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EDITORIAL

I Resolve to Promote the Public Good

"What possibilities do you see for NGO work impacting global policy, such as the Kyoto Protocol, or how necessary is this in a culture of 'the private citizen doing public good?'" <breath>

This was the question I was able to ask former President Bill Clinton during his short visit to RIT. The logistics of his visit are detailed in the news article on page 8. Instead, I want to discuss what his visit meant to me and what it could mean to you.

Before his Golisano-guided tour of Golisano's College of Computing and Information Sciences, I knew of Clinton's impressive philanthropic résumé: his work regarding AIDS, his work promotion of global education, his dedication to the environment, and his bipartisan fundraising with former President Bush for victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia and of Hurricane Katrina. Having had the opportunity to not only listen to him speak live but really talk to him in person, I understand how passionate and earnest he really is about improving people's lives.

Many have made mention of Clinton's charm and charisma, in both the positive and pejorative. I think at the core of that is sheer confidence—something forged through thorough research and cogitation over what he commits to on a philanthropic/political level. Chris Morrison, Programming Secretary for Student Government, asked Clinton about what he felt was the biggest concern for healthcare in America. The white-haired Arkansian replied with a deluge of mind-bogglingly specific facts on child obesity and trans fats as fast as the microphone would allow him.

Generally, Clinton's manner was that of the concerned citizen reinforcing his message of: "private citizens doing public good." Of course, this mantra tends to throw a motivational spotlight on philanthropists with overstuffed purses burning holes in their pants. Clinton said, "You live with it everyday because Tom [Golisano] built this college." But then followed up by stating, "You don't have to have a lot of money to have an impact because of the rise of the internet and because of the existence of this web of non-governmental organizations."

And that is why I asked him whether non-governmental organizations, such as the Clinton Foundation, could really impact policy around the world or if we can contribute simply as private citizens. Though he didn't address my concern about global policy directly, Clinton did speak to how small-scale activism can overcome the blocks of big government. Overall, he promoted an awareness of the world and the possibilities of technology and community activism to be harnessed for betterment of our own lives and the lives of those around us.

I walked up after the session was over and shook his hand. He thanked me for my question and immediately launched into how dire the climate change situation is—complete with the historical climatology of the earth and figures from the recent ice core excavated in Antarctica. His passionate self-education was one of the most striking and, I sense, important facets underpinning this man and his great deeds.

Despite whether you worship the former president's leadership or despise him for his contentious ethics while in office, you have to admire what he has done with his life. Standing in the auditorium of Building 70, Clinton's eyes were tired and his hair looked a tad unruly. The man has been fiercely traveling around the world trying to show us what good we can do through passionate study and caring about public good—something I believe needs to be reinforced during college study, as we prepare to move from RIT to involvement in an ever more interconnected globe. I can't think of a better focus for New Year's resolutions.



Erhardt Graeff

Editor in Chief



Print Media graduate student Fred Federico bundles up in the cold in front of Building 7 during an afternoon snow shower, while Frosty was unphased. Tom Starkweather/REPORTER Magazine

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Letter to the Editor

Attention Deficit Deficient

I have recently read through the Adderall and “Overcoming ADD” articles in the December 16, 2005 edition of Reporter, and I must say that I am disgusted. To those who take Adderall and to those who think they have ADD, I would like to say the following: SNAP OUT OF IT!!! Christina was right—ADD is not a disability. ADD is a *myth*. 40 years ago, there was nothing in the classroom that a belt, or a paddle, or a meter stick wouldn’t fix—disruptive or unproductive students were dealt with swiftly and harshly. Now don’t get me wrong. I don’t advocate physical violence; however, we must not forget that there was once a time where a good smack to the face would fix just about anything, and anybody who tells you otherwise is only trying to sell you something (like a drug or a self-help book, or maybe even, a college degree).

Why are we so willing to lie to ourselves? Why are we, in this era of political correctness and self-help parenting, so hesitant to accept the harsh reality that...wait for it...we bear the burden of responsibility for our inadequacies? Why are we so ready to cast our motivation to the wind under the pretense that we can make up for it with some kind of drug whose only real purpose is to fill the pockets of the greedy executives? Have we lowered our standards so profusely that we’re willing to accept, in drug form, what is tantamount to intellectual fraud? What ever happened to personal character, and strength of mind, and iron will? What ever happened to passion for excellence? It’s no wonder that tech companies are outsourcing jobs to India and Asia—we’ve lost the desire to do real work for a reward, and we pawn it off as acceptable behavior in the name of ADD.

I remember as a kid I used to have a difficult time starting my homework. Of course, I was busy thinking of Ninja Turtles, Nintendo, and racecars. Did that mean that I had ADD? Hell no. Not wanting to do “work” is part of being a kid, and it’s unfortunate that the drug industry has taken

advantage of this and instills in these children’s minds the idea that they actually have a deficiency of some sort. I’ve also had times where I found it difficult to study or remember something or understand a new idea, and you know what I did? *I worked harder*. I studied harder, I studied longer, and I’m better off for it. The performance of your mind is by no means a fixed value. It can improve by leaps and bounds without having to drop a pill, but that can never happen if you throw your hands up in the air and say, “I have ADD.” Don’t give up. Don’t ever give up. Christina has chosen to attend college when people said she couldn’t. I respect that enormously, but I contend that she does not have ADD. She just has to try harder than most people. The more difficulty you have in focusing, the harder you have to work. That’s all, and it really is that simple. No excuses.

I’ve been known to be very hard on students, and it’s not because I feel that I’m better than they are, because I’m not. It’s because I know that they can do better, but for some reason they choose not to. I’ve often been used as an excuse by students who don’t want to try harder or do a better job. “I’m not you. I can’t do this stuff as good as you can.” Shut the hell up. I’m good at what I do because I worked hard for it, so stop complaining, do your work, and do it right. Merit is earned by surviving tests of unrelenting rigor and skepticism, and without this standard, your degree means nothing.

In closing, suck it up, be a man (or woman), and try to learn something. Stop deluding yourself into thinking that you have a disorder, because you don’t. School is only a “chore” to those who fail ever so miserably to see the bigger picture. Education, and the harder the better, is our golden key to the future. It will lift people out of poverty, it will free the slaves (there are many forms of slavery), and it will take us to the stars and beyond. Don’t ever forget that.

Reinaldo Vega



Former President Bill Clinton speaks with members of a select audience during his visit to RIT's Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences on December 14, 2005.

Clinton Comes to Campus [and Golisano]

by Casey Dehlinger | photograph by Tom Starkweather

Back on Wednesday December 14, Bill Clinton and his new buddy Thomas Golisano were passing through town on their way to watch a Sabres game—because Golisano owns the team and such. They beat the Dallas Stars 4-3, by the way [no goal!]. Golisano had the bright idea to show Clinton his building while they stopped in Rochester; Golisano being the financial father of GCCIS.

RIT was made privy to the plans of the ex-president just 24 hours prior to his pulling in. Well, actually, on Friday, December 9, an e-mail was sent to RIT dignitaries saying Clinton *might* show up. Then an e-mail was sent on Monday, December 12 saying he wasn't coming. Then, four hours later, it was on again. Then, on Tuesday, December 13 they had an itinerary, but no confirmation. Then, four hours later, the time was changed and confirmed. Whew.

So there were 150 seats, allegedly. The Secret Service played DJ to the musical chair scramble where dignitaries such as Student Government President James Macchiano hunted down students left and right, taking down full names, dates of birth, and social security numbers so that the Secret Service could make sure guests weren't checking out any dangerous library books or anything of the sort. It was, in fact, a blitzkrieg, as a list had to be submitted approximately two to three hours after the game began.

That next day, the stage was set; some people showed up over an hour early to nab good seats. Of the *alleged* 150 guests, 125 of the people who showed up were students, and another 125 were faculty, staff, trustees, and VIPs. The back of Golisano Auditorium was filled with long-lensed photographers snapping away. Some students dressed their finest in suits and dresses, some didn't. One wore a Williams jersey.

The big moment came: President Al Simone took a moment to introduce Golisano, who took figurative center stage (literally, stage right), and then introduced Clinton. The former president proceeded to speak on many topics, including his NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) work and collaboration with George H. W. Bush for natural disaster relief. After speaking for nearly a half hour, the floor was opened up for questions. Clinton, in turn, gave lengthy responses to the three questions he had time for. His replies often began on topic (healthcare) and slowly drifted away (child obesity) until they took on a new form entirely (the dangers of trans fat).

Before parting, he was presented with an RIT hockey jersey and pastel purple collared shirt. The crowd stood to applaud as photographers eager to get shots urged them to sit. As Clinton inched his way to the exit, the crowd, handshake by handshake, swarmed and murmured about his infamously "sexy" handshake and "powerful" presence. Clinton chatted at the door with several students, signing a copy of *My Life* here, posing for a photo there, shaking hands all around. As minutes passed by, a Secret Service agent stood at Clinton's shoulder, tugging at his sleeve like a child in need of a bathroom. After a couple final handshakes, Clinton yielded and exited. His audience was then routinely locked into the Golisano Auditorium until the former president had left the premises.

After the lockdown, while exiting the GCCIS Building, I hold the door open for an enthusiastic student on his way in. Noticing my suit, he asks, "Is Clinton here yet?" "Sorry, he just left the campus," I tell him. He lets out a little cry of frustration. He doesn't say it out loud, but the look on his face clearly states, "Damn, that was fast." •

More coverage of Clinton's visit can be found at <http://www.rit.edu/~930www/>



Andy Lloyd, Ryan Telesca, Dave Morgan, and Sean O'Connor (left to right) participate in a practice for the CAB sponsored College Bowl.

College Bowl: Answers in the Form of Questions

by Jennifer Scheffler | photograph by David Wright

Ever thought about testing your intelligence right under the spotlight?

The students involved with the College Academic Bowl are up for the challenge.

Scott Kroner, Tournament Director, says, "RIT has always done a reasonably good job representing the RIT student body." And their opportunity to represent will come again this weekend, January 14, in the SAU Alumni Room, where RIT presents the 13th annual College Bowl.

To prepare for the big show, teams attended a practice College Bowl on December 10 to familiarize new players with the rules and give veterans the warm-up they needed to sharpen up their lobes. Many members of the College Academic Bowl were also members of their high school academic bowls. Captain and team member Ryan Teleca explains, "This is the third year our group is competing. It's just something fun we do. It's something exciting." The Academic Bowl is very much a tradition and hobby for many of the joiners.

This type of 'sport,' however, may sound intimidating to many of us who don't know very much about the competition. Luckily, people involved with the College Academic Bowl here at RIT are very welcoming to new faces. Denise Herrera, a first-time participant, says, "I always wanted to do a trivia kind of thing; I finally decided to go ahead and try it. I'm a little nervous."

A maximum of 16 to 24 teams can be present at the final bowl, with each team consisting of four or five members. The three top winners' awards are yet to be determined. The local finalist will go to regionals at Poughkeepsie, NY. Mike Palmeri, graduate assistant of the College Activity Board says, "The Academic Bowl is another way of showing that bright students come from RIT." He further mentions that the competition shows school spirit.

Rules, as always, are crucial in this competition. College Bowl involves a lot of technicalities. The entire game is computer-processed and extremely accurate. If both teams hit the buzzer at what appears to be the same time, the computer still knows who is first, even if the difference is within hundredths of a second. This means speed is essential. The game runs for seven minutes, with a break for another seven minutes. Kroner, who stands at the podium and reads the questions, explains, "Each packet has 28 questions. From each packet, you can generally get two games."

Two types of questions appear: one is called a toss-up question, worth 10 points. In a toss-up question, a team member who hits the buzzer must wait to be recognized by name and team name, then claim the answer. Conferring within teams is not allowed. If a team interrupts the question and is wrong, there is a penalty. An example of a toss-up question used at the Academic Bowl practice is, "...Of the women [at] 2004 Wimbledon, which woman led with 311 wins and 37 losses?"

On a bonus question, unlike toss-up questions, teams can confer within themselves. Bonus questions, worth 20 points, come into the game when the toss-up question is answered correctly. An example could be, "His best-sellers *In the National Interest* and *Off Camera: Private Thoughts Made Public* were written while keeping his day job; hosting a last-night news program. For 10 points apiece—who is this tele-journalist, and what ABC program has he hosted since its post-prime time premiere in 1980?"

Although it's too late to get in on this year's College Bowl, it happens every year, so feel free to tune into *Jeopardy!* and play with those little wheels and wedges from Trivial Pursuit, because next year will provide another opportunity to show off your cerebrum. •

Real Magazine Becomes a Reality

by Renee Keiser

It's already the second week of the new year. Other than the realization that we will be bunking down for at least a month and a half of Rochester winter, the school year is just about half over. Commencement is beginning to loom: the end of another school year for some, the end of life at RIT for others. Some of us will go on to further educational pursuits; some will take a first job and start a career in the working world.

Parker says that since many college students might not have a good grasp on the opportunities within Rochester's business community, Real Magazine is a vehicle to connect students with those opportunities.

Real Magazine is a locally-produced publication designed to help post-collegiate students find networking contacts, internships, and jobs in the Rochester area. Sally Parker, the special projects editor for *Real Magazine*, oversaw the completion of the issue. Parker said the idea for the magazine came about a year or two ago. Two executives from the *Rochester Business Journal*, a local business publication, came up with the idea during a brainstorm session about a publication that local students could benefit from. Susan Holliday, the president and publisher, along with Paul Ericson, editor of the *Rochester Business Journal*, wanted to give local college students a publication they could use to find jobs, internships and other things to do in Rochester.

Parker says that since many college students might not have a good grasp on the opportunities within Rochester's business community, *Real Magazine* is a vehicle to connect students with those opportunities. In developing the magazine, Parker said that she and Ericson polled local college students about Rochester. *Real Magazine* also utilized *Rochester Business Journal* interns, who gave Parker and Ericson an idea of what style and layout most college students liked in a magazine.

"We didn't really know how to go about creating a publication in a magazine format. So we asked our interns to bring in publications from their colleges or from around the area that they liked."



Free copies of "Real" located in the Co-op and Career Services Office in the Baush & Lomb Building. Tom Starkweather/REPORTER Magazine

"Since the RBJ is a newspaper, we didn't really know how to best go about creating a publication in a magazine format. So we asked our interns to bring in some types of publications from their colleges or from around the area that they liked," says Parker.

Real Magazine is currently published once a year. In addition to the magazine, www.real-rochester.com is updated with current information, including the most up-to-date internship opportunities. The website also includes a guide to Rochester's after-work hotspots—the places to relax after hunting down an internship or job all day. Parker would like to see *Real Magazine* grow into more than just a yearly publication. She also stressed that student input on the magazine was key, and that *Real Magazine* is looking for as much feedback as possible in these formative years. Parker also says that the magazine is always looking for interns and those interested in working on the publication.

Yes, it is mid-January, but there still is time. If you're still hunting for that perfect job or internship after this school year, *Real Magazine* can help you narrow down that search. •

CrimeWatch

compiled by Govind Ramabadrán

December 10

Eugene Colby Hall F – Burglary, Unlawful Entry

A student says that his iPod was stolen from his unlocked room between noon and 5 p.m. The floor was canvassed with no leads developed. The CEC was advised, and Crime Alert flyers were placed in the area. The investigation continues.

December 11

Peter Peterson Hall – Criminal Mischief

An officer discovered a sidewalk light post on the north side of Peterson Hall lying across the sidewalk. FMS responded and shut off the electricity to the light post. Investigation closed pending new information.

Kate Gleason Hall – Harassment

Person reported that a female resident was photographed unwillingly while she was taking a shower. A neighborhood canvass was conducted. The CEC was notified of this incident. The investigation continues.

December 12

Kate Gleason Hall – Weapon Possession

Person stated that two students were playing with Airsoft guns in the hallway. The students were located and voluntarily surrendered three Airsoft guns, two paintball guns, and a bottle of liquor. Case referred to Student Conduct.

December 13

George H. Clark Gymnasium – Petit Larceny

Person stated she had clothes stolen from an unlocked locker in the women's locker room. A canvass for the area was completed with negative results. Crime Alert flyers were distributed. Investigation closed pending new information.

December 14

Criminal Mischief

Someone stated the handle to the door in one of the Greek residences is broken. The incident was referred to FMS to be repaired. Investigation closed pending new information.

RITForecast

compiled by Casey Dehlinger

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Club Day:

10 a.m.–4 p.m. SAU Lobby. Get interested in something.

Three Kings:

5 p.m.–7 p.m. SAU 1829 room. The Latin American Student Association celebrates Three Kings with a presentation activity.

Sylan Mack Presentation on Spiritual Healing:

7 p.m.–9 p.m. College of Liberal Arts Lecture Auditorium.

Sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Unification:

7 p.m.–10 p.m. Ingle Auditorium. International culture clubs educate the RIT with dance, theatre, comedy, and food!

Friday Night at the Ritz

10 p.m.–1 a.m. Ritz Sports Zone. Breakdancing competition with DJ and prizes. \$1.

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College Bowl:

2 p.m.–10 p.m. SAU Alumni Room. "The Varsity Sport of the Mind." Trivia tournament sponsored by CAB.

Sailor's Ball:

8 p.m.–2 a.m. SAU Cafeteria; Clark A, B, C; and the Fireside Lounge. Charity fundraiser sponsored by Delta Sigma Phi. \$5.

CAB Saturday Night Standup:

11 p.m.–1 a.m. Ingle Auditorium. Ardie Fuqua opens for Sherrod Small. Sponsored by CAB. \$1.

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Wikipedia Day:

Wikipedia turns five years old. Without it, Ben our Leisure editor can't produce the Stream of Facts on the 'At Your Leisure' page. Want to have some real fun? Try to predict Ben's path for the next issue and alter the facts to make him wrong. Then call us at 585.475.5633 and tell us the truth!

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Google 101: Search Basics:

Noon–1 p.m. RIT Library 2nd floor VIA Lab. Learn how to Google things.

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Google: Beyond the Basics:

Noon–1 p.m. RIT Library 2nd floor VIA Lab. More searching.

RIT Graduate Study Info for Undergrads:

5 p.m.–6 p.m. Bausch and Lomb Center. Pizza provided.

Auditions for Pinocchio:

6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Panara Theatre. No experience required to try out for this RIT Dance Company production.

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Google Advanced: Part 1:

Noon–1 p.m. RIT Library 2nd Floor VIA Lab. The penultimate.

Meet the Author:

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. Wallace Library Idea Factory. Author Willie Osterman presents *Deja View: Bologna, Italy*.

Auditions for Pinocchio:

6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Panara Theatre. No experience required.

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Google Advanced: Part 2:

Noon–1 p.m. RIT Library 2nd Floor VIA Lab. You found it.

Thursday Night Cinema Series:

10 p.m.–Midnight. Ingle Auditorium. CAB presents *Murderball*.

2005 BOOK REVIEW

by brian garrison | illustration by mike norton

Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman

Have you ever wondered what the life of a demi-god might be like? According to the world created by Neil Gaiman, which is based upon Norse mythology, a day might go something like this.

"'If you kill me,' said Spider, 'my curse will be upon you.' He wondered if he actually had a curse. He probably did, and if he didn't, he was sure that he could fake it."

This novel follows Fat Charlie as he learns that his recently deceased father is/was the trickster spider god. He hears about his long-lost brother, Spider, and invites him over. The next day Spider goes into work as Fat Charlie, blackmails the boss, and falls in love with Fat Charlie's fiancé during lunch. Gaiman hooks you by letting you connect with the what-the-heck-is-going-on attitude of Fat Charlie, and then convinces Fat Charlie that it somehow makes sense in hopes that you will come along too.

Gaiman's serious-writer side is known for having a plethora of allusions in his works and often seems to find the perfect metaphors. His sense of humor has brought him to have connections with well-known writers like Douglass Adams and Terry Pratchett. When these three strong points collide, his bizarre mind writes something like this passage:

"Daisy looked up at him with the kind of expression that Jesus might have given someone who had just explained that he was probably allergic to bread and fishes, so could He possibly make a quick chicken salad: there was pity in that expression, along with almost infinite compassion." •

Noisy Outlaws, Unfriendly Blobs, and Some Other Things That Aren't as Scary, Maybe, Depending on How You Feel About Lost Lands, Stray Cellphones, Creatures from the Sky, Parents who Disappear in Peru, a Man Named Lars Farf, and One Other Story We Couldn't Quite Finish, So Maybe You Could Help Us Out
edited by Ted Thompson with Eli Horowitz

McSweeney's is the publisher, and they are sort of a grassroots type thingy. I found out about them through their connections with the author Neil Gaiman and the band They Might Be Giants. Their website is updated daily (www.mcsweeney.net). Most of the material comes from reader submissions, but some growing writers like Nick Hornby, Dan Kennedy, Tim Carvell, and Wendy Molyneux make regular contributions.

Something distinctly McSweeney's pervades the 11 stories in this book. Even the Introduction, by Lemony Snicket, is worth reading. Two other big names, Neil Gaiman and Nick Hornby, contributed a story of their own, but neither of them were my favorite. Jonathan Safran Foer wrote one of the better stories, titled "The Sixth Borough." Appropriately, it is about the sixth borough of New York City and how it floated away—despite efforts to restrain it with chains and concrete—to its current residence near Antarctica.



Though it's aimed at a younger audience, it's sometimes nice to take a break from technical manuals, deep philosophy, or math textbooks. If it would cramp your style too much to read a book meant for kids, you should at least recommend it to a younger sibling/cousin/random kid playing in the park. •

Haunted by Chuck Palahniuk

Maybe it's only me that finds the topics that Chuck Palahniuk uses considerably disturbing; yet there's something about his work that makes it oddly compelling. Part of this is his brilliant use of the minimalist style. An entire book could be written on what this means, and strangely one of his next books is going to be exactly that.

Not to make this book sound overly scholarly and boring, but it's like The Canterbury Tales in that it contains short stories held together by an overarching plot. The connection is they all come from the same writer's workshop/retreat. What the characters thought was going to be a jolly good time away from every-day worries becomes a twisted sort

of psychological thought experiment of what happens when 17 aspiring writers get locked in a warehouse. Most of the individual stories are every bit as worthy as the unifying plot. Each one comes from the life of the character-authors: Lady Baglady, Director Denial, Chef Assassin, Saint Gut-Free, etc.

At readings of one of the stories, which included three instances of masturbation gone wrong, audience members have been known to pass out. When one of the boys in the story is in the store for a carrot and some lubricant, Palahniuk's twisted sense of humor spits out lines like this, "So my friend, he buys milk and eggs and sugar and a carrot, all the ingredients for a carrot cake. And Vaseline. Like he's going home to stick a carrot cake up his butt."

Some of the stories are a bit safer, like the Duke of Vandal's story with bits about sneaking his artwork into museums, but this book is definitely not for the faint of heart. •

A Man without a Country by Kurt Vonnegut

"Thank God, Kurt Vonnegut has broken his promise that he will never write another book," prides the back cover as the book quietly rests on the shelf. It's not really like he wrote another book so much as he put out a collection of the articles he's written over the past five years. His ramblings aren't quite as exciting as the cover would like you to believe.

It would fit well as a summer read for those who begin to miss listening to cracked-out professors who constantly go off on tangents. Here's an example of one way he turns mailing a letter into a six-page experience, "Bill Gates says, 'Wait till you can see what your computer can become.' But it's you who should be doing the becoming, not the damn fool computer." Not that I disagree with him completely, but I've always been lead to believe that a true master of literature is supposed to say these things a bit more discreetly. The piss-poor excuse for illustrations are mostly just hand written poems/one-liners, some of which aren't even his own.

On the whole it's not entirely bad, and it is a quick read. My theory is that Vonnegut put this out in want of a little extra money. But maybe I'm wrong, and he had a noble view of reaching a wider audience. If you have a lack of rambling old people around to listen to, and are willing to put up with the gristle here and there to taste the few juicy bits, perhaps you could check this one out from a library. •



Densha Otoko

Beauty and the Geek the somewhat true story



by Chester Kwan

When you turn on the first episode of Densha Otoko you might be a little put off by a weird collage of videos about otakus (anime freaks), anime, and Gundam models all set to the tune of "Domo Arigato, Mr. Roboto." But don't worry—this isn't what the series is about.

The series is a retelling of a true (or at least possibly true) modern love story that was originally told in 2004 on 2chan (Called "A-Chan" in the series). Known by either name, 2chan is a popular Japanese web forum. The web posts and the TV series both follow the story of an unknown man (named Tsuyoshi Yamada in the series), who is a very shy otaku who wrote in the singles forum what happened to him on the subway. The story goes like this: a drunk was hitting on a pretty lady, Yamada, who was sitting across from her on the train, gathered up his courage and told the drunk to stop. The drunk turned violent and a scuffle broke out which ended when the subway conductor dragged the drunk away. It was love at first sight, at least for Yamada, but after the unknown lady sends Yamada a pair of teacups, he decides to win her heart, all the while keeping his friends on 2chan informed. The forum members began supporting him in his quest to win her heart. They name him "Densha Otoko," which translates to "Trainman." Throughout the episodes, we see how Yamada changes and matures to please the woman he fell in love with. You also see the situations, miscommunications, and rivals Yamada has to overcome in order to reach his goal.

Even though the show is based on a true story, this 11-episode series which aired on Fuji TV on July 7, 2005 and ended on September 22, is

obviously mostly fiction. The actual story was told in an online forum. The producers of the show expanded the story to make it seem more "real." The characters are likable, especially Yamada, the shy otaku who will do anything to win the lady's heart. The forum members play an important role in the series and they are depicted as everyday people, a sports fan, a couple, a military freak, and so on. The various characters add a layer of connectivity between the series and the audience, since characters in the show are watching events unfold much like the viewer. Japanese ASCII art is frequently used in this series which ranges from simple faces, to elaborate portraits. Even the way the episode titles are shown uses ASCII art. This really links the show to its internet origins. The show's opening animation which is unusual for live television these days, is done by Gonzo (the company responsible for anime such as *Hellsing* and *Chrono Crusade*) as a direct tribute to the *Daicon IV* animation. Even the song from *Daicon IV*, *Twilight* by the Electric Light Orchestra was used. Though the show claims to be "a fiction based on a true story," no one can confirm who "Densha Otoko" really is. Did this story really happen, or is it just one big joke? There are some who claim the story is true, the producer of the series for one, who actually claims to have spoken to Densha Otoko himself.

This is great series to watch, and I recommend it to anyone who is into anime or Japanese live-action, especially couples looking for something romantic along those lines. If you're an anime fan who wants to break into live-action, this is a good place to start unless the love story doesn't sound like your thing. •

Rating: ★★☆☆

For those interested, project.DENSHA is translating the original 2chan forum posts to English: <http://www.rinji.tv/densha/>

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STREAM OF FACTS

JANUARY 13

On January 13, 1854, the **accordion** is patented by Anthony Faas.

An **accordion** is a musical instrument of the handheld bellows-driven free reed **aerophone** family, sometimes referred to as squeezeboxes.

More generally, an **aerophone** is any musical instrument which produces sound primarily by causing a body of air to vibrate, without the use of strings or membranes. This includes all **wind** instruments.

Wind is caused by uneven heating of the Earth's surface, which in turn is caused by anything from campfires to **solar** heating of the atmosphere.

Most **solar** flares occur around sunspots, where intense magnetic fields emerge from the sun's surface into the **corona**.

In the United States **Corona** rivals Heineken for the distinction of being the top imported beer. Though the practice is not very common in **Mexico**, elsewhere Corona is often served with a wedge of lime or lemon inserted into the neck of the bottle.

In 2000 Vicente Fox was elected president of **Mexico**. His victory ended the Institutional **Revolutionary** Party's 71-year hold on the presidency.

Casualty figures for the **Revolutionary War** are inaccurate at best, but a reasonable estimate puts the number of **American** soldiers killed in action at around 7000, which is less than half the number who died from small pox.

January 13, 2002, **American** President George W. Bush faints after choking on a pretzel.

QUOTE

"It is, in fact, nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry"
– Albert Einstein

Limerick

by Brian Garrison
Alarm went off this morning
And played some song that's boring.
I decided to pass
On going to class,
So then I went back to snoring.

REPORTER RECOMMENDS

AudioBooks on long car rides.
If you've ever been stuck in a car all day you know how painfully boring it can be even with the radio and your own personal music collection. Audiobooks are a great way to dull the pain. An interesting fast moving novel can really make a day in a car fly by. Try something funny or suspenseful, but not too terribly deep and your next long trip will be that much more bearable.

RANDOM REVIEW

The Powersquid. This strange piece of technology is essentially a power strip, however rather than having 5 or 6 outlets in a row, it has 5 or 6 outlets each on the end of a short 6 to 8 inch cord. What this means is that you can plug bulky power converters in to each and every hole without ever blocking other outlets. It's built to look vaguely squid-ish hence the name. That's really all it does. Makes more outlets. Looks like a squid. It's a lame present. But if you want one for yourself they are about 13 bucks on thinkgeek.com and I suppose it might be just what you need to tame your wire nightmares.

FEELINGS

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2005

**YEAR
IN
REVIEW**
by Adam Bosen

Remember all that neat stuff that happened in 2005? How about all those crazy informative stories we offer up every Friday just for you, our beloved reader? Well, in case you don't remember all the events that happened on campus, or are one of those people who only reads Crime Watch (note to those people: you're in the wrong section), here's a handy recap of the most significant events of the year.

David McCloskey, an interpreter at the first-ever "Dance For Your Rent", busts a move to the song "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," at the Clark Gymnasium on Friday, September 9, 2005. The event, sponsored by Student Government, OCASA, and Sigma Alpha Mu, ran from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. with students hoofing in hard competition for free housing. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine



News

The campus has changed significantly over the past year. Construction has begun on additions to building 17, a new building north of building 09, and a bridge between buildings 17 and 70. On the residential side of campus, the Commons has had a complete renovation, including the addition of Quizno's and Brickhouse, a new pizza place run by RIT alumni. The lobby in Gracie's was overhauled, with new furniture and a coffee/smoothie shop in place of the old vending machines.

The year also saw a few changes to the social life around school. RIT housed several college students displaced this fall by the hurricanes until they could find somewhere else to go. The Greek community was given a new 'no alcohol' policy in October, which has been met with mixed reactions by the community. The campus was alerted to the potential threat of ninjas living among us, which caused Campus Safety officers to adopt new anti-ninja techniques while on patrol.

Sports

2005 was a significant year for sports at RIT. The new sports logo was unveiled in October, just in time for the start of the first Division I season for men's hockey. This is the first time an RIT sports team has ever competed in Division I athletics. Eleven of the men's hockey games were slated for television; a rarity among Division I teams. Unfortunately, not everything involving hockey has been good news. In early December, it was announced that the intramural hockey league was being suspended indefinitely due to player misconduct.

RIT's Formula SAE racing team placed 16th out of 111 teams competing in the 2005 Formula SAE collegiate competition in March.

The women's basketball team reached out to the community via a Halloween weekend clinic for girls in grades 5-12. Skill instruction and various contests were the focus of the pointers given by the Lady Tigers to their young students. To raise money for travel expenses, the team put themselves up for hire to do chores or teach private lessons on weekends.

Founded on January 6, 2005, the Triathlon Club hosted its first event—a 45 minute swim/bike/run—to benefit Cerebral Palsy Rochester. The Club drew sponsorships from Student Government and local businesses alike. Charles Staley, renowned trainer and coach, visited campus to lecture on 'getting the most out of your workout' as part of RIT's second annual Health Challenge.

Entertainment

RIT has hosted several big names this year. Jon Stewart, Rudy Giuliani, and Jason Mraz were all on campus for this fall's Brick City Weekend. Earlier in the year, Dane Cook and Ludacris also gave performances. Clubs on campus put on several events, including regular concerts by our local ensembles, plays performed by both hearing and deaf students, and the College Activity Board's usual range of events. And of course, for those that don't get out much, *Reporter* has been busting out only the best reviews of the latest movies, video games, and anime, because we think we know what's cool.

Hall of Crime Watch Fame

For those of you who did happen to wander over to this article from Crime Watch by accident, here's five of what might possibly be the dumbest crimes we've seen on campus this year:

5. April 8

University Commons – Fire Alarm

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

Did anyone think to open a window?

4. November 6

Perkins Green – Criminal Mischief

An unknown person spray-painted the word "die" and a star with a circle around it on the sidewalk near 165 Perkins Green. There was also spray paint on a lightpost base and a smiley face on a tree in the same area. No suspects or witnesses could be located. Investigation closed pending new information.

Don't you feel like a total badass?

3. February 6

University Commons – Harassment

Two residents were arguing about cleaning their apartment. During the argument, one resident put the other into a headlock. The case was referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

"Napoleon, let go of me! I think you're bruising my neck meat!"

2. October 27

Harassment

A student received a message that his mother had gotten a message from a person stating that her son was not feeling well. The call was not true, according to her son. The investigation continues.

This is why I don't give people my mother's number.

1. March 31

Security Dispatch

A student was found attempting to climb the Sentinel. The case has been referred to Student Affairs.

Of all the things to climb... •

On the previous spread:

Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani makes a speech about leadership for RIT alumni and students at the Student Life Center on October 8. Young Jang/REPORTER Magazine

RIT Volleyball's Shea Haney, left, and Christina Anabel, right, block a shot by Geneseo's Courtney Nash during the third game of the October 18 match. The Tigers swept the Blue Knights three games to zero on senior night in Clark Gym. John Narewski/REPORTER Magazine

Wearing a full body purple skin suit with lightning bolts, Jeff Nao gives a thumbs up Saturday, October 15 before competing in the CAB sponsored Soapbox Derby. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

Jon Stewart waxes humorous during a stand up performance at Gordon Field House on October 8, sponsored by CAB as part of Brick City Homecoming. Young Jang/REPORTER Magazine

RIT Womens Soccer's Emily Stecher tries to gain control of the ball against the University of Rochester on Tuesday, September 20. RIT lost the game 2-0. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine

RIT Womens Basketball's Shabnam Razmpour dishes it off to a teammate while being double teamed by two SUNY Brockport players. Brockport defeated RIT 65-47. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine

Comedian Dane Cook performs before an audience of more than 7,000 in the Gordon Field House on Saturday, January 29. Eric Sucar/REPORTER Magazine

Jason Mraz performing at the Gordon Field House on October 7 as part of RIT's Brick City Homecoming. Ralph Smith/REPORTER Magazine

Below:

Ludacris performs for a sold out crowd at the Gordon Field House on Saturday April 30. Kim Weiselberg/REPORTER Magazine



WORD on the Street

compiled and photographed by Ralph Smith

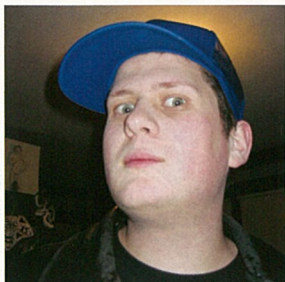
Q: If you could change one thing about 2005 what would it be?



"I would have brought my warm jacket when I was kicked out of my family."

Matt Nicole

Between Majors
Alumnus



"That time I freaked out and yelled those things and broke down crying. I wouldn't have drank that much."

David Oresick

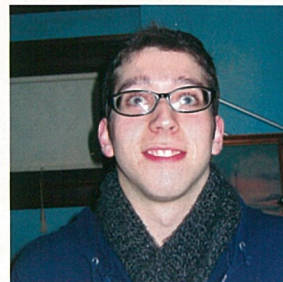
Fine Art Photo – Third Year



"I would make every season of Golden Girls available on DVD."

Adam Maid

Film
Third Year



"Feline AIDS."

Zack Gilbert

Information Technology
Fifth Year



"I would have changed my major a year ago."

Heather Heckel

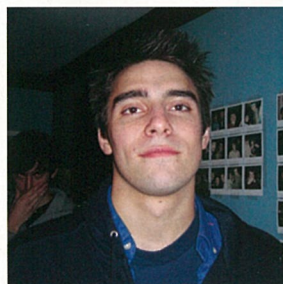
Illustration
Third Year



"My hair color."

Jessica Suworoff

Ad Photo
Fourth Year



"More [non-standard sexual activity]."

Christaan Felber

Ad Photo
Third Year



"Nothing."

Sean Bennett

Metals
First Year



"My choice of shoes."

Andrea Donadio

Photography
Second Year



"More [female body parts]."

Dan Boardman

Photography
Second Year



"My family would not have moved to Texas."

Tristan Blodgett

Fine Art Photo



"I would make it 2004."

Daniel Diliberti

Computer Science
Third Year



The Bizarre of 2005

Looking past CNN's ticker tape

by Monica Donovan | illustration by Mike Norton

The Pope dies, Natalee disappears, Katrina hits, the bird flu rages. We all know the big stories of 2005. Instead of telling you stuff you already know about, we peeked under the weathered rock of 2005 headlines to find some fresh and entertaining grubs for your enjoyment.

Down with Death

In Brazil, the mayor of Biritiba Mirim proposed a ban on death as a solution to the town's only cemetery being full. His proposal to the city council urges residents to "take good care of your health in order not to die." Relatives of people who die before their time would face fines or even jail time.

But the Vatican Said So

The Vatican's chief astronomer said in November that "intelligent design" isn't science and doesn't belong in science classrooms. "If you want to teach it in schools, intelligent design should be taught when religion or cultural history is taught, not science," he said. He is the highest-ranking Catholic official that has made a statement on the issue.

Meanwhile, in Kansas...

The Kansas Board of Education has voted to make the teaching of the principles of intelligent design mandatory. Science teachers will now be required to instruct their students that evolutionary theory is not proven, and will have to add that life is, in fact, so complex that it could not have arisen without the involvement of some 'external agent or higher power.' Board chairman Steve Abrams told reporters: "This is a great day for education."

Not So Bad After All

A child porn offender in Germany turned himself in to the police after mistaking an email he received from a computer worm for an official warning that he was under investigation, authorities said. "It just goes to show that computer worms aren't always destructive," said a spokesman for police in the western city of Paderborn. "Here, it helped us to uncover a crime which would otherwise probably have gone undetected."

In a Trailer Down by the River

A \$200,000 settlement was authorized in the Illinois attorney general's civil case against the Dave Matthews Band after one of its tour bus drivers dumped human waste on a Chicago River tour boat last summer. The lawsuit claimed that at about 1 p.m. on August 8, the bus driver dumped 80 to 100 gallons of human waste over the Kinzie Street Bridge by hitting a toggle switch and emptying a holding tank. The contents of the waste tank landed on an architectural tour boat that was crossing under the bridge below, splashing people on the boat.

Battling Murderers and Landlords

After surviving six gunshot wounds and a jump from her second-story balcony to escape the man trying to kill her, a North Carolina woman was evicted from her apartment for "being too loud." The tenant is a former marine and police officer. The eviction notice said Thomas had violated her lease agreement because she was attacked on the apartment grounds.

40 Goats—Do I Hear 50? 40, Going Once...

Kenyan councilman Godwin Kipkemai Chepkurgor says he offered Bill Clinton 40 goats and 20 cows for his daughter's hand in marriage five years ago. He's still waiting for an answer.

Stop that Bird

In November in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, as the staff of the television company Endemol NV were working to set up four million dominoes in an attempt at a new Guinness Book record, a sparrow flew in through

a window, landed on the formation, and toppled about 23,000 of them before built-in gaps stopped the collapse (an exterminator with an air rifle tracked the bird down in the building and killed it, to the outrage of animal rights advocates).

Down with the Easter Bunny

Bryan Johnson, who portrayed the Easter Bunny at a mall in Bay City, Michigan in April said a 12-year-old boy pummeled him in an unprovoked attack. "He just started hitting," Johnson said. Johnson suffered a bloody nose but didn't fight back.

Now We Know

Mona Lisa was 83% happy, 9% disgusted, 6% fearful, and 2% angry. That's the conclusion reached by a University of Amsterdam computer that applied "emotion-recognition software" to Leonardo da Vinci's work. The recognition algorithm, developed in conjunction with the University of Illinois, tries to assess the human mood by examining key features such as the curvature of the lips and crinkles around the eyes, determining a score with respect to six basic emotions.

The New Pandemic

According to local media in the Russian village of Lazo, a pack of black squirrels was observed biting a stray dog to death. Passers-by were too late to stop the attack, which lasted about a minute. The squirrels are said to have "scampered off at the sight of humans, some carrying pieces of flesh."

The Punishment Fits the Crime

For abandoning 35 kittens in a forest, a 26-year-old Ohio housewife was ordered by Judge Mike Cicconetti to spend a night in the woods under freezing conditions. Judge Cicconetti has won national acclaim for his unique brand of "creative justice." In the past, he has sent a man caught with a loaded gun down to the mortuary to view dead bodies, and ordered teenagers who deflated tires on school buses to throw a picnic for primary school children.

Jerry's Making a List, He's Checking it Twice

Evangelical Church Minister Jerry Falwell's "Friend or Foe" Christmas Campaign urged public schools and private businesses to celebrate Christmas. According to Falwell and his supporters, anyone who hinders this celebration will face a lawsuit from one of his pro bono attorneys. The campaign is led by Falwell and supported by Liberty Council's group of 750 lawyers and the Alliance Defense Fund's 800 attorneys, and Christian groups and churches across the nation. It will rely on supporters to report "Grinch Stores" and "Grinch Cities" that refuse to acknowledge Christmas or elect to use phrasing that is not explicitly Christian.

This year around, if you start to grow weary of hearing the same headlines over and over, check out the sites below for refreshingly irrelevant news from all over the world. •

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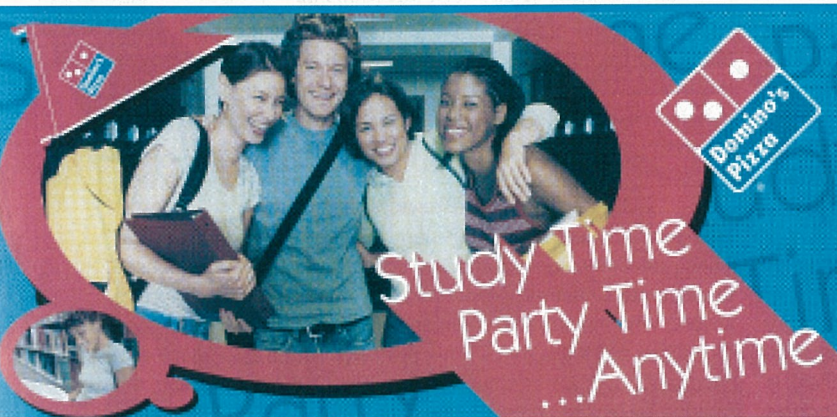
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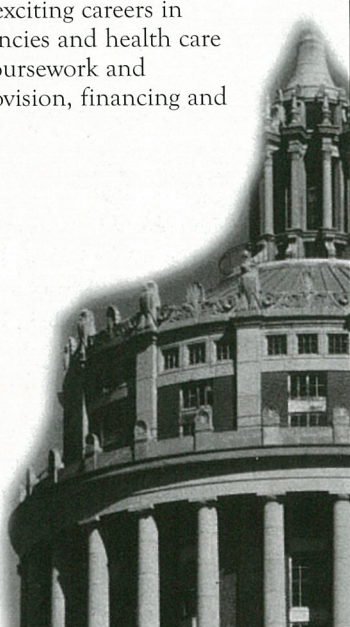
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Men's Basketball

December 9: The Tigers hosted York College for their fourth basketball game of the season. Along with winning the game by a final score of 66-61, the Tigers were happy to see Fran Snyder become the 20th member of RIT Men's Basketball to reach the 1,000 career points plateau.

December 11: Previously unbeaten SUNY Oswego and RIT played in the Harold J. Brodie Championship game. The Tigers won the weekend tournament, 79-63. Tim Bacon reached his career highs of 21 points and 15 rebounds in the game.

December 13: SUNY Cortland handed RIT a 66-52 loss in front of the Clark Gym home crowd. The game was close at the half, but towards the end of regulation Cortland pulled away with a great offensive run that the Tigers could not recuperate from. Tim Bacon led RIT scorers with 19 points for the game.

January 3: RIT and U of R played at Clark Gym for RIT's seventh game of their season. Fran Snyder was the Tiger's leading scorer with 10 points; but that wasn't enough, as RIT lost by a score of 87-45

Record through 1/5/06: 4-3

Women's Basketball

December 10: SUNY Fredonia hosted the Lady Tigers for their fourth game of the season, which ended in a 75-56 loss. RIT was led by Ramata Diallo, who contributed 23 points and 4 assists. Margot Sandy followed close behind with 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Tigers in the effort.

December 29: RIT competed in the California Surfer Classic, a tournament spanning over two days. Beloit College was RIT's first opponent, and they defeated the Lady Tigers 61-49. Margot Sandy led RIT with 13 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 steals, while Christina Ermie added 10 points.

December 30: The West Coast trip concluded for RIT with a game versus Wisconsin Lutheran. Sandy continued her consistent playing with 13 points and 3 steals, but that alone wasn't enough to end the losing streak, which continued with a 63-45 loss.

January 3: U of R headed over to RIT, as RIT returned home for the first time after their California trip, to play at Clark Gym. RIT struggled for most of the game, with U of R winning 79-47.

Record through 1/5/06: 2-5

Men's Hockey

December 9: RIT and SUNY Geneseo faced off on the Ritter Arena Ice Rink. Though Geneseo was the first to strike, the Tigers answered back with six goals of their own with two goals from Steve Farrer and individual goals from three other Tigers. The final score was 6-1.

December 10: RPI and RIT, two leading technological institutes, went goal for goal when the competition shifted over to the ice rink. RIT and RPI's offensive strikes were plenty, and even though RIT posted 7 goals of their own, RPI outscored them with 10. RIT was handed a 7-10 loss.

December 30: The Tigers and Air Force played the first of two games against each other at Colorado. In this game, the Air Force Falcons scored three goals to the Tigers' two from Justin Hofstetter and Simon Lambert, to top RIT 3-2.

December 31: In their second game, RIT was able to keep up with the Air Force offense, with Bobby Raymond and Brad Patry scoring goals in the game. Air Force scored two goals of their own, and the contest ended in a 2-2 tie.

Record through 1/5/06: 5-12-2

Women's Hockey

December 9: RIT visited SUNY Plattsburgh to play the first of three games away from home. Plattsburgh, who is ranked second in Division III Hockey, handed the Lady Tigers a 7-0 shutout loss, breaking the team's four-game winning streak.

December 10: This first game against Castleton gave RIT back their winning edge. Seven different Lady Tigers scored to boost RIT past Castleton 7-1.

December 11: Dayna Byrch and Maegan Geypens scored one goal apiece to give RIT another win against Castleton State. Castleton was shutout by Breanna Dobbe and Nicki Werner, who each had 11 saves in the game.

Record through 1/5/06: 8-2-0

Wrestling

December 10: RIT and SUNY Cortland finished their match with a 16-25 loss for RIT. Micah Vore won at the heavyweight level, while Luke Baum and Nate Bachmann picked up wins at 145 and 157 pounds respectively. At 183 pounds, Justin Betz also took a win.

Record through 1/6/06: 0-2



RIT's Tim Bacon goes up for a shot against Cortland on Tuesday, December 13. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine

Men's Track & Field

December 10: RIT made their presence felt when they competed at the St. Lawrence Holiday Meet. Led by Nate Lowe, who set a meet record at the 5000m run, the Tigers had great finishes in several events.

Event Winners

5000-Meter Run: Nate Lowe (15:15.67)
Pole Vault: Mike Herb (4.25 m)

Women's Track & Field

December 10: The Lady Tigers put up some great competition during the St. Lawrence Holiday Meet. A record-making performance was put on by the 1600 Sprint Relay Team, composed of Lakeisha Perez, Trisha Sliker, Lindsay Kolceski, and Kat Springate, which won the event by more than 20 seconds.

Event Winners

4x800 Meter Relay: RIT 'A' (10:25.35)
1600 Sprint Relay: RIT 'A' (4:26.94)
Distance Medley: RIT 'A' (13:03.12)
Weight Throw: Allison Griggs (13.96m)
Shot Put: Allison Griggs (11.78m)
Pole Vault: Stephanie Matuszewski (2.89m)

Women's Swimming and Diving

December 10: U of R Swimming and Diving defeated RIT by a score of 165-75 at the Judson pool. Sarah Keesler led RIT with two event wins for the meet.

Event Winners

200-Yard Medley Relay: Tigersharks 'A' (1:58.31)
200-Yard Individual Medley: Sarah Keesler (2:20.88)
100-Yard Breaststroke: Sarah Keesler (1:12.52)

Men's Swimming and Diving

December 10: RIT defeated the U of R swimming and diving team by a score of 138-103. During the meet, Tigershark Quinn Donahoe set both school and pool records in the diving competitions.

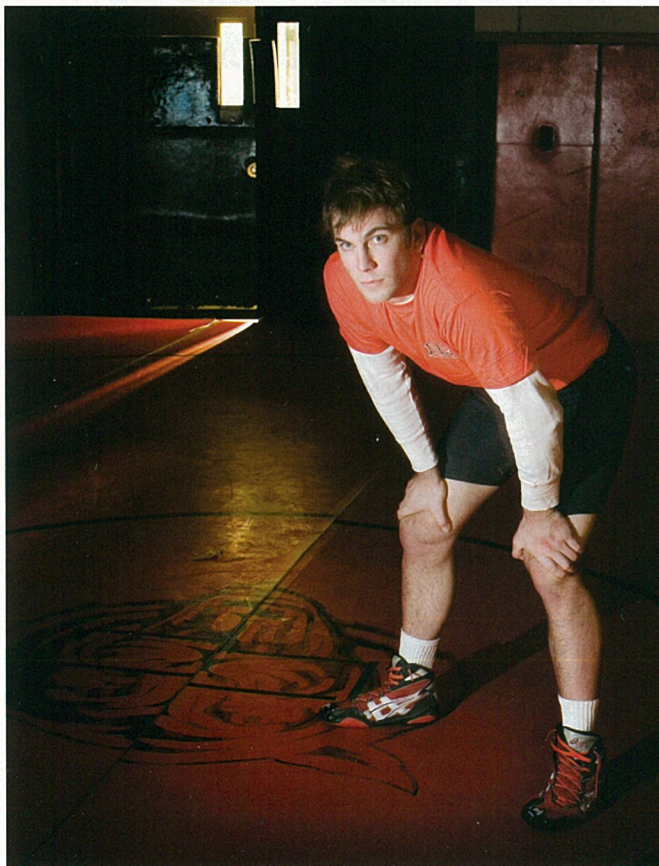
Event Winners

200-Yard Medley Relay: Tigersharks 'A' (1:41.09)
50-Yard Freestyle: Eric Zelbacher (21.66)
1-Meter Dive: Quinn Donahoe (326.70)
100-Yard Butterfly: Eric Zelbacher (53.16)
100-Yard Backstroke: Tyler Morrison (57.35)
3-Meter Dive: Quinn Donahoe (320.05)
100-Yard Breaststroke: Chris Walczk (1:04.54)
200-Yard Freestyle Relay: Tigersharks 'A' (1:30.04)

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THREE STARS

by Richard Hain



Zach Greenberg

Hometown: Saddle River, NJ

Current Year: Senior

Major: New Media Information Technology

Sport: Wrestling

Third year on the team

Winning is the staple of any great athlete, and that is exactly what Zach Greenberg continues to do. Greenberg has in fact only lost to one wrestler this entire season. His tenacity and skill make him a crucial member of the RIT Wrestling team.

"He's very focused and has a winning mentality...he learns from his losses," said wrestling coach Scott Stever. Greenberg has used his talent to better the team as a whole, and doesn't hesitate to take on leadership responsibilities. Stever said, "He steps up to the plate and rallies the guys, vocally and physically." This season Greenberg has matured and learned how to evaluate failures and turn them into successes. "He is now much more coachable and much more focused," said Stever. Greenberg's overall approach to the sport has led his team to success and Greenberg to a great chance at earning an NCAA Tournament bid.

Greenberg's first place finish at the Oneonta Tournament and his third place finish in the RIT Tournament, place him in a favorable position to earn a chance to wrestle in the NCAA Tournament. "He is focused on going to the national tournament," Stever said. This much is clear about Zach Greenberg, he is a talent who is far from unknown and who continually works to improve his abilities.

Zach Greenberg was named the Rochester Area College Athletics male athlete of the week for the third week of November.

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Quinn Donahoe

Hometown: Syracuse, NY

Current Year: Sophomore

Major: Computer Science

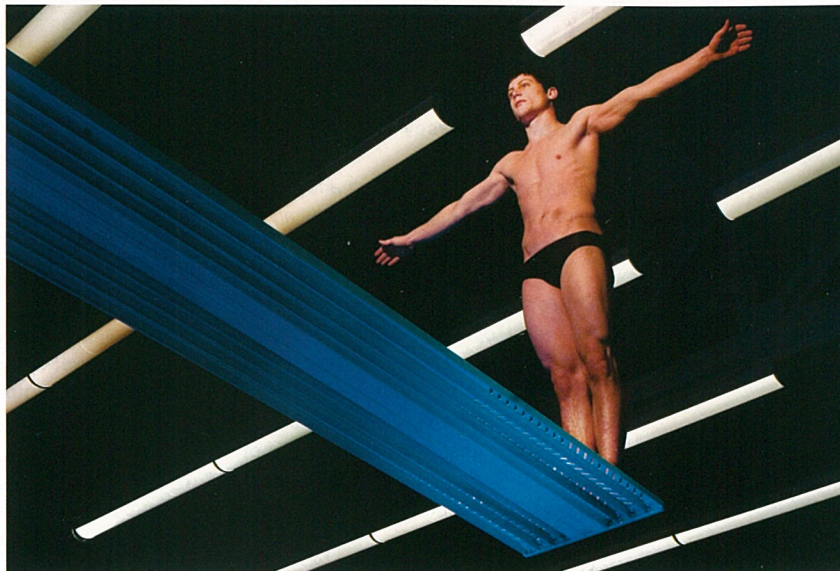
Sport: Men's Diving

Second year on the team

"I've never known an athlete like him, as being totally, totally fearless...it's pretty amazing to watch," diving coach Cliff Devries said of All-American diver, Quinn Donahoe. Donahoe is a rising star in the sport of diving, and his record-setting dives at RIT are leading him to the possibility of national recognition.

Donahoe has dazzled teammates and opposition with his stunning performances. "He has a great awareness of where he is in the air, and he's got a naturally nice body line, so he looks good when he's in the air," Devries said. Donahoe's natural talent and his tremendous work ethic make him a leader in the sport despite his sophomore status. Devries said, "He works as hard as he can, from the first minute to the last minute, and that just spreads to everyone on the team...he's one of the guys who leads in practices and in competitions."

Even though Donahoe is only a sophomore, he has earned an extensive and highly respectable list of accomplishments. Last season Donahoe was sixth in the nation in three-meter diving, and earned All-American honors. He is also a record holder at RIT in both one and three-meter dives. As his list of accomplishments grow, his chances of becoming nationally recognized increase exponentially.



Quinn Donahoe broke his own RIT 1-meter diving record of 294.95 points by earning a score of 305.95 in an early season meet versus St. Lawrence.
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Nicki Werner

Hometown: Quakertown, PA

Current Year: Junior

Major: Chemistry

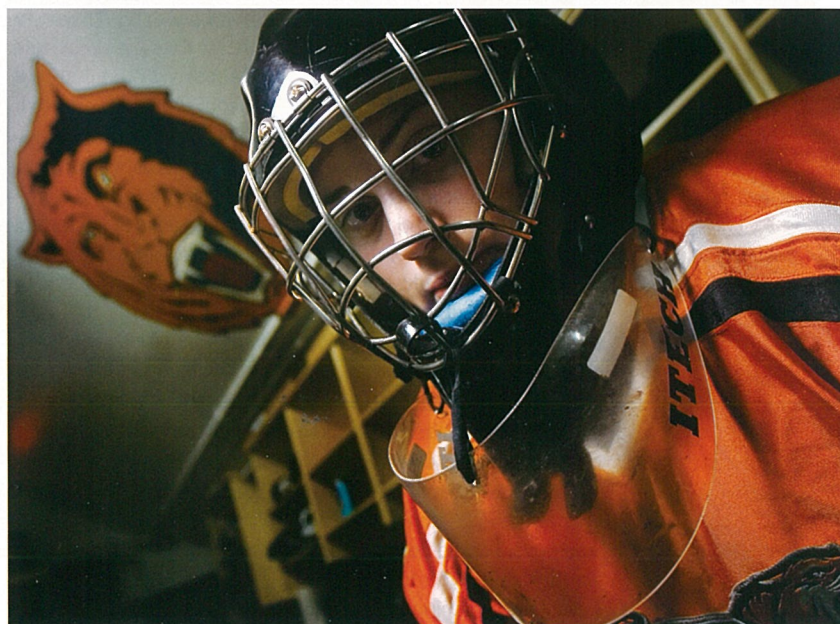
Sport: Women's Hockey

Third year on the team

Nicki Werner, goaltender for the RIT Women's Hockey team, is a catalyst for the Lady Tigers' success. "She's a fierce competitor who, from the moment she steps into the rink, to the moment she steps out of the rink, is always giving 100%," Coach Mike Grainsky said. Her abilities and strength give the team a goalkeeper prepared to lead them to success.

"She's a vocal leader," Grainsky said. As a goalie, she is more than adept at leading on the ice, as well as off. "When she's on and she's playing well," Grainsky said, "she gives the team a big boost." Werner has overcome the obstacles presented by a young defensive line, to produce one of the most effective defensive units in RIT's recent history. "Playing with young defenses is always an obstacle...she had to work a little bit harder and face more shots because of our young defense," said Grainsky.

Werner has split time with other goalie, Breanna Dobbe, but now is beginning to take more responsibility. "Right now, she has taken the lead role in the position," Grainsky said. With a consistent goalkeeping effort, it will be interesting to see if RIT's Women's Hockey team can continue their success on the skates of Nicki Werner.



Women's Hockey team goalie Nicki Werner. Jacob Hannah/REPORTER Magazine



RITRINGS

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compiled by Casey Dehlinger

All calls subject to editing and truncation. Not all calls will be printed. If you have tons to say and you're sober, write a letter to the editor instead.

Thursday 8:51 p.m.

RIT relay operator 9138 here with a relay message: I am Canadian myself. I'm reading the *Reporter*, it is awesome, but sometimes I find it very offen[sive] when *Reporter* wrote about Canadian bullshit. For example, Double Your Stress article, and that says that, "15% of college students lie on surveys, it must be a Canadian thing." F--- you. Grow up. Show your respect. That's all, thanks.

Thursday 11:31 p.m.

Yea, this is the kid that committed Criminal Mischief on November 12. I was in Crime Watch, and I'm calling to tell you that my little article here was way too short. You guys have to put me back in and make it a little more lengthy, okay? Alright? That was expensive turf. Do some more reporting, huh? I'm going to call back.

Thursday 11:33 p.m.

Hi, it's me again. I just wanted to let you guys know, really though this time, how I think you should make my article about tearing up turf a lot longer, okay, because it took me a long time to tear up that turf, so I deserve more writing. Thank you. I'll call back later.

Friday 1:48 a.m.

Hey, what up? It's Julie and John and there's a ton of snow and our car's stuck, so we thought we'd take a moment—although we should not be driving, we're not driving—but we're just trying to dig out our car, I want to make that clear. We just wanted to say hello to...No...Adam is his name. Anyways, we just drove all day, and now we're stuck in this ditch. Anyways, we gotta go. Good night.

Friday 11:23 p.m.

So I hear Jessica Simpson is available. It bothers me, it's really sad that Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey are getting a divorce, but part of me is really excited, I'm not gonna lie. You know who I like more than Jessica Simpson, though? *Reporter* magazine. I just don't know how to put my love into words for you guys. I could do an interpretive dance. I just love you guys, and I wanted you to know, I would hula hoop, I would sing, I would do anything for you. And I love you. Goodbye.

Saturday 12:34 a.m.

I was just wondering, what's your favorite type of lunchmeat?

Saturday 12:38 a.m.

Wahhhh! Do you remember that time that someone called and said they pooped in a toaster? That's really gross, and I don't think people should be pooping in toasters! Because people who poop in toasters are stupid. [to people in background] Somebody pooped in a toaster! They called *Reporter* and said they pooped in a toaster!

Saturday 12:38 a.m.

Apparently someone pooped in an oven, and I don't think that's right, either. So how about we keep poop to toilets?

Saturday 1:11 a.m.

Hey, *Reporter*, what's your favorite lunchmeat? Mine's ham.

Saturday 1:37 a.m.

Hey, *Reporter*, I swear I just heard Chewbacca downstairs. Whoa!

Saturday 2:10 a.m.

Hey, *Reporter*, do you know what the real Wegman's Cruelty is? The fact that, if I'm even seen in a Wegman's with someone that's under 21, I can't buy alcohol. What's up with that? That is Wegman's Cruelty.

Saturday 3:15 a.m.

Yo, is this drunk dial? Listen, what's his face, Rick Thomas is a f----- pussy. You can't stay up, what, what's the f---ing count? 41 hours? F-----, shit, I do that when I'm f----- asleep. Secondly, [ed. note: caller makes really f---ing crude statement]. Man, I f----- turned to it in the stall, and what the f---, goodbye.

Saturday 3:37 a.m.

Hey, I just wanted to say I'm pretty f---ing proud of my brother, computer engineer of the year. Goodbye.



RESOLUTION

by Casey Dehlinger | illustration by Mike Norton

Give the globe a pat on the back—it has completed another lap in the Solar Circuit and it is now 2006 in Jesus-time. Drop any balls lately? That synapse between years is often associated with alcohol and making out (the latter often being caused by the former), but whether you locked lips with a lover or a shot glass, there's a quieter and more internal process that also enters most people's minds: resolutions.

Many people look at resolutions as promises to themselves; whether that promise happens to be losing weight, cutting back on masturbation, flossing, or refraining from using the word "pr'y" as a contraction for 'probably.' It seems, however, that most of these promises deal with some sort of personal image, whether it concerns the way we are perceived visually or how we see ourselves in our mind's eye.

Resolution, of course, can refer to something besides a formal intention. I'll give you a hint: your digital camera had a resolution on New Year's Eve, too. Mine was 4.0 megapixels. Oddly enough, it seems that these two definitions of 'resolution' are coming closer and closer together. You resolve to work out this year, to tone and shape your body so that you're willing to look at yourself at a higher resolution. We're all resolving to bring ourselves to the next level of visual perfection so that we can bump up the resolution and zoom in a little more, year by year, ball drop by ball drop, getting closer and closer to loving each and every pixel of ourselves.

Resolution has yet another meaning. On dictionary.com, the fifth of 11 definitions for resolution is "the act or process of separating or reducing something into its constituent parts." This is what we do to time, chopping it into years, seasons,

months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds, until we have watches linking to satellites so that they can be perfectly synchronized. This is also what we do to our experiences at the end of the year, breaking things down into the good and the bad, deciding what's worth remembering and celebrating and what's worth throwing into the mental recycling bin ('trash,' for all you Mac users).

Any lover of literature could likely predict the last definition. Exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, *resolution*. The finale of the dramatic structure: the denouement. Act V of anything Shakespeare. The happily ever after. This is any elusive New Year's wish to just be happy. In a way, everyone tries to treat New Year's Eve itself as a resolution, a nice ending that ties up all the loose ends, but it isn't. It's a cycle, and it comes back around every year. The only resolution is whether or not you followed through on last year's resolution.

Instead of resolving [promising] to be able to look at ourselves in higher resolution [image quality] by resolving [breaking down] our lives into bits and pieces as a means of finding a resolution [ending], I resolve [propose] that we resolve [terminate an abnormal condition] by being resolute [determined] to simply try to look not at ourselves, but at our world, from as many angles as possible. To bear in mind the goal of bettering not our own image, but our understanding of the world. It may not increase your muscle definition, but even simply acknowledging the many definitions of a word can give your life an added sense of definition.



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