM OF FACTS

DECEMBER 9

December 9, 1958,  
**John Birch Society** founded.

The **John Birch Society** is an ultra-conservative organization that was founded in 1958 to fight the threat of **Communism** and other un-American influences in the United States.

Modern **Communism** is generally associated with The Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, according to which the capitalist profit-based system of **private** ownership is replaced by a society in which the means of production are communally owned.

**Private** Parts from 1997 is an auto-biographical account of the rise to prominence of Howard Stern, a Radio and **TV** personality.

Although not the first **TV** by any means, Farnsworth gave the world's first public demonstration of a working, all-electronic television system, with 220 lines per picture and 30 pictures per second, in 1934 in the city of **Philadelphia**.

**Philadelphia** is a planned city founded and developed by William Penn, a Quaker. The city's name means "city of brotherly love" in **Greek**.

The most significant **monument** of Alexander the Great, the **Greek** conqueror, is located on the waterfront at Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia.

On December 9, 1982, Norman Mayer threatened to blow up the Washington **Monument**, however, he was killed by United States Park Police.

### QUOTE

"It is not enough to succeed.  
Others must fail."  
– Gore Vidal

### Limerick

*by Brian Garrison*  
There's not much that's oh quite so nice  
As chocolate topped chocolate creamed ice  
With chocolatey bits  
Stuck into the mix,  
Though some may prefer to eat mice

### JUMBLE

#### Furniture

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ottoman, wardrobe, armchair, armoire, cabinet, footstool, highchair, bookcase, loveseat.

### RANDOM REVIEW

Edy's WholeFruit Fruit Bars are about the finest popsicles on the market today. Coming in ten flavors and almost as many vibrant colors, Edy's Fruit Bars are a sight to behold. Although they are not exactly good for you (I mean they are sugar filled popsicles) they are better for you than most of their competitors. They are actually predominately fruit, and it's pleasing to know that the first ingredients in say, the lime variety, are in fact water, sugar, and lime juice concentrate.

### REPORTER RECOMMENDS

Taking care of yourself. Winter is upon us and it is all too easy to find yourself sick. It's time to remember simple healthy habits, like frequent hand washing, fresh fruit eating, and adequate sleeping. School is a much friendlier place when you're actually healthy. So, take care of yourself darn it!

### PLAYLIST Vigilance

**Wide Awake** – Wide Awake  
**No Sleep Till Brooklyn** – Beastie Boys  
**The City Never Sleeps** – Cartel  
**How Do You Sleep?** – Stone Roses  
**Put Me To Sleep** – The A-Team  
**An Awakening** – Trial  
**Tired** – Rollins Band  
**Caffeine** – Dilated Peoples  
**Coffee Mug** – Descendents  
**Insomnia** – Megadeth





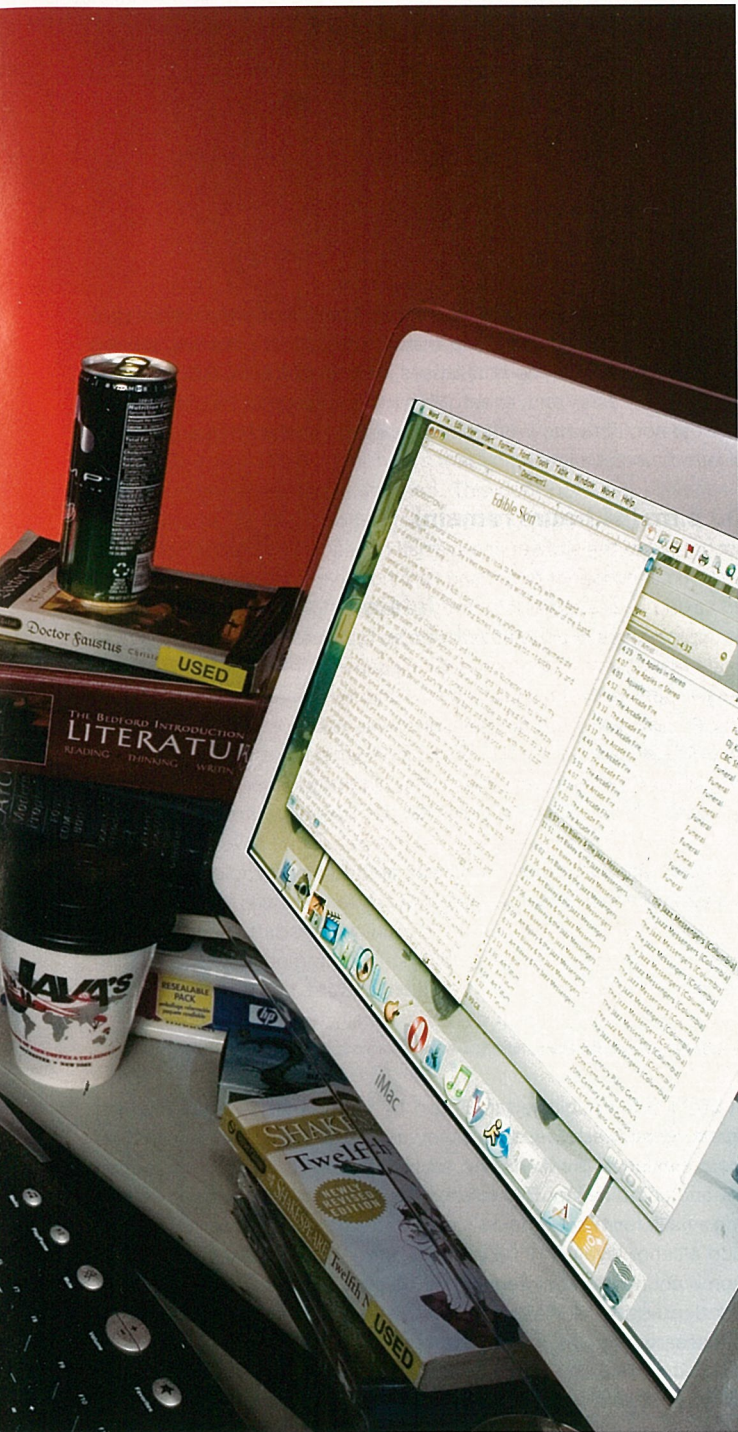
During times of increased workload, many students experience symptoms of sleep deprivation and often resort to consuming caffeinated beverages such as coffee and energy drinks. Photo illustration by Tom Starkweather and David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

# No Rest for the

72 hours in the life of an insomniac

by Rick Thomas





How much sleep did you get last night? If your answer is eight hours or more, you fit into the typical numbers: human beings, on average, spend a third of their lives sleeping. As a student, however, chances are you didn't get that full eight hours. While the quarter runs its course, people often put sleeping last on their hellish agendas. But does this benefit us as students? I decided to put this to the test. For 72 hours, from 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, I intended to stay awake and document my experiences.

### **Day One 1:30 p.m.**

My experience begins with a hot shower, as I get ready for my Computer Science 1 exam. I had a late night yesterday, as I was up until 6:30 a.m. playing NBA Live with people on my floor. It has been raining all day, and now I get to walk to Golisano to take an exam that I don't think I'm prepared for at all. Despite the circumstances, I am actually in a pretty good mood. It must be the sleep. I think I'm going to miss that feeling in a few hours.

There are no concrete theories why human beings and higher animals sleep, but studies have suggested that it serves two possible purposes. The adaptive process proposes that animals developed sleeping patterns over time because of the need to protect themselves. During the day, it's easier to find food and hunt, and when night hits animals go to sleep to save energy, avoid being eaten, and avoid falling from places they cannot see. Animals that serve as food for other animals tend to sleep the least. The restorative theory proposes that sleep helps the body recover from all of the work it did while it was awake. REM sleep is thought to be important to learning and possibly memory formation as well—in other words, retaining the three chapters of philosophy you read before hitting the sheets.

### **1:30 a.m. (60 hours remain)**

12 hours without sleep, and naturally, I am feeling fine. In my efforts to keep awake, one of my floor-mates gave me some type of Korean energy drink in a little glass bottle. The bottle was no more than a few ounces, but they warned me not to drink the whole bottle at once. Something about a heart attack or some junk. Fortunately, there is another girl on my floor that is fluent in Korean. She read the text on the bottle, and told me that the drink was safe. In fact, she said it was no different than something like Red Bull or Amp. Of course, I was the only one that knew this, so I walked into the lounge and chugged the entire bottle in front of a group of my floor-mates. Incorrectly thinking my heart was going to explode, they all pretty much flipped out. After a few minutes, I began to complain of chest pains. Of course, my theatre background made the act fairly convincing. They were talking about calling the ambulance, so I grabbed an effervescent caffeine tablet from my room and slipped it under my tongue. I started "foaming" from the mouth and intensified the "chest pains." Yeah, I punked them pretty bad. Too bad I decided to give up the charade once they got the phone and began to call the ambulance.

### **5:25 a.m. (56 hours and 5 minutes remain)**

I just came back from Wegmans with over 23 dollars in caffeinated beverages. I bought two large cans each of Jolt Cola and Jolt Cherry Bomb, and eight cans of Mountain Dew Amp. According to an online caffeine database, that adds up to about 651 milligrams of caffeine. So if I want to pace myself, I should ingest 11.625 mg of caffeine an

# Wicked

I think to give in.

hour, which is the same as either drinking 1/12th of a can of Jolt or 1/7th of a can of Amp per hour. I don't think that spreading it out like that will be very effective, so I am drinking the first can of Amp as I write this. My hands are shaking very slightly, but that may just be me. The shaking is not noticeable unless my hands are idle. I am currently not feeling drowsy at all. In fact, I am feeling quite focused right now. Thus, I am going to take advantage of that by trying to get some work done that is due today. I have decided that a good strategy for caffeine rationing would be to lay off and rely on other people to keep me awake during the day, then load myself with caffeine at night when everyone goes to bed.

Learning occurs in all nerve cells by the transfer of chemical signals at the junctions between these cells. That process can take a long time, as much as hours, because of geometry and distance. As a result, after collecting new information in the form of biochemical changes during the wake cycle, brain cells need some downtime to fix those changes. These changes ultimately strengthen new connections between cells that are the basis of memory and learning. One Harvard Medical School scientist, Robert Stickgold, gave subjects tasks such as playing piano scales or memorizing a list of words. The results revealed that people show improvements after a night's sleep, but not during an equivalent period of being awake. Total or partial sleep deprivation, Stickgold explained, can prevent this normal overnight improvement.

### 8:30 a.m. (53 hours remain)

It is light outside now, and I just finished helping put together a flier for some cookie mix gift jar fundraiser that my floor is doing. Why people would want to receive jars full of flour and sugar for the holidays is beyond me, but if it makes money, I suppose that is all that matters. I keep staring off into space, and I am beginning to feel slight fatigue, but I think increased activity and the fact that it is daytime should perk me up a little. My approximate caffeine total after 19 hours is 496 mg.

## Day 2

### 1:30 p.m. (48 hours remain)

I was fine last time I wrote, but sometime between then and now, things have slowly begun to go downhill. My stomach hurts, I have a huge headache, and I have lost all short-term memory. I just want to lay down, but I can't. The plan now is to take a shower, walk to the Eastman building to turn in a paper since apparently my professor does not know how to use email, and then sit around and do nothing in an attempt to feel better. I am constantly finding myself beginning to doze off, but my hands are still not shaking very much. Mmm, I need more caffeine.

Insomnia makes it difficult to focus the eyes properly, or to perform fine motor functions as effectively as when well-rested. Muscle strength and endurance drops, in part due to lowered glucose metabolism.

Appetite tends to increase with insufficient rest, leading to weight gain for some people. Lack of sleep may also result in irritability, blurred vision, slurred speech, memory lapses, overall confusion, hallucinations, nausea, psychosis, and eventually death. Insomnia has also been shown to contribute to work-related burnout, as the fatigue over time builds to near-exhaustion.

### 5:30 p.m. (44 hours remain)

I just got out of the shower about a half hour ago, and I feel much better. My stomach no longer hurts, and I am not nearly as irritable. My hands are shaking a little more, but not to the point where it is affecting my handwriting. I am reading up on caffeine intoxication. Some symptoms include restlessness, nervousness, excitement, insomnia, flushed face, diuresis, gastrointestinal complaints, and hallucinations. I don't really know if I had a flushed face or not (I was told I did), and I am pretty sure I did not hallucinate, but all of the other symptoms matched how I felt earlier. Perhaps in my zeal to stay awake, I loaded my body full of too much caffeine. If that is the case, I wonder how that will affect my performance as time goes on. Since this morning, I have only had one can of Jolt Cherry Bomb, and I have started to drink plenty of water, since apparently caffeine dehydrates you. To put my ingested 496 mg of caffeine in perspective, what I'm reading says caffeine intoxication can occur with doses between 250 mg–1000 mg per day. Considering that I am a pretty big guy (6'4", 185lbs) and the half-life of caffeine is between 3.5-10 hours, I am guessing I really was "intoxicated." Let's see Campus Safety bust me for that.

In a 2000 study published in Britain by the journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, it was shown that sleep deprivation can have effects similar to drunkenness, such as impaired judgment, reaction time, and coordination. Researchers found that people who drive after being awake for 17 to 19 hours performed worse than those with a BAC (blood alcohol level) of 0.05 percent, the legal limit for drunk driving in some countries. They found that 16-60% of road accidents involve sleep deprivation, and warned that sleep-deprived people may take unnecessary risks.

### 11:30 p.m. (38 hours remain)

Just got done playing a few hours of Halo 2 projected onto the wall at the end of our hall. Now we are watching *Lord of the G-Strings*. How clichéd: hours of intense Halo play followed by six guys sitting around watching cheesy porn. Thirty hours without sleep, and I am feeling fine. My hands are not really shaking anymore. I've limited my caffeine to the one can of Jolt from earlier and a can of Amp during Halo. I can't believe I am almost halfway through 72 hours.

Exhausted people often report being "too tired to sleep." Professor Torbjorn Akerstedt of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm conducted a study discovering that the more tired exhausted people become, the

made well, I tried.

worse their sleep quality. Sleep deprivation and high levels of stress (see the subfeature) are major factors in this kind of burnout. Scientists often use the term "sleep debt" to refer to any loss of sleep. If your body needs eight hours of sleep per night and you have slept only four hours each night for the last five nights, your accumulated sleep debt is 20 hours. (That's four hours that you should've had, times the five nights you missed this amount). This debt does not disappear; it is cumulative. To fully recover from the loss, you must get that sleep back over time.

### **6:30 a.m. (31 hours remain)**

At this point, my handwriting has become fairly messy and scattered.

I sat down to watch *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, and I could feel myself fading, so I grabbed an Amp and drank it. I decided I couldn't watch the movie and stay awake, so here I sit in the lounge with yet another Amp in an attempt to hold on. If I could even make to 48 hours, I would be happy. My vision is beginning to blur.

At this point, my handwriting becomes even messier and more scattered. The text that follows is copied verbatim from my notebook that I used to document the events...

I Think to give in. I made well, I tried...


And with that, I passed out cold and awoke around 12 hours later.

### **Lessons Learned**

When I finally came back to consciousness, I was extremely disappointed in myself. I felt like I let myself down, especially since I knew I could last longer than the pathetic 41 hours that I did. Looking back, I think the large amount of caffeine I ingested most likely played a large role in my failings.

If you're feeling a touch guilty about the countless hours you've tossed away in lieu of learning, not all is lost. Start adding up your debts and get cracking. To make up for your lost time, go to bed earlier rather than waking up later. Experts recommend going to bed and waking at the same time every night, including on weekends. As much as we'd like them to be, our bodies are not programmed for clock changes on "weekends." Reduce your caffeine intake, use relaxing techniques such as chamomile tea, exercise within three to six hours of bedtime, and use your bed only for sleep. Above all, remember that while you spend your precious eight hours sleeping, your brain is working hard to tuck everything you learned that day neatly into your memory. Wasted time? I think not. Good night and good luck. •





# DOUBLE YOUR STRESS

WRIGLEY WORKS TO HELP COLLEGE STUDENTS DEAL

by Tom Cookson | illustration by Dan Bolinski

Brace yourself: A new study conducted by the Princeton Review in conjunction with Wrigley says that over 85% of American and Canadian college students admit to feeling some "increased stress and tension during exam time." That's right, 15% of college students lie on surveys. It must be a Canadian thing. So what other horrors does this survey expose? 76% of students admit to snacking as they study (or "hitting the fridge," as they called it in the article Wrigley sent us and countless other college publications), a devastating 62% of students drink caffeinated beverages while preparing for exams, and 37% of students study after 9 p.m. ("burning the midnight oil"). According to the Wrigley-Princeton Review survey, four great ways to reduce stress while studying are exercising or socializing during breaks, finding a good time to study, creating a calming and productive atmosphere and, (here's the shocker), chewing gum.

The gum experts at Wrigley recommend chewing gum to help relieve stress and tension, and to help increase focus and concentration during studying and test taking. In fact, they found that 41% of students who chew gum while studying do so to "release stress and tension." Gum is even a low-calorie substitute for eating snacks when stressed. So you can rest comfortably during exam time knowing Wrigley's got your back. After all, they *are* the Official Sponsor of Finals Week.

## Winter-fresh stress

As the days get shorter and the air gets colder, people start feeling more stressed than usual. Even though you may not have been floored by the results of the survey, it's clear that stress is still a real issue on campus.

"The population we have here is composed of adolescents going into adulthood, an age where stress is quite high even if you aren't going to college," said Timothy Keady, Associate Director of the Student Health Center. "If you add that stress to the stress of trying to do well in college and the stress generated by interpersonal relationships, you can see why it can become an issue." Students entering the institute straight out of high school have it especially bad. A lot of responsibility and stress comes with their new freedom. Thankfully, this is a widely recognized problem and is one of the reasons for the existence for FYE, the newly-accredited course which freshmen are required to take. It's designed to help them develop skills to manage and avoid stress among other things. "FYE is a big part of trying to give students the upper hand in the reducing their stress and being prepared for what they are doing on campus. It's a great program."

**SEVENTY-SIX PERCENT OF STUDENTS ADMIT TO SNACKING AS THEY STUDY, 62% OF STUDENTS DRINK CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES WHILE PREPARING FOR EXAMS, AND 37% OF STUDENTS STUDY AFTER 9 P.M.**

#### Why being carefree isn't entirely healthy

When most people think stress, they think 'bad.' To a certain extent, they're right. Like many things in life, however, stress can be good for you in moderation. Keady explained, "It's very important for people to understand that stress is going to occur and [that] there are good and bad stresses. Eustress is good stress; distress is bad stress. You want to try to balance those stressors in some way." How do we determine which is which? We have all experienced, for example, a time when we surprise ourselves with what can achieve under pressure. "Eustress allows you to do well when playing a sport or getting ready for an exam. You have a little bit of anxiety that makes you want to do well. It helps you stay awake, study harder, and even releases some of the chemicals that allow you to think more clearly," Keady explains.

Obviously, stress can become unhealthy when it gets out of control. "When [stress] gets to the point where it's extreme or lasts too long, it becomes 'distress,' and it will have a negative affect on your body. It can affect your hormone balance, your sleep, your appetite—lots of different things."

#### Trident-true methods of coping with stress

All people have ways of coping with stress; some healthier than others. A few negative ways include the use of drugs, avoiding whatever is causing the stress, procrastination, and overeating. Positive ways of coping with stress include exercise, reserving some time to yourself, and using schedules to manage your time. It's also important to recognize exactly what it is that's stressing you out so you can address the issue head-on. There is always going to be stress in our lives, and sometimes the best way to deal with it is finding ways to cope with it. Keady offers, "You need an outlet for your stress. Being able to exercise is an example. [An outlet] could be games, communicating with others, or meeting with a professional to talk about your issues."

Ultimately, the amount of stress in our lives is something that we can be in control over. A little planning, devotion, and responsibility can go a long way when it comes to making life reasonable. What do you do when you're at a loss? Well, that's when you whip out a stick of Wrigley's Doublemint gum and chew your troubles away. •

## EFFECTS OF DISTRESS

A stress response is an automatic physiological reaction caused when the body perceives real or imagined threats, called 'stressors.' This response disturbs the body's natural homeostatic state, which can lead to a variety of effects:

The **'fight or flight'** mechanism is activated, preparing the body for the action. Stored sugars and fats are released, breathing rate, heartbeat, and muscle tension increase, and senses become more acute.

**Focused distress** refers to the particular 'anchor' for the stress—the feeling can be related to a specific event or reason. This often leads to directed and specific emotions. **Unfocused distress** is a generalized feeling of upset or woe with little direction.

**Outlook matters.** Students who see their education as a 'challenge,' generally have an increased capacity to learn and a feeling of competence under stress. When education is seen as 'threatening,' however, students feel hopeless and fearful.

Studies show that **students under moderate levels of stress learn the most**, while those under low and high stress levels seem to learn the least.

**'Hypervigilance'** refers to the 'panic' that students can feel under stress, which results in behavior such as overstudying and rushing through exams in order to assuage the stress.

**Anger and hostility** is the most common responses to distress, though the intensity of these emotions becomes muted as maturity develops. Studies have found that problems are more likely to be confronted head-on by seniors, whereas freshmen try to relax and distance themselves from problems.

Distress can lead to **self-destructive behaviors** such as alcohol/drug abuse, attempted suicide, social isolation, and self-mutilation in college students.



# WORD

## on the Street

compiled and photographed by Ralph Smith

Q: What cheers you up when you are down?



"Sex and LARPing with close friends."

**Elliot H Cross**  
Industrial Design  
Fourth Year



"I put dimes in my penny loafers."

**Neil Laperriere**  
Metals  
Third Year



"Balloons."

**Gray Hamner**  
Advertising Photography  
Third Year



"Reading the Bible and going to church."

**Margaret Gatavis**  
Illustration  
Third Year



"I like reading comics."

**Kurmiyati Kurmiyati**  
Biotechnology  
Second Year



"A cup of coffee."

**Ashish Vora**  
Electrical Engineering  
Grad Student



"Hanging out with my friends."

**Athena Frazier**  
Computer Engineering  
Second Year



"Go to the driving range and hit some balls."

**Emily Wilson**  
Graphic Design  
Fourth Year



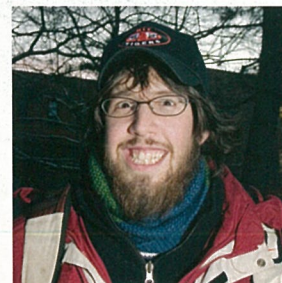
"The rock climbing boulder in the red barn."

**Ken Love**  
Urban and Community  
Studies  
Third Year



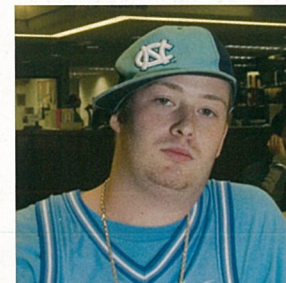
"A good joke."

**Kyle Tirak**  
Software Engineering  
Third Year



"Hunting down the kid that flicked a cigarette at my head while I was riding my bike and slashing his tires."

**Joe Grasso**  
Biomedical Photography  
Fourth Year



"Working on my music, getting lost in the zone and forgetting about everything."

**Donny Jackson**  
Psychology  
Third Year



# SPORTSdesk

by José Plaza





## Men's Basketball

**November 29:** The 2005-2006 basketball season got off to a great start for the Tigers in their opener versus Hobart. Barrett Zeinfeld led RIT's charge with 12 points with Drew Martin right behind him with 10 points, 2 assists and 4 rebounds. RIT Basketball earned a 64-44 win.

**Record through 12/1/05:** 1-0

## Women's Basketball

**November 29:** The RIT Lady Tigers' Basketball season began this season at home versus visiting team Hilbert College. The Lady Tigers did not disappoint, in particular Ramata Diallo, who led both teams with 19 points, along with 12 rebounds and 4 steals. Teammate Christina Ermie added 15 points, 6 rebounds, and four steals. The game ended in a 56-47 opening win for RIT.

**Record through 12/2/05:** 1-0

## Men's Hockey

**November 26:** The Tigers traveled to Massachusetts to play against American International College. There, five Tiger goals were tallied by Marc Hyman, Ricky Walton, Simon Lambert (2), and Matt Smith to give RIT the 5-0 victory. George Eliopoulos had 46 saves in the game for his first shutout of the season.

**November 27:** Sacred Heart University tallied eight goals on RIT, five of them being power play goals. RIT did their share of scoring with five different players—Matt Smith, Darrell Draper, Steve Pinizzotto, and Darren Doherty—finding the back of the opponent's net. Unfortunately, the five goals from the Tigers were not enough, as they lost the game 8-5.

**Record through 12/1/05:** 4-8-1

◀ Second year biotechnology student Jordan Hebert competes in the long jump event at the University of Rochester on December 3, 2005. Jordan jumped 6 meters to come in fourth place for the men's long jump preliminaries.  
Ralph Smith/REPORTER Magazine

# WINTER sports schedule

compiled by Frances Cabrera

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

\*Home games are in **bold**

## Men's Hockey

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12.09.2005	<b>Geneseo State</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
12.10.2005	Rensselaer	Troy, NY	7 pm
12.30.2005	Air Force Academy	Colorado Springs, CO	5 pm
12.31.2005	Air Force Academy	Colorado Springs, CO	5 pm
01.06.2006	Clarkson University	Potsdam, NY	7 pm
01.07.2006	Cornell University	Ithaca, NY	7 pm
01.14.2006	<b>Oswego State</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.17.2006	<b>Fredonia State</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.20.2006	<b>Quinnipiac University</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.21.2006	<b>Quinnipiac University</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.27.2006	USA Under-18	Ann Arbor, MI	7 pm
01.28.2006	USA Under-18	Ann Arbor, MI	7 pm
02.04.2006	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, OH	5 pm
02.05.2006	Mercyhurst College	Erie, PA	3 pm
02.10.2006	Univ Alabama-Huntsville	Huntsville, AL	7 pm
02.11.2006	Univ Alabama-Huntsville	Huntsville, AL	7 pm
02.13.2006	<b>Air Force Academy</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
02.24.2006	<b>USA Under-18</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
02.25.2006	<b>USA Under-18</b>	<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>

## Women's Hockey

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
12.09.2005	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh, NY	7 pm
12.10.2005	Castleton State	Castleton, VT	6 pm
12.11.2005	Castleton State	Castleton, VT	1 pm
01.06.2006	<b>Salve Regina</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.07.2006	<b>Salve Regina</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.11.2006	Utica College	Utica, NY	7 pm
01.14.2006	<b>MIT</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
01.22.2006	Wilfred Laurier	TBA	7:30 pm
01.25.2006	<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.28.2006	<b>St Michaels</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
01.29.2006	<b>St Michaels</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
01.31.2006	Elmira	Elmira, NY	7 pm
02.04.2006	St Anselm's	Manchester, NH	7 pm
02.05.2006	<b>St Anselm's</b>	<b>Manchester, NH</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
02.11.2006	Manhattanville	Purchase, NY	3 pm
02.12.2006	Manhattanville	Purchase, NY	3 pm
02.17.2006	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
02.18.2006	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Ritter Arena</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
02.25.2006	ECAC Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA

## Men's and Women's Indoor Track

Date	Opponent
12.10.2005	Saint Lawrence Relays
01.14.2006	U of R Invitational
01.21.2006	<b>Home Meet</b>
01.28.2006	St Lawrence <i>Indoor Invitational</i>
02.03.2006	<b>Home Meet</b>
02.11.2006	Kane Invitational
02.18.2006	Deneault Invitational
02.19.2006	NYSCTC Pent
02.24.2006	<b>NYSCTC Championship</b>
02.25.2006	<b>NYSCTC Championship</b>
03.03.2006	ECAC Championships
03.04.2006	ECAC Championships
03.11.2006	NCAA Championships
03.12.2006	NCAA Championships

## Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

Date	Opponent
12.10.2005	<b>University of Rochester</b>
01.14.2006	Utica
01.17.2006	<b>William Smith</b>
01.21.2006	<b>Geneseo</b>
01.25.2006	Brockport
01.28.2006	<b>Lemoyne</b>
02.04.2006	Nazareth
02.15.2006	Women's Championships
02.16.2006	Women's Championships
02.17.2006	Women's Championships
02.18.2006	Women's Championships
02.22.2006	Men's Championships
02.23.2006	Men's Championships
02.24.2006	Men's Championships
02.25.2006	Men's Championships

## Wrestling

Date	Opponent
12.10.2005	Cortland
01.07.2006	<b>NY.PA Duals</b>
01.10.2006	<b>Ithaca College</b>
01.13.2006	Bud White Hill Nat Duals
01.14.2006	Bud White Hill Nat Duals
01.20.2006	NYS Championships
01.21.2006	NYS Championships
01.28.2006	Thiel College
02.01.2006	Brockport
02.04.2006	Baldwin Wallace Tournament
02.08.2006	<b>Oneonta</b>
02.11.2006	Case Quad
02.18.2006	Empire Conference
03.03.2006	NCAA National Tournament
03.04.2006	NCAA National Tournament

Location	Time
St Lawrence Univ	TBA
Univ of Rochester	TBA
<b>RIT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
St. Lawrence Univ	TBA
<b>RIT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Cornell Univ	TBA
Cornell Univ	TBA
Cornell	TBA
<b>RIT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>RIT</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Ursinus	TBA
Ursinus	TBA
St Olaf	TBA
St Olaf	TBA

Location	Time
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Utica, NY	1 pm
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
Brockport, NY	6 pm
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Rochester, NY	1 pm
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA
Syracuse, NY	TBA

Location	Time
Cortland, NY	12 pm
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
Lycoming, NY	10 am
Lycoming, NY	10 am
Oswego, NY	10 am
Oswego, NY	10 am
Greenville, PA	1 pm
Brockport, NY	7 pm
Berea, OH	9 am
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Cleveland, OH	12 pm
Cortland, NY	11 am
Trenton, NJ	TBA
Trenton, NJ	TBA

### Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent
12.09.2005	<b>York (NY)</b> <i>Brodie Tournament</i>
12.10.2005	<b>Brodie Tournament</b>
12.13.2005	<b>Cortland</b>
01.03.2006	<b>University of Rochester</b>
01.06.2006	Ithaca
01.07.2006	Elmira
01.11.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.13.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.14.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.17.2006	<b>D'Youville</b>
01.20.2006	St. John Fisher
01.21.2006	Alfred
01.24.2006	<b>Nazareth</b>
01.27.2006	<b>Hartwick</b>
01.28.2006	<b>Utica</b>
02.03.2006	<b>Elmira</b>
02.04.2006	<b>Ithaca</b>
02.07.2006	Nazareth
02.10.2006	Utica
02.11.2006	Hartwick
02.17.2006	<b>Alfred</b>
02.18.2006	<b>St. John Fisher</b>
02.25.2006	Empire 8 Tournament
02.26.2006	Empire 8 Tournament

### Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent
12.10.2005	Fredonia
12.15.2005	<b>Medaille</b>
12.29.2005	Beloit (WI) <i>California Surf Classic</i>
12.30.2005	Wisconsin Lutheran <i>California Surf Classic</i>
01.03.2006	<b>University of Rochester</b>
01.06.2006	Ithaca
01.07.2006	Elmira
01.10.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.12.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.14.2006	<b>Chase Tournament</b>
01.20.2006	St. John Fisher
01.21.2006	Alfred
01.24.2006	<b>Nazareth</b>
01.27.2006	<b>Hartwick</b>
01.28.2006	<b>Utica</b>
02.03.2006	<b>Elmira</b>
02.04.2006	<b>Ithaca</b>
02.07.2006	Nazareth
02.10.2006	Utica
02.11.2006	Hartwick
02.17.2006	<b>Alfred</b>
02.18.2006	<b>St. John Fisher</b>
02.25.2006	Empire 8 Tournament
02.26.2006	Empire 8 Tournament

Location	Time
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
Ithaca, NY	8 pm
Elmira, NY	4 pm
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
Pittsford, NY	8 pm
Alfred, NY	4 pm
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
Pittsford, NY	8 pm
Utica, NY	8 pm
Oneonta, NY	4 pm
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
TBA	TBA
TBA	TBA

Location	Time
Fredonia, NY	6 pm
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
Costa Mesa, CA	9 am
Costa Mesa, CA	7 am
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
Ithaca, NY	6 pm
Elmira, NY	2 pm
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Rochester, NY</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Pittsford	6 pm
Alfred, NY	2 pm
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
Pittsford, NY	6 pm
Utica, NY	6 pm
Oneonta, NY	2 pm
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Clark Gym</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
TBA	TBA
TBA	TBA



Third year student Teddy Furutani (left) struggles for position against Steve Wile of Morrisville at the RIT Tournament on Saturday, December 3 in the Clark Gym. Furutani won the match. Joe Kline/REPORTER Magazine

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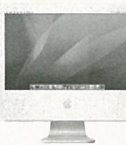
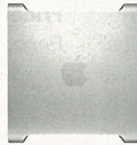
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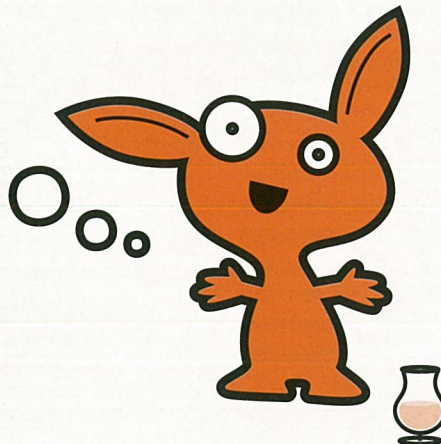
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# RIT Rings

compiled by Casey Dehlinger

*All calls subject to editing and truncation. Not all calls will be printed. I have no way of transcribing the musical selections that have been sent, as well-appreciated as they are.*

## Wednesday 5:56 p.m.

Yo, *Reporter*, I just want to know what the f--- is with like dumb baseball jocks? Like, why do people want to hang out with them over their own boyfriends? It doesn't make sense, like you just need to f---ing realize that these people are dumb alcoholic baseball jocks with no direction in their lives. It makes no freaking sense. Please reference this in your articles about stuff. D1 or D3 I don't care what division we're in, but that's out of control.

## Wednesday 11:55 p.m.

*Reporter*, somehow there's three ping-pong balls in our game of beer pong. I don't know how that happened. Bye.

## Thursday 12:21 a.m.

Hi, *Reporter*. What should I tell you? I'm eating Oreos. Do you know how good Oreos are? Do you have any idea? Hey, *Reporter*, I just got a good idea. How about a school campus-wide Oreos day where everyone gets some Oreos? And some milk. Or some hot chocolate. Or some Miller.

## Wednesday 8:34 p.m.

Hey, I just read the freshmen meal plan article, and how come Adam Botzenhart and the *Reporter* are doing more for me than Student Government? Shouldn't they represent me? This is ridiculous. Bye.

## Thursday 11:13 p.m.

You know what I think of your comment line? I think it's great, because I call up all the time. It's excellent... Yea, f--- your f---ing post office... Look, so basically I was at the post office the other day, and they were like, 'hey, why don't we not forward your mail?' And I was like, 'how about you do forward my mail?' And they were like, 'how about screw you?' That's pretty unfair. So, yea, they're going to throw away all my mail because I moved. I wasn't too happy about that. Umm, I kinda wish that the devil would come up from hell and f--- them all up the a-- until they die.

## Thursday 11:15 p.m.

Why?...Oh yea, that's...that's a good reason why. But, well...Yea, I know. We'll see. You know you've got that? There you go. I was gonna say, you kinda had the bread touching the bread. That would've sucked. Well, umm, yea...You might wanna like...what's that chicken part you got there? Is that other part fish? Oh, okay...Awww! That sucks. That's nice, you opened the barbecue sauce. Oh, shit, I'm on the phone with *Reporter*.

## Friday 1:41 a.m.

*Reporter*, hey! How's it going? I want to know what the deal with the weather is. Like I tried to smoke a cigarette and it's just gloomy like ... ehhhhhh. Yea. Peace out.

## Friday 1:42 a.m.

Yo, *Reporter*, I just got your latest issue about the mini muffins in the comment line. They just need to know that mini muffins aren't where it's at and they need to see the light. Mini muffins straight suck.

## Friday 1:56 a.m.

Yo, what's up, *Reporter*? You're awesome. Everyone loves you, and you guys know what you're doing, so don't f--- up. Everyone loves you. [Shouting in background.] No, wait, apparently not. Julie says hi. *Voice in background*: What a stupid call.

## Friday 12:43 p.m.

Hi, this Correl, I'm a biotech major and I just wanted to give a big shout out to VSA and [garbled]. Yay!

## Friday 7:04 p.m.

Yo, *Reporter*, you want to see something hilarious? Go behind the Student Health Center. Apparently, there's a Campus Safety vehicle parked in the handicapped parking spot. If you got a photographer readily available, I think you should go there. Pretty funny lookin'. Okay, later.

*They probably had to park there, though. Unless Campus Safety has reserved parking passes. Any parking horror stories? Vent at 585.475.5633.*



# Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bird Flu?

by Krister Rollins | illustration by Mike Norton

*"Bird Flu 'could kill 150 million.'" "Flu fears bring to mind deadly horror of 1918." "Bird flu 'set to hit Africa next.'" "Business prepares for pandemic." These are all recent bird flu headlines from the BBC.*

Here are some facts about bird flu. This fatal strain is called H5N1 because of its particular surface proteins. Out of six and a half billion people on the planet, 68 have died from Avian Influenza. Less than 150 have been infected. The death rate is a little better than 50% (extremely high for a virus), but the infection rate is extremely low. Bird flu infects those in communities where people live with communal birds running around and shitting in the water and whatnot. People need to come into contact with a secretion from the bird to be infected. Then, the odds of the virus jumping from one person to another are even smaller. There is one unconfirmed case of this happening, and they know it's not airborne. You cannot catch the virus from cooked meat. And if a bird is suspected of having the disease, it is killed. Yes, the Spanish Flu epidemic killed 40 million and was an avian influenza, but that was before even penicillin had come around. Medicine has come a long way since those days.

Here's a bit of perspective: Remember SARS? Yeah, me neither. But there was a big, silly fooforah about that, too. SARS infected 8,400 people and killed 800. H5N1 has some catching up to do.

There are more pressing concerns in the world than this virus. Yet it is not a completely trifling matter; scientists and doctors should (and are) working on a cure and treatment. But this disease should be lower on the list of newsworthy priorities. For instance, 40 people a day are killed by landmines. That means that by the end of the week, four times the number of people killed by H5N1 will be dead from stepping in the wrong place. Landmines are kind of like the flu, too; they don't discriminate between who they kill. According to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines' website ([www.icbl.org](http://www.icbl.org)), 60% of Cambodian landmine victims are civilians.

The Ottawa Convention, a.k.a. 'Mine Ban Treaty,' was drafted in 1997 and seeks to completely ban antipersonnel mines. All but 42 countries signed it. On the list of countries that didn't sign: China, Cuba, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, and the USA. We refused because there was no exception for Korea, where we have land mines planted in the demilitarized zone between the North and the South.

Remember the coverage of the London Bombings this July? Four suicide bombers killed 52 people, injured 700. Why aren't the suicide bombings in Iraq getting similar treatment? Fifty people don't die in every attack, but the numbers add up pretty quickly. There is no official Iraqi civilian body count since our invasion of the country, but estimates run from 20,000 to 100,000. That is a big number—bigger than the RIT student body.

Where is the media on issues like this? Events like this are being covered, but they are not getting enough attention. The US policy of minimal coverage of the Iraq war is a damaging factor. With the hideous war being glossed over, attentions are turned elsewhere. Lately, it seems the US media has grown a pair again, particularly after the abominable governmental handling of Hurricane Katrina.

There is more news out there than we are seeing. There are travesties waiting to be uncovered; suicide bombings, slavery, and child labor rings waiting to be discovered. There is a place in the news for the Bird Flu, but the priorities seem to be a little bit skewed. Take it upon yourself to stay informed. There is definitely a slant to the news, but keeping yourself in the loop makes sure you get to see as much of the picture as possible. •



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