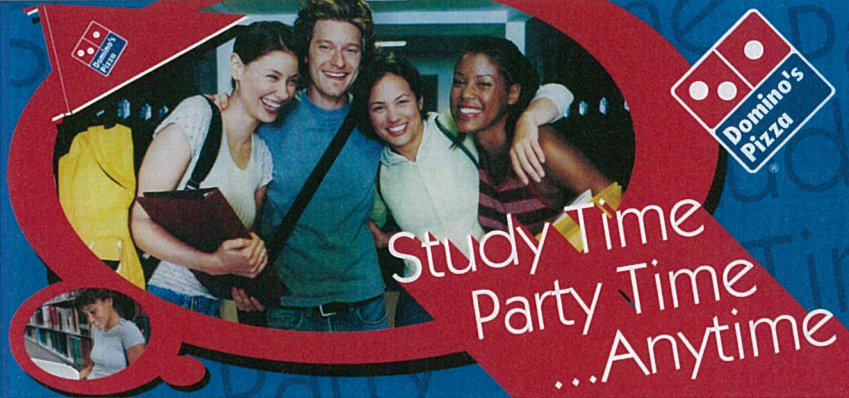


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EDITORIAL

Goodbye

Over the past months and issues of *Reporter* I have implored you to take a stand and have your opinion heard: Student Government, College Activities Board, Academic Senate, etc.

Last Friday, that ever-present need for activism was reaffirmed during Ralph Nader's lecture in Webb Auditorium. Though his advertised topic was "banking deregulation," Nader spent a considerable amount of his time emphasizing civic responsibility. Putting aside your personal views on his "dirty hippie" politics, Nader's remarks ought to be universally motivational. Speaking specifically to students, he stressed how advantageous the resources we enjoy as college students are in their ability to facilitate activism: open gathering places, expert faculty and staff, and "your own press." The last of which is obviously something I am well aware of.

Reporter is where I and many other staff, past and present, have had the opportunity to exercise an editorial voice. The Views section of our fair magazine is a source for opinion, reflection, and...well, belligerent ranting. Still, it represents a necessary, proactive voice. [Insert obligatory invitation to join the *Reporter* staff.]

Here lies my last editorial. As I bid you adieu, I invite you to peruse this All Views issue of *Reporter Magazine* and think about exploring your own opinions, or responding to these articles, in a letter to the editor. I think this issue exemplifies Ralph Nader's call to action as well as one of the ideas that I stressed in my first editorial on January 21, 2005:

"This publication, *Reporter*, is the voice of RIT—everyone on campus—you."

And while I'm, apparently, vain enough to quote myself, I'm not so egotistical as to attempt to eclipse any more of this magazine with my specific views. So this is where I stop. And you go on.



Erhardt Graeff
Editor in Chief

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THE MISSING WELCOME MAT

by Elsie Samson

One Rochester day, my younger brother was visiting me on campus. I love racquetball, so naturally, I wanted to show him the Field House and play a bit. We were about to gain entry at the card-swipe when the card swiping attendant tells me that my brother cannot just enter the Field House with his sis. What?! I am a student! (undergrad and full-time as well). Do you know how much money my family and I pay to this place?! Yes, the swiper knows, as the swiper is also a student, but, unfortunately, the swiper does not make the policy.

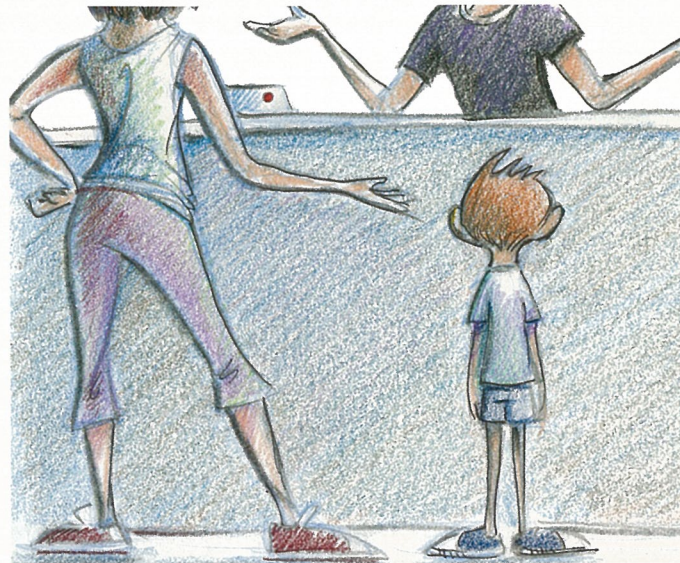
I'm sure that anyone can agree that the Field House (including the new pool and gym) is one of the best things that could have happened to this campus. These new facilities definitely need consistent facility management. There's staff, tools, light bulbs and electrical goodies, cleaning products, pool products, pool cleaning machines, and a steady supply is needed for each. You can understand how it would definitely be costly to keep up a place like the Field House.

Still, with the current undergrad tuition rate at around \$23,000 per year (of which, \$183 pays the Student Activities Fee), I feel like my tuition should cover use of the Field House and facilities for any family members that want to join me on a given day. Instead, my "guest" has to pay \$5 for a one day guest pass, or my family member could pay \$25 per quarter. My paying parents were annoyed to learn of this, especially as they'll soon have two kids attending RIT.

I would rather see the Student Activities Fee become a flat \$200 than to have to pay additional fees for my family members at the entrance or through membership. Their "membership" should be recognized when they enter the Field House at my side. Imagine a parent entering the Field House with his/her kid, excited that tuition has helped to make this happen and happy to know that the kid loves the campus for it. Then the parent gets slapped in the face after being told that he/she cannot just play racquetball or swim with his/her kid—parents must pay a fee. I'm not even a parent yet, but I'd be dumbfounded as I'd know how much money I'm giving to RIT every quarter.

In the same vein, alumni singles have to pay \$60 per quarter. As a senior with post-grad friends, that just seems too steep. Any alumni that would pay to use the facilities on a quarterly basis would almost always be local Rochesterians. What the RIT recreation policymakers should understand is that not all RIT grads get amazing, well-paid jobs immediately after graduation. It's true that some do, but often not in Rochester. Rochester, like most of New York State, is not doing so hot economically. The vast amount of lay-offs by certain Rochester companies over the past few years provides evidence of this. Even post-grads working at these companies are likely not getting paid what that the 10-year-experienced worker would be paid.

Many alumni singles were just full-time students at RIT. Sixty dollars per quarter is \$180 per year. Why must it be so high for alum? RIT relies on its



alumni for so many wonderful things. The privilege to use the Field House and facilities should remain free for life, or at least get reduced, maybe to \$20 or \$25 per quarter. You are not just a member of the RIT community for only as long as you take classes—you're a member for life. Parents and alumni are an integral part of the community, and should be appreciated rather than treated like members of the local Y. I love my Field House, my parents love the Field House, and alumni love the Field House. The Field House should love us back.

COLLEGE OR KINDERGARTEN: THE MATH DEPARTMENT'S ATTENDANCE POLICY

by Ryan Metzler

Mathematics has always been a subject built upon foundations set in previous classes or years. As such, missing classes can be very influential on future classroom development. Like the age-old proverb goes: "What is a house without a foundation?" But is it right to force the foundation? Should RIT carry the slack of students that are simply unfit for college?

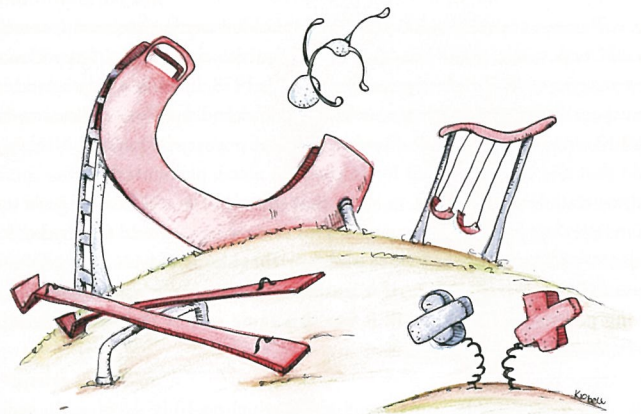
The Mathematics and Statistics department has, over the past 2 years, instituted a policy which dictates that any student with more than two unexcused absences is ineligible to receive a grade higher than a C. It seems to be a "helping hand" for those students who do not attend class and would therefore fail—a scare tactic used by other colleges to increase class attendance and in turn, increase retention rates. But doesn't this seem a bit childish? This sort of undermines my entire understanding of college and brings it down to a high school level. I can remember the fears and horror stories I heard while in high school, constantly being warned about the ferocity of college academic life. To reach this prestigious academic level and realize that classroom attendance is required is a joke.

Let's analyze the consequences and rewards when attending and not attending class under the new Math attendance policy. If you miss three classes you lose three lectures, an intellectual loss, but in addition you now can only obtain a C, at best. Every professor offers office hours. If you ever meet one who won't help you during these times, you better contact President Simone. You can also contact your classmates for notes. So the information you missed from lecture is easily made up, however you can still only obtain a C. So let's say you attend every class, the only real gain is not making up what you missed. Here lies one of the problems with this policy: Why should a student who misses class unexcused three times be punished twice while a student who attends every class only receives one reward?

Now that the imbalance has been established, there is another problem to deal with—the negative effects possibly caused by this policy. The original intent was to increase retention rates. Well if students ignore this scare tactic and continue to skip class they will probably do poorly on the tests, along with their grade immediately dropping to a C. Now does this actually increase the retention rate? Obviously it does not. Students who choose to abide by the policy will be rewarded with only one thing however, a greater understanding of the material. Where is the opportunity to gain a higher grade for attending class? One may argue that classroom attendance and participation is something to be expected of a college-level student—why do we need a policy to ensure it?

This once again undermines the entire idea behind college. College is a place of higher learning. You pay great amounts of money to attend classes. This should be more than enough to get you out of bed and into the classroom. An institute of higher learning is meant to do one thing: educate you to prepare you for your future. A future employer isn't going to give you just a cut in pay for missing work unexcused, they will most likely fire you.

This is true for all aspects of life. This policy creates somewhat of a leniency here at RIT. It acts as a "helping hand" for students who will inevitably fail otherwise. So if the retention rate is bad then so be it. The standards should not be dropped to the student's level; the students should rise to the standard. The future can't be run by students who must be forced to class to advance, there should be a desire to attend and proceed not only in studies, but in life.



THE IMPENDING BATTLE OVER ROE v. WADE

by Reinaldo Vega

It has come to my attention that South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds recently signed a bill to ban nearly all abortions in his state, with *no exceptions* made for rape or incest, quite possibly in an effort to overturn Roe v. Wade. (Impeccable timing, considering the appointment of two new conservative-leaning justices to the Supreme Court). I understand and appreciate the sensitivity of the subject of abortion, particularly in a culture that tends to nurture conservative values, but I am afraid this goes too far. Suffice it to say that I have no fear of speaking my mind, even if it pisses a few people (or everybody) off—popular opinion does not constitute truth.

Roe v. Wade was a landmark decision that enabled women to share the same sexual freedom that men had enjoyed over the history of civilization without the consequence of legal repercussion. Before 1973, it was not unreasonable to suspect that a young woman who got “knocked up” for one reason or another was more or less destined to a life of poverty in having to raise a child that she never planned for in the first place, particularly if her male partner abandoned her, and, as such, that this child would have to grow up in far-less-than-ideal circumstances. This same woman would also have had to endure being ostracized from a society that shuns the idea of children conceived out of wedlock (as if it was somehow exclusively her “fault” for getting pregnant), even though it was this same society that forced her to have said child in the first place.

How can a supposedly intelligent civilization possibly ooze with such hypocrisy? Do these people have no appreciation of the countless number of women who have been (and continue to be) raped by strangers, fathers, uncles, brothers, cousins, and other sick bastards and how those women were powerless to stop it? Are these people so blatantly unaware of the undue burden that banning abortion places on women? To call the banning of abortion on any level a grotesque violation of civil rights is nothing short of an understatement. The best way to prevent unwanted pregnancies is to eliminate all males, although as a male, I do not exactly support such a notion.

This leads us to the flip side of the coin regarding this issue, where we go from women’s rights to defining life itself. I could most certainly and quite easily write an entire book’s worth on the different ways in which we can define life and the profound implications that said definitions may have for our perception of ourselves and the universe we live in, but I doubt this medium is the place for that. In short, however, it seems as if most people give to “life” a definition that gives themselves a [possibly false] sense of significance, and maintaining the perceived validity of this definition requires upholding it on all accounts. That is, every aspect of “human” life, from conception to death, is often perceived as a definitively human experience. However, how can we possibly call a “human” fetus a human fetus if, in its beginnings, it exhibits *zero* physical features that define it as “definitively human” in comparison to other mammal fetuses? Let me reiterate that. It exhibits *zero* defining characteristics in its infancy.

One might argue that the fetus’s existence within another human body is what makes it human, but I find this argument supremely lacking. The body in which it exists is only there to act as a source of nutrients and an agent of initial growth. Along similar lines, if a maggot is born within a decaying pig carcass, the maggot does not become a pig. Nor is a tree defined as the dirt from which it arose. The list goes on.

It is difficult to understand where these people are coming from, particularly if they simultaneously advocate the death penalty. I am thus compelled to ask, what exactly are conservatives conserving by “saving” life on one end and snuffing it out on the other? In such a perverted world, would it be so unreasonable to suggest forgiving (or maybe not forgiving) criminals for their crimes and aborting fetuses before they grow up to be criminals, or, even worse, misinformed politicians? Sick as it sounds, it is a question worth considering, at the very least as a thought experiment. The best I can say at this point is to take a biology class, particularly one in a state where the word “evolution” is still legal.

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WEDNESDAY 12:06 A.M.

I don't know what's wrong. The gerbil that I put in my [...yep], it won't come out. It just keeps nibbling on my [...yep] nuggets. It just really tickles. Will someone pick up, please?

WEDNESDAY 11:20 P.M.

...I would like a full-scale picture of the Sentinel autographed by Brian Garrison. Thank you.

FRIDAY 12:58 A.M.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you, *Reporter*, and your staff. Drink up. If God wanted you sober, he'd push the glass over. Drink up.

FRIDAY 2:17 P.M.

RIT Rings! You guys should be here. Sh--'s the bomb. Mad b-----.

FRIDAY 5:45 P.M.

Hey *Reporter*, I just wanted to let you know that it's only 5 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day and I am totally wasted. Last week I crashed my car and it was \$1,100.

FRIDAY 6:44 P.M.

Hi *Reporter*, we just lined all the tables in Building 70 with *Reporter* magazines. It looks pretty sweet; you should check it out.

FRIDAY 8:47 P.M.

Hey *Reporter*, I just found this phone in Henrietta Hots. It's a pretty nice cell phone. If you're looking for it, call [a ten-digit number].

FRIDAY 8:49 P.M.

It's St. Patrick's day, mother [fornicators] and I just won a pissing contest... Holy crap, holy crap... I don't know what it happened, but my friend has a knife in his chest right now. He is so [fornicating] dead. He had \$122 in his wallet.

FRIDAY 10:46 P.M.

Hey *Reporter*, it's St. Patrick's Day and I'm just sitting here watching TV and drinking a forty by myself. Whoo-hoo.

FRIDAY 10:48 P.M.

Hi, Alcoholic Anonymous? This is Jeff, how're you doing? I think I give up on life; I'm just going to get wasted every night. Right now, I'm drinking listening to two deaf people [fornicating] their brains out. It sounds like [sheep noises]. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Friday 10:56 p.m.

Government warning: According to the Surgeon General, women should not attend RIT because of the risk of birth defects and/or rape.

Saturday 12:49 a.m.

Yo, *Reporter*. What's up man? I'm in downtown Rochester and I'm going to a gay bar. What the [fornicate] is that [fecal material]? All I know is I'm drunk right now and I'm gonna get drunk at the grey...the [fornicating] gay bar.

Saturday 2:20 a.m.

I'm so [fornicating] pissed off that you no longer have Crime Watch in the *Reporter*. How are you guys going to hear about our story? We had everything tonight—the car bombs, the people jumping out of windows, the [fornicating] bottles being broken in the street, the blood running, we had everything. People were crying, we got people banned, pictures taken—you have no idea.

Sunday 1:29 a.m.

Yo, you guys need to write less articles on what it means to graduate because some of us are still freshmen and we don't want to know what it's like to [vomit sounds].

Monday 9:20 p.m.

I'm at work with a lot of people and we're calling you guys with some complaints. The *Reporter* is really bad anymore. I don't even want to read it. Even the Rings suck. The illustrations are bad. As an illustrator, I must say the illustrations are horrible. I don't care about sports either. So you guys need to fix this. I'm graduating and I need a cool *Reporter* before I go.

Tuesday 8:53 p.m.

Alright, *Reporter*, we need to clear something up, you have misquoted me here: "Holy [fecal material] *Reporter*, I just threw a bottle at my co-worker and she said 'Jesus pits.'" It is not "Jesus pits," damn it. It is "Jesus [female body parts]." [Spells body parts]. Jesus mother f---ing [female body parts].

My apologies. Jesus [female body parts] makes a lot more sense. Sorry for anyone out there who was confused. Jesus [female body parts], not Jesus pits.

HUNGRY? WHY NOT WAIT

by Carl Westgren

Although they're called eating disorders, I find that anorexia and bulimia are more a lifestyle choice than a physical or mental ailment. Just like any other kind of lifestyle choice, such as homosexuality or being a cowboy, one cannot strictly say that anorexia and bulimia are bad or good. However, it is popular misconception that these eating lifestyles are bad and unhealthy. Not true.

CONSIDER:

First, the choice not to eat is a wise and commendable one. I will agree that bulimia, the act of eating and then vomiting, is extreme; however, I believe it is extreme dedication to the cause. What is this cause? Eating lifestyles can go two ways—skinny or fat—and between the two, fat is the larger problem. Obesity is a shameful lifestyle, just look at Louie Anderson or Mama Cass. Obesity is also more dangerous than anorexia. You can't choke on a ham sandwich if you don't eat it. Fat people are selfish because they eat only for themselves. Anorexics on the other hand are noble. By starving themselves they are committed to an ideal, and that ideal is the improvement of overall beauty. By eliminating fat people we can finally begin to focus on other serious issues, such as ugliness. For instance, we as a people can begin to eliminate smelly people, bad teeth, and freckles. Unfortunately, this cannot occur unless we eliminate the most dangerous threat to physical beauty, which is fat.



FACE IT:

Most people have unbearable personalities. They therefore depend on physical attraction in order to get a mate. If you're fat, you aren't physically attractive, which then leads to the high probability you will die alone. Ugliness is a sign that one should not procreate. Once everyone becomes thin, we can weed out the other forms of ugliness. We'd finally be able to attractively cleanse the world's population without having to resort to genocide.

In today's unforgiving society, eating lifestyles are often connected to self-esteem issues—depression, loss of control, feelings of worthlessness, problems communicating, and an inability to cope with emotions. What causes these problems? It isn't public pressure as many people assume. It's a result of fear—a fear of fat people. Keep in mind that this is not a vendetta against fat people; rather it is an argument toward the benefits of eating less.

If you study all of the fad diets, one trend is almost always present—eat less and you weigh less. Anorexics are a prime example of that philosophy. They eat less and, by most accounts, they weigh much less than the average human. Of course not everyone can weigh less than 100 pounds, that's a preposterous idea. Nonetheless, it is possible for everyone to adopt a conservative eating lifestyle, lose much weight, and, in the process, become a healthier and more beautiful person.

You might wonder why I haven't mentioned the positives of eating too much, because that too is a type of eating disorder. There is a simple answer for that: There are no positive reasons for eating too much unless your only goal is to become a sideshow freak.

Anorexics and bulimics are truly concerned with the wellbeing of society. Americans are often criticized for being too fat. This criticism prevents us from focusing on other issues and it also punishes those who want to be thin. Double-stuffed Oreos are a thing of the past. Who caused this to happen? It wasn't the anorexics or bulimics.

Society has a tendency to dehumanize anorexics and bulimics, and this habit must end in order for people with these eating lifestyles to be able to gain self-confidence and live in peace. Anorexics aren't bad people and bulimics aren't rapists, so why does society treat them as lowly criminals? Soy lent green may be people, but maybe it's time for anorexics and bulimics to be people too.

THE GRILLS OF WRATH

by Aidan Blake

CoBatCo. That's what the label on the wretched piece of machinery says. It sits next to the waffle shaped logo, with a phone number pasted underneath.

CoBatCo. The name causes my eye to twitch involuntarily.

The device that stands before me, with its two cooking plates opened and its grills sticking up, like a laughing mouth full of teeth, is our waffle cone maker. Cleaning it takes up a good portion of closing the store. Scraping the burnt waffle batter off the grills is no longer possible, after months of neglect. We keep all the big chunks off, and of course it's sanitary...but the permanent black of extended use lingers on it like the smell of decay on your oldest relative.

Many a time had I set a waffle cones birth into motion using this machine. The wrought iron jaws would close around the fresh virgin waffle batter, still seeping into all the canals of the grill. One minute is all it would take. But 40 seconds is as long as I could stand still until finding something else to do. And then, half an hour later, I would remember the waffle. But it was too late to save it. It kills without pity.

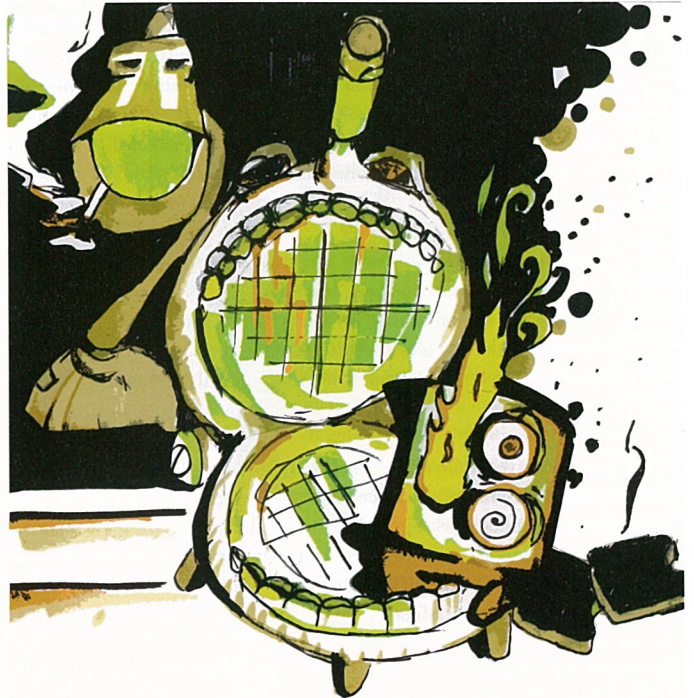
To learn more about my enemy, the waffle cone maker of the damned, I went to CoBatCo's website. Our model is the MD-10, which no doubt stands for Moderately Damaged. Along with all the usual information regarding their quaint product, I also discovered this haunting message:

Waffle cones are just the beginning.

"Dear God." I thought to myself, "What are the bastards planning?" I read on, in horror. As I read, it dawned on me. CoBatCo wasn't just about waffle cones anymore. The greedy thieves were also focusing on normal waffles, Belgian waffles, donuts, corn dogs, and, to my complete abhorrence, specialty shells.

They had machines for all of them. Soon, there will be no other way to make a batter related product. All batter creations will have to pass the acceptance trials of the CoBatCo Dynasty.

My fellow food preparers, what is to be done?



PROJECTS WITH A PURPOSE

by Blair Brown

At a school where applied knowledge is king, it is alarming how infrequently RIT students take their knowledge out of the classroom to connect with the Rochester community. Often RIT students land co-ops in the Rochester area, or even decide to stick around with a fulltime job here once they graduate—both of which certainly persuade students to empathize with the region a bit. However, the vast majority of RIT students do not engage themselves with the Rochester community, and its needs, at all.

Think about the last time you were asked to participate in an event off-campus. Most likely it was to meet friends at a bar or coffeehouse, but perhaps it was for a community service project. Either way, it bothers me. Firstly, Rochester has more to offer than a great variety of beverages. Secondly, and more seriously, much of what we call “community service” falls short of name.

Every year we have hundreds, probably thousands, of students who take part in standard community service projects: giving blood, picking up trash, participating in walks, working in soup kitchens, etc. And this truly is a good thing. I definitely don't want to discredit the generic do-gooders—odds are we've all fallen into this category at one time or another. But haven't you ever wondered, as you harass students on the quartermile for loose change, “Isn't there a better way to help?”

There is! Doing community service doesn't mean picking a charity and raising money for it. Nor does it even mean working with a charity. Doing community service means providing a service that a community *wants*. Believe it or not, there are projects, in Rochester even, just waiting for just someone of your unique skill set. With a little bit of research you can find a project that specifically uses your talents while meeting an expressed need.

You can do this in a variety of ways. Probably the easiest way is to work with a local organization that needs a variety of expertise. The best example of this is with the NENA-RIT partnership. NENA is the NorthEast Neighborhood Alliance, a resident-driven, urban-revitalization initiative within Sector 10 of Rochester. The diversity of RIT students who have worked and continue to work with NENA is amazing: public policy students conducting interviews about health care issues, environmental science students conducting soil quality experiments, design students developing plans for the interior of an office building, marketing students generating an advertising campaign for the sale of produce...and the list goes on. All of these projects were requested by the residents of Sector 10, and then RIT students provided the technical know-how to get them done. People can get involved with the NENA-RIT partnership through the program coordinator, Meredith Dalton, or through a handful of courses with NENA-focused projects built right into the curriculum.

Something that takes a little more initiative is to find a single project that needs your expertise. In practically every discipline there is a required major project, be it through a capstone course, a senior project, or a



thesis. I encourage you to use that project to address a real, local need. Ask your professors, local community leaders, and the residents of Rochester themselves, for advice. Don't accidentally duplicate what is already being done. Instead, figure out how you can apply what you've learned and create new ways to improve your community.

Your community is made up of the people who surround you. I realize that this group will inevitably change, and that many of you will probably move away from Rochester, but don't feel that a short-term relationship isn't worth developing. Don't wait before you start contributing to your community; do something now, here, while you're at RIT. Choose class projects that address real issues; choose courses with professors who build connections with the Rochester community. Choose projects that are genuinely worthy of the term “community service.”

A MODEST PROPOSAL (ONLY I'M SERIOUS)

by Adam Botzenhart

It recently occurred to me that RIT has two problems that can be mutually remedied by one simple, easy to implement solution. In short, I'm about to give you the answer to RIT's alcohol and housing problems. All you have to do is listen (read?).

Earlier this year (October 10, 2005), RIT finally came clean about its drinking problem, specifically its underage-drinking problem, in an institute-wide letter sent out by Dawn Soufleris, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs. "It has come to my attention that there have been some **significant** incidents during the past five weeks where Campus Safety has encountered students who have been drinking underage, significantly intoxicated, and been found at the RIT apartments (Colony Manor in particular) attending parties where alcohol is present. (emphasis hers)" Imagine that.

Of equal importance to many students is RIT's apparent and consistent shortage of housing. Whether officially recognized or unrecognized by the RIT administration, when housing contracts go out March 24 and 99% of the freshmen class find out their hopes for a UC apartment, or any apartment for that matter, have been crushed, there will be, as there is every year, that familiar disgruntled murmur on the quarter-mile and outright anger toward Housing Operations.

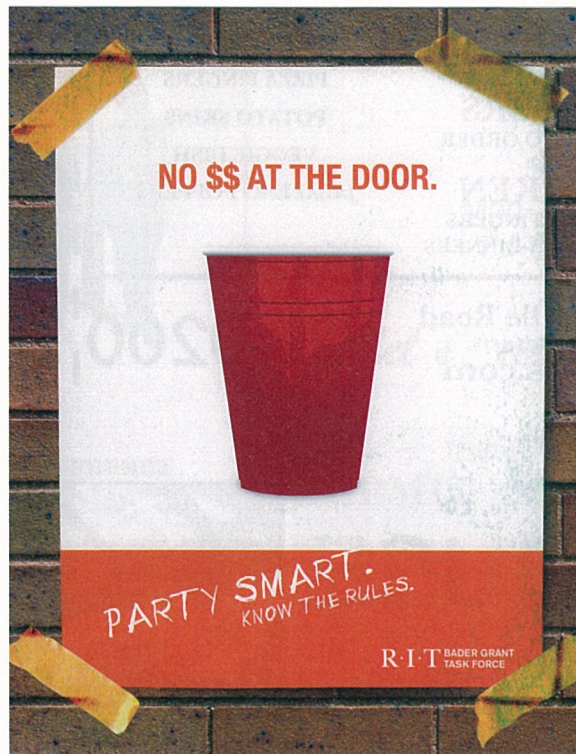
Thus far, as best I can tell, RIT has released a series of colorful posters to combat the underage drinking problem. I have one outside my door. "No \$\$ at the door," it says. "Party Smart. Know the Rules." Pretty hard hitting. Obviously, if freshmen are going to drink underage, they should inform their host they shouldn't have to pay for it. But enough criticism, time for a solution:

To assign housing, as I'm sure almost every student who has ever applied is intimately familiar, RIT uses a lottery system. This blind random number generator determines who gets an apartment and who doesn't based completely on chance. It seems to me, however, especially with the recognized drinking problem we have in our RIT apartments, that RIT is in many ways shooting itself in the foot by taking this blind approach. Why not use a student's judicial record over their freshman year as a determinant of who gets what housing in what priority? Given a shortage, can't we justify some regulation?

On one hand, RIT clearly recognizes there is a drinking problem and a failure to abide by the rules in the RIT apartments. On the other hand, RIT is perfectly in control of who lives in these apartments, yet they do nothing. It seems reasonable to me that if a student, as a freshman, in the dorms, can't abide by the alcohol policy, and the law for that matter, while supervised, they're probably going to continue this pattern next year if you set them up in an apartment—and you can bet they'll invite their friends. If RIT really wants to combat drinking in the apartments, stop putting students who can't obey the rules in the apartments.

This also gives freshmen a real incentive to take RIT's alcohol policy seriously. If students are told that violating the RIT alcohol policy will decrease their chances of getting a limited on-campus apartment next year, I guarantee you they'll listen. As an RA, I see that students realize they're just going to get a slap on the wrist if they get caught. Give them some *real* consequences and you may just see some *real* results.

By using a student's judicial record as a freshman, not only do you provide an incentive for better behavior, you systematically remove students who will cost the campus time and money through Campus Safety in the future and create a culture of respect in the apartment complexes—respect for RIT's property, respect for policy, respect for the Institute.



If you don't have irresponsible drinkers in the RIT apartments, you won't have irresponsible drinkers inviting freshmen to get trashed in RIT apartments. If you give freshmen, some who are actually paying hundreds of dollars in bribes to get into UC apartments because of the shortage, an incentive to abide by policy, you'll find, magically, that they'll take policy and the consequences a lot more serious. Or, we can keep blindly putting students in the apartments and hanging up posters trying to convince them to change their habits. It's time we started curing the cause instead of hanging band-aids. If we're really serious about improving the environment on campus and becoming a *Category of One* something or other... maybe we should at least consider some creative—no, just sensible—policy changes.

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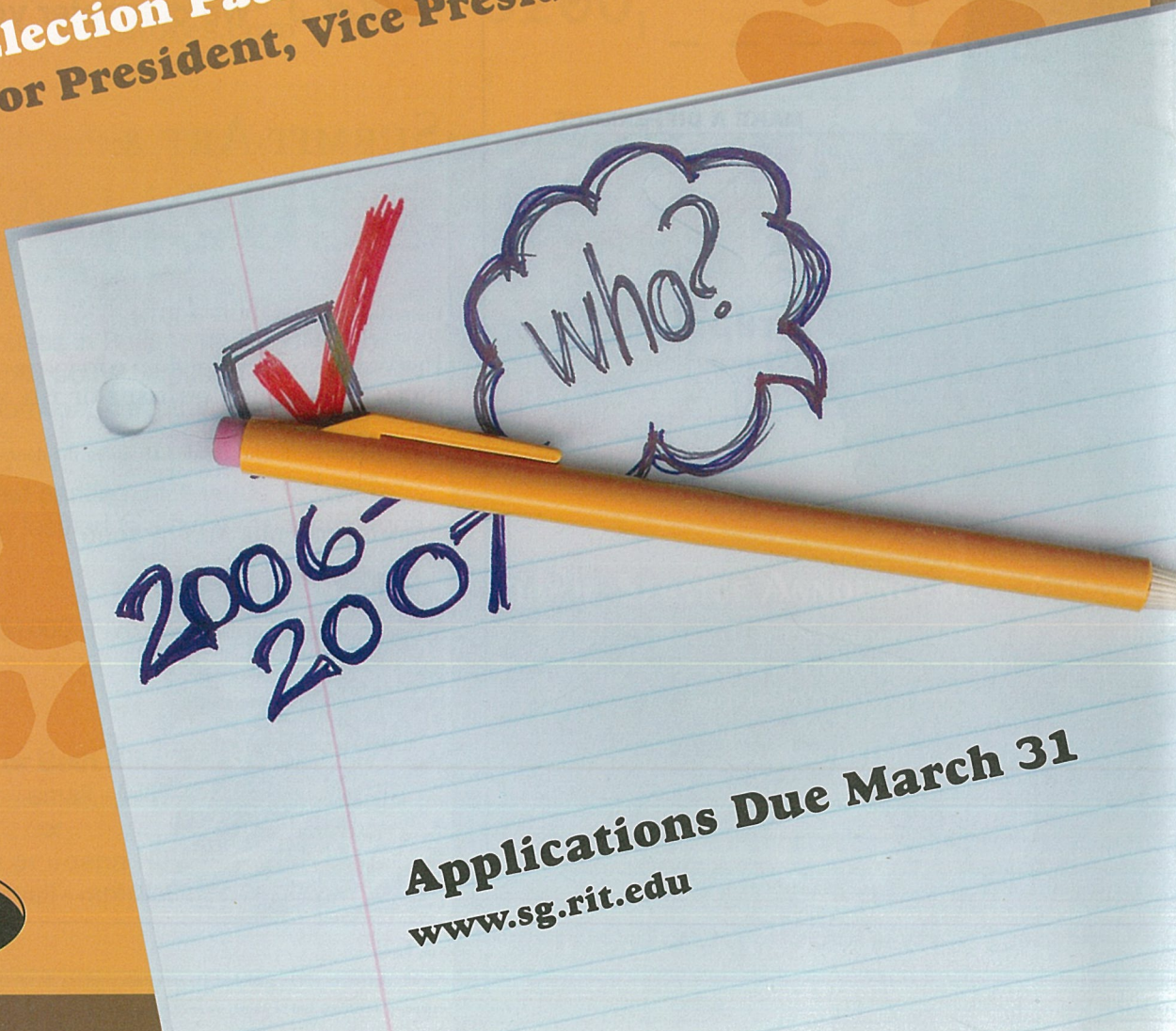
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