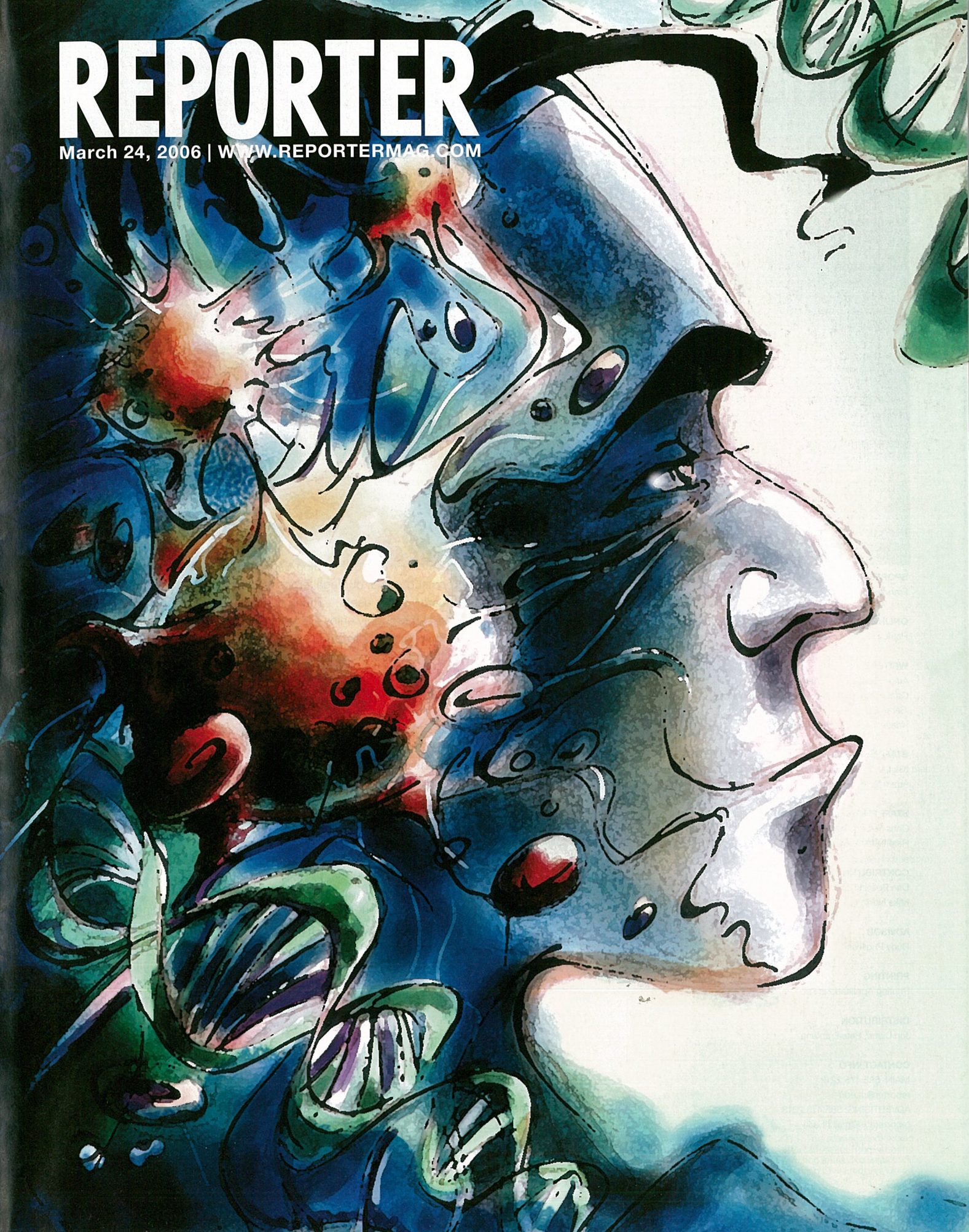


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EDITORIAL

Civil Liberty: One More Reason to use Google

This editorial was supposed to be about stem cell research to play off the feature on page 16. In fact, I was using Google News to find recent articles related to the status of embryonic stem cell legislation in the U.S. However, I became distracted by a story regarding Google's legal battle with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) over a subpoena for search query data. District Judge John Ware announced his verdict on the case last Friday (March 17, 2006). According to which, Google essentially won—or at least privacy as a civil liberty came out victorious. And well, I am one of those kids, who really appreciate their civil liberties.

To summarize the case: the DOJ was working on a defense of the Child Online Protection Act and needed data to survey current internet content filtering. So it turned to: AOL, Yahoo, Microsoft, and Google. The first three search giants apparently complied with their subpoenas for, according to Google's subpoena, "1) All URL's that are available to be located through a query on your company's search engine as of July 31, 2005" and "2) All queries that have been entered on your company's search engine between July 1, 2005, and July 31, 2005, inclusive." Google replied, "No thanks." Through negotiations, the DOJ brought down their request to 50,000 random URLs and 5,000 search queries. Google still didn't budge. Cue Judge Ware. He finally ruled that Google *should* furnish the random URLs, with reasonable recompense, but *should not* have to hand over a single search query.

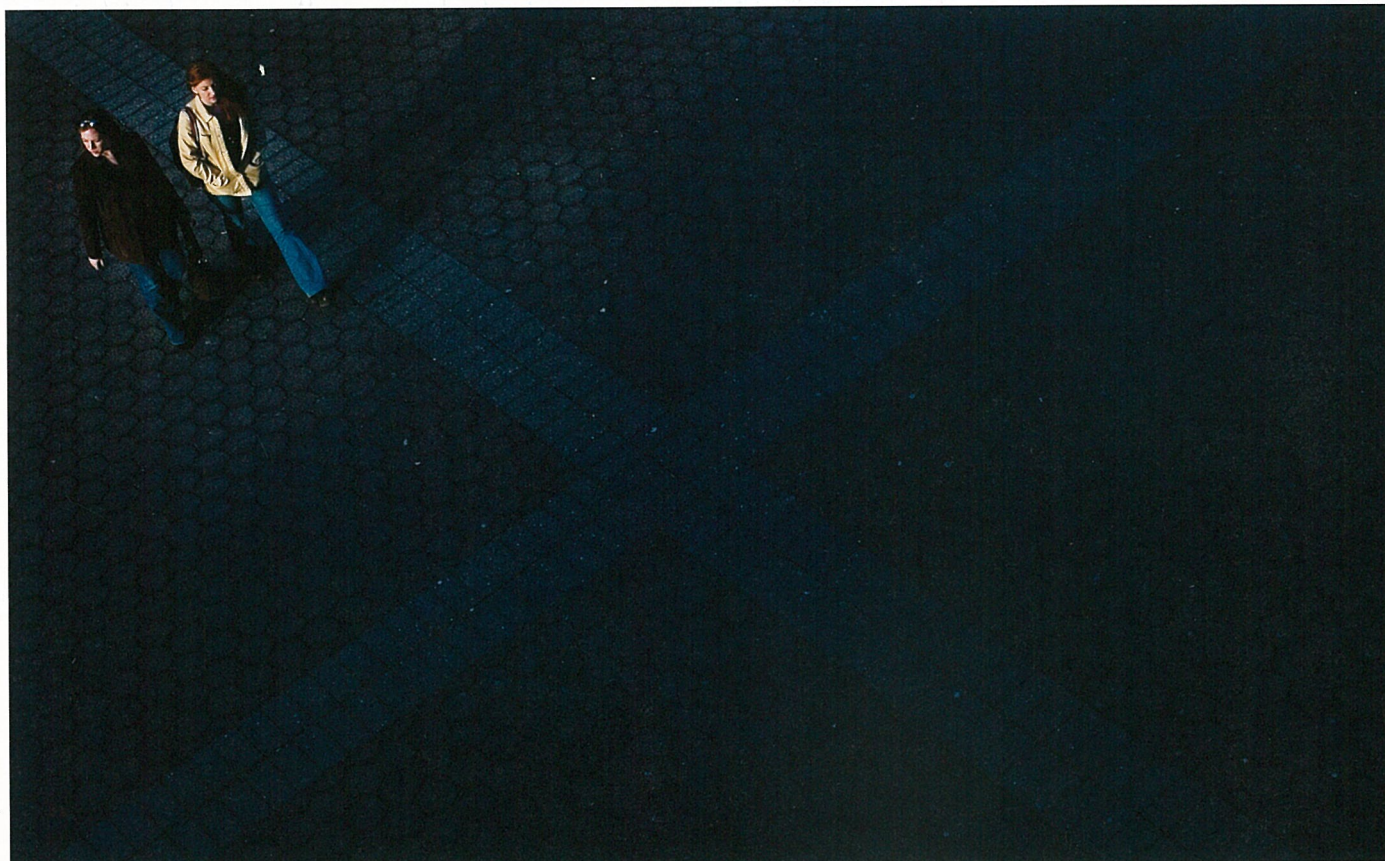
Google's Associate General Counsel Nicole Wong, responded the day of Judge Ware's ruling on the Google Blog, "What his ruling means is that neither the government nor anyone else has carte blanche when demanding data from Internet companies. When a party resists an overbroad subpoena, our legal process can be an effective check on such demands and be a protector of our users." Thank freaking God. I mean, not only am I a huge fan of my privacy, but I thoroughly enjoy a legal system that limits any infringement on it too. And this is why, while I also appreciate national security, I was a bit wary about the "improvement" and reauthorization of the Patriot Act. Granted, some of the improvements did require new public reporting by the DOJ to Congress on many of its actions. But they can still find out what library books I like to read or listen to my cell phone calls if necessary.

And yet, even with such *reasonable* oversight explicitly built into the legislation he endorsed, President Bush willfully refused to require his NSA agents to acquire the legally necessary warrants before, or during the grace period after, spying on domestic phone calls last year. I know that the administration assured us that all phone calls were international connections, but how does that escape the principle of the matter? When I go to Russia this summer to study abroad, should I expect that now both sides of the call could be tapped? I thought such situations were reserved for only authoritarian incursions on civil liberty. And I know this controversy is so two months ago, but I am still a bit unsettled that domestic spying could be seen as perfectly fine in my home "democracy."

The world envies and/or has copied our Bill of Rights. How is it that defending those rights requires overlooking some of them? Now, let me stress: I am not a Bush-hater; I am just a Rights-lover. And Google is a private corporation, who can do whatever they want with the data they have rightfully collected. However, Google, perhaps out of their own private interests, chose to protect their users' data and subsequent privacy. But that is why, when I need to search for information on something like stem cells, I have one more reason to use Google.



Erhardt Graeff
Editor in Chief



Two students walk through the last rays of sunshine outside Wallace Library on Friday afternoon, March 17, 2006. David Wright/REPORTER Magazine

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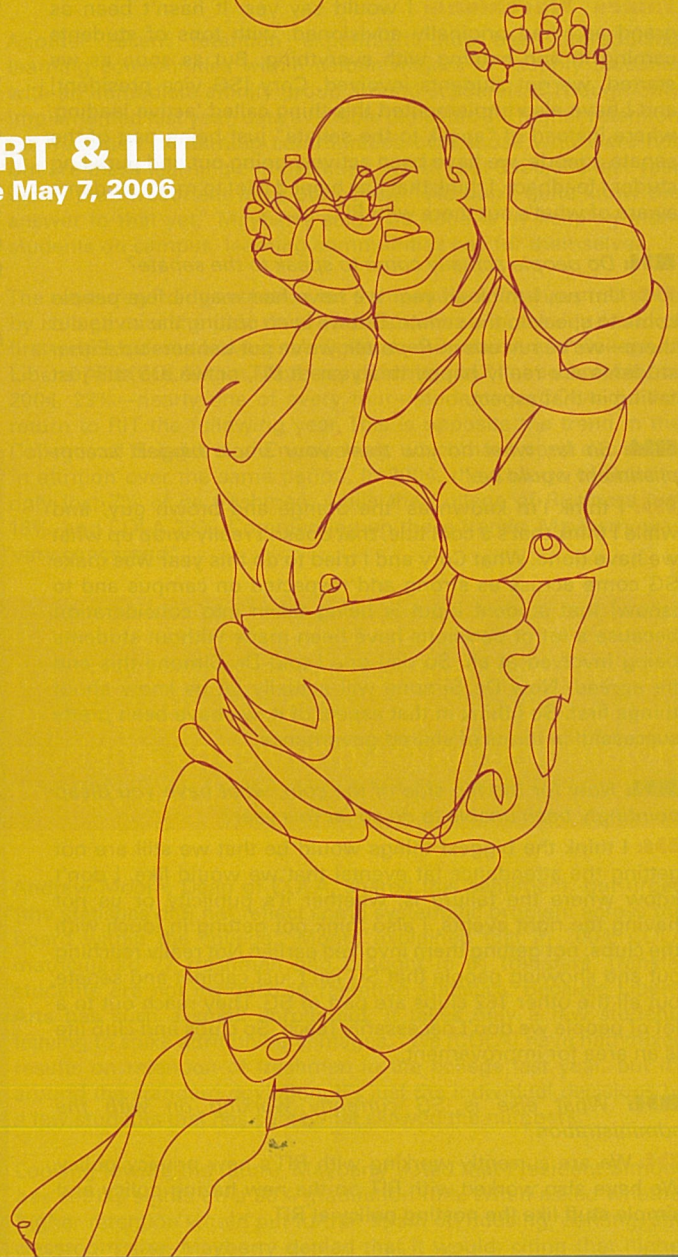
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More than

an Interview with Student government



President James Macchiano

by Ben Foster | photograph by David Wright

Reporter Magazine: When you ran last year, you wanted to increase student involvement in Student Government (SG). Do you think you've been successful in accomplishing that?

James Macchiano: I would say yes. It hasn't been as grand as I had originally envisioned, with tons of students coming in and helping with everything. But as soon as we started, we got students involved. Cory [SG vice president] and I have also implemented this thing called 'active leading,' where instead of "speak to the senate" just being part of the senate agenda, we have been actively going out and pursuing student feedback. I think that has helped a lot to make students aware of what's out there with RIT.

RM: Do people actually come to speak to the senate?

JM: Um no, I think all year we have had maybe five people come to speak to the senate. But we keep putting the invite out there—we've run ads in *Reporter*, we've put banners up. Either students are really happy this year at RIT, or we are still just failing in that aspect.

RM: So far, what do you think your single biggest accomplishment would be?

JM: I think I'm known as 'the orange and brown guy,' and while I think that's a cool title, that doesn't really wrap up what we have done. What Cory and I tried to do this year was make SG come across as strong and respected on campus and to [show] that student input is being taken into consideration, because a lot of decisions have been made without students being involved at all. So day one I told Dr. Simone this and he agreed. Now Dr. Simone will actually let us know about things first. So I think in that aspect of it, we have been pretty successful in terms of shared governance.

RM: Now for the flip side of the coin, what have you disappointingly been unable to do so far this year?

JM: I think the biggest things would be that we still are not getting the attendance [at events] that we would like. I don't know where the failure is, whether it's publicity or us not having the right events. I also think not getting in touch with the clubs; not getting them involved earlier. Not really reaching out and showing people that SG isn't just cabinet and senate, but all the other 162 clubs are part of SG. They reach out to a lot of people we don't necessarily reach. So clubs and club life is an area for improvement.

RM: What else is SG currently working on with the administration?

JM: We are currently working with RIT's new privacy policy. We have also worked with RIT on the new hazing policy and simple stuff like the posting policy at RIT.

RM: Do you think Student Government's input is actually listened to?

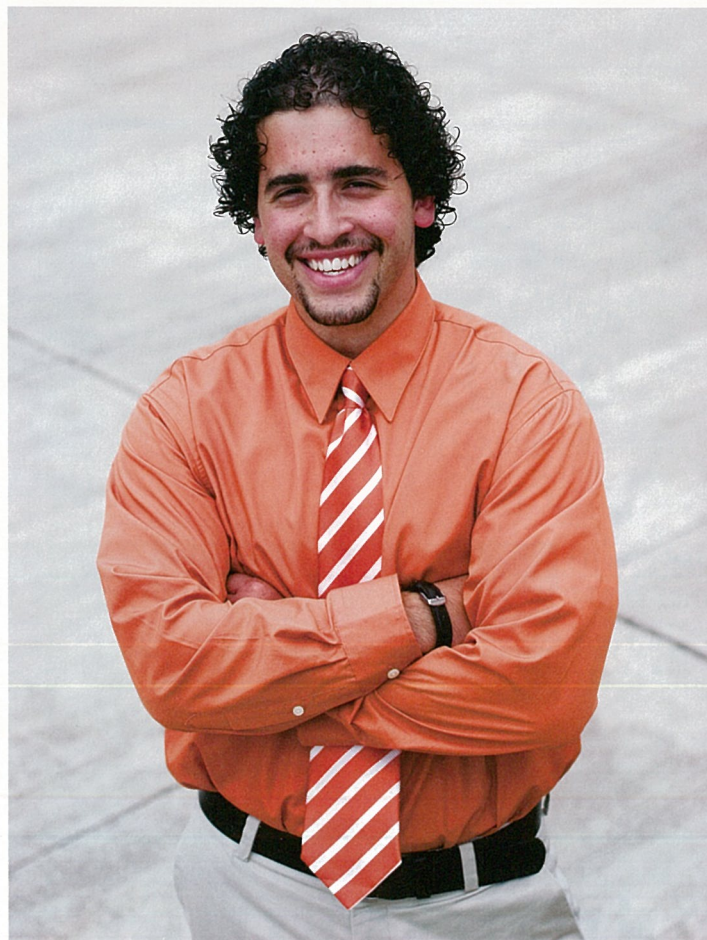
JM: Yeah. I mean, a lot of the time, decisions have to be made regardless. But at least now, before they go and make a decision, they stop and say "wait, what is the student input?"

What do the students have to say about this?" I don't yet have an example of us directly stopping something or making big changes. But the fact of the matter is that the administration comes to us to get our opinions and ideas, which was not happening before.

RM: What do you want people to remember when they think about you and your presidency?

JM: Ideally, I'd love people to say I was able to start some traditions and helped revive the spirit of the school and unite a lot of different parts of this campus. I mean, I'll settle for being the orange and brown guy with the blazer and all that stuff, but I'd love to be that *uniter* who was able to get this campus thinking about how to work with one another. If you get everyone working together at a college, it's easy to give students a great time and a great experience. •

For the full interview text, check out our website: www.reportermag.com



RIT Reverses Retention Trends, Almost

by Adam Botzenhart | photograph by Chris Felber



"We have done some very quick-fix things [to improve the graduation rate], one of them being the ability students now have to exclude grades from counting in their cumulative GPA," Mayberry noted. It used to be, students joked, that it was easier to transfer to another university than between colleges within RIT, Mayberry recalled. Now, if a student changes majors, only grades for required classes of the new major are included in GPA—an incentive for students considering changing majors to stay at RIT.

Another recent retention experiment has been introducing learning communities within certain majors to "supply students with an immediate affinity group around academics." Though only implemented last year, data available indicates 3% higher retention for freshmen in learning communities over those who were not. But are these learning communities, which cost \$300,000 last year, worth the investment for a 3% boost? "We don't quite know the answer to that yet," Mayberry said. The hope is by keeping more students on campus, learning communities pay for themselves.

The news regarding retention isn't all positive. Freshmen attrition by college over the past three years shows an increasing trend of first-year students leaving the College of Business and College of Liberal Arts (COLA) that Mayberry describes as "not acceptable." In 2004, 23%—nearly one of every four—students in COLA did not return to RIT the following year. This is opposite the trend in the Colleges of Science and Engineering, which have seen decreases in attrition over the same period. In 2004, the College of Science only lost 7% of its freshmen, while the College of Business lost 18%, and COLA 23%. Commenting on these trends, Mayberry was "very concerned."

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RIT is winning the war on freshmen attrition—at least, that's what a recent report presented to the Institute Council seems to indicate. In 1999, just under 16%—almost one out of every six—of all entering freshmen did not return to RIT the following year. This number has now dropped to around 11% for those classes entering in 2003 and 2004; a victory for those who have been working to improve retention on campus, including Dr. Katherine Mayberry.

Mayberry, 25-year employee of RIT and current Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been "working on retention for a long time." She remembers in 1988 when President Simone first took up the charge to improve graduation rates, and has since chaired two task forces on retention, one in 1999 and another in 2004.

Mayberry described the report, which she presented to the Institute Council in January, as "mostly good news," but indicated there is room for improvement. "In 2000, a goal was set and approved by the Board of Trustees to reach a graduation rate of 75% by 2011," said Mayberry. In 2001, the graduation rate was just 57.4%. If achieved, reaching 75% would mark a 17.6% increase in just a decade. RIT's current graduation rate is 64.4%.

Andrew Moore, Dean of COLA, shared this sentiment, but urged "[the statistics did] not reflect some systematic problem across the board within the college." Moore explained that in 2004, COLA matriculated 77 freshmen and brought in 61 transfers. Transfer students are not included in retention statistics. Because Liberal Arts has such a small enrollment, it takes only a few students leaving to spike attrition percentages. "We [COLA] have had mixed results on retention of freshmen in the college last year, but it's around the standard deviation. It's just the individual decisions by a few students that has somewhat skewed the numbers."

Looking toward the future, Mayberry noted that President Simone has set his sights on a 90% graduation rate. When asked whether higher retention would put further strain on housing, parking, and classroom size, Mayberry denied that it would, citing that higher retention means smaller incoming freshmen class sizes and more selective admittance. "When we started this, we were keeping about 57%. At 75% we can become much more selective at the front end, and there's no question that selectivity and retention are associated." •

MY SPACE HOLIDAY

by Krister Rollins | illustration by Michael Norton

SPACE TRAVEL IS REALLY ALL ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS: THE WAY YOU STRAP INTO BED. THE CAREFUL SUCTION AND FITTING OF THE WASHROOM FIXTURES.

The Earth hung in the sky before me, majestic and pregnant with possibility. White clouds whirling over the blue and green; life-giving gem in front of me. She eclipses stars, radiates light, and reminds those of us on the observation deck of our long past and unknown future. "Amazing," I said, turning back toward the deck. "Look at all the gambling."

I'D SEEN THE EARTH FROM POLE TO POLE IN A QUICK GLANCE, I'D LOST MY SHIRT, I'D LOST MY LUNCH, I PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL IN ANY PLACE WITH LAWS. WHAT NOW?

So, I pushed off for the slots and was immediately grounded by security. "Of course you can't just go jumping every which way," he told me, "You'd have collisions and accidents and all hell would break loose."

My first day in space and I'm already grounded.

Space Tourism is a class offered in the Hospitality and Service Management program. The class was the brainchild of Dr. Francis Domoy, who started the program in 1999. "[Domoy] was on a space tourism panel (at a Space Frontiers conference) with Buzz Aldrin,

the astronaut and second man on the moon," reports Cliff Wallington, professor of the Space Tourism class.

I returned to my room after losing my shirt at the galactic cockfight. I bet my money on the Bantam, but didn't see the Rhode Island Red's afterburner on his jet pack. Win some, lose some. Back in the room, I discovered that space travel is really all about the little things: The way you strap into bed. The careful suction and fitting of the washroom fixtures. I also got my first taste (so to speak) of zero-gravity vomit. Hey, even professional astronauts toss their cookies.

"The class covers the development of space tourism, the problems inherent in space tourism, and some of the potential for space tourism," says Professor Wallington. The class covers every aspect of how things in space will be different, from sanitation to hiring to marketing.

The Dramamine helped, so I decided to recoup some of my losses at the free buffet. Lo and behold, all the food was specially prepared to deal with the rigors of zero gravity. I drank my cocktail from a straw that only worked when I bit down on it. I choked a little before discovering that I had to forcibly stop the flow of liquid—no gravity to do it for me. I ate my crackers and cheese with a spoon, as they'd been reduced to a paste to avoid crumbs. I actually got some satisfaction from the way my spoon just hung in the air after I was done with it. Now what?

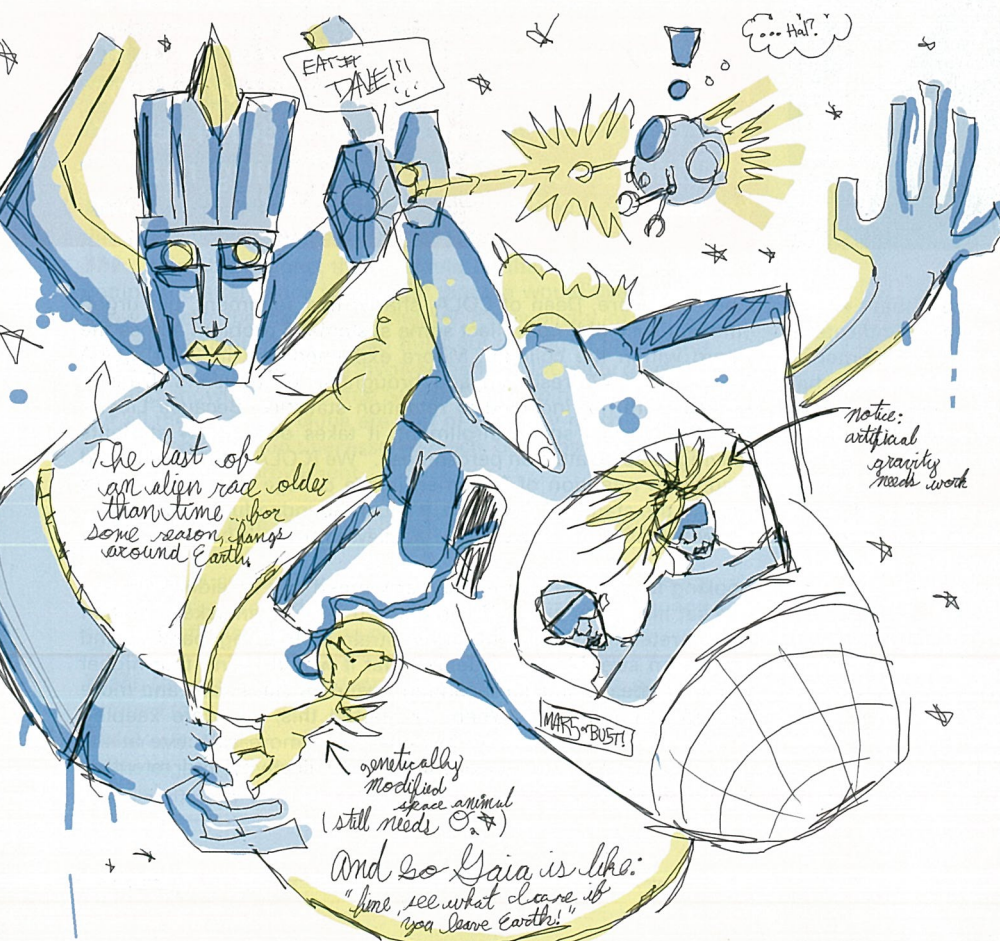
I'd seen the Earth from pole to pole in a quick glance, I'd lost my shirt, I'd lost my lunch, I participated in activities that would be illegal in any place with laws. What now?

MY FIRST DAY IN SPACE AND I'M ALREADY GROUNDED.

"Zero-gravity games have been a source of projects for the class," says Wallington, "We've had everything from Quidditch to indoor and outdoor laser tag with remote firing stations from Earth."

I strapped on the clunky MagnaCleats and headed toward the soccer field. Stretched over the interior of a cube, with the appropriate accommodations made for the extra goals, the soccer game raged like worms in a puddle. People jumped everywhere, colliding and tumbling but never really falling. Of course, my team wound up losing soccer, too. I can't complain, though. I was still on top of the World.

Interested in Space Travel? Richard Branson of Virgin Atlantic has recently signed a deal with Scaled Composites for sub-orbital vehicles by 2009. THE FUTURE IS NOW. •



BeyondBricks

compiled by Adam Botzenhart

Week two of Beyond the Bricks. If you weren't able to figure it out, the false news item from yesterweek was the SAU/Crime Watch riot story. At least, I'm pretty sure it was false...since I'm writing this early, it could still happen. So maybe I'll be wrong, but it'll be the best wrong I've ever been. If you don't know the drill, below is odd news from around the world. One of the stories is a fabrication. All else, true.

The week in news:

Hockey, Shootout, Dick Cheney, Hunting Vests

(AP) A minor league hockey team, the Las Vegas Wranglers, has announced plans to host a "Dick Cheney Hunting Vest Night." As a gift for attending, the first 1,000 spectators will receive complementary bright orange vests with the words, "Don't Shoot, I'm Human," printed on them.

Bong Hits 4 Jesus

(Reuters) The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled that an Alaskan high school student's free speech rights were infringed upon when the school principal seized a banner, which read "Bong Hits 4 Jesus," and suspended him for 10 days.

Why Don't we Try...Sex Dolls

(Reuters) Sex dolls have been selected to star in a new set of public ads funded by the Mexican government. The ads, which will run on television, print, radio, and billboards across the country, showcase sex dolls with "staring eyes and gaping red mouths" dressed in business wear and seated at computers. The campaign aims to help combat machismo and workplace harassment in Mexico by creating mild controversy and making a statement about the use of women as workplace sex objects.

Harvard to Offer Degree in Homemaking

(AP) Harvard, one of the nation's top universities, has just approved plans to offer a degree in homemaking come fall semester. The program, which came about after the financial success of Martha Stewart as well as the hit television show Wife Swap, will offer a number of courses focusing on child rearing, household management, and family sustainability. "We've seen a number of very bright female students entering college looking to pursue careers in more alternative fields, such as homemaking, as opposed to more traditional business and service career paths," a top Harvard administrator said. "I think homemaking is reaching the point where it is being recognized as an economically viable career path—offering such a degree program will help encourage it among young students."

Life is a Highway

(Reuters) A 75-year-old man was discovered dead in his car after a passing motorist checked to see if the car was for sale. The man had been dead in his car at least three days on the shoulder of the Trans-Canada Highway before anyone realized it. The dog traveling with the man survived.

Ad Rights to Pregnancy Sold on eBay

(AP) A St. Louis woman has sold the advertising rights to her pregnancy on eBay for \$1,000. The California internet company that won the auction now has the right to broadcast the birth of the baby live on the internet and tattoo their logo on the woman's stomach.

RIT Forecast

compiled by Adam Botzenhart

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NTID Star Search:

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Panara Theatre and LBJ Street. Hosted by Deaf International & Sigma Sigma Sigma. Students will be performing all night long. Free to all, refreshments provided.

ACS Poker Night:

7 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. SAU Cafeteria. Asian Culture Society hosts a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament. \$10 buy in. 1st place: 60GB iPod Video.

Dancin' Through The History of Jazz:

8 p.m. – 10 p.m. Concert in Ingle Auditorium. Michael Lasser, Rod Blumenau, Bill Evans, and Adrienne Wilson. \$5 students. \$12 faculty. \$18 public.

Open Mic Night:

10 p.m. – Midnight. Ritz Sports Zone. Presented by CAB and RITSMA. Showcase your talents and win prizes. Perhaps even face humiliation. Free to all.

Saturday
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MAR

Empire Nationals Wrestling Championship:

8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Gordon Field house. A day of wrestling. Rochester's first ever K-12 national wrestling individual and team tournament. Cost=zero.

Mi Tierra Dance:

10 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. SAU Cafeteria. Dance! Sponsored by Lambda Alpha Upsilon. \$1 faculty/students/staff. \$5 public.

CAB Saturday Night Standup – Bill Burr:

11 p.m. – 1 a.m. Ingle Auditorium. Bill Burr has been seen on VH1's *I Love the 80's* as well as *Naked Celebrities*, Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd* and *Chappelle's Show*. \$1.

Sunday
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Spring Train Show:

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. SAU. Hosted by the Model Railroad Club. Stop by if you like trains. Small ones.

Monday
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MAR

Women's History Week Celebration Kickoff:

8 p.m. – 10 p.m. NRH 1250. Make bracelets and key chains to show your support for women's history week on campus. Free Beanz gift cards. Free t-shirts.

Tuesday
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MAR

Gravure Day:

10 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Slaughter 2230/2240. gra-vure: noun. A method of printing with etched plates or cylinders; intaglio printing.

Women's History Week Girlfriends Nite:

8 p.m. – 10 p.m. NRH 1250. An evening for the ladies. Free t-shirts.

Wednesday
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MAR

RIT Spring Career Fair:

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Gordon Field house. Stop by to check out potential jobs and co-ops.

Women's History Week Diva Bingo:

8 p.m. – 10 p.m. NRH 1250. Bingo with an emphasis on women. Win prizes. More free t-shirts.

Thursday
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MAR

Women's History Week Speaker:

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Skalny Room, SAU. Speech titled: "A Celebration of the Past and a Look Ahead." Wear the free t-shirts you have accumulated to show your support.

COLA Global Engagements:

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Webb Auditorium. Frances Moore Lappe will be presenting "Democracy's Edge: Beyond Daddy Politics to People-Powered Solutions." Lappe is author of *Diet for a Small Planet* and *Hope's Edge* and founder of Food First and the Small Planet Institute.

CAB Thursday Night Cinema Series:

10 p.m. – Midnight. Ingle Auditorium. Now showing: Van Wilder. Tagline: The tradition continues. I'm pretty sure that's about the lamest tagline. Free éclairs.



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RIT *Spit or Swallow?*

“Semi-dry, medium bodied, delicate.”



by **Casey Dehlinger** photography by **Ralph Smith**

In short, I spit it out. Granted, in professional wine tasting, the true wine connoisseur spits the wine out so that the alcohol doesn't inebriate him or her, so as not to cloud the taster's judgment of the various selection of juried wines. That's not why I spit it out.

Not many people know that RIT makes its own wine; this partly has to do with the fact that RIT isn't allowed to sell it on campus. (not to mention, I believe selling it on campus would be quite hypocritical, given RIT's stance on alcohol). However, it can be picked up at seven different liquor stores in the area. Hint: the seven closest ones to campus.

The caustic stuff was made as part of that whole 175th Anniversary push, but let me stress that, being 176, RIT is allowed to drink the wine. Most students, however, are not. This is not a hot tip. Don't send your legal friends out to pick up a bottle. As a matter of fact, the wine's main selling point is, in fact, its price; coming in at less than \$10 a bottle (it started at \$9.99 when first released, but the price has aged gracefully, like a good red wine is supposed to), you can afford this stuff on a student's budget.

But, as I was saying, I'm not here to promote this firewater; I'm here to tell you a cautionary tale.

Tiger Paw Red

I have tasted red wines that have a sort of "oak" taste to them, but never have I tasted a wine that so distinctly reminded me of tree bark. I often pick up an oak aged red wine, but only under the assumption that I'll taste more than tree when I sip away.

The grapes used in this little poison were French American hybrids. Mutant grapes. The bottle boasts, "dry, full bodied, hearty." It should say, "Caution!" Although it is dry, it isn't the sort of dry that can make your mouth tingle, it's just...dry. For the sake of being dry? I'll never know. It isn't complex enough; it just has one persistent biting taste that is no different from its aftertaste.

It is hearty, however. A better word might be relentless. Once you put the stuff in your mouth, it puts up a hell of a fight. I like to imagine whoever bottled this little number giggling maniacally to his or herself, saying, "This will show them!"

Tiger Paw White

Made from a blend of hybrid and vinifera grapes, this wine also ended up having a very natural taste. Instead of tree bark, it was reminiscent of grass. Granted, this was an improvement over the red; the grass didn't completely dominate the rest of the taste, which was comparable to just about any quasi-dry boxed wine; perhaps a chablis or a chardonnay.

It also had a better sense of what "dry" is supposed to mean in a wine; it is an element to be added to a palatable taste. Its proud (and poorly designed) label says, "Semi-dry, medium bodied, delicate." I wouldn't accuse the bottle of perjury or anything, although it actually is more complex than the red and not exactly delicate.

Also, the fact that, in true wine fashion, the red was tasted at room temperature while the white was chilled probably plays into things. A lot of imperfections can hide behind the temperature.

Other attendees compared the white to, "dirty socks, but in the best of ways." Whatever that means. Pretentious bastards. •



It is a year of change for the Marvel and DC Universes (MU and DCU, respectively). Both have been shaken to the core; massive events across all titles are ongoing. But is it gold or just glitz? Two great events and the three best comics running, in this edition of the bi-annual comics roundup!

⚡ lightning bolt greatness

by Elliot Jenner illustration by Mike Norton

COMICS ROUNDUP SPRING '06

A CRISIS, A CHANGE, A RESET, A MANIAC, AND A MAYOR

Infinite Crisis

20 years ago, the first ever comic reboot "Crisis on Infinite Earths", ended the multiverse and redefined the DCU. So many questions were left unanswered in that first installment. What happened to the survivors of the multiverse? Who destroyed the Justice League watchtower? What is the anomaly at the center of the universe? What is the true goal of Brother Eye? Now Infinite Crisis, the long awaited sequel to that series, is tackling those questions. After a year of buildup, the payoff is awesome. Nothing is what you expect (and that's why I can't say anything more!). Read it! ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

House of M/Decimation

The Scarlet Witch went mad, shaping the MU into Magneto's image of mutant superiority. The heroes fought back, and the world was restored, but now, in the wake of the House of M, mutants have been reduced from millions to hundreds! The X-Men are under house arrest by sentinels! The Avengers face a new foe in the mysterious collective! With some of the best stories in years, the MU has been changed forever. You need to tune in and see what becomes of your favorite heroes. ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

Cable & Deadpool

Everyone's favorite cyborg-temporally-displaced-son-of-a-clone-future-messiah is back. Cable's gotten his own utopian island nation. No crime, no immigration quotas, and no money all add up to a nation the rest of the world is really nervous about. But Cable's disappeared, and it's up to his buddy Deadpool, the deadliest assassin and craziest character in the MU, to find him. What does all this have to do with Apocalypse? Will Providence survive? And can Deadpool really talk to the readers? This book is the funniest thing running. Deadpool is off the wall and Cable plays a great straight man while the rest of the supporting cast tries to figure out what is going on. ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

Legion of Superheroes

The future is a utopia. No crime, no poverty, no interpersonal interaction; everything is perfectly controlled for maximum status quo. Picture Brave New World, but with more super powers. Formed as the ultimate counter culture organization, the Legion aims to show a stagnant society a new way. After averting galactic war, the Legion is promoted to an official government office and finds itself in a position to put its ideal into practice. But, in the background, the Science Police work to counter the Legion's efforts. What will be the role of this Legion? Stay tuned as the book becomes "Supergirl and the Legion of Superheroes" in the fallout from Infinite Crisis. This sort of dystopian utopia is the kind of thing you could see happening, where humanity's need for security has gotten out of control. And it's up to the youth movement to break the funk. ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

Ex Machina

It's a world like ours. There are no superheroes. Until, in the late 90s, construction worker Michael Hundred stumbles upon an alien artifact that gives him the power to talk to machines. As the Great Machine, he tries the superhero gig, but it doesn't work out. Having struck a deal with the government to avoid criminal charges, Hundred has turned his efforts in another direction: he's become the mayor of New York City. Now, it's 2003, and with the nation on the path to war with Iraq, a terrorist bombs a peace rally. Mayor Hundred must decide between the right of his constituents and their lives. This thriller manages to capture the tension of the situation without getting bogged-down in political seriousness. ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

New Music Releases by Long-time Favorites are Welcomed Returns

by Markell Williams

2006 is off to a slow and uninteresting start in terms of music releases. Nothing, and I mean nothing, has had me running off to the record store or rushing to login into iTunes. But that could soon change. The coming months will feature new music releases by long-time favorites, such as Prince, Ben Harper and Janet Jackson (just to name a few). Having been out of the spotlight for a few years, their new music is sure to add some excitement and maybe even a little controversy to the music industry's current climate.

Prince – 3121, Universal

After having one of the highest grossing tours of 2004 and a top-selling record with *Musicalology*, Prince returns to the scene with the March 21st release of *3121*. Fans can expect an eclectic album, mixing elements of rock, funk, soul, jazz and hip-hop. The album will include the singles "Te Amo Corazon," the funky/retro "Black Sweat" and "Beautiful, Loved and Blessed," which features his protégé Tamar.

Ben Harper – Both Sides of the Gun, Virgin

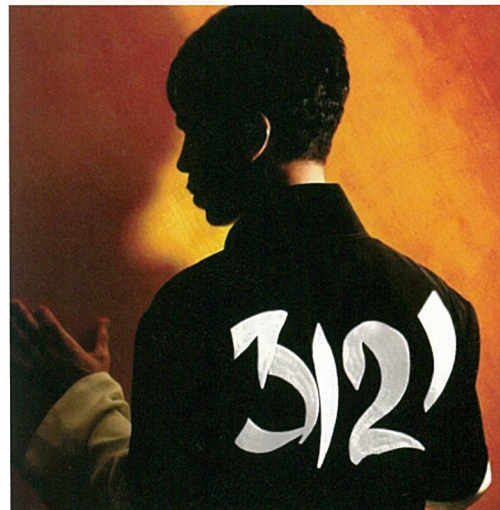
Ben Harper fans should be on the lookout for his follow-up to 2003's *Diamonds On The Inside*, a double disc album entitled *Both Sides of the Gun*. The self-produced 18-track set is to be released on March 21st. The two discs provide a contrast; the first contains harder, more socially conscious songs and the second has a softer, more intimate feel. Highlights include "Black Rain," a song about the response to Hurricane Katrina, the bluesy "The Way You Found Me," and the ballads "Morning Yearning" and "Happily Ever After in Your Eyes," inspired by Harper's long-time love, actress Laura Dern.

Outkast – Idlewild, LaFace

You've got to admit—Outkast's *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below* was one of the best hip-hop releases of 2003. Outkast is looking to recreate that magic with the April release of *Idlewild*, the soundtrack to their movie of the same name. *Idlewild* (the movie) details the experience of running a speakeasy in the 1930s. The movie will feature Patti LaBelle, Cicely Tyson, Macy Gray, Terrence Howard, and Ben Vereen to name a few. Though this movie is a period piece, fans can expect to hear a classic Outkast album with an organic flair.

Janet Jackson – 20 Years Old, Virgin

Janet Jackson's last album was 2004's lackluster *Damita Jo*. The album did not fare nearly as well its predecessors, possibly due to poor promotion and backlash from the infamous Super Bowl incident. Since then, Jackson has been hard at work on new music. *20 Years Old* is Jackson's ninth studio effort and is slated for release this summer. The title celebrates the twentieth anniversary of her 1986 breakthrough album *Control*. As expected, longtime producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis are on board. Other possible producers include Kwame, Kanye West, and The Avila Brothers. Jermaine Dupri also serves as one of the executive producers on the set. Judging from the success he's had with Usher and Mariah Carey, his expertise may be enough to put Jackson back at the top.



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STREAM OF FACTS

MARCH 24th

March 24, 1973 – Pink Floyd releases *Dark Side of the Moon*, which is arguably one of the best rock records ever. It is also a concept album that focuses on such themes as **money**, time, and death.

The currency (or **money**) of Vietnam is the Dong. It takes 95,460 Dongs to equal \$6, which is the current going-rate for the movie *Clue*, starring Tim **Curry**.

Tea, along with **curry**, is one of the few pan-Asian foods in existence. While it's traditional to combine a teabag and hot water, it's also possible to **smoke** a teabag, as it's made from a plant in the marijuana family.

Smoke (a ninja assassin) made his debut in *Mortal Kombat II*. However, he wasn't a playable character until *Mortal Kombat 3* (and even then, the player had to **unlock** him first).

You can **unlock** a door by turning the key away from the doorframe. When unlocking my apartment, I invariably screw this motion up. My inability to learn from past mistakes makes me unqualified to serve as a Public Safety Officer in **Los Angeles** (as per their job requirements).

Death Row Records, a **Los Angeles** based music label, was a major player in the infamous East Coast-West Coast rivalry of the mid-90s. For rapper Tupac Shakur, the label turned out to be literal: his **murder** was a result of that feud.

In some countries, a mother can **murder** her newborn child and get away with it, as long as she can prove that it was the result of post-partum depression. **Canada** is one such country.

On March 24, 1837, **Canada** granted voting rights to its black citizens. This is a full 33 years before the United States passed the Fifteenth Amendment, which guaranteed those same rights.

QUOTE

"If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get a million miles per gallon, and explode once a year, killing everyone inside."
– Robert X. Cringely

Limerick

by Brian Garrison
I once saw a man who was drunk
Go stumbling along past a skunk.
He peed when he stopped,
And p-ed the skunk off,
And for the next month his junk stunk.

REPORTER RECOMMENDS

Mooching debit off your friends. Let's face it: \$1100 is a lot of food. Your friends working on an all-debit meal plan are never going to spend all of that money alone. Oh, they could try. And fail. And get fat in the process. In short, they are going to need help. Invite your debit-laden friends to lunch. Sure, you could probably sugarcoat the request by using phrases like "We never see each other anymore" or "I'd really like to spend some time with you" or "Wow, you look really hot in that skirt." But, never let all this needless chatter get in the way of your ultimate goal. My friends, there is such a thing as a free lunch. You've just got to mooch your way to it.

RANDOM REVIEW

With the release of *Maus* in the late 1980s, Art Spiegelman changed the face of graphic novels forever. This book (which exists in two separate parts) tells two distinct but related stories; *Maus* both records the terrors that Art's father Vladek faced during the Holocaust and explores the impact of those terrors on Art's relationship with his father. The story itself is downright haunting, yet manages to sidestep becoming too burdensome. Whenever the story of oppressed Jews becomes heavy, the story switches back to Art's story arc, which is less emotionally difficult but no less interesting. The combination of classic comic book conventions with serious subject matter is ingeniously executed. If you somehow missed out on reading this book over the years, then you need to read it. Right now, get in your car, drive to Barnes and Noble, run to the 'biography' section, and pick up a copy. It may very well be the best \$14 you spend all quarter.

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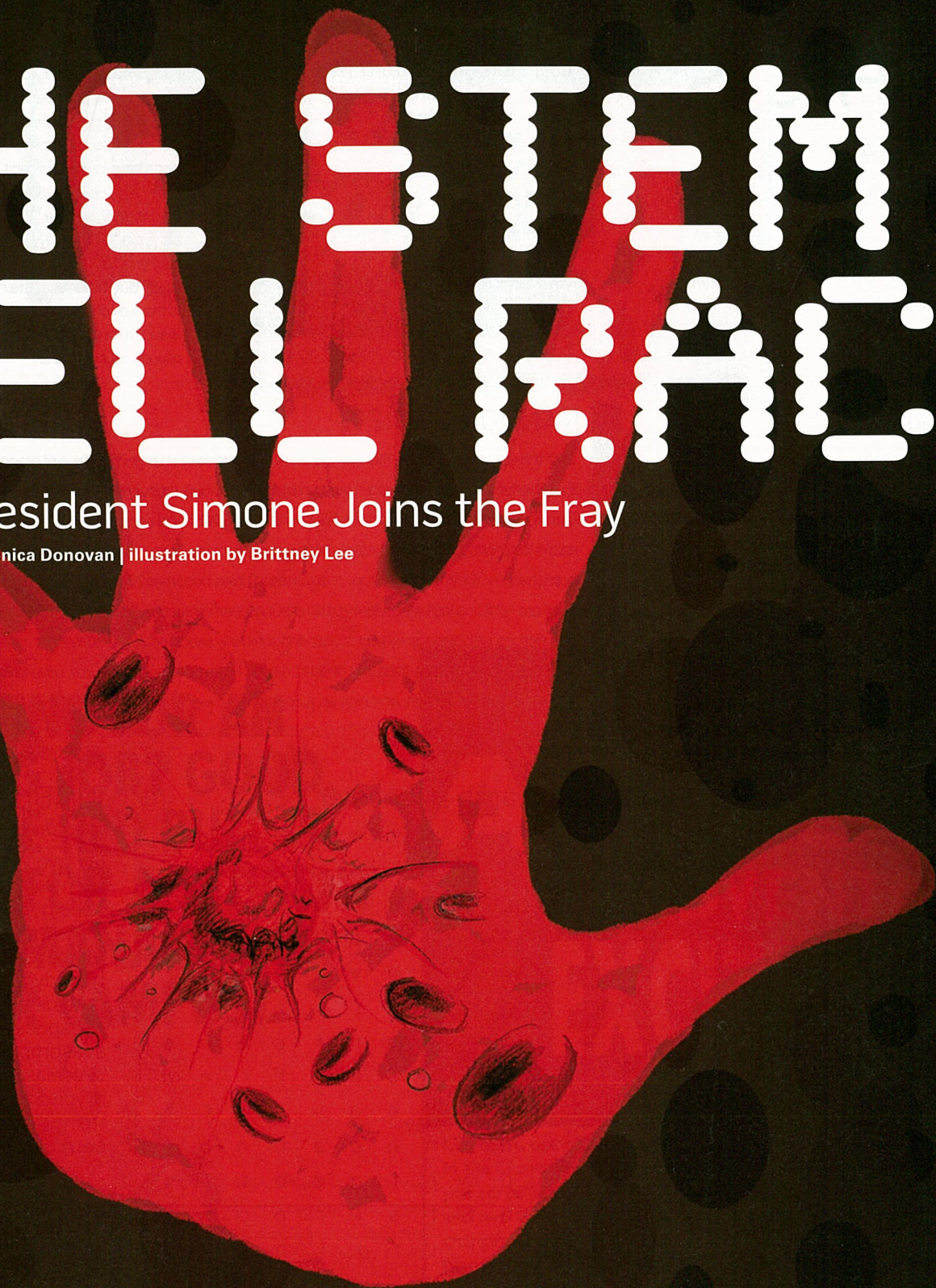
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THE STEM CELL RACE

President Simone Joins the Fray

by Monica Donovan | illustration by Brittney Lee



IN THE BEGINNING,

THERE WAS ONE.

The single cell was fruitful and multiplied. One became two and two became four. These brought forth the embryo and yielded the Holy Grail of medical research: embryonic stem cells.

Since their groundbreaking isolation in 1998, scientists have sought after these unique cells with the infinite ability to multiply themselves and the potential to turn into any kind of human cell. The capacities of embryonic stem cells bring to one's mind the dawn of a new era, where the crude pumps and stitches of today's medicine are long forgotten and regenerative medicine has taken its place.

But like any creation, this one doesn't come without its tribulations. The inevitable destruction of the embryo in the process of extracting the cells brings forth a moral conflict similar to that of abortion: the taking of a potential human life. While there are other kinds of stem cells, embryonic stem cells are the only ones with the ability to transform into any kind of cell. Scientists, in the fashion of Indiana Jones, must battle their way through contentions from religion and politics before they can secure the funding that will allow them to plunge full-speed into the long years of research ahead.

On February 8, a research report entitled "New York and Stem Cell Research" was released to the public. Its intent is to encourage lawmakers in Albany to act quickly to establish a state fund to support stem cell research. The study, a comprehensive analysis of the scientific, therapeutic, and economic issues involved in the field, had 17 signatories. RIT's President Al Simone was one of them.

Big Money

"This is going to be a major, major industry," says Simone of the biotechnology field, citing its rapid growth as one of his top reasons for supporting stem cell research. "Countries around the world are trying to unlock the secrets of human health and the United States has to be ahead."

Indeed, licensing deals involving biotechnology companies have been rapidly increasing in number and value. During the first half of 2005, biotechnology licensing activity grew by 30%. Furthermore, deals between biotechnology companies and academia account for the greatest area of growth in licensing activity. Biotechnology is rapidly outpacing pharmaceuticals and other fields, and is looking to be one of the biggest industries of the near future.

Free-for-All

After the initial isolation and growing of embryonic stem cells in 1998 and the morality arguments that followed, the country looked to the federal government for guidance. In 2001, President Bush announced that federal funds could be used for research on human embryonic stem cells, but imposed severe conditions on the funding. The result was mixed reactions, followed by the start of what has become a chaotic free-for-all.

"If the jobs are not in New York State, they will be in California, Wisconsin, or New Jersey," says Simone. California recently passed a \$3 billion initiative for stem cell funding, putting the pressure on several other states to speed up their legal processes.

"In the absence of federal leadership," the "New York" report states, "individual states, foreign governments, and private investors are moving aggressively to position their domestic research institutions and biotech industries at the leading edge of stem cell research." Simone advocates the need to secure a spot in the industry for New York State and for the Rochester area as well, bringing jobs and money into areas where they are sorely needed.

RIT Joins the Rat Race

This is where the average RIT student comes in... At least, the average biotech or medical science student. "There will be a lot of job opportunities in stem cell research," says Simone, "And I like to see those jobs develop for our students."

RIT, largely because it doesn't have a Ph.D. program in biotechnology, does not engage in heavy field research like the University of Rochester, he says. Rather, the focus will be on training and educating students for later work and further education in the various subfields of biotechnology. The new Center for Biotechnology Education and Training (CBET) and several new programs in the works are some of the ways in which that focus will be addressed.

Ethical Borders

"Stem cell research is such a narrow niche thing to get into," says Brandy Pappas, a third year Biochemistry major. "There are a lot of people who don't want to get into it because of the moral consequences of working with embryonic stem cells."

"I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH USING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS; I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH USING ONES THAT WERE INTENDED TO BE A CHILD."

Pappas is interested in the study of Alzheimer's and other degenerative nerve diseases. "Stem cells are fascinating for me because they offer a way to regenerate those cells...you get away from immunological rejection using that kind of technology," she says.

Simone is an advocate of both embryonic and adult stem cell research. He states his "first and foremost" reason for such avid support of the controversial issue: "I believe that this can unlock secrets to life which can save lives, provide cures for diseases which take lives, and improve the quality of life for people that have diseases. These are the things that really take lives and take a lot away from young people and reduce the quality of life for older people."

Embryonic stem cells are most often obtained from the in-vitro fertilization process. A scientist may develop 20 or 30 embryos in the attempt to obtain one or two. These leftovers are frozen and saved for future use or discarded. Simone believes these embryos can be put to use. "You see, they are already creating embryos which we 'murder,'" he says. "If it's okay to do that, instead of throwing them away, let's use them to save life."

"I think intent has a lot to do with morality and ethics," says Pappas. "If you intend to create a child with this sperm and egg, is that 'more better' than intending to use this sperm and egg to create embryonic stem cells?"

This crucial point touches on the emotional nerve of the issue: the cherishing of human life and the fear of losing the very core of our humanity by crossing moral boundaries. For many churches and for the federal government, the immediacy of potential lives lost overshadows the future potential of lives saved.

Pappas, unlike Simone, is against the idea of using embryos left over from in-vitro fertilization. "It's like using a pet mouse for lab research versus using a mouse that was intended for lab research," she says. "I don't have a problem with using embryonic stem cells; I have a problem with using ones that were intended to be a child."

Rochester Bishop Matthew Clark was at the Capitol on March 15, just one of hundreds who rallied at the annual political-policy convention of the New York Catholic Conference. The Catholic Conference opposes the use of embryonic stem cells but supports the use of other stem cells, such as bone marrow and umbilical cord blood. Catholic Conference director Richard Barnes urged Gov. George Pataki to follow moral principles, one newspaper reported. "States can be leaders in

the field of biotechnology while holding firm to moral principles and the protection of human life," he wrote to Pataki.

Pappas cites one classic case in biotech ethics: A rich couple was going through the in-vitro fertilization process. They got into a car accident and both died, but only after the embryos had been created. Several women, friends of the couple, came forward and wanted to have the children. The family of the couple, however, had reservations and contested the offers. Here, not only legality and right-to-life issues arise, but also inheritance and money issues. "When are the embryos the heirs to that fortune?" says Pappas. "If they were born, they would be so legally. When does that come into play?"

Unlike other countries, the United States does not currently have a set of official ethical standards for stem cell research. This is largely because of the lack of federal guidance in the field. Incidents such as the falsification and publication of a major discovery by Hwang Woo Suk in South Korea prompted a harsh look at the need for governance in a field as controversial as stem cell research, and only brought more criticism from those against it.

A Waiting Game

Currently, the Democratic-led Assembly supports a \$300 million, two-year stem cell research plan. The Republican-led Senate supports a \$160 million plan for general biomedical research.

If stem cell funding does indeed come through for New York State, Rochester and other areas of the state with suffering local economies may see a boost in jobs, industry, and economic vitality. On the other hand, the moral and ethical concerns embroiled in stem cell research may overshadow the desire for scientific progress and economic growth.

"Who knows?" says Simone. "Ten, 15 years from now we may have something that saves lives. But if we don't start it today, your life may be at risk 10 or 15 years from now."

WORD on the Street

compiled and photographed by Ralph Smith

Q: What two organisms would you combine to make one organism and why?



"The cheetah and an eagle. I would call it an Angle. The cheetah is fast and the eagle has good eyesight."

Awo Youssouf

Service Mgmt. – Grad Student



"A lion and a butterfly because a lion is so focused and a butterfly is so beautiful. I would call it beauty."

Ruth Simmons

Urban Studies – 3rd Year



"A tiger and a lion because they are two strong animals. You don't need two strong animals, you only need one."

Haiden Park

Industrial Design – 1st Year



"I would combine a lizard and a pig because no one could take the heart out of a pig and put it into people. I could call it a mertle."

Laura Mondanas

Industrial Engineering – 1st Year



"A lion and a tiger because they are the best at that. I would call it a tiagon or a liger."

Puneet Goyar

Electrical Engineering
Grad Student



"A cad and a dog because dogs care about their owners and cats are not smelly."

Irem Gultekin

Computer Engineering
1st Year



"I would mix a koala bear with a slug to make a less vicious cute docile animal."

Andrea Braganza

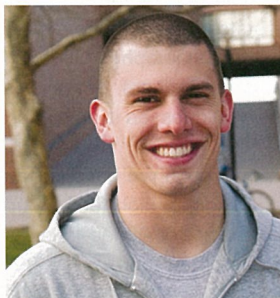
Biotechnology – 2nd Year



"I would maybe take a kitten and an elephant so you would have a really big kitten."

Cheri Tilburg

Biotechnology – 3rd Year



"A goldfish and a frog. What it will become I will leave to you."

Nick Rehbaum

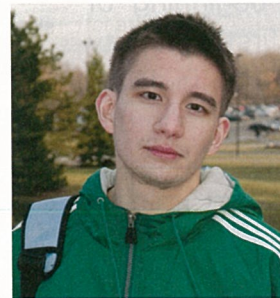
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"An elephant and a giant squid because it would be fucking awesome."

Ashley Faber

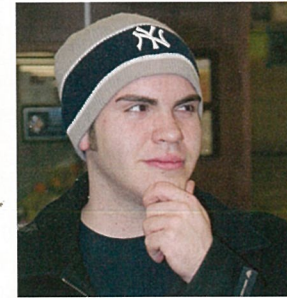
Java's Employee



"A giraffe and a deer just because it would look funny. One head could talk down to the other."

Jason Pallady

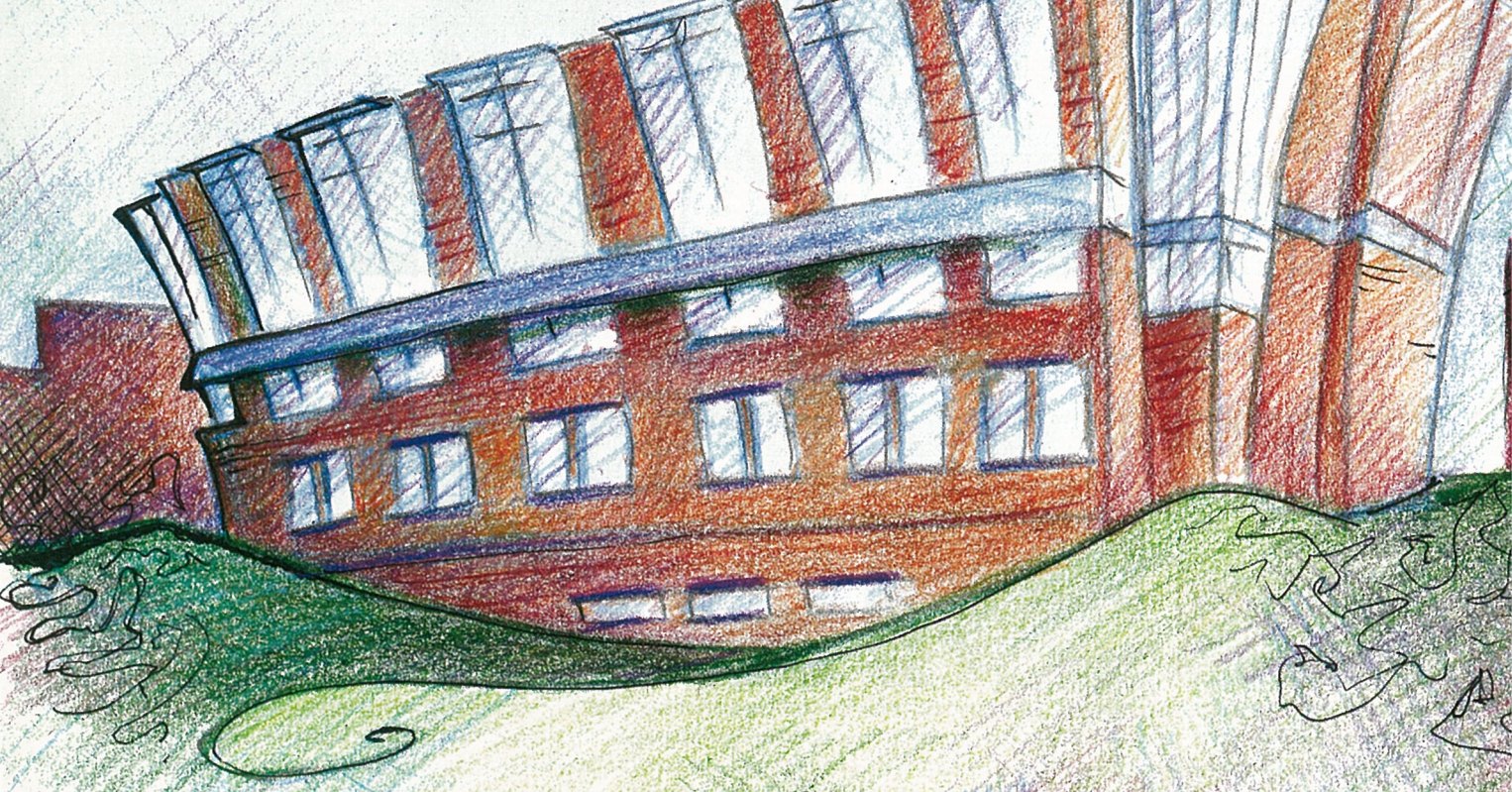
Software Engineering
3rd Year



"A Monkey and a squirrel because they remind me of someone very special to me. I would call it a smunkey."

Alvin Crespo

IT New Media – 1st Year



Brick Building #75: Biotech's New Playground

by Adam Richlin | illustration by Brittney Lee

"RIT has been around since the beginning of modern biotechnology. RIT was the first university in the nation to offer a B.S. in biotech in 1983. It's time for us to grow with technology into a new home," says Dr. Douglas Merrill, director of the Center for Biotech Education and Training (CBET). Since then, they have flourished in the somewhat crowded building of the College of Science. They are long due for their own space; a new building that will allow them needed wet-bench laboratory space in order to grow.

This new building, going up next to the new IT building on the academic side, will be home to more than seven new, state-of-the-art laboratories and research facilities. Diagnostic Medical Sonography will soon find itself with a new lab, as well as fitness researchers, physician's assistants, and other departments. And yes, you guessed it...it's brick.

"We would really like to have expanded in the space we have [in the College of Science], but we needed a well-designed, high-tech group of labs of our own," says Merrill. The new labs are designed to be as flexible as possible to get the most use and life out of them.

"The new building will make it easier because all the labs and research space will be in the same place instead of spread out [in the College of Science]," says Matthew Woodruff, a second year student and research assistant.

"Collaborate or die"

One?... Just One?

Interestingly enough, they only planned to have one classroom in the whole building. Explaining why, Merrill said, "Our biggest need was to have places where students could do hands-on biotechnology research. You don't do that in a classroom, so most of that space in that building will be teaching labs."

One of the coolest new additions to the CBET building is a Human Gross Anatomy lab, complete with human cadavers for physiology research. "For those students going on to medical research, an understanding of human anatomy and structure is an absolute necessity... We give students what they need to succeed in the real world," says Dr. Merrill.

Real-World Research

"Most of the work in the new building will be undergrad work, with some hands-on research applications available to students," says Merrill. Based on the building's design, about a quarter of the total space will be devoted purely to research, with a portion of the rest designed to be "flexible labs" that can easily change over between teaching and research. According to Dr. Merrill, we have not seen many faculty-led research initiatives simply because of the lack of space in the College of Science for them to set up long-term projects. The construction opens up a whole new set of opportunities for faculty and grad students.

Bio-Markers

Bioinformatics is taking a big leap into the new building with a massive project in disease bio-marker detection. In short, "bio-markers are chemicals in our blood that could be early warning signs of disease or illness long before symptoms develop," says Dr. Gary Skuse, director of Bioinformatics. "The bulk of the laboratory work is being done at the University of Rochester Medical Center. They generate data in their laboratories from clinical samples, and we play a part in analyzing the data." To accomplish this task, the new building houses server rooms and computer data analysis stations.

Genetics

Dr. Dina Newman is expanding an existing research project on age-onset deafness into the new labs. "We think there is a genetic component that causes older people to slowly lose their hearing and sight. This research is a major step in understanding why it happens and how to take steps to fight it," says Dr. Merrill.

Virus Analysis

One of the larger research programs already underway by Dr. Maureen Ferran takes a careful look at how viruses infect host cells. "We know that viruses infect cells, but no one knows the mechanics of exactly how the virus infects," says Woodruff, one of Dr. Ferran's research assistants. In the new building, they will be taking advantage of a tissue-culturing sanitary room and labs that are linked together.

Sounds Great...But What's it Going to Cost Students?

Don't be scared; it's actually going to cost very little in terms of tuition for students. The good news is that part of the cost was covered by \$8 million worth of state grants—a full two-thirds of the total construction costs. As for equipment, Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield has promised \$2 million for furnishing labs over the next 10 years.

"The Excellus story is a big part of the building. Their [\$2 million] promise means we can buy new equipment when we need it, so that our programs are always at the cutting edge of technology: Right where you would hope an RIT program would exist. We need to form more partnerships like that, if for nothing else than keeping tuition down," says Merrill.

These partnerships are turning out to be quite profitable for the biotech department. Part of their agreement with the state was to offer local biotech companies an employee re-training program for new equipment, as well as running a "Biotech Boot camp." These programs will help displaced workers from Kodak and other downsizing companies by "giving them a very comprehensive and rigorous training program in biotechnology which will lead to entry level jobs in the biotech industry," Merrill explains. He has plans for the building that are designed to really get our money's worth.

"I want to see that building busy 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round." In the summer, they plan to host programs for local schoolteachers and a camp for students interested in biotech. It's about creating opportunities for [high school] students to get a feel for what biotechnology promises and how interesting science is."

University of Rochester—Friend or Foe?

Apparently, in terms of research, we play quite well together with the guys across the river. "There is no room for competition. We are all trying to achieve the same thing. What we are trying to do is expand and improve our workforce in the biosciences, and I don't see that we can get to those goals by being competitive. But I see we can clearly get to those goals by being collaborative," Merrill asserts. "The IT Collaboratory has a motto, 'Collaborate or Die,' and I really, really believe that holds true for biotech as well. Leave the competition for athletics."

We already collaborate with the U of R for many of the biotech research projects, seeing as they have a large medical facility and a biotech department. "We send information and findings back and forth frequently," says Merrill.

"Our students will be at the cutting edge when they leave this program. That's my goal. And I will partner with everyone I can in order to achieve that goal. I will know that we are successful when I know that all the students that leave the program are successful," says Merrill.

The CBET building will be opening for classes in the fall quarter '06, and the department plans to move in whether or not the paint's dry. •

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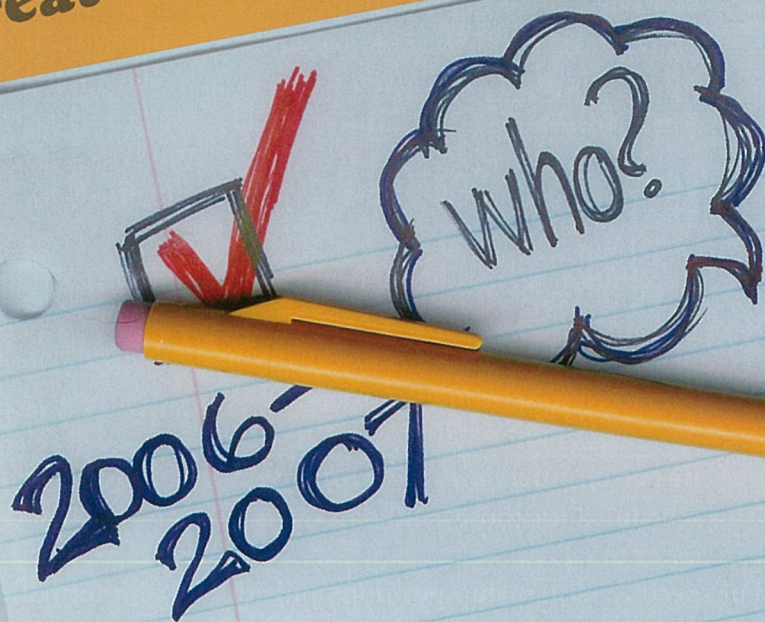
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RIT's Jessica Cotton, number 17, reaches her stick toward the ball. The RIT women's lacrosse team lost, 12-11, against Buffalo State on March 16, 2006 at the RIT Turf Field. Young Jang/REPORTER Magazine

SPORTSdesk

by José Plaza

Men's Lacrosse

March 11: Continuing their play of perfection for the year, RIT Men's Lacrosse maintained a perfect season at 4-0 by defeating Union College 21-8. The game included a 12-goal third period for the Tigers, who have been on a hot streak on the offensive department.

March 18: Snow and a chill in the air, didn't slow down the men's lacrosse team as they played against Oswego. The team remained undefeated with a win of 14-4. Zach Bednarz tallied four goals, and goalies John Foley and Brad Conlon each had four saves to contribute to the win.

Record through 3/18/06: 5-0

Women's Lacrosse

March 16: The Lady Tigers began their season of Lacrosse against SUNY Buffalo. RIT scored 11 points on offensive, including four from Pinckney Templeton, but were not able to record the win, as Buffalo scored 12 to take the win for the season opener.

Record through 3/16/06: 0-1

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS



THE HOLY GRAIL OF COLLEGE ATHLETES

by Chad Carbone | illustration by Dan Bolinski

Every college athlete wants to become a national champion. However, the drive and talent required are not in every athlete. Only the “strong survive” in the not-so-natural selection that qualifies athletes for the NCAA Division III Winter Championships. RIT had a grand total of four athletes compete in their respective sports. The talented few were Erik Zelbacher (Swimming: 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly, and 100 freestyle), Quinn Donahoe (Diving: 1m and 3m), Allison Griggs (Women’s Track and Field: Weight Throw), and Zach Greenberg (Men’s Wrestling: 197 lbs).

Swimming and Diving

Last year Erik didn’t make the finals in any of his events and this year he wanted to change that, especially since this is his last year swimming. He went out with a bang, finishing third in the 100-butterfly, fourth in the 100-freestyle, and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle. His success this season is due to, in his own words, “an insane amount of weight training,” and said that, “when it comes time to taper and [getting] ready for our championships meet, I wind up dropping a lot more time than most people are able to drop.” This is evident from his performance at states where he set three school and state records, and was named “Swimmer of the Meet.”

Much like his teammate Erik, Quinn also earned great honors at the state meet as he was named “Diver of the Meet.” Quinn’s expectations for the championship are, “to have a solid meet and beat the competition.” According to Quinn, the main reason for his success this season was due to “a new and talented coach [Coach Devries], who has focused me on the mechanics of each dive.” Quinn’s coach, Michael Cahill commented that he was looking forward to the NAAs and wanted to come back with two All-Americans and maybe a National Champion. Quinn joined Erik in this rank with a seventh place finish in the one meter diving event, fulfilling the goal.

Indoor Track

A veteran to the Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships, Allison Griggs expected to qualify for the NAAs, but would have liked a much

stronger finish. She came in tenth place, falling short of her goal to make the top six. She mentioned that her “warm-up throws were more than enough to qualify for finals, but things didn’t really come together during the actual competition. As my coach phrased it later, ‘I failed in an unlucky way.’” Despite dissatisfaction in her performance, Allison still felt her season was an overall success breaking personal and school throwing records; and she was pleased to peak at the end of the season.

Wrestling

Zach Greenberg competed in the 197 lbs. weight class in a difficult NCAA tournament. Although he lost his only matches to the second and fourth seeds, he still had a successful year. His hard work earned him the second best record on the team with 36-9, which is tied for the third best in a single season at RIT. Next season he’ll have another opportunity to improve on an already impressive reputation.

Two other athletes had provisionally qualified for the Women’s Track Championships: LaKeisha Perez (Women’s Track: 55 meter Hurdles) and Danielle Simmons (Women’s Track: 500 meter dash). Unfortunately, the two were just shy of cracking the top fourteen in the country and did not qualify to compete in the prestigious meet.

Through all the blood, sweat and tears that were shed out on the track, mat, and pool (no Hazmat teams are needed for metaphors), RIT can certainly be proud of its athletic squads’ accomplishments this winter. •

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

compiled by Frances Cabrera

All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time

*Home games are in **bold**

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
3.26.2006	SUNY Oneonta	Rochester, NY	12 pm
4.1.2006	Utica	Rochester, NY	1 pm
4.2.2006	Utica	Rochester, NY	12 pm
4.4.2006	SUNY Brockport	Rochester, NY	3 pm
4.8.2006	Ithaca	Ithaca, NY	1 p.m
4.9.2006	Ithaca	Ithaca, NY	1 pm
4.12.2006	University of Rochester	Rochester, NY	4 pm
4.14.2006	St. John Fisher	Rochester, NY	1 pm
4.15.2006	St. John Fisher	Rochester, NY	12 pm
4.22.2006	St. Lawrence	Rochester, NY	2 pm
4.23.2006	Medaille	Buffalo, NY	1 pm
4.26.2006	SUNY Brockport	Brockport, NY	4 pm
4.29.2006	Hartwick	Oneonta, NY	2 pm
4.30.2006	Hartwick	Oneonta, NY	2 pm
5.3.2006	Keuka	Keuka Park, NY	4 pm
5.11.2006	SUNY Cortland	Cortland, NY	4:30 pm

Men's Lacrosse

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
3.25.2006	Cortland St.	Cortland, NY	1 pm
3.29.2006	Elmira	Rochester, NY	3:30 pm
4.1.2006	Alfred	Rochester, NY	1 pm
4.5.2006	Clarkson	Rochester, NY	4 pm
4.8.2006	St. John Fisher	Pittsford, NY	1 pm
4.12.2006	Ithaca	Ithaca, NY	4 pm
4.15.2006	Nazareth	Pittsford, NY	1 pm
4.19.2006	Utica	Rochester, NY	4 pm
4.22.2006	Hartwick	Rochester, NY	1 p.m
4.28.2006	Empire 8 Semi Finals	TBA	TBA
4.30.2006	Empire 8 Finals	TBA	TBA

Men's Outdoor Track and Field

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
4.1.2006	Brockport Tri-Meet	Brockport, NY	TBD
4.9.2006	UR Alumni Invitational	Rochester, NY	TBA
4.22.2006	Nazareth Invitational	Pittsford, NY	TBA
5.6.2006	NYSCTC Championships	Canton, NY	TBA
5.18.2006	ECAC Championships	Springfield, MA	TBA
5.25.2006	NCAA Championships	Benedictine College – Illinois	

Women's Lacrosse

Date	Opponent
3.28.2006	Nazareth
4.1.2006	SUNY Oswego
4.4.2006	SUNY Brockport
4.7.2006	Elmira
4.8.2006	Ithaca
4.11.2006	Medaille
4.14.2006	Hartwick
4.15.2006	Utica
4.19.2006	SUNY Fredonia
4.23.2006	St. John Fisher
4.26.2006	Cazenovia
4.29.2006	St. Lawrence
4.30.2006	Clarkson
5.2.2006	Keuka

Women's Outdoor Track

Date	Opponent
3.25.2006	Mary Washington College
	Battleground Relays
4.1.2006	Brockport Tri-Meet
4.9.2006	U of R Alumni Invitational
4.14.2006	Bucknell Invitational
4.15.2006	Bucknell Invitational
4.15.2006	Roberts Wesleyan Invitational
4.22.2006	Nazareth Invitational
4.27.2006	Penn Relays
4.28.2006	Penn Relays
4.29.2006	U of R Last Chance
5.5.2006	NYSCTC Championships
5.6.2006	NYSCTC Championships
5.11.2006	Raider Last Chance
5.18.2006	ECAC Championships
5.19.2006	ECAC Championships
5.19.2006	Baldwin Wallace Last Chance
5.25.2006	NCAA Championships
5.26.2006	NCAA Championships
5.27.2006	NCAA Championships

Location	Time
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Oswego, NY	1 pm
Brockport, NY	4 pm
Elmira, NY	4 pm
Ithaca, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Oneonta, NY	4 pm
Utica, NY	1 pm
Fredonia, NY	4 pm
Rochester, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Canton, NY	1 pm
Potsdam, NY	11 am
Keuka Park, NY	7 pm

Location	Time
Fredricksburg, VA	TBA

Brockport, NY	TBA
Rochester, NY	TBA
Lewisburg, PA	TBA
Lewisburg, PA	TBA
Chili, NY	TBA
Pittsford, NY	TBA
Philadelphia, PA	TBA
Philadelphia, PA	TBA
Rochester, NY	TBA
Canton, NY	TBA
Canton, NY	TBA
Chili, NY	TBA
Springfield, MA	TBA
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Softball

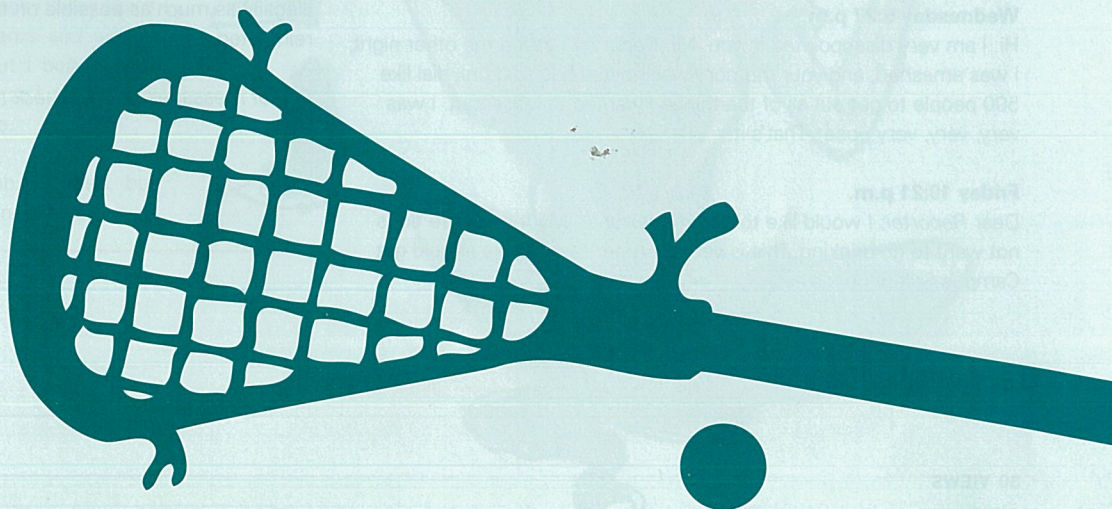
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4.1.2006	Hartwick
4.2.2006	Utica
4.5.2006	Buffalo State
4.8.2006	Alfred
4.9.2006	Medaille
4.11.2006	St. John Fisher
4.14.2006	Union
4.15.2006	Skidmore
4.18.2006	Ithaca
4.20.2006	University of Rochester
4.24.2006	R.P.I.
4.25.2006	Keuka
4.28.2006	SUNY Brockport
4.29.2006	SUNY Geneseo
5.5.2006	Empire 8 Championships
5.6.2006	Empire 8 Championships

Men's Tennis

Date	Opponent
3.28.2006	University of Rochester
4.2.2006	Nazareth
4.6.2006	St. John Fisher
4.8.2006	Elmira
4.9.2006	St. Lawrence
4.14.2006	SUNY Oswego
4.15.2006	Alfred
4.18.2006	Hobart
4.22.2006	Empire 8 Championships
4.23.2006	Empire 8 Championships

Location	Time
Rochester, NY	1 pm
Oneonta, NY	1 pm
Utica, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	3 pm
Alfred, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	1 pm
3 p.m.	3 pm
Schenectady, NY	3 pm
Saratoga Springs, NY	1 pm
Ithaca, NY	3 pm
Rochester, NY	3 pm
Rochester, NY	3 pm
Keuka Park, NY	3 pm
Rochester, NY	3 pm
Geneseo, NY	1 pm
TBA	TBA
TBA	TBA

Location	Time
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Pittsford, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Rochester, NY	1 pm
Canton, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	4 pm
Alfred, NY	1 pm
Rochester, NY	4 pm
TBA	TBA
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RITRINGS

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compiled by Adam Botzenhart

All calls subject to editing and truncation. Not all calls will be run. Reporter reserves the right to publish all calls in any format. This includes an RIT Rings Broadway Musical. We'll be putting out a casting call soon.

Sunday 5:01 p.m.

I've been following your coverage about Campus Safety and the crime reports. This is really boggling my mind. Do we have a secret police here, now at the RIT campus? I also wonder whatever happened to that committee that was looking into the possible excessive force used by the authorities at Colonypalooza about two years ago. Al Simone and some of the other folks on TV said they were investigating student claims of excessive force. Maybe that's secret too. I would suggest that people interested might want to get a hold of the attorney, which I believe is paid for by student associations. I don't know how you folks are going to handle it, but back when I was in school we wouldn't have taken this crap.

Monday 11:39 a.m.

I'm just calling to say that I really don't enjoy your magazine and I wish you would stop publishing it. I think the reason that maybe I don't enjoy it so much is the fact that the staff meeting is comprised completely of a-holes. Thanks for your time.

Monday 11:22 p.m.

Yo, *Reporter*. All I want to know is why are the people next store having such loud sex? Penis. Penis. Penis. Vagina. Moan. [Repeat 3x.] Remix. Vagina. Penis. Penis. Penis. Laughter/Moan.

Wednesday 10:25 a.m.

I have just graduated and I am so happy...but I have a [fornicating] hangover. So I'm kind of down. Ok, so I thought I'd call this because I'm no longer a student. [Stifled squeal] Ok, bye.

Wednesday 5:27 p.m.

Hi. I am very disappointed in you, Mr. Reporter. I called the other night, I was smashed, and your memory was gone. I had to drunk dial like 500 people to get out all of the things I wanted to talk about. I was very, very, very upset. That's it.

Friday 10:21 p.m.

Dear *Reporter*, I would like to report a terrorist. My friend here does not want to go drinking. This is very un-American and we should get Campus Safety on his ass.

Saturday 2:01 a.m.

Hey, *Reporter*, you asked me to reporter my own crimes... I am drinking underage with three other individuals—one of them being a resident administrator at the RIT dorms. He is drunk. That is illegal. You should report that.

Sunday 12:17 a.m.

[Something about nicotine. I can't tell, and I doubt you can even remember calling.]

Sunday 1:39 a.m.

Hello. I was just wondering...if [someone, Jared?] falls off Tom Starkweather's head, does it make a sound if there's no one around to hear it? Now here's a message from Jacob Hannah...[from what I can tell, it sounds like he pressed the "3" button].

Monday 10:40 p.m.

In regards to the new RIT ID card: This is ridiculous. Who the hell did you get to design this? A piece of [fecal material]? Did somebody poop this out? It's [fornicating] ugly. I'm not carrying it around. I would rather carry around President Simone's piece of [fecal material], ok? Have Simone [defecate] in my wallet and I'll carry that around. It's ugly. It's ugly and I'm not carrying it around. Who did you get to design this?...Did Forrest Gump design this? I don't like it. You know what? It sucks. So there.

Monday 10:44 p.m.

[A 2 minute 20 second rap. I'm not going to try to transcribe that. If you want to rap that long, just email the lyrics and we still won't publish it. Especially if your first line is: *Hitting that [fecal material] with my little [buttocks] [phallus].*]

Tuesday 12:36 p.m.

Hey, *Reporter*. I just wanted to let you know that I pledge to park illegally as much as possible on this campus until Crime Watch is reinstated.

End of messages? Nope; check the site. •

CIGARETTE BURNS

by Casey Dehlinger

Want to quit smoking?

Week 1: *For every cigarette you smoke, rip one up.*

If you can't love your body, you might as well love your wallet, right? Might not be a very tactful thing to say, but let's face it; if you can't make a smoker quit for the right reasons (the ability to breathe correctly), you might as well nail them where it hurts: in the piggy bank.

Week 2: *For every one you light, rip up two.*

Let me speak in smoke signals, though. Let me put a dollar sign on this. \$7 billion in Medicaid costs are being dumped on smoking-related ailments, as the Center for Tobacco-Free Kids reports. But, hey, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings, Inc. made over \$8.2 billion in revenue last year (biz.yahoo.net). Phillip Morris clocked in at over \$18 billion. I guess \$7 billion isn't too much for the taxpayers to eat, if the smokers are willing to devour what adds up to hundreds of billions in costs.

Week 3: *Smoke one, rip three.*

I do not believe that smoking, in and of itself, is an atrocity. It's the priorities of the addicted that disgust me. Lighting up constantly says that you don't care about your body or the health of those around you. Reacting to tax increases instead of lung cancer prevalence says that you care more about money than yourself (as you hypocritically throw money out the window).

Week 4: *Start lighting your cigarettes with flaming cash.*

I wish smokers could quit for the right reasons. I wish I could afford to smoke. •

THE SMOKING GUN

by Sara Odze | illustration by Brittney Lee

For as long as I can remember, I've been told that cigarettes are bad. And I agree: they're bad for you, and your hair and nails, and body... But there are a lot of us that just can't kick the habit. In New York, we've already gotten the shaft as smokers; we can't smoke inside or within 25 feet of any establishment, which I'm willing to do: I'm not interested in making anyone suffer through my secondhand smoke. However, there's a new problem here: Pataki's proposing to raise the excise tax on our vices again, from \$1.50 to \$2.50, which means another dollar out of my pocket every time I buy a pack. Personally, I'm ready to strike back.

Imagine if they raised the tax on alcohol. Alcohol is a seriously dangerous vice as well, but somehow more socially acceptable. Would you be willing to just sit back and take an extra dollar tax every time you bought your beer? Most smokers are intelligent, or at least conscious people, just as aware of these things as any other consumer. We know what we're doing to our bodies. It's time to stop being treated as second-rate citizens for it.

We've already taken the blue-band in stride, and that was hard enough (For those of you who aren't in the know, the blue-band is a part of New York's "fire-safe" cigarettes). A lot of the smokers I know are already going out of state to buy their cigs out of loathing for the funny-tasting fire-safe papers. This extra tax will be the final death of cigarette sales here.

Our governor needs to be more realistic. This tax would be highly detrimental to businesses as well. When fewer consumers buy, small vendors who make a large portion of their profits from tobacco will go into the red, which is inevitably bad for everybody.

Pataki says most of the extra money from these taxes will be going to anti-smoking programs and cancer research, which is a good cause. But I believe that these methods will not be successful, so I will still buy my smokes, just not in my home state.

Cigarettes are a filthy, disgusting habit, agreed, but I'm not quite ready to quit yet. And neither are a lot of others. •



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