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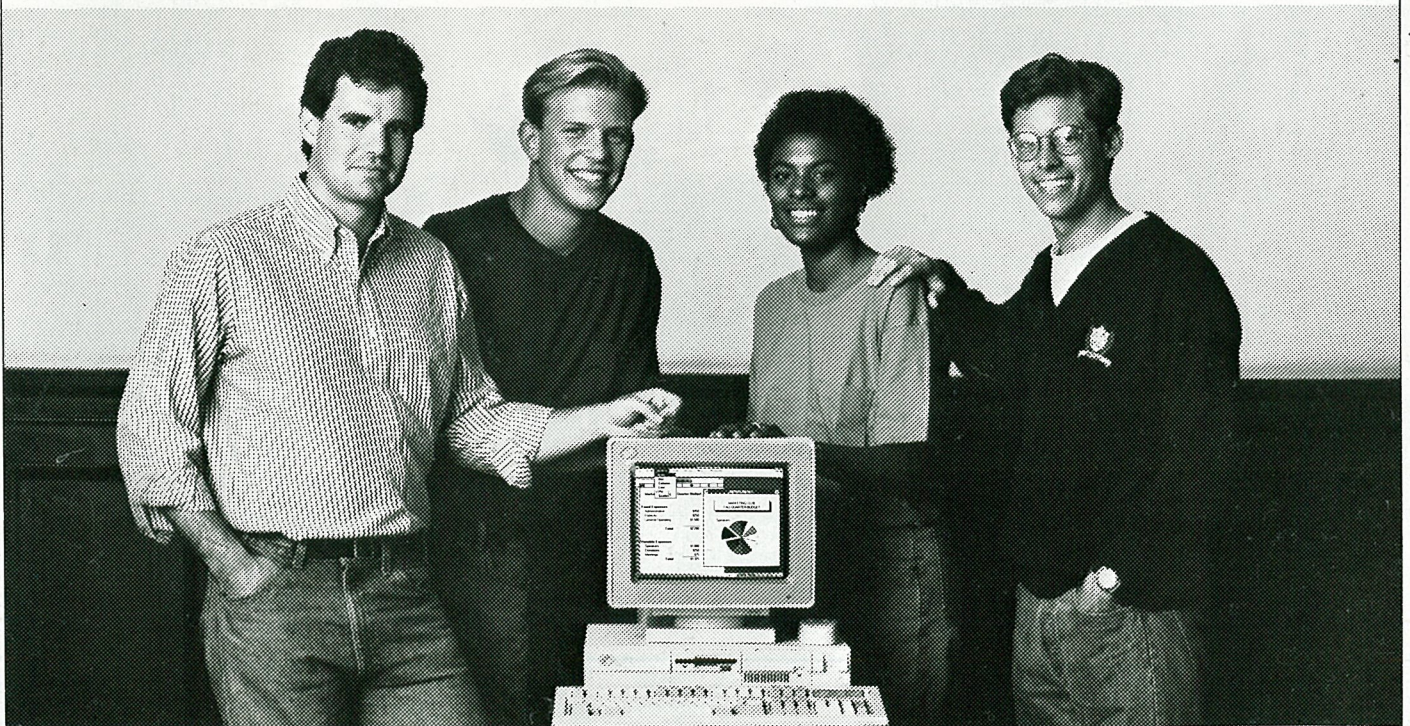
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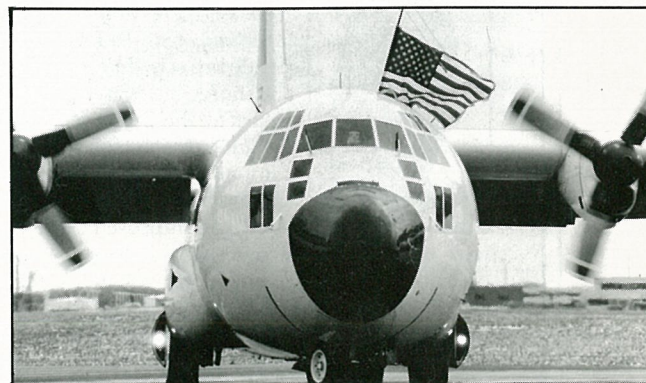
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Letters

S.D. Speaks Out

OK, are ready to read alot? The letter to the REPORTER needs clarification and therefore I have to set this is into context. Please note also that this is my opinion, recollection, and perception of this letter. I hope I am accurate in what I say here, but anyone else on the board please set me straight, if I make a mistake. I will try to respond line by line to the letter.

The writers first gripe, benefits to SD members. Well this is a big issue and will require alot of background. For starters, up until this year ALL student governments paid their board members on a weekly basis. This year SD voted to eliminate pay for SD but put in replace a benefits package. Why do we need pay or benefits? Most members put in a lot of time and effort into their positions. Most mem bers need a job to support themselves while they are on campus. Most members can not hold a job, put in the hours at SD, school, etc... So it was decided that it would be better to have benefits rather than pay because there would be little or no cost to students, and it might benefit the institue as a whole.

Unfortunately, the benefits package has not materialized and currently we do not get paid or have any benefits besides a few season hockey passes. So Student Directorate does not have preferential parking, first choice during housing selection, the ability to register early, or a discount at the bookstore for all of its members! We are the only student government to be in this position. This is not to say other governments are in wrong, on the contrary, we chose this course of action.

On the second point in the letter. . . Yes we did purchase a laser printer, for our use only. Why? First, we send out all kinds of formal letters, invitations, and documents all over the world.

Currently, these documents are printed on a ImageWriter II printer. This is a dot matrix printer and by the very nature of dot matrix printing, low quality. Recently, special events, sent out a letter to Ms. Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of England, to speak at RIT. Do you want the Prime Minister of England to read a document printed by an ImageWriter? Especially, being a technical institute which prides itself on the top quality equipment and technology. I don't.

Why restrict it to SD members only? There are plenty of reasons why, but just to name one, can you image every student who wants to print out his/her paper or resume coming to the office to make a laser printout for free! The line would be out the door! SD would never be able to use it for printing professional looking documents. If I have not convinced you here I invite you to come to the SD office and see for yourself how much we use the computer and printer we have now.

To the third point in the REPORTER letter, the writer doesn't like the idea of a student activities hour from 1-2pm on Tuesday's. This 'is so outrageous and ludicrous that it doesn't deserve a reply, but I will try to explain. Student activities hour is something most colleges have to promote student involvement and allow clubs, organizations and governments to hold meetings at a time when everyone can attend. We have been pushing for this so that more people can get involved on campus. How many times have you heard or you yourself has said "I would go to this or that but I can't because I have class"? Our hope is that by providing a student activities hour more people will show up to meetings, especially the open board meeting.

As far as the time of the hour goes, again there

lots of reasons for this time. Some of which are: most people are on campus at this time, the Registrar has set this time aside for the hour and it seems to be the best time in the weekly schedule.

This is a service for you! Not for SD, as the letter claims. And just one side note, it is my understanding that U of R has the entire afternoon off on Wednesdays for student activities, and we are just asking for 1 hour of the entire week.

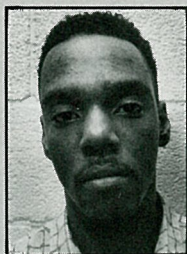
Finally, a general response to last part of the REPORTER letter to the editor, if you feel we are misrepresenting you or you have suggests on what we can do for you or the student body, please do one of the following:

- attend our open board meeting and bring it to our attention
- get involved in student government and change it yourself
- write a letter to any of us at SD
- stop by our office and complain there
- or write an accurate, constructive, clear letter to the editor of REPORTER.

There is nothing more irritating then an apathetic student body who doesn't show up to events or meetings designed for them, or who will not constructively complain or get involved to create change. I guess I have said enough for now. . .

Scott Curry
CAST rep. to SD

ReproFile



Put into effect February 4, 1991, the "new" and "improved" RIT shuttle bus schedule. The shuttle buses are a part of the Transportation Division of Campus Safety.

The schedule is "new" the improved part depends on how you look at it. Not only did they change the departure times but the route of the evening shuttle and the time of the escort vehicle as well.

The new daytime schedule is not very different from the old one and not to difficult to get use to. The frequency of the morning shuttle runs is a plus. On the other hand the evening route almost eliminates the convenience of having a such a service.

The old evening route allowed a student to leave the Union and reach a destination in about five to ten minutes.

Now with the new schedule if a student wants to travel from Perkins to the Union it will take him approximately twenty minutes. The walk, at the most, only takes fifteen minutes.

God forbid if you're some photo/art/film major with a bunch material for a project and you need to go from the Resident Halls to the Union and the temperature is at a high of 22° F. The lengthy shuttle bus route would make lugging tons of equipment across a frozen tundra not seem as bad.

The mobile escorts only operates from eleven p.m. to one a.m. on week days, which in some cases leave students stranded on campus. Hard to believe that Campus Safety would deny a student an escort if he/she had nowhere to go nor any means of getting home. I have been in the situation before and was simply told that it was against their policy to use Campus Safety vehicles for students escorts and also made it seem as if I was

at fault for not making arrangements to get home. This wasn't the last time. The service that night ended at one in the morning. The service previously ended at two.

The nature of my job and many of my constituates requires some of us to leave the union usually after 1:00 a.m.. With the old schedule there was still a way for students to get home, up until 2:00 a.m..

For the most part the Campus Safety dispatcher, shuttle and escort drivers are courteous and should not recieve hell for enforcing RIT policy's, but for those who make up all the policies, rules and regulations — if it aint broke don't fix it.

Dana Tungquist



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This is your chance to take part in the programming of events on the RIT campus!

CAB will be taking applications and conducting interviews up until April 4th. If you or anyone you know is interested please come to the CAB office, SAU room A251, fill out an application, and sign up for an interview.

Now that the Spring Quarter is underway, thoughts turn to warm weather, BBQ's, and of course Spring Concerts. The surveys have been tallied, and the winner is....! Well let's just wait and see. Thank you very much to those who filled out a stack of them with all the same pen color. Bids will be made through agents in the next week so we'll keep you informed.

In addition to our regular TGIF's, Wednesday Nights in the RITZ, Talisman Movies, and RITV, CAB has scheduled other exciting events:

- Tues, March 26 Harlem Globetrotters
- Thurs, April 4 2nd City Comedy
- Thurs, April 11 American Pictures
- Sat, April 13 Riverboat Cruise
- Sat, April 20 Mark Nizer: Juggle-In
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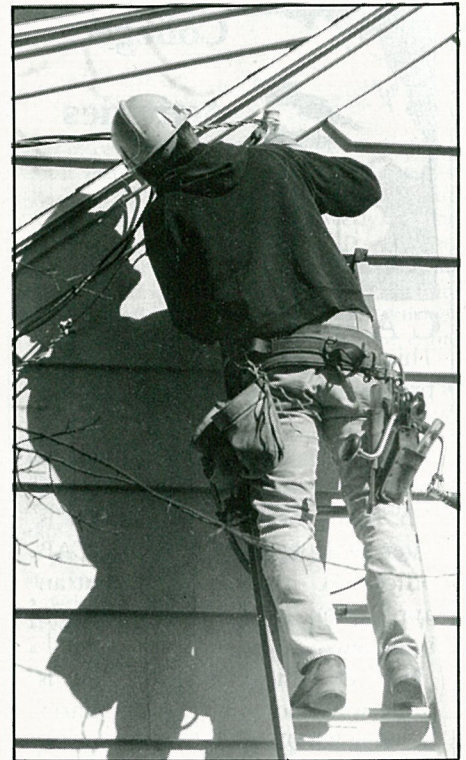
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A Chilling Effect



The Redick brothers gathered together at their parents house to do a little yard cleaning Sunday afternoon. The ice storm took out several trees but did no damage to the house.



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Power was restored to the Moffitt home in Gates by Clay Boyd of RG&E.

The unexpected cruelty of mother nature was not what most had anticipated. As many people in the Rochester area lost power for many days and were forced to seek shelter elsewhere, RIT opened their Fireside Lounge to help secure its employees who were among those that lost power. The incredible ice storm brought extensive damages around the RIT campus. According to Steve Brede, a physical plant employee, the campus was closed for two days and RIT employees were not able to come to work because of the state of emergency. Three of

Kevin Doyle /REPORTER



Jason Wise/REPORTER

Many situations required the use of chain saws to reduce the size of fallen limbs.

the worst spots on campus were on the east side of the Engineering quad, the north side of campus and Lomb Memorial Drive. The debris from the fallen trees were so bad that it was necessary for RIT's physical plant to bring in two different companies to help chip the branches off the trees.

There are still areas closed on campus that are not safe for the RIT community. Such areas are the Wild Flower Trail and the Athletic Fitness Trail. As for residential areas, Sol Heumann and NRH were two of the dorms that needed cleaning after the storm.

Many Rochester residence remained calm and awaited as RC&E tried desperately to restore the power. Supposedly, all the power had been restored to the Rochester area in about two

weeks and Governor Cuomo assessed the damages and requested additional funding from Washington to help clean up much of the debris.

WRITTEN BY SHARON EDGEHILL



Jason Wise/REPORTER

RIT graduate, Doug LaPlante drags off some branches to the roadside of his property.

Comin' Home

RIT's Kevin Spindler and Steve Meicorio disembarked planes at the Rochester Airport amid hundreds of friends, family, co-workers and members of Rochester's Operation Welcome Home. After the camera flashes had subsided and everyone got a hug, the returning heroes began to tell stories of their tense but educational experiences.

Doing Our Job

Arriving March 15, Spindler was the first RIT student to return from active duty. This past September his Port Security Coast Guard unit (PS301 out of Niagara Falls, NY) was called to a Persian Gulf port on the east coast of Saudi Arabia. "Our job was to maintain security in a port holding several thousand troops and a lot of ammunition. We mostly had to make sure a terrorist attack didn't occur," he reported.

From September through March, Spindler alternated 24 hours on duty and 24 off, rotating shifts of six hours of boat patrolling and running escorts across the water and six hours working on land.

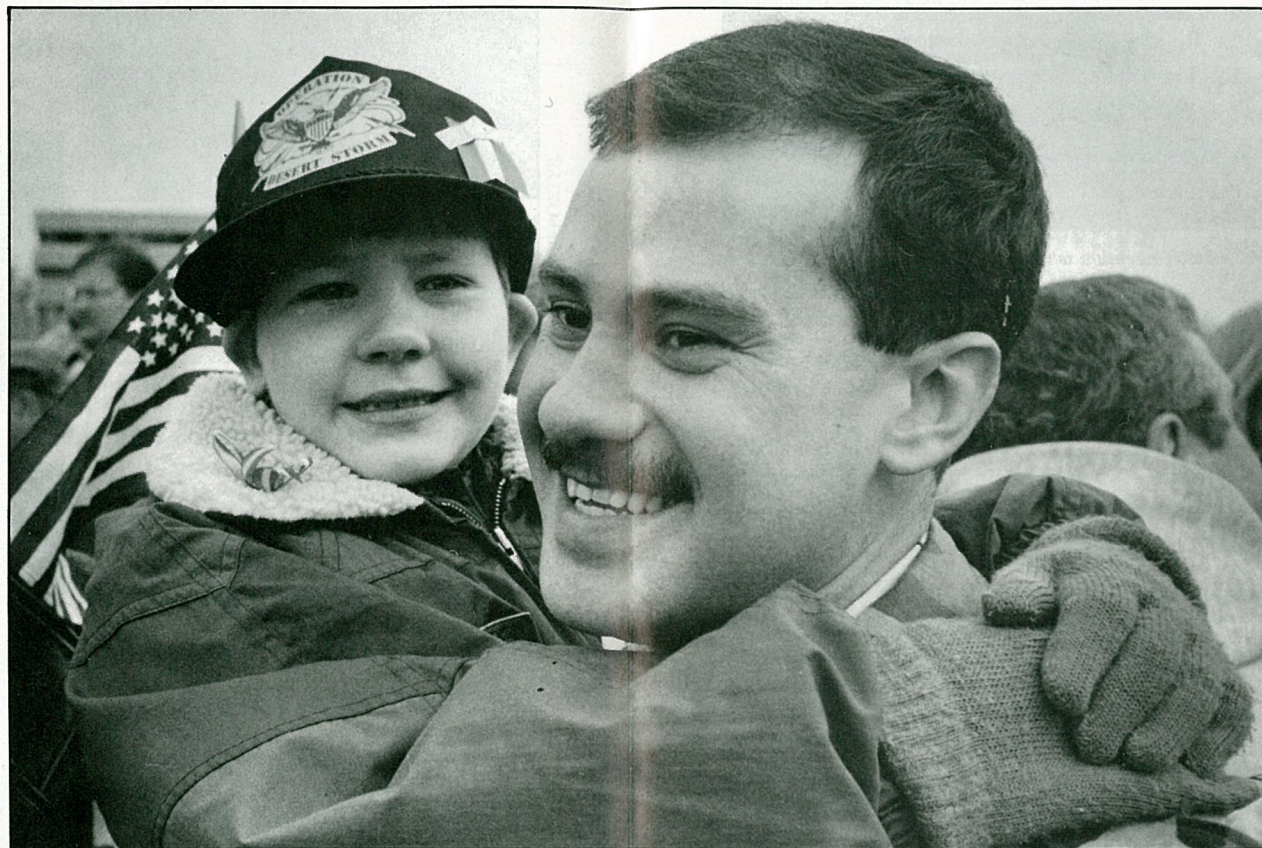
In a Hostile Land

"When we first got to the Persian Gulf it was a transition," Spindler recounts, "Getting used to being in a hostile environment, at the time not having a lot of U.S. forces nearby and not really being sure what we were up against—we were always wondering, 'is he (Saddam Hussein) coming over tonight or what?' By November and December we realized he wasn't going to do that, and at that point we became less concerned with an attack from the enemy as from terrorists."

Called to duty in January, during his last quarter at RIT, Mercurio went aboard the U.S.S. Frederick as a signal man, second class. His ship was part of the Marine amphibious landing force. Mercurio, or "Merc" to his brothers at Tau Epsilon Phi, came home only a week ago (March 22), and hopes to complete his degree in packaging engineering via independent study this spring.



The Spindler family awaits for the first sight of Kevin in six months, as the Coast Guard C-130 transport carrying him arrives. From L to R, sister Charlene Gardner, mother Joyce, brother Terry and father Ray.



Terry Spindler, 11 yrs., hugs his big brother Kevin when he arrived home from Saudi Arabia. Kevin, who is enrolled in night classes at RIT, is a Coast Guard reservist with the 301st Port Security out of Niagara Falls.

Tense Moments

Once the war started Spindler's unit tightened down on security even more than before. "Two scud missiles were directed our way—one fell short; the other blew up in our location but in midair. As we did several other times, everyone had on masks and chemical suits, but that was probably our closest call. It could have been disastrous, but luckily it wasn't."

Far From Home

Spindler received letters and care packages from RIT's Timestompers dixieland/jazz band where he plays the banjo. "They were super supportive all the while that I was over there. They sent a big package at Christmas time, and many

cards and letters. That was very appreciated."

Being away from his family in such a strange place for seven months was a lonely feeling to some extent, Spindler reflected, "but with all the letters from friends and family and even from grade school children, it wasn't like you were singled out and nobody knew you were there," he explained.

Being familiar with the other 14 Rochester reservists from his unit and knowing the PS301 members from Syracuse, Buffalo and throughout New York State also helped to make Spindler feel less secluded.

Mercurio's TEP brother Chad Caufield relates that throughout Merc's service all the brothers sent cards and letters, both individually and as a group. The house also displayed a big yellow ribbon, and over 45 brothers and eight



RIT Timestompers band leader Bob Mowers greets Kevin after he arrived at the Greater Rochester International Airport on the 15th. The band, which Kevin is a member, corresponded with him while he was based in Saudi Arabia.

little sisters joined his family at the airport when he returned home. Caufield explained that being in ROTC and taking a couple of years off for Navy duty during his study at RIT makes Merc "the oldest in the house, and everybody looks up to him. It was rough not having him there to look up to . . . I'm glad he's back!"

Hard for Those at Home

When asked how his parents, Raymond and Joyce Spindler, reacted, the Coast Guard soldier explained, "They were very concerned, but the most difficult element for them was not knowing exactly what was going on over there and what we were going through. Once we were over there we knew what we were up

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against, but ... the night the war started and the news reporters on TV had bombs blowing up behind him ... everybody at home was trying to imagine, thinking we could be going through every scenario in their heads—I think it was the not knowing what to expect that was their biggest fear."

Sharing Friendship and Language

"We did have some good experiences," Spindler remembers. "We got to deal somewhat with the Saudi Arabian Coast Guard. Working with these guys and seeing what their lifestyles were like was one of the highlights of the time. Trying to communicate was a real problem, but we ended up teaching each other phrases well enough to get by—that was kinda neat." Some soldiers even made friends in

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Kevin and other local members of PS 301 get a hero's reception while marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade through downtown Rochester.

the Gulf. “One of the local Saudi Coast Guard people I got to know real well even called me the other day here at home!”

Disagreement, but Not Isolation

“I did hear some news of people who didn't agree with the war, but it was reinforced so much in these letters that it was a small minority which was disagreeing with the war that it didn't make us feel like we were over there and people didn't want us coming back ... we knew for the most part people were behind us.”

Homecoming

The news about coming home was a surprise to many. “About three weeks ... before we were home we were told to expect being there about a year,” Spindler reported. “Then the ground war began, and then the President was on TV saying he'd send the units first in the Gulf home first, and then all of a sudden in a month we were home. Right now a replacement unit is over there doing our job.”

“As soon as we got off the plane music was already playing from the Timestompers,” said Spindler. “First thing I said hi to a lot of folks I hadn't seen for a long time—friends from the Gleason works and RIT, and my brother Terry and sister Charlene and the rest of my family.”

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars hosted a welcome home dinner for the Rochester members of the PS310 March 22 where Spindler played his banjo along with the Timestompers. The following day the returned soldiers and their families marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

What's Next?

Now that he is home Spindler plans to go back to his computer draftsman job at the Gleason Works, and in the fall pick up his evening classes in RIT's Mechanical Technology program.

I'd Answer the Call Again

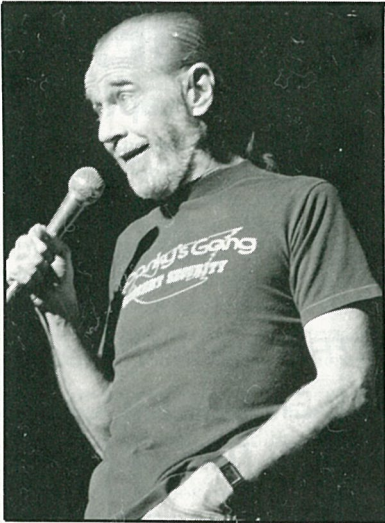
“I hope nothing like this or even comparable would happen again, but if it did I guess we'd just answer the call again.”

WRITTEN BY KRISTIN LOOMIS

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At the Ridge Webster VFW Post dinner Kevin plays his banjo with the RIT Timestompers.



Kevin Doyle /REPORTER

Laughter Isn't Always The Best Medicine

"Don't you think it's a little bit strange that Ronald Reagan had an operation on his rectum and George Bush had an operation on his middle finger?" This crass statement by the "thinking man's" comic kicked off the humor Friday night at Rochester's Auditorium Theatre. The elder statesman of comedy, George Carlin, amused the crowd continually with his hour-and-a-half monologue. This audience member, however, was somewhat disappointed. When

I see a comedian, I expect novelty and unpredictability. Most importantly, I want my gut to hurt from excessive laughter when the show is over. My laughter for George Carlin was not heartfelt because I had previously heard a majority of the material.

It appears that Carlin has fallen into a comic rut. He presented the same, worn jokes that he has used in HBO comedy specials and even at his last Auditorium Theatre stand-up gig two years ago. His usual social commentary and continual contrasts between dogs and cats, football and baseball, get stale after a while. Again, these topics dominated Carlin's rambling.

The recent war in the Middle East provided Carlin with the basis for fresh satire. He proposed a psychological theory relating war to the insecurities of men and the male sex organ. "Just look at the names involved in this war," affirmed Carlin, "George Bush, Dick Cheney, and Colin Powell." Carlin moved on to the commonplace embarrassing social situations and various combinations of bodily functions. Fortunately, his animated facial expressions and gestures were much more hilarious than his reaching, childish dialogue.

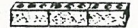
Towards the end of the show, Carlin lost all semblance of humor and used the stage to express overwhelmingly cynical social views. It was easy to agree with Carlin's biting statement that "we kill some beautiful animals to make coats for some ugly women," but his solutions to homelessness were far-fetched. It even appeared that some members of the audience were insulted

when Carlin proposed new uses for golf courses. Occupations, prostitution, religion, consumer products, and single's clubs as well were not safe from Carlin's bizarre mashings.

Opening up the show was comedian David Blair, who accompanied Carlin on his previous jaunt into town. Armed with an acoustic guitar, Blair's mockery of various popular musical artists was thoroughly enjoyable. Seemingly from out of nowhere, Blair said, "Do you get the feeling Mr. Rogers can beat the crap out of Michael Jackson?" Imitating the wimpy quality of Roger's voice, Blair followed with "Can you say wussy?"

Blair's creative, innovative humor also traversed into contemporary society. At one point during the performance, Blair shined a flashlight on an audience member and curiously remarked, "Excuse me, are those Bugle Boy jeans you're wearing?" A well-deserved jest at an annoying advertisement, I must say. Nobody was immune to Blair's off-the-wall witticisms. Vice-president Dan Quayle was described as "like having Rain Man in the White House." Blair proceeded to apply to Quayle, the catchy, "If I Only Had A Brain," from the Wizard of Oz.

Blair didn't struggle to find a topic for humorous discussion. He appeared very confident on stage and was well received by those in attendance. Hopefully, we will see more of this comic genius in the future. Carlin, on the other hand, better find some new material before he fades into the comedy graveyard. Three bricks.



—GERRY SCHMIDT

Rock 'n Roll Resurrection

True rock 'n roll is hard to find these days. Though some musicians have claimed the heart of rock 'n roll is still beating, its beat is characteristically weak in current music. At times it even seems that while its soul lingers, rock 'n roll as it used to be, is dead. If this theory is true, if rock 'n roll truly has become a ghost, what happened last night at the Auditorium Theatre could be called a rock 'n roll resurrection.

Barrance Whitfield (backed up by The Savages) let out the initial cry to the heavens with multiple Little Richardesque screams. As a warm up band The Savages did more than what was assigned to them, sending temperatures soaring as they jammed with the intensity possessed by bands like Living Color, while respectfully imitating masters like James Brown, Little Richard and Chuck Berry, coming quite close to the solid Thorogood sound of rock 'n roll, but with more emphasis on blues than booze.

Thorogood took the stage with

uncharacteristic glamor, amidst floating dry ice vapor, permeated by rays of purple light. Strutting on his set, which barred remarkable resemblance to a West Side Story backdrop with chain link fences and brick walls, Lonesome George looked badder than the Leader Of the Jets ever looked. Despite the years, which have been about as kind to him as they have to Keith Richards, George managed to give one of the most dynamic performances I have ever seen. Thorogood classics like "I Drink Alone," "Bad To The Bone," and "Who Do You Love" were enhanced by guitar acrobatics like over the head jamming and backward Chuck Berry one-foot slides.

The only disappointing element of the show was the somewhat major lack of audience support, which did not go unmentioned by Thorogood. "This is a rock 'n roll show not a goddamn drive-in movie," he yelled at the crowd who did respond but for the most part remained sitting. Inserting "Rochester" into a few songs was an effective tool for audience stimulation, but when George Thorogood mentions Rochester more than scotch we know there is a problem. Have no fear though, Budweiser



Kevin Doyle /REPORTER

(which coincidentally was the sponsor of the show) beat Rochester by a longshot.

The show was highlighted by an ending block of strong numbers like "Madison Blues," "Bad To The Bone," and "Movin' on Over." The collective audience however, was more excited with Thorogood's earlier tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughn and his last encore, "Livin' in the U.S.A.," which was preceded by a few spoken words from usually unpolitical George, "This is a song with a message and if you don't get the message get the fuck out!" Four bricks.



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To be the best, that is what it means to be an All-American. Right here at RIT we have two individuals that have proven themselves top in their sport. Ilias Diakomihalis and Dave Ciocca wrestled to All-American honors in this years Division III National Championships in Illinois. For an athlete there is no greater glory or higher honor than to make All-American in their sport.

Dave Ciocca is a junior here at RIT but a sophomore in eligibility. Dave's most important victory of the season, in his mind, was when he took second in the Eastern Regionals. In Dave's words "the pressure was off after the regionals. Once you know your going (to the nationals) you can relax and concentrate on the single goal." At the Nationals Dave lost his first round bout to 2nd seeded Kurt Habeck. Dave was not discouraged; he wrestled tough and had faith in his training. The next two rounds Dave won by decisions and qualified himself for the medal rounds. Dave lost to the guy who would take third, Judd Smith from John Carol. Then he met Habeck again for seventh and eighth place. He lost in a last second takedown by a 3-2 margin. Dave was happy with eighth. He knew he would have two more years to improve on his place in the nation. After the Nationals Dave's thoughts turned the Freestyle and Greco season.

Ilias went to Nationals for his second time in two years, this year as a senior. Ilias won his first two matches, he then lost a close one to a Delaware Valley wrestler. He tried to forget this loss because the next match was to get into the medal round. Ilias defeated his next man easily and moved into the medal round. In the first round of the next day Ilias lost a heartbreaker in overtime to the guy from Augustana. In Ilias last match he gave it all he had and won by an 8-1 margin. He felt "he had nothing to lose so he went for the victory with every thing he had." The victory gave Ilias a seventh and was a great way to end his wrestling career.

Coach Earl Fuller was quite happy with having two of his wrestlers win All-American honors. Once a person is able to accomplish a goal it is that much easier to accomplish the next set of goals. Coach says, "satisfaction is in the performance and the act." That is for an athlete to be truly successful they must use their gray matter as well as their muscles. Then for a person to make a commitment and strive to do his best—is a step on the road to personal growth and a complete athlete. In wrestling the Nationals are the yardstick by which a wrestlers personal growth is measured.

—JON BOYD



In the midst of a Saturday afternoon downpour, RIT senior Kip Winrow finishes the 800 meter run.

RIT Track Faster Than Ever

The track and field team gave a strong showing, despite the harsh wind and rain at the RIT's first outdoor Invitational of the season. The men's field team dominated the discus, the hammer and shot, taking the top three positions in the shot put and the hammer throw, while the track team placed in most all events. This dominance is expected to continue. Says Peter Todd, men's track and field coach, "Overall, we're stronger than we've been in the last nine or ten years." The runners are faster and there are more freshmen this year. There's more potential available filling in for more events. Says Tom Peeples, who placed first in the 110-meter high hurdles and second in the 100 meters, "Last year the team suffered because not all events could be participated in because of the lack of team members." Peeples, just recently placed fourth in Nationals in the 100 meter hurdles held at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. A possible strong area for RIT's men's field team is the Steeplechase, the runners being faster and stronger than the past. The

opportunity for nationals presents itself. Future meets include a division I meet at Penn State slated for May.

The women's track team took first place in four events, 100-meter hurdles, 400 meters, 1,500 meters and the one mile relay. On the field side of things, Kim Kowker had two first place finishes, javelin and shot put and took second in the discus. "We gained a lot of valuable experience competing indoors and that should be a big asset during the outdoor season," say Coach Ron Hardy. Gearing his team towards the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association championship in mid May.

—CHRISTINA PAGANO

Sports at a Glance

Tennis:

Men's: (0-1)

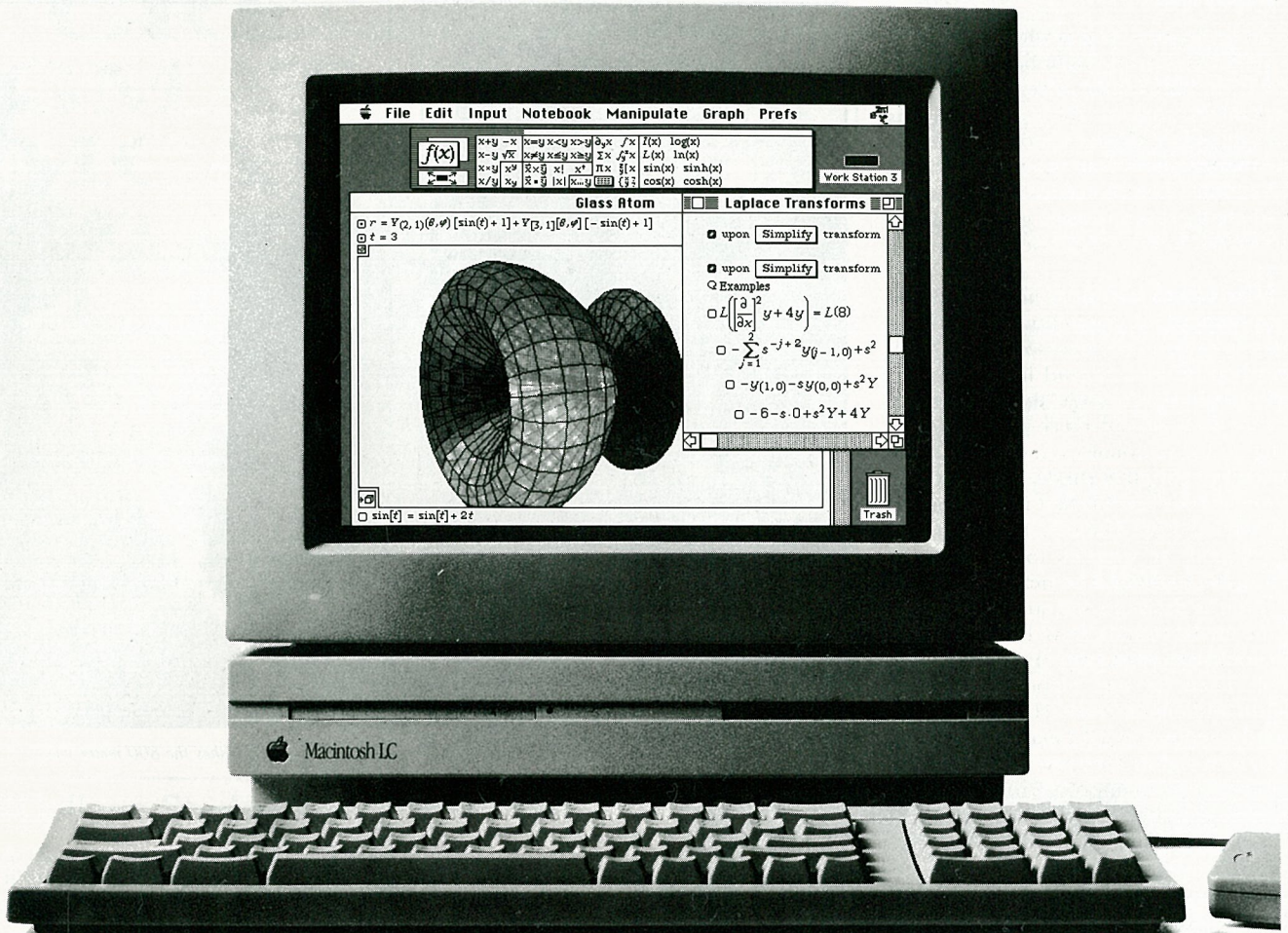
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Men's: (2-1)

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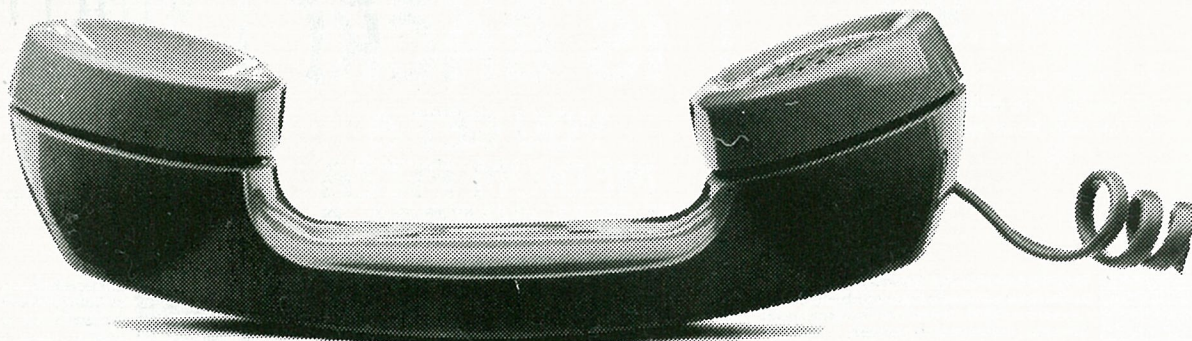
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