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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a lit marijuana cigarette. The cigarette is partially smoked, with a dark, charred tip and a small amount of ash. A thin, wispy trail of white smoke rises from the cigarette, drifting upwards and to the left. The hand is positioned in the lower half of the frame, with the fingers gripping the cigarette. The background is a solid, dark green color, providing a high contrast for the white smoke and the lighter tones of the hand and cigarette.

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## LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

The trouble with weed and the authorities.

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The legality behind this alternative remedy.

## RIT TIGERS FANS HEAT UP THE FROZEN FOUR

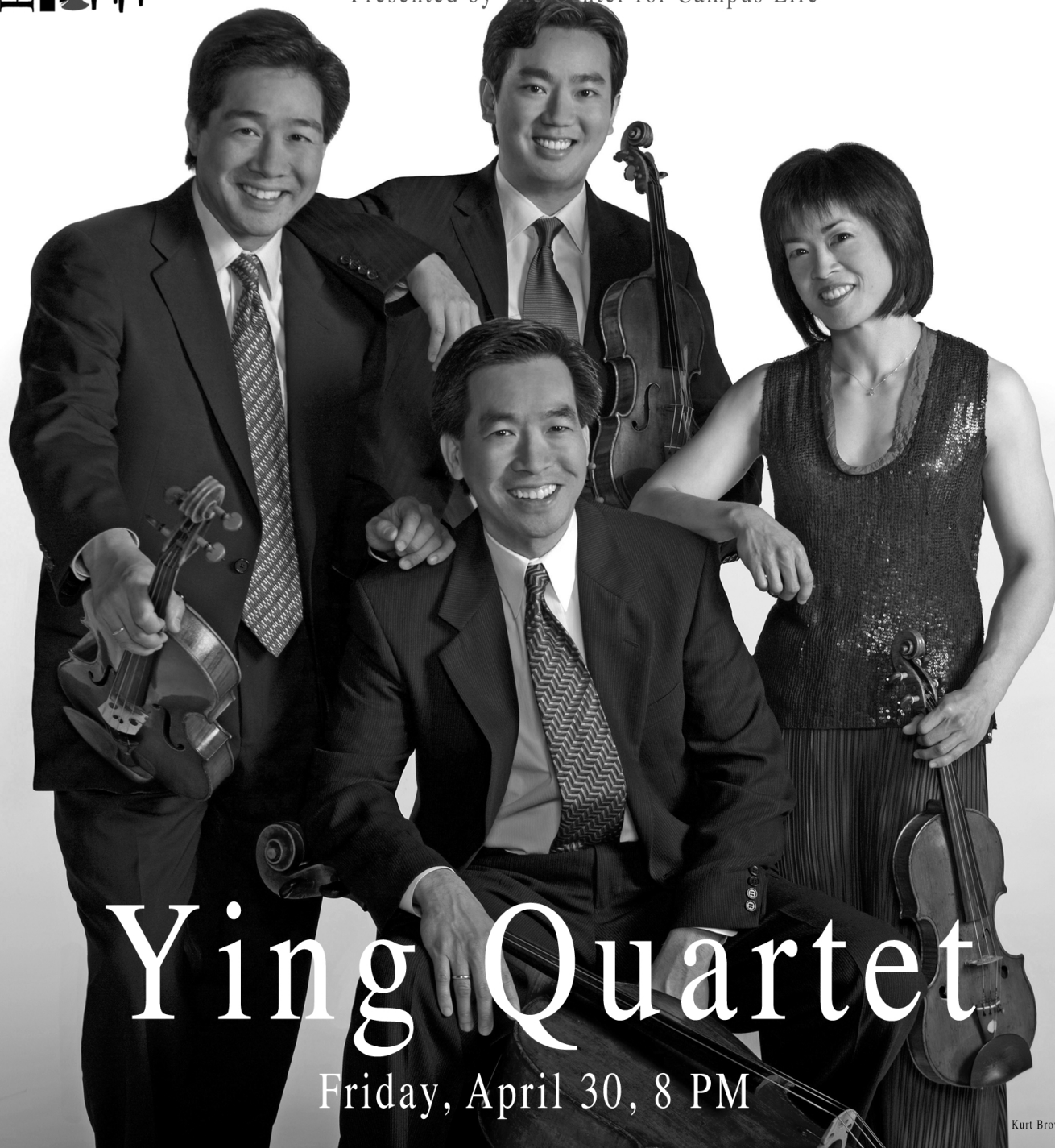
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# EDITOR'S NOTE

## DETROIT, MICHIGAN

At this moment, I am sitting in the back seat of a blue Dodge Durango as Tom Sciotto, *Reporter's* Business Manager, is racing down a Canadian highway to get me to our general staff meeting on time. (They're always Friday at 5 p.m. in the *Reporter* office, Campus Center Room A730.) Our photographer, Chris Langer, has fallen asleep in the front passenger seat with his headphones on, and our Executive Editor, Laura Mandanas is sitting about a foot away from me, editing this week's views piece (see "iPad Talk" on page 29).

About 24 hours ago, we journeyed the same route in the opposite direction, to make it to the Frozen Four RIT Tigers versus Wisconsin Badgers game (see "RIT Tigers' Fans Heat Up the Frozen Four" on page 24).

Venturing to Detroit, Mich. was definitely a risk. Had the Tigers won the semifinals, the last two editors in the editorial chain would have stayed on to cover the national championship, having to write and release event coverage for both the semifinal and the final, as well as edit and approve the magazine you hold in your hands this very moment. We wouldn't have made it back to the office until Saturday at 4 p.m., and our art director and production manager would have murdered me in my sleep. Instead, Laura and I are passing a USB drive back and forth, sharing drafts as if it were a joint and knocking finalized articles out of the way before our soles touch Rochester soil.

Before heading out yesterday morning, I was faced with a difficult decision. I could either attend Creative Industry Day, show off my web development chops, and possibly secure several more job opportunities before I leave this Brick City; or I could watch the Tigers make history, see how a real media room operated, and pick the brains of a few real journalists all on someone else's tab. By now, it's obvious which I chose. I reasoned that I could still go to Industry Day next year and that I would never have this level of media clearance for an event again. And although I wish we could have stayed longer, I do not regret my decision.

The moment I entered Ford Field, I received credentials that allowed me to walk pretty much wherever I pleased — save for the floor near the ice. We had free lunch (or dinner, depending when you ate) and drinks, access to power strips and Wi-Fi, and even a popcorn machine. There were television screens showing pre-game and game coverage as well as a table lined with telephones for reporters to use. Not to mention, you could leave your things unattended and not worry about them disappearing before you returned.

Come game time, Laura and I were seated at a table with the big boys. It had an unobstructed view of the arena and was conveniently placed right above the sea of orange representing Tigers fans. Between periods, someone passed out sheets summarizing game play, team descriptions and updates — a practice that continued in the media room after the game and press conference had ended. This definitely facilitated the writing process and enabled us to deliver what we thought was a solid online article within four hours of the game ending. And to complete the illusion of being real journalists, we even spent the night in a cheap hotel located in a sketchy part of town past the gentlemen's clubs and strip joints.

It may seem that I went to Detroit and all I got was an orange RIT Frozen Four t-shirt, but under that cotton-polyester blend, I earned a wealth of experience. I got to know a few of my staff members a little better (perhaps too well), nearly embarrassed myself in front of a group of journalists, and got searched at the Canadian border — but that's a whole different story.

*MKV Villavicencio*

Madeleine Villavicencio

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## DEAR REPORTER,

“We’ve become too easy as viewers. We’re like a ditched cheerleader captain who has had two too many daiquiris and is lost on the wrong side of town ... tell me you don’t feel date-raped.”  
Really, John Howard? Tell me you I don’t feel date-raped? How about I tell you what an insensitive clod you must be to think for even *one* second that this is an acceptable thing to say, never mind publish for an audience of several thousand people.

I would like to think, Mr. Howard, that *especially* in a piece focusing heavily on female movie-going habits, you would stop to think about the people you’re writing for.

Not once did it cross your mind that maybe rape jokes aren’t funny? That date-rape is one of the most common types of rape? That victim blaming is an issue that rape victims face on a daily basis?

Because inferring that an intoxicated woman (she is a *woman*, not just a “cheerleader”) stranded in a bad place is “easy” is straight up victim blaming, not to mention the most vile piece of trash I have ever read in the *Reporter*.

Now, I’m sure John Howard didn’t know that every two minutes, someone in America is sexually assaulted, or that an estimated one in five college women experience completed or attempted rape (both according to surveys conducted in 2000). And I’m sure that he didn’t realize how triggering his “jokes” could have been for survivors of sexual abuse, or the kind of long-lasting effect being attacked could have on someone’s mental health.

I hope that I’m not the first person *Reporter* has heard from about this article, and I pray that I won’t be the last.

*Reporter*’s editors need to take responsibility not only for what they write but for one another as well. Because when one closed-minded article like this is allowed to be published, it reflects poorly on your whole staff.

Please, dear reader: do not conform to John Howard’s low quality product.

I’m “letting the system know that I’m mad as hell,” and I will *not* take it anymore, *Reporter*.

Rebecca Werkmeister  
Former RIT Photojournalism major

## DEAR REPORTER,

For a time, letters  
Were written in haiku form  
Can we bring that back?

Paul Fisher  
Software Engineering  
Fourth Year

## DEAR REPORTER,

In your article “Health Care Reform To Impact Students”, a student was quoted as saying that “If you don’t have insurance, you go on the government’s plan.”

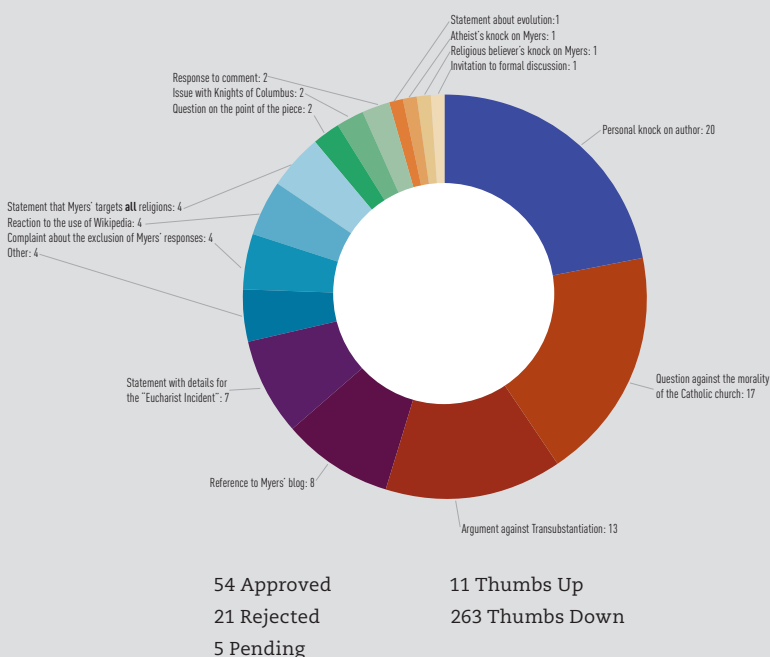
This is false. There is no government plan. The idea of a government plan (the so-called “public option”) was in a few early versions of the bill, but was not in the later version that actually passed.

Reporter has an obligation to fact-check the people its writers quote, especially when they are not experts or professionals in the subject matter. By not doing so, you have published something this week that is fundamentally untrue.

Kari Hazzard  
International Business and Economics  
Sixth Year

## COMMUNICATIONS BREAKDOWN

As of 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2010, we received 100 Web comments about our April 9, 2010 views piece on the RIT Skeptics and Rochester Atheists’ guest speaker, P.Z. Myers. Here are a few excerpts and a breakdown of what they said (including unapproved comments):





"He just did it to offend Catholics."

So it's very obvious that you didn't bother to read any further about the actual reasons for why this happened. There is a back story, you know. And if I am to believe PZ ¾ who writes in his blog that he did indeed tell you these things when you talked with him ¾ you chose to ignore him as well. And I certainly have more reason to believe him than you. How about you go further than just reading the Wikipedia page the next time you write about someone? It is generally not considered a very reliable source, and you need to dig a bit more if you want to call yourself a journalist ¾ at least visit the sources the page links to. And how about, if you interview someone at the end of a talk you listened to, you write more about that talk and less about a very old event that has been talked to death already? Aren't real journalists there to find some new stories, not just re-hash the same lies and exaggerations that have been said before? How about some journalistic professionalism and integrity?

You have a point at the start of your article saying that "people shouldn't be jerks to each other about religion." Fair enough. But when a young man is getting death threats, accusations of kidnapping, and threats of expulsion because he wanted to show a cracker to his friends, some old biology professor might decide to mistreat some of those crackers to make a point about what a horrible overreaction took place. If you read Myers' blog, it isn't just with the Catholic church he points out things like that. Many religions use their immense influence, power and wealth to do horrible things and because the majority of their members are such good people, people seem to have difficulty calling them on it.

There are millions of good, nice, non-bigoted, not child-abusing, wonderful Catholics. Just like with the millions of great, nice other Christians, Muslims, Jews, et cetera. That's obvious. After all, most people in the world are religious. But this also makes it difficult for most people to criticize religious institutions.

I mean, some Muslims suicide bomb a building because they think God wants them to? Or kill a bunch of people because some Danish people drew cartoons to make a point about self-censorship? Well, we certainly can't make a point that the religion can in some ways be dangerous, then we'd insult all the millions of nice Muslims.

Some evangelical Christians shoot an abortion doctor, beat a gay man to death, march with signs that say "God hates fags"? Well, we certainly can't tie that to their religion, that would insult all the nice Christians. Not all bad things religious people do are because of their religion of course. But sometimes they hide behind their holy books when they oppress people; sometimes they really think that they are doing right by God when they kill people; and sometimes they are just doing what their preacher told them to when they are picketing a gay man's funeral.

Regardless of the specific reasons, there are some times when religion is really linked to real, dangerous, bad acts in the real world. Some people have the guts and the bad manners to call them out on that behavior, even when they are part of a group that mostly consists of nice people. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

Marcus

"P.Z. Myers is famous for... "

...nothing? He hasn't published an influential scientific article in almost a decade, and he's been absent from the most influential Intelligent Design fights. If simply ranting and raving on a blog makes one a remarkable scientist worthy of being booked to give talks, then we can all be remarkable scientists worthy of being booked to give talks. Recently, Myers has suggested on his blog that someone stab or attack the Pope "sideways with a rusty knife." Comments on his blog suggest that religious people should be killed or assaulted by various violent means (including being set on fire, beaten in the head with tire irons, and nailed to crosses) because they are "worthless, nothing. We don't need their useless, irrational genes polluting the Earth." This is all just for being religious, of course. Myers argues for the right to free speech but, apparently from this talk, tells religious people they have no right to it. And he seemingly feels threatened enough by the words of a student columnist to try and drag his name through the mud on his blog, just for uttering criticism. Nice.

People book P.Z. Myers because he preaches to the choir. The groups get a little bit of hate mixed with intellectual self-gratification that gets their juices flowing and ends with some hearty "attaboys!" and pats on the back. Then they feel rejuvenated to go out and spread hate and intolerance that they would otherwise decry by throwing a rope around religion and declaring it exempt from hate and intolerance ¾ thus falling prey to the same exemptionalist bullshit that delusional creationists use when trying to hold religion above being able to be criticized. There is atheism, and then there is an ideological stealth religion disguised as atheism. Myers falls prey to the latter.

Robert C.

Joe,

I think you should actually go to P.Z.'s website and read the article about the nailing incident. It really is a good read and has a lot to offer to everyone on both sides of the religious debate. The point wasn't to offend, but rather show that all ideas in this world should not be held sacrosanct. This idea is no different than Thomas Jefferson's Marketplace of Ideas.

I suspect this is an idea you would probably agree with as a fellow blogger, but it is probably the method he picked that you dislike. If that is the case would you rather he use everyone else's religion instead of yours to make the example?

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Since The Province's approval in February 2008, workers have been toiling away constructing 14 buildings so that RIT students can move in by the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Over the last few months, local union representatives (and the occasional 15 foot inflatable rat) have set up outside the apartment complex to protest the site. They pass out materials to workers on ways to report employer fraud and rights violations, and even provide lunch on certain days.

Thomas Stephens, a business development specialist with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), had been in contact with Edwards Community Construction to inquire about whether local workers would be involved with the project, when the site contractors for the Province arrived from Michigan in July 2009. "We approached Edwards to try to talk with them about using some local help. They explained to us that these contractors work for them all over the country and that they weren't going to need any local help," said Stephens.

Stephens has filed written requests and appeals to gain more information on investigations of The Province. "This whole thing is not about unions. This is . . . about the community," Stephens noted that the time for union construction workers to be a part of The Province has long since passed.

# PROTESTING THE PROVINCE

by Emily Bogle | photograph by Nate Flynn

Stephens wants to raise awareness in the community that the operation is not helping the local economy. "When you spend money locally, with people that live in the community and pay taxes in the community, the money turns over," he said. Hiring people from out of town limits the amount of money that goes to the community because the workers will most likely stay at hotels and spend money on necessities such as food and gas. Funds do not go to the schools, county or other civic organizations.

The Province markets itself as "luxury student living" and will offer 816 students housing with 11.5 month leases. The fully furnished apartments range from one to four person units, offering different options for renters. Construction is currently on schedule so that the move in date for students will be September 1.

Ty Mendelson, assistant property manager at The Province, noted that students seem "really excited about the amenities that The Province is offering that aren't available at other properties." One feature is the Club House, which will serve as a place where students can meet and get together outside of classes. "[The Province] will be a really fun college experience," said Mendelson.

Mendelson declined to comment on the activity of the protesters outside the apartment complex. He did note that students continued to come into the leasing office while the protesters were present.

Valerie Carrera, a first year Chemical Engineering major, noted that cost and private rooms were major factors when she chose to sign a lease with The Province. "We wanted to live in Global Village, but it doesn't look like it's going to be done [by the beginning of the school year]." She and her roommates were unaware of the protesters at the complex, but learning about the IUOE presence did not seem to deter her excitement over having her own room next year.

Stephens asks for RIT to create a dialogue with Edwards, explaining, "There would be no reason to build this project, if not for RIT." At the time of print, President William Destler has not made a statement about the Province. The Office of the President views the complex as a completely private development.

While protesting has declined at the Province site, conversation between Edwards and IUOE is still ongoing. **R**



Workers at The Province construction site take their lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers, which were provided by the local union members who have been protesting conditions.



# RIT FORECAST

compiled by James Arn

## PITCH-A-TENT

Greek Lawn. 6 p.m. – 12 a.m. A benefit concert for Lou Gehrig's Disease will be held here tonight. The music ends at midnight, but you don't have to go home. Pitch your tent and stay the night. Cost: Free.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

Gordon Field House. 12 p.m. Yup, it's the annual track-walking, cancer-curing Relay for Life. Stay up for 24 hours solid and help the American Cancer Foundation find a cure. Cost: As many donations as you can muster.

## MOONDANCE

Lovin'cup. 7 – 9 p.m. Relax and prepare for the coming week with Sunday Night Jazz at lovin'cup featuring the gang from Moondance. They'll play your old favorites and take your requests. Cost: Free.

## HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES

Outside. All day. That old RIT favorite, HvZ, returns for the spring season. Break out your Nerf gun and lay waste to some zombies. Note: Having to walk all the way around campus is *not* an excuse to be late to class. Cost: Dodging green bandanas on your way to class.

## 4/20

Your apartment or dorm. 4:20 p.m. Take advantage of the NORML sponsored holiday and stock up on all of your favorite snacks and munchies. Cost: You can bet Public Safety will be on high alert today.

## SG ELECTIONS BBQ

Infinity Quad. 12 – 2:30 p.m. Elections and BBQs go together like squirrels and trees... Oh, they don't really? Well, it's free food, so stop arguing. Cost: Free.

## EARTH DAY

The world. All day. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day by getting outside and cleaning up the world. Or just enjoy the spring-y goodness. While you're out, stop by the Louise Slaughter Center for Integrated Manufacturing Study (CIMS) to see displays about what RIT is doing to save the planet. Cost: Free. **R**

# ROC FORECAST

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FRIDAY

## "WICKED"

Auditorium Theatre, 885 E. Main Street. 7 p.m. Thinking of doing the old dinner-and-a-movie? Class things up by making it dinner-and-the-theater. This Broadway smash hit's return to Rochester will not disappoint. Cost: \$39.50 - \$132.50.

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SATURDAY

## VILLAGE IDIOTS IMPROV COMEDY

VIP Theatre, 274 N. Goodman. 8 p.m. Be careful not to bust a gut as three comedy teams fight for your vote in an improv comedy battle royale. Cost: \$8.

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SUNDAY

## GOING FOR BAROQUE

Memorial Art Gallery. 500 University Ave. 1 - 1:30 p.m., and repeated at 3 p.m. Are Ke\$ha and Justin Bieber too modern for you? Spend the afternoon 17th century style by listening to an organ recital and looking at artwork. Cost: Free with museum admission (\$5 for students, \$10 general admission).

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MONDAY

## SAINTS + PRVRTS

1975 Gallery at Surface Salon, 658 South Ave. 7 - 9 p.m. Saint Monci and Mr. PRVRT team up to bring you this collection of complex abstract and gritty street art. The collection includes both individual works and collaborative efforts.

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TUESDAY

## AN EVENING OF POETRY WITH PIOTR SOMMER

Sloan Auditorium, Goergen Hall, University of Rochester. 7:30 p.m. Renowned Polish poet Piotr Sommer, known for his spontaneous and lyrical style, shares some of his newest works translated into English. Cost: Free.

## ROCHESTER RED WINGS VS. BUFFALO BISON

Frontier Field. 1 Morrie Silver Way. 6:35 p.m. Take the evening off to enjoy Rochester sports and support the AAA baseball team downtown for this western New York game. Cost: \$6.50-10.50.

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WEDNESDAY

## ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Dryden Theatre, George Eastman House. 8 p.m. Head to the Eastman House to see the annual film festival. Each showing features six to eight short comedies, dramas, documentaries and animations. Cost: Free or suggested donation. **R**

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THURSDAY



# CRIME WATCH: MARCH 2010

by Daniel T. Mancuso

## MARCH 4

M Lot. 1:40 p.m. Three people were observed trying to set a shirt on fire. The arson case has been turned over to Judicial Affairs.

Campus Center. 6:00 a.m. A student reported that she had an unwanted sexual encounter with another student. The sexual misconduct case is still undergoing investigation.

## MARCH 13

Helen Fish Hall. 10:13 p.m.. It was reported that alcohol was found in a student's room. In addition to the alcohol, a homemade potato gun and bolt cutters were also confiscated. The alcohol policy violation has been turned over to Judicial Affairs.

## MARCH 17

Sol Heumann Circle. 2:00 a.m. It was reported that a student was removed from the area following an altercation with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The case has been turned over to Judicial Affairs.

## MARCH 18

Colony Manor Apartments. 12:44 a.m. Two individuals were walking through the parking lot, breaking taillights on parked vehicles. The criminal mischief case is still undergoing investigation.

## MARCH 22

Riverknoll Apartments. While Housing Operations was performing a safety inspection, the staff noticed drugs in a student's room. The materials were confiscated and the unlawful possession of marijuana case has been referred to Judicial Affairs.

## MARCH 26

Perkins Green Apartments. 3:45 a.m. A student was arrested for driving while intoxicated and property damage. The case is now closed.

## MARCH 27

University Commons Apartments. 3:00 a.m. An unknown person unlawfully broke into an apartment bedroom and stole property. The case is closed, pending new information or leads.

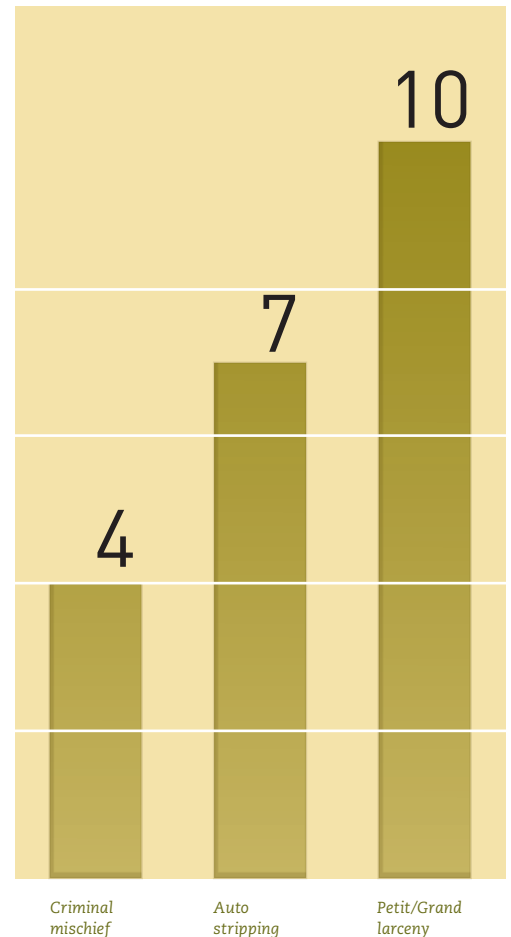
## MARCH 30

B Lot. 9:00 p.m. An unknown person damaged a vehicle by punching out the door locks. The case of auto stripping in the third degree has been closed, pending new information or leads.

## MARCH 31

Perkins Green Apartments. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., two non-members were banned from campus after collecting trash from dumpsters. The case is closed. **R**

## CRIMES IN MARCH



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As promised, when drank straight, Bakon is very smooth. The bacon aftertaste is pleasantly startling after the first few slugs, but quickly becomes strangely disconcerting. With a hue hovering somewhere between grease-soaked paper towel and diluted pond water, the appearance should have been the first sign of trouble. After cracking open the bottle, the aroma permeating the room was more reminiscent of Bac'n Bits than fresh, crispy bacon. This stench

was the perfect prelude to the taste: artificial.

After the novelty of the idea of meat-flavored booze wears off, you are left with a bottle chock full of "really bad decision." The quality of the vodka is sullied indelibly by the wretched bacon aftertaste. What starts out as a novel drink devolves into an arduous chore before you can even feel its roll-slowing effects. Even when mixed with vodka's breakfast soulmate, tomato juice, to form what can only be imagined as the best thing to happen to every functional alcoholic since the invention of Aspirin, Bakon still manages to fall flat on its face; its greasy, pimply face.

If you must try this aberration of good taste, **REPORTER** suggests you first celebrate your 21st birthday and develop an appreciation for vodka that

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BY TOM SCIOTTO

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## Mo's Bacon Chocolate-Chip Pancake Mix



Anyone who was here for Jim Gaffigan's routine at last year's Brick City Homecoming is familiar

with the man's passion for bacon. He even makes the claim that any food can be improved by the addition of bacon: salads, baked potatoes or any other food item simply wrapped in bacon. Here with one of bacon's breakfast table brethren, it is time to put that theory to the test. That's right: today we dine on bacon chocolate chip pancakes.

The packaging and description would have you believe that pancakes are a delicacy. The nickel sized chocolate chips made of gourmet milk chocolate continue to evoke the feeling, along with the somewhat specific and complicated recipe, which requires buttermilk, a separated egg and melted butter. Once you

have taken the first bite, however, you will forget all about the labor intensive cooking. The savory taste of thick pancake will fill your mouth with a sweet chocolate hint drenched in maple syrup, and for a moment, all your worries will melt away. Unfortunately, this is where the fun ends. Something is missing. Something very important. The bacon.

That's right, the "bacon" in these delectable bacon chocolate chip pancakes is mere bacon bits hidden amongst the chocolate, barely noticeable.

Although these pancakes are quite tasty, the whole point is to combine this wonderful any-time meal with the versatile flavor of

bacon, a feat that Mo's fails to pull off. In addition, you only get two or three chips per pancake — not much for a six to seven inch pancake. At the cost of \$12.00 per package (and nearly double to ship it), these pancakes aren't worth it, especially for only 25-30 pancakes. Simply put, this is a poor and relatively expensive execution of an appetizing idea. It would be better to just make your own bacon and add as much as you like. Although Gaffigan's idea may be true in some cases, Mo's mix fails to prove it. **R**

BY KYLE HUGO

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# AT YOUR LEISURE

04.16.10  
by Alex Rogala

## Definition

**HARBINGER** - n. one that presages or foreshadows what is to come.

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Definition taken from  
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## Quote

"The big lesson in life, baby, is never be scared of anyone or anything."

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## Overseen & Overheard

"Do female unicorns have horns?"  
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# WALKING THE WEBBING

Sitting outside around campus, it's impossible to ignore the bevy of tight-rope walkers on the Greek Lawn and Infinity Quad. A craze sweeping college campuses worldwide, slacklining is a balancing sport that requires only a nylon belt tied between two trees. The basic "tricks" of the sport consist of standing, walking and sitting on the one-inch width of webbing. More advanced slackliners may prefer complicated variations including highlining (which consists of rigging a highline across large distances above ground or water), or yoga slacklining (doing yoga balance postures on the line).

Students at colleges have picked up slacklining as a way of connecting with other groups of people, as well as for the calmness it brings. "I enjoy [slacklining] because it draws people together, it intrigues people," explained Tal Nagourney, a fifth year Microelectronic Engineering major. "It's good to have here because people are so cut off."

Nagourney started slacklining three years ago on his friend's older brother's line. "When I was first learning, it was on this huge line, and it was so long it had to be eight feet up so you had to climb up the tree first," he reminisced, "so the name of the game was — if you fell — to catch the line on your way down." Shortly after he began slacklining, Nagourney bought his own line.

Like many sports, slacklining is also used as an outlet to relax or an excuse to be outside. Taylor Rose, a third year Computer Science major, said, "For me, I go and slackline by myself sometimes. I get into these Zen states when I'm off on my own, sort of like climbing. You don't think about work or stress." Aside from slacklining, Rose is a member of the Climbing Team and climbs frequently at the Red Barn.

Another climber and slackliner, Cameron Parker, a first year Industrial Design major, picked up slacklining after he saw some other students playing on a slackline during his first quarter at RIT. "I see slacklining as an outlet from school and just everyday life," Parker mentioned. "It's fun to do, too, and something to do with my friends."

For all its challenge, this stability sport is one with room for constant improvement. Rose hopes to get to the point where he can do on-line tricks such as kneeling, various yoga positions (like tree pose), and either sitting or sleeping on the line. Nagourney aspires to one day be able to do a handstand or backflip while on the line. A lot of the students slacklining at RIT are still relatively new, but they are generally open to helping out curious passersby get on the line. **R**

## SLACKLINING AT RIT

by Leanne Cushing | Photography by xxx



Cameron Parker, first year Industrial Design major, balances on a slackline outside of Greek Row.



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# LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

thereof.  
The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and may appoint a different Day.

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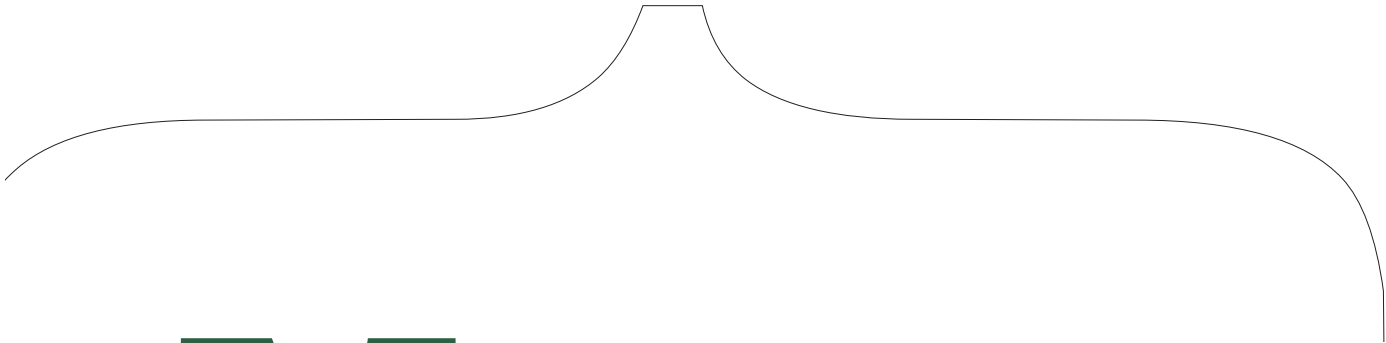
Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in this Judgment be necessary to be kept secret; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any Question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal. Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three Days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

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by Brendan Cahill





**M**arijuana has a long history in America. In 1492, it is likely that Christopher Columbus brought the *cannabis sativa* plant to America — not for recreational use, but to make ropes out of the hemp. Since then, the plant has come to be used by more than just sailors, but start growing it on your front lawn and the cops will show up in no time. So what gives?

It all began in the early 1900s, after the Mexican Revolution. Mexican immigrants began to flood the Southern states, introducing American culture to recreational marijuana use. Marijuana was already being used in American medicines, but recreational use here was uncommon. In 1913, California passed the first state marijuana law, prohibiting “narcotic preparations of hemp, or loco-weed.” At this time, the first associations between marijuana and temporary insanity started to form.

Things really hit the proverbial fan in 1930, when Harry J. Anslinger took office as the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

When the Great Depression hit, fear of marijuana grew as poverty spread throughout the nation. By 1931, 29 states had banned marijuana use. For the first time, people were genuinely afraid of the effects of marijuana, and Anslinger was more than happy to nurture these fears as he began a nationwide campaign against marijuana use.

The year 1936 saw the release of “Reefer Madness,” a cautionary film that exaggerated the effects of marijuana, presenting it as fuel for tragedy which causes people to die and friendships to be torn apart. Americans were convinced that marijuana was a dangerous substance in need of control, and control was

what they got. In 1937, the “Marihuana Tax Act” was passed, making it illegal to possess marijuana without first purchasing a tax stamp from the Treasury Department. The catch was that these stamps were almost impossible to get, effectively making marijuana totally illegal. Seeing success here, Anslinger went on to the United Nations, convincing 100 countries to consolidate their drug laws, making marijuana effectively illegal around the world.

Things continued this way for almost 30 years. But in the 1960s, something interesting happened: a counter culture sprang up in America’s youth, challenging the values of their parents and questioning why marijuana was illegal. In 1965, an estimated 1 million American adults had tried marijuana; a mere seven years later, that number had exploded to 24 million. In response, President Richard Nixon (and later President Ronald Reagan) would launch America’s “War on Drugs,” improving police training on illicit substances, changing the Federal Bureau of Narcotics into the still-present Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and funneling large amounts of money into combating drugs. But now, marijuana laws faced something more challenging than a few street dealers; they faced opposition.

The establishment of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) in 1970 meant that marijuana law reform has a lobby rooting for it in Congress. Today, several states, New York included, have decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana, treating the drug’s use as a civil citation rather than a major charge. At the same time, however, drug related arrests are up; marijuana arrests make up 47



percent of all drug arrests.

Things start to get sticky where state and federal laws conflict. The state of New York may have decriminalized small amounts of marijuana, but at the federal level, cannabis is still very much illegal. Currently, the federal punishments for possessing marijuana are steep. Any amount is considered punishable, with sentences of up to a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine possible for a first offense.

The biggest problem is with medicinal marijuana. While the state can give its approval for a pot club, or an establishment that grows marijuana to be sold as medicine, if someone were to inform the DEA of the operation, they would be well within their rights to raid the place — and they have, in fact, with instances both in California and Colorado, even after orders not to by the Department of Justice. Considering that New York could be on the cusp of its own medicinal marijuana law (see “Medical





Marijuana” on page 20), this presents a problem. The state must consider whether allowing the operation of such dispensaries is beneficial, and individuals must consider whether or not it's worth the risk.

Meanwhile, RIT students are expected to adhere to federal, state and local drug laws while on campus. Punishments for getting caught using illegal drugs while on campus include a deferred suspension with a deferred removal or removal from RIT housing, possible chemical screening, and possible alternative education program for a first offense. Second time offenders get suspended or dismissed right out of the gates, and undergo drug treatment during their time away from RIT. Dealers get hit harder; suspension, dismissal, or expulsion can result automatically, and will be referred to the local authorities.

According to Stacey DeRooy, assistant director for Public Safety, “The involvement of police depends on the amount of marijuana and/or if it appears there may be distribution.” Within the drug-related cases listed for 2008 in the 2009 Safety and Security report, 47 were referred to student conduct while only five resulted in arrests. 95 percent of the total cases were marijuana related.

The end result of this is a very complicated system, one which groups like NORML say could be simplified if we just legalized the green stuff and called it a day. According to a Gallup Poll, as of 2005, just over one third of Americans felt that marijuana should be legalized. California, Oregon and Washington have put the issue of legalization on the ballot for 2010, and Nevada plans to do the same in 2012, opting to let voters have their say.

For now? We'll just have to wait and see. **R**



# MEDICAL MARIJUANA

by Emily Mohlmann | Illustration by Joanna Eberts





When asked to picture a marijuana user, the first image that comes to many people's minds is not that of a person on their deathbed or a person with cancer. But that may soon change. You'd better get used to the idea of medical marijuana, because it's here to stay.

The term "medical marijuana" does not refer to a substance that is in any way special or different from recreational marijuana. It's the same plant, grown the same way; the difference lies only in its use. Marijuana users who smoke or ingest cannabis in some form to combat pain and discomfort are considered to be medicinal users. Most commonly, medicinal users are terminally ill patients, with diseases such as AIDS or cancer. Chronic pain patients, those suffering from an injury or a disease like fibromyalgia, have also found marijuana use helpful.

As of 2002 there are, according to the United States Government Accountability Office, the following are allowable conditions for medical marijuana use: Alzheimer's disease, anorexia, AIDS, arthritis, cachexia, cancer, Crohn's disease, epilepsy and other seizure disorders, glaucoma, HIV positive status, migraine, multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by persistent muscle spasticity, severe nausea, chronic pain, severe pain, wasting syndrome, and any other illness for which marijuana provides relief. Of these, the list of what is allowable varies between states. For instance, Alzheimer's disease is only recognized as an allowable condition in Oregon; Wasting syndrome is only recognized in Hawaii. California is the only state to allow the blanket condition of "any illness for which marijuana provides relief."

Despite state recognition, it is still not legal under federal law to possess marijuana for any reason. Marijuana is classified as a "Schedule One" substance. Schedule One substances don't have any accepted medical uses in the United States and are considered to have a high potential for abuse. Other commonly recognized substance included on the list are names such as heroin, ecstasy, and forms of morphine and methamphetamine.

The federal government is hesitant to legalize marijuana. Asked why that might be, Nancy Adams, the Executive Director of Monroe County Medical Society (MCMS), pointed to the worry of abuse.

"I think they have some concerns about being able to control it ... The

federal government just worries that there is going to be some state law that goes into effect that is too liberal," said Adams, weighing in the implications of pro-medical marijuana legislation. "They've got to figure out the best way to tax things and make money off it." Both Adams and MCMS share in their support of medical marijuana legalization.

For New York, change might be on the horizon. Legislation is in the works to add the Empire State to the ranks of 14 others that have legalized the use of medical marijuana. California was the first state to do so in 1996, followed closely by Alaska, Oregon and Washington in 1998. The remaining states — Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and Vermont — have legalized the medicinal use of marijuana since 1999, with New Jersey making the most recent switch in January, 2010.

There are two bills, A. 9016 and S. 4041-B, in the state Senate that intend to legalize medical marijuana in New York. The bills, championed by Senator Duane and Assemblyman Gottfried, would allow seriously ill patients to use marijuana as an acceptable medical treatment without the risk of criminalization. While Adams acknowledges that there are other illnesses, she said, "the legislation is pretty specific about a life-threatening illness. One would have to make the argument that if it's a

chronic condition that the patient still fits the criteria." The bills also do not allow for patients or caregivers to grow their own marijuana. Instead, they would be dispensed medical marijuana from state-registered and regulated entities.

The bills will also call for regulations on doctors similar to what other states have. "The physician actually doesn't even write a prescription," said Adams. "They certify that the patient qualifies for this and the patient has to work through a department of health process to get the substance." This is mainly because federal law prohibits doctors from writing prescriptions for illegal drugs, including marijuana. Virginia currently has a bill in their senate that would allow doctors to write prescriptions for medical marijuana. However, if this legislation is enacted, it would do little good until if doctor prescriptions are approved by federal law.


The proposed registry in the bills would help to protect the patient if they were to get arrested. Affirmative defenses, or approvals to be in possession of the drug, are available in 10 of the 14 states that have current marijuana legislation. An affirmative defense does not protect against arrest, but it does protect against conviction on marijuana charges, assuming the patient is in compliance with the state laws on allowable amounts. Some states, how-

ever, require that you are registered in order to enact this defense. Those states are: Alaska, Vermont, New Mexico and New Jersey.

With so many states already allowing medical marijuana use and others with pending legislation it is easy for misconceptions to form. "I think the [most common] misconceptions are that patients can start growing it themselves, or they're going to have large quantities of marijuana on hand that might be used by someone else," said Adams. This is not the case. New York's law would allow for 2.5 ounces of useable marijuana and a reasonable amount of unusable marijuana (e.g. leaves that have not been cured) to be in a patients possession.

While some may argue that medical marijuana is no big deal because there are stronger legal drugs available to patients, it is still a touchy subject in society and within medical communities. Currently there is a pill available, Marinol, which is made of synthetic THC and is FDA approved. Marinol is considered ta legal form medical marijuana according to the DEA website. However, Adams feels there is still more research to be done. "Right now the way this works best is for the patient to actually smoke the marijuana." Concerned with the harmful effects this use can have on a patient's lungs, Adams went on, "If more research can be done so that we can figure out another way to deliver it, whether it's with a patch or in an oral form, I think that would be beneficial."

The turmoil on both sides of the issue around the country leaves it hard to say if medical marijuana use will be legalized this year in New York. The resistance from the influence of public opinion leaves the the fate of this bill up in the air. The full Senate will vote on the issue in the next couple weeks.

"Unfortunately, I'm not sure I even give it a 50-50 shot," said Adams. "We've got some good folks representing us, we've got the support of the state medical society, so hopefully I'll be presently surprised." 



# RIT TIGERS FANS HEAT UP THE FROZEN FOUR

by Laura Mandanas

RIT FANS WEREN'T ENJOYING THE ATMOSPHERE DURING THE NCAA MEN'S HOCKEY SEMIFINALS ON APRIL 8; THEY **WERE** THE ATMOSPHERE.



**H**eld in Ford Field, this year's Frozen Four championship games pitted newcomer RIT Tigers up against the six-time national champion Wisconsin Badgers. This being the team's first post-season appearance in Division I, the RIT community turned out in force to support the Tigers. With hundreds of current students driving six or more hours to get to the game (and many alumni driving or flying from farther than that), at the game's start, the synchronized, rowdy cheers from the Tigers were stadium-shaking. Badgers fans' polite, listless applause barely made it beyond their own seats.

"These [Tigers] fans are unbelievable. They're the best fans in the country, as far as college. I tip my hats to them," said Mike Walling, a 2004 graduate of RIT's packaging science program and former member of the RIT Men's Hockey team. Walling sat with half a dozen of his old teammates, many of whom had played in the D3 Frozen Four under Coach Wilson in 2001, the

year that RIT became Division III National Runner-Ups. "As one of the players on the ice, you see the fans backing you up; it gives you shivers," said Walling, noting a fond place in his heart for the Corner Crew. "It gets you going, like you wouldn't imagine. It's hard to explain. It's a beautiful thing."

Unfortunately for the Tigers, cheering decibel magnitude was not counted on the scoreboard. The game itself was pretty brutal. Aside from one goal by RIT's right wingman Tyler Brenner, a second year Business major, the game was an exercise in Badger domination. Fans saw red as Wisconsin skated circles around RIT. It may have been the blur of the Badgers' crimson jerseys, or it may have been the bloody entrails of a streak of freshly-slain Tigers out on the ice. Either way: not good.

Despite the score, seasoned fans took it in stride. "No academic scholarships versus NHL draft picks. That's what this game is," said Andrew Nock, a second year Mechanical Engineering Technology major, matter-

of-factly. Dressed in a large orange sombrero and sunglasses, he sat in the loudest section of the stands. "If you can't offer athletic scholarships to D1 players, you put yourself at a disadvantage, big time. There's at least one kid on the Wisconsin team [Brendan Smith] who's a draft pick for the Detroit Red Wings."

The orange-horned Viking standing next to Marsh piped in, "Yeah. Zero draft picks, zero ice time for the NHL — we're huge underdogs. The fact that we made it this far is unbelievable. It is," said Jonathan Marsh, a fifth year Mechanical Engineering major. "After this year, there's going to be a lot more interest in RIT hockey."

In fact, Wisconsin's current team has seven first- and second-round NHL draft picks: Ryan McDonagh and Derek Stepan for the New York Rangers, Jake Gardiner and Justin Schultz for Anaheim, Brendan Smith for Detroit, Cody Goloubef for Columbus, and Blake Geoffrion for Nashville. Beyond



that, three other current team members have been drafted: Craig Smith for Nashville, Brett Bennett for Phoenix, and Podge Turnbull for Los Angeles. In stark comparison, not a single player from RIT has been drafted.

With the Tigers' stunning performance this season, however, RIT will surely be on the radar in the years to come. "National recruiting," Marsh and Nock said in near unison. "That's where we're going from here." As RIT attracts even better players, things are only going to get better in the years to come.

But as far as some fans are concerned, things are already pretty great; unconcerned with the loss, they've just been enjoying the ride. "I haven't gone to any of the other hockey games this season," admitted Caitlin Shannon, third year Biomedical Photo major, "But from now on! It's definitely going to be a weekly occurrence. I will always have our team's back now." Although RIT's subsidized tickets sold out within several hours of the box office opening, she was able to find tickets through other means: "My tickets that I got online didn't work, so I had to go buy them from a scalper just so I could get in," said Shannon.



*A fan holds her head in disbelief after Wisconsin puts the game out of reach, scoring its fifth unanswered goal in the second period.*  
photograph by Dan Wodecki

Next to her, Ariel Leita, a second year International Studies major and Shannon's sorority sister at Delta Phi Epsilon, commented, "Despite the fact that we had a rough game here, I think it's still a major accomplishment for the team and for our school. The fact that we're even on ESPN2 and getting national recognition, I think it's good news for RIT."

From their seats in the stadium, fans were largely oblivious to the sometimes harsh commentary about their team in the outside world. No matter; regardless of what anyone had to say about Thursday's performance on ice, history has already been written. The RIT Tigers — and their fans — have made it to the big time. And this is where they're going to stay.

Over a hundred Tigers fans did, in fact, stay for the championship game on Saturday, in which the Badgers were shut out 5-0 to the Boston College Eagles. Cheering louder than the fans of either of the teams who were actually playing, Tiger fans made national news for their continued, unrelenting chant: "R-I-T. R-I-T. R-I-T." **R**



*Goalie Jared DeMichiel stops a puck during a Wisconsin power play. DeMichiel was under intense pressure from the Badger offense, which proved too quick for the Tigers. Photograph by Theophil Syslo.*

## THE GAME

Kicking off to a quick start, the Wisconsin Badgers scored twice within the first 10 minutes of the game. The RIT Tigers held them at bay for the remainder of the period, but the Badgers slapped another one in within three minutes of the start of the second period, and then another not long after. The rest of the period dragged on for what seemed an eternity. With player spirits lagging, penalty after penalty was called on the Tigers. Following a two minute penalty on left wingman Tyler Mazzei, a third year Business major, and a combined 15-minute penalty for hitting from behind and game misconduct on center forward Mark Cornacchia, a second year Finance major, the game was literally five on three. The Badgers scored yet again. With less than 30 seconds left in the second period, right wingman Tyler Brenner, a second year Business major, managed to knock in RIT's first and only goal. The final period brought two about more goals for the Badgers, and none for the Tigers. The game ended with a final score of 8-1 and a win for the University of Wisconsin.

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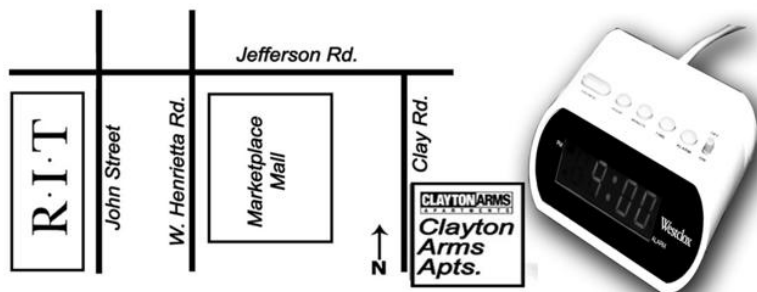
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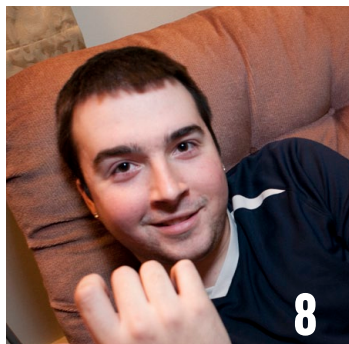


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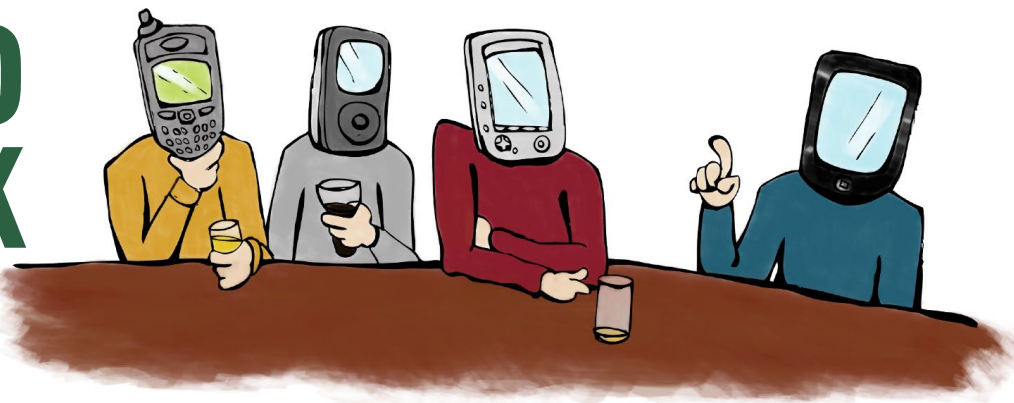
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# IPAD TALK

by Emily Mohlmann



With the seemingly endless media coverage of the good, the bad and the ugly of Apple's new iPad, most everyone should know what it is. Sifting through the information leads to one question: Is all this hype going to stand up against the shiny silver case? In a word, no.

The hype has been building since the much-anticipated January 27 unveiling by Apple's co-founder and CEO, Steve Jobs. With Jobs touting it as a "magical and revolutionary product," the whispers began. Maybe it wasn't going to be so amazing after all. For one thing, the iPad looks like an iPhone that was hit by the ray gun in "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid." In typical Apple style, it lacks anything other than size to differentiate it from the iPod Touch or iPhone. The interface doesn't help, either; again, it mimics the iPhone and Touch, on a slightly larger scale. In fact, the operating system is iPhone OS 3.2. Superficial problems? Yes, but the design and interface foreshadow what's to come.

Following the announcement of the iPad, there was initial confusion over what market it would fall into, and what would do. "Tablet," "netbook," "e-reader," and "mobile device" are all terms that have all been thrown around to categorize the iPad, though Apple says, "it's a whole new kind of device." Without a concrete category, consumers are having trouble understanding what it is good for, and what they can reasonably expect to do with it. Maybe Jobs' no market research philosophy is starting to fail him.

With all the excitement in the air, consumers have overlooked major faults of the iPad, sometimes even after buying it. There are over 2,500 iPad-specific apps, and most of the 150,000 existing iPhone apps will work with the iPad. And that's great... until you go to open two at once and realize that you can't. The term "tablet computer" is a little misleading, especially when it can't multitask. (The iPhone OS 4.0 update this fall is expected to address the multitasking issue, but for now, you're stuck.) You may say

that is okay; how often do you really need to have more than one program open? But think. When writing a paper, you generally have two or three programs open: one to write in, one to do research in, and possibly one you use to talk to your buddies. Still okay?

Die-hards will fight this and say, well would you really be writing a paper on the iPad? The answer is yes; if owned, some portion of a paper or presentation is likely to be conceived on the iPad. Most students carry their laptops around all day every day, simply because they're always doing work. A MacBook Pro at 5.5 pounds gets tiresome quickly, especially when combined with a textbook and everything else needed for a day on campus. With the 1.6 pound iPad being the lightest in the Mac family (a MacBook Air is nearly twice the weight at three pounds), it is going to be looked at as Apple's solution to the netbook, and it is going to be carried all the time.

The second largest mar on its silver case is the lack of a USB port. Sure it has the familiar iPod and iPhone dock connector, but what good does that do when you have to buy additional accessories in order to do anything other than charge it and sync with iTunes? After all, iTunes doesn't accept Word documents. The standard means for getting photos or any other document on an iPad is via email, unless you use Apple's iWork.com or purchase Apple's adapters. And don't forget — those adapters won't be available until later this month. While this may not be a hassle for some, it is viewed by others as Apple trying hard to control the content you receive.

The explosion of the netbook market left many Apple users craving the debut of the highly rumored tablet and probably pushed Jobs into a shorter than anticipated timetable. The resulting product is unimpressive. In the end, it's several hundred more dollars in Apple's pocket, and an Apple geek holding an oversized iPod. **R**

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SATURDAY, 3:21 P.M.

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE  
AT RIT WHEN YOU  
SEE A DEAF DRUG  
DEAL GO DOWN.**

(from text)

SATURDAY, 6:25 A.M.

**My boyfriend's mom is making us Jello shot  
Easter eggs. I'm sure Jesus is loving this.**

(from text)

MONDAY 11:12 P.M

*I just saw some creepy old  
guy taking a crap in the  
woods by the daycare center.  
What do I do?*

(from text)

FRIDAY, 7:35 P.M.

**At what point does CPR on a  
horse become bestiality?**

(from text)

THURSDAY, 1:29 P.M.

TOILET PAPER IN COLA IS  
UNUSUALLY ROUGH... I GUESS  
THAT'S JUST PREPARATION FOR  
THEIR JOB MARKET!

(from text)

MONDAY, 10:22 P.M.

**Hey RINGS, that new Candy  
Counter store does not sell Red  
Bull or cigarettes. I ask you: what  
is the point of having that store  
on a college campus then?**

(from text)

TUESDAY, 7:41 P.M.

*So I get out of class and who do I run into on the  
Quarter Mile but my ex from Jersey. AND HER  
WHOLE FAMILY. You can't spring that [baloney]  
on me on a Tuesday!*

(from text)

WEDNESDAY, 2:22 P.M.

*There's a beaver in the pond by S-lot. But  
don't worry... There's no beaver hunter.*

(from voicemail)

FRIDAY, 1:54 P.M.

**I'M REALLY HIGH AND THE CORNER STORE ONLY  
HAS THE REALLY TINY MARSHMALLOWS. WORST  
CAMPFIRE EVER!**

(from text)

FRIDAY, 9:04 P.M.

*Alright RINGS, [Reese's Pieces] was a no-  
brainer for the old editor. I want to know  
what you're going to do with [The Mad  
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(from text)



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