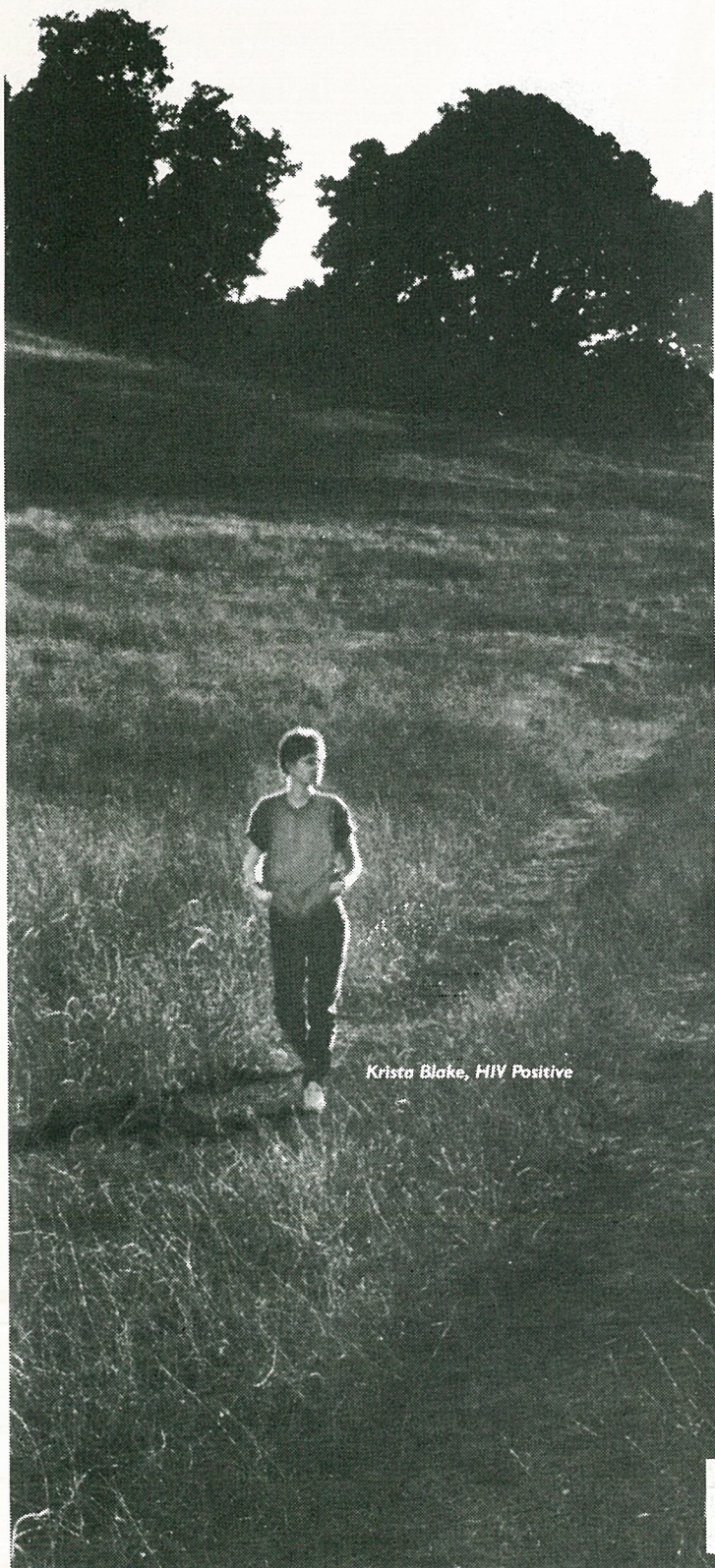




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Getaways



**“Most people
think HIV is only a
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cities.
Unfortunately, I
was one of those
people.”**

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To find out how you can prevent HIV, call the CDC National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS.

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RESPONDS
TO AIDS

Krista Blake, HIV Positive



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It is finally 1998, and I was hoping that the New Year would arrive on a happy note, but unfortunately it hasn't. Many people, including myself, expect the New Year to be a sign of hope and revival, a new beginning. We are given a clean slate to start all over and try to live up to the resolutions we set up before January 1st hits. As far as the New Year's resolution goes, one of my resolutions was to be more patient and not to judge other people. I can honestly say that it has been difficult, but I find myself a happier person when I hold my tongue. I started "practicing" before the end of the year was up--I had to test its practicality, and to my surprise, it is a reachable goal for myself.

But for many people around the United States and the world, resolutions were not their biggest concern. Before break, I am sure many of you were aware of the chaos going on in the world. The presence of US troops in Bosnia, multiple kidnappings and hostage situations, El Nino's destructive forces, epileptic seizures occurring in over 700 Japanese children, and the death of great comedian Chris Farley, just to mention a few examples.

These occurrences were all on a global scale, while many people faced personal problems and even death.

Just before break, two people that I work with back home both lost their fathers within a day of each other, very unexpectedly. I am sure I am not the only one who has had such experiences,

The newest problem

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Generation X

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or who knows someone in such a predicament. Nonetheless, it is a shame that tragedies like this have to occur.

The newest problem that scientists and researchers are facing is the naming of the current generation of teenagers. Anyone born in the year 1975 and after is considered to be in this category. We have been referred to as "Generation X" because of the lack of a better name. While all the horrible things seem to be happening, the bad is not without the good. Researchers have made many improvements and discoveries, an example being another sheep clone, one that has been cloned with human cells. They are now producing Factor 9, which is a missing clotting factor in Hemophiliac patients, and researchers are hoping to produce mass quantities for patients, which will reduce their medical costs significantly.

Well, I hope that you have had a holiday without the sorrow or loss that many people have had to face. Stick to your resolutions and I wish you all the luck for a successful and happy New Year. To Randy and Al--may God be with you during your sad times.

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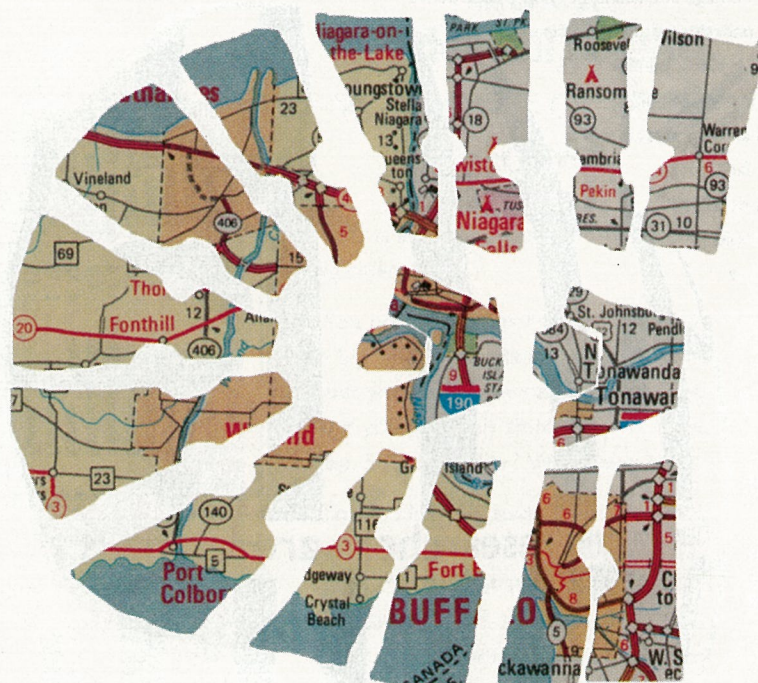
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NORML

In recent weeks a new student group has formed on campus. Yet to receive RIT recognition as a student club, the new NORML chapter is growing quickly. The RIT chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws has begun weekly meetings on Fridays in the Ritz Cafe in the basement of the Student Alumni Union, at 4:20 PM.

Throughout the day preceding the December 5 meeting, members of the group could be found recruiting all over campus. Flyers carrying the slogan "We're damning the man left and right" were passed out to pedestrians on the Quarter Mile and to students partaking of the fine lunch fare found at Gracie's. The efforts seem to have worked — many new faces were present at the convening of the chapter. According to the current president, Shea Gunther, the new NORML chapter is not directed only at RIT students. In fact, recruiting efforts are being planned for locations including the University of Rochester and parts of the city itself.

The group also has plans to post a web site, and to bring in speakers to hold informational presentations at meetings. One such speaker, retired Captain Peter Christ, formerly of the Syracuse Police Department, is expected to give a discussion early in February against the "War on Drugs." Other lectures have included an overview of the many uses and advantages of hemp when compared to conventional materials.

Another focus of the chapter's efforts will be politics. Beyond their own elections, coming up in January, the chapter is surveying the legislative scene. Currently before the House of Representatives are three bills, two against and one for the relaxing of laws concerning possession and/or use of marijuana. Urged at the meeting was a letter campaign to elected representatives in support of a bill introduced by Barney Frank. If the bill passes, marijuana would move from a Schedule I to a Schedule II drug. What this would mean is that marijuana would, according to federal law, lose the stigma of being highly addictive and without practical value. Instead, it would be federally recognized as having at least some medicinal value.

The group is clearly determined, with a defined set of goals and a plan for reaching them. If you are interested in joining or even just finding out more, attend the Friday meetings or call 475-3673.

by Andrew Badera

Upgrading Wallace

In a time of scarce funds, Wallace Library is making extensive improvements with limited resources. Besides the forty computer workstations added to the second floor, a number of services and equipment joined the library's repertoire this year. Patricia Pitkin, Director of Library Services, says communication with the RIT community is the secret behind Wallace's efficiency. Through a user survey, managers make annual inquiries to discover what improvements are desired for the following year. Wallace eliminates unnecessary services and converts them into those in demand.

Among the new additions is a color copier, currently in operation on the second floor in front of the microfilm cabinets. In previous years, students were forced to color-copy through equipment in ETC. But that copier was closed throughout Fall quarter, and Wallace's self-serve machine is currently the only one available for color copies and transparencies.

Another novelty is the installation of 88 ethernet jacks in the study rooms and large tables, into which students can plug in their laptops. Registration with ISC is required to use the roaming jacks, but this can be done through an electronic form that appears on screens when persons first plug in.

Also expected soon is a high density color scanner, and six new Pentium computers designed to work with intensive image processing packages such as Photoshop. In addition, twelve copies of Office '97 have been downloaded onto new computers.

In a memorandum to faculty, Library Outreach Coordinator Sarah Reynolds wrote that "these services are a result of our users requesting that we provide them, and we are pleased to be able to fulfill their requests."

Transformation of services also means constant education for Wallace's staff. "Retraining," says Pitkin, "is a core value at this library."

Students and faculty interested in further information regarding Wallace's progress can consult the library's home page at <http://wally2.rit.edu> and click the "What's New" page. This site contains updates on "new products, staff changes, and more."

by Zane Kaylani

Kern Lectures

Rochester Institute of Technology's William A. Kern lectures topic for this winter will be focused on interracial communication—"Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk: The World's People of Color in Transition."

The first speaker of this winter's Kern lecture series, Michael Prosser, Professor of Communications at RIT, presented his talk on Thursday, Dec. 11. Discussed was the position of people of color in emerging nations and how multinational organizations influence them.

Professor Milton Coefield, chairman of RIT's imaging systems management program, will be giving the next presentation of the Kern lectures

on Jan. 15 entitled "Martin Luther King: Transcending Race." He will address the symbolism in Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work, as it connects to the political definition of race in American society. He will speak in the Skalny Room of RIT's Interfaith Center at 7:30 p.m.

Each presentation in the Kern public series includes a roundtable discussion and reception. The lectures are not only free and open to the public but are also interpreted for the hearing impaired. Videotapes of all Kern lectures can be viewed in RIT's Wallace Library.

by Jaime J. Morgan

World News

❖ A Florida police officer is facing murder charges in association with the shooting death of his partner. The two men had been driving home from a police Christmas party in Miami when local law enforcement officers found the car crashed by the roadside. The two men were found inside, one with four shots in the head. The charged anti-narcotics agent is a respected 32-year DEA veteran, who served in the massive drug wars throughout the United States and Latin America.

❖ The Museum of Modern Art has made plans to double its exhibition space within the next three years. The new expansion will be designed by a Harvard-trained Japanese architect. Some of MoMA's existing characteristics, such as the sculpture garden, will be retained. The main entrance will be moved and an atrium will rise approximately 100 feet from the lobby level. The front face of the museum, constructed in 1939 by Philip Goodwin and Edward Durrell Stone, will also be preserved in the ongoing project.

❖ The remains of what appears to be a sunken warship have recently been discovered off the coast of Madagascar. Archaeologists are still uncertain, but the partially recovered debris indicates a date of origin of well over 500 years ago. The ruins were spotted by accident while a group of British oceanographers were conducting a study of deep-sea life. The ship has gone unnoticed by scientists due to its unique location in a relatively small fissure in the side of the Continental Shelf, just over 200 miles from shore.

❖ Many argue that today's public school cafeterias serve less than wholesome food. A 10-year-old has taken crucial steps to improve his school in that area. The fifth-grader from Georgia got himself elected to student council with promises to get better-tasting, healthy food. He claimed that he was sick of seeing trays of uneaten food being thrown away. Now, the students get to taste beef quesadillas and oven-roasted turkey instead of slimy meatloaf. Health officials praise the student's efforts, and say that his determination is exactly what is needed to train today's youth to be health conscious.

by Jeremy Perkins

12.07

Think you know BULL when you see it?

One of the four blurbs in *World News* is phony.

If you can tell which one it is, then you deserve a gold star.

This week's answer is located on page 30.

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Dolly, the Sheep, Becomes a Nightmare

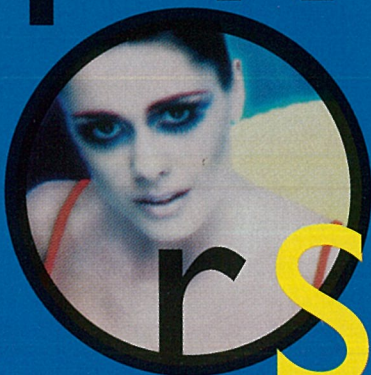
In 1996, Ian Wilmut, a Scottish scientist brought light to the world the possibilities of cloning and genetics when Dolly the sheep was "born."

Robin Cook turns this newfound technology into a nightmare in his 1997 novel, *Chromosome 6*. Everything we love and fear about genetic engineering is here, alive and thriving.

About a year after New York Medical Examiner Jack Stapleton was nearly murdered for his role in solving *Contagion*, he returns in this thrilling novel, only to find himself the center of attention in another baffling case. He is responsible for the autopsy of the murdered member of a New York crime family. What he finds is the strangest liver transplant case he has ever seen, with no record of it anywhere in the world.

Halfway around the world, Kevin Marshall, a Harvard graduate, is at work in his lab in Cogo, Africa, transferring genes of the short arm of chromosome six from humans to bonobo monkeys. The purpose of this procedure is to develop the ultimate organ donor, with no human rejection. Unfortunately for Kevin, he is not aware of every gene he is transferring, and the monkeys he is altering grow into something far greater than the perfect organ donor.

This is just another of the suspenseful medical thrillers (*Vital Signs*, *Outbreak*, *Contagion*) we've come to expect from this former doctor and it



rSwim?

If you are looking for some upbeat, interesting music then AQUA is for you. This Scandinavian band consists of 4 band members with lead DJ/rapster Lene Nystrom and lead singer Rene Dif.

SOME

is easily one of Cook's best. *Chromosome 6* is a novel about why we fear cloning. It also makes you believe that it is possible for such unethical acts to be going on right now under our noses. The physical, emotional, and psychological implications that we will have to consider as this new technology is developed and utilized are the main focus of the novel. Have you ever considered what it would be like to face yourself, not in the mirror, but in the flesh? You will while reading *Chromosome 6*.

The weakest part of this novel is the character development. Because most of the

characters are returning from *Contagion*, Cook opts not to go into much detail about their histories. Therefore, it may be a more enjoyable if you read *Contagion* first. Otherwise, *Chromosome 6* is an excellent quick read that is informative, enjoyable, and very difficult to put down.

by Nick Spittal

AQUA



AQUA's music is described as "cartoonish, europop-sound, stick-to-the-head songs," which basically translates as: 98PXy would play this type of music. If you still have absolutely no

idea who I'm talking about, they had their first number one hit in the United States this past summer. "Barbie Girl" portrays the Barbie doll image and dumb blond stereotype to a T. Although Mattel issued several complaints and potential lawsuits against the song, "Barbie Girl" became a smashing hit. In order to cooperate with Mattel, the CD now displays the following: "the song 'Barbie Doll' is a social



comment and was not created or approved by the makers of the doll."

As far as the other 10 songs are concerned, "Good Morning Sunshine," "Dr. Jones," and "Lollipop" are all great songs if you are in the mood to dance or into pop-yodeling. The rest of the songs leave a bit to be desired. The sing-songy music can become sickening at times, so take AQUA in small doses. But with over 700,000 albums sold 4 months after its release, they must be doing something right.

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IMBY PFILBRYTE PERFECTION



So, what or who exactly is Pfilbryte? He is a up-and-coming artist with a flair for the unusual and innovative.

His debut release, *Imperfection*, shows a unique mix of styles and skills. While most of us may be more aware of his work producing electronica artists such as Dr. Octagon, he has created a musical genre all for himself.

Pfilbryte uses all the things he can to make music on his debut release. His style varies from electronica to alternative to hip hop. Interesting mix no doubt. He fuses the microchip and the musician to create an irreverent beat that just can't be ignored, utilizing unconventional instruments and styles to produce a wholly enjoyable disc.

While his songs have an electronic beat, it is clear to see that's not what he's all about. The lyrics used are reminiscent of Soul Coughing, G. Love and Special Sauce; quirky and fun, but with an underlying message. He cites

his lyrical influences to be more old school psychedelic rock like Floyd and Queen. These lyrics coupled, with the electronic beats, builds, and intensity that have made Dr. Octagon and DJ Dan infamous, promise him a cult following all his own. The intensity of the music changes per song and on any given track the mood can and does go from mellow chill music to a high-intensity club groove.

His style is physical and he insists that he is more of a live performer than studio god. His feeling is one of complete union with his creation, and he says it is something one notices more at a live show than through his studio cuts.

Overall his music is cool. Sometimes it's a little choppy and requires some adjustment on the listener's part, but isn't that what makes new music so much fun?

by Rebecca Maher

Blink - 182

A New Album From Down on The Ranch

The San Diego Band, Blink-182, has recently released a new album, entitled *Dude Ranch*.

It is their first recording with a major recording company, MCA, and only their second full length CD after several EPs and compilations. Released on June 17 of 1997, the CD is just now becoming popular with singles like "Dammit, Pathetic and Josie" as well as remixes of "Degenerate, Lemmings and Waggy." The band is generally associated with the rising skateboard and surf

genre of alternative music and was one of the headline bands for MTV's Song and Music Festival in December.

If you're looking for a fast-paced CD, *Dude Ranch* is for you! Hot on the tails of Blur's hit single, *Song 2*, which is a whopping two minutes long, comes an entire CD of songs right around the two and a half minute length. Basically every song on the CD is quick and intense. It's not the type of CD you want to listen to when you're really hyper and need to calm down.

The dominating sound of this album is clearly the guitar. There are some really awesome riffs, especially on songs like "Pathetic, Dammit and Boring." The drumming is somewhat basic and could use some refining as well as creativity, but that may come with age. Mark Hoppus and Tom Delonge switch off every other song on lead vocals, which is an interesting and original concept. The album can be thought of as a kind of Green Day meets the Offspring.

Though this is not the best new alternative album of 1997, it is well worth listening to. The band is quite young with members ranging in age from 18 to 25, so expect good things from them in the future. Now that they are signed to a major label, they will have the opportunities and resources to write more songs and to find their own distinctive sound.

by Nick Spittal

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part of a new band and I'm trying to be hip
and cool so everyone will like me. That's
why I have to wear these ugly glasses. I
don't really like these. I just wear them
because it's an 'in' thing." Silly little kid.



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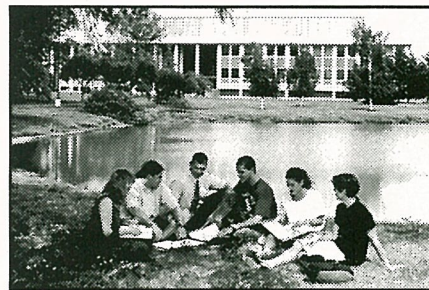
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THING LLAR

by Jaime J. Morgan
& Jennifer Tipton

Tired of staring at your dorm walls? Sick of thinking you're limited to a select few things to do because you're broke? Well look no further! You may find a solution in this compilation of cheap things to do and cheap dates to go on. Good luck on the hunt to stretch that buck!

Are you into being part of the rustic and beautiful outdoors? If you are, there are a few parks and local attractions you should check out. Springdale Farm, located at 696 Colby Road, is a full-functioning farm that offers free programs throughout the year. There are trails to hike and animals to see. Don't like farms? Check out one of Rochester's local parks like Genesee River Falls Outlook, in the middle of Rochester, where the High Falls plummet more than 90 feet and can be viewed with a laser light and sound show at night.

Close by is the Genesee Valley Park, which offers an ice rink and cross-country trails. Like walks? It may sound strange, but try the Mount Hope Cemetery, which is the final resting place of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. The architecture and funerary art are grand and the cobblestone walkways old-fashioned. If you can't get off campus to one of these sites, try the trails through the woods of RIT; they start right outside of Gracie's.

Are you into sports? The list of inexpensive things to do in that arena is practically endless, so I will only name a few. Go see an Amerks game at the Arena at the War Memorial. Tickets range from \$7-\$15 and they offer group discounts as well as college nights. The season continues through April. If you can't get a ride to a game check out our own RIT Tigers in action for \$4. If you would rather skate, head over to the Frank Ritter Ice Arena and skate for \$4.50 (includes rentals). The open session hours are at various times throughout the day, just head down there to pick up a schedule. If you like the cold weather, have a snowball fight, grab a tray and sled, or build



a snowman or snow fort. If you'd rather be indoors, bowling is always a cheap bet. There are 32 bowling lanes in Rochester so you shouldn't have any problem finding one with open lanes. The average price for shoe rentals is \$1.50, and it'll run you about \$2.50 per game.

If you're not really into doing physical things, try out art appreciation at one of the 33 art galleries located in Rochester. Admission prices range from nothing to approximately \$6. Displays at each change frequently, and sometimes there are opportunities to meet a local artist. Some to try are the Memorial Art Gallery, the Strong Museum, George Eastman House, and the Link Gallery, located in city hall. For art on campus check out the student/staff exhibitions in the Bevier Gallery located in building 7. Or, get a bite to eat at the Commons and take part in some free entertainment like sandart, caricatures, a make your own key chain button, or magic shows.

Need to escape to a different world? Try the theatre or go to the movies. Yes, they can get expensive, but not if you play your cards right. The GeVa Theatre, located at 75 Woodbury Boulevard, offers student tickets starting at \$7.50. You can see modern and classic plays performed by professional actors and actresses every Sunday through Friday. Or, if your budget needs a total break, try out the Hochstein Performance Hall. Every performance is free, and you can see vocal, instrumental, and dance concerts.

Maybe the whole culture thing isn't what you're looking for. That's okay. Try the movies for romance, danger, and excitement behind every corner. Going to the movies doesn't have to be expensive, either. You can catch a flick at Rochester's Cinema 10 (Mt. Hope Ave.) for only a dollar. The only catch is that you can't see newly released movies. If you're just dying to see a newly released film, try seeing it during the day instead of at night; a matinee at Marketplace Cinema is only \$4.75.

Maybe you're the type of person who likes to go out on the town to comedy clubs, dance clubs, and the occasional coffeehouse. If you're looking for a cheap laugh, get up and go to Hiccups Comedy Kabaret at 120 East Main Street for a fun-filled night. For only 8 to 15 dollars, Thursday through Saturday, you can see national stand-up comedians that will make you laugh, laugh, laugh. Maybe dancing is your thing. For only \$3 on weekends for people 21 and over, and \$5 for 18-20, you can go to Freakazoid (169 North Chestnut Street). Every Thursday night is "Dead Night," and the cover charges are reduced to two



and four dollars. If you are the more laid-back type, you may want to try out Java Joe's, found at 16 Gibb Street. The coffeehouse is open all week long, with no cover charge to see poetry readings every Wednesday night and live music every Thursday, Friday, and Sunday nights.

Everybody needs to eat, right? Well, if you're wallet is a little thin, you may have to look a little harder to find a good restaurant. But just because you don't have a lot of money doesn't mean you can't eat at a nice place. Need good, wholesome, American food at a low price? For less than five bucks you can eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Denny's (3820 West Henrietta Rd). Or, if you'd rather try a sports bar, check out Jox Sports Bar. Enjoy the game, and get a good meal for only five dollars. Good Chinese food is hard to come by, especially if you're trying to eat cheap. The China Gate, at 368 Jefferson Road, will give you a complete Chinese meal for around five dollars. And every college student has had his share of pizza deliveries, but at what cost? At Salvatore's Pizza (1735 Scottsville Road), pizza is cheap and yummy.

Everyone, especially college students, goes through times with no money, but that certainly doesn't mean that you can't go out and have some fun with your friends. Remember, there are always deals out there for almost anything you want. **A**

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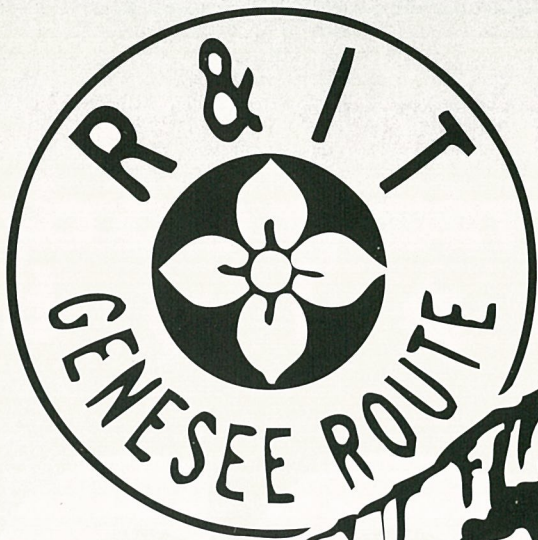
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Open House 2



On Friday, January 16, the RIT Model Railroad Club will be hosting its second Open House. Those of you who remember the last Open House will be surprised by the progress made by the Club in the last year. Our HO scale model railroad is on permanent display in our club room in the Student Union. The club members have taken great pains in design to include elements of Rochester and the surrounding areas in the display. While scenery is not far along, most of the tracks are in place and operational. There will be a full crew on hand to run the trains and answer questions for the public. Admission is free, so bring your friends and family on January 16 from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. We are located in Room A-420 in the Student Alumni Union (across from the Reporter office).

Further information is available by phone at 475-2227, through e-mail at ritmrc@rit.edu, or on the Web at <http://www.rit.edu/~mrcwww>.

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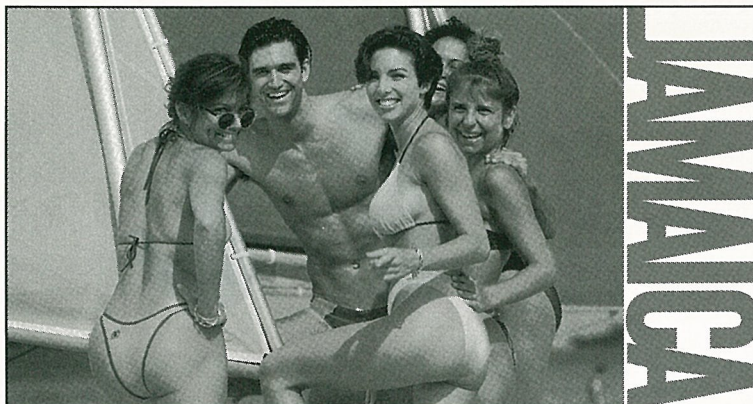
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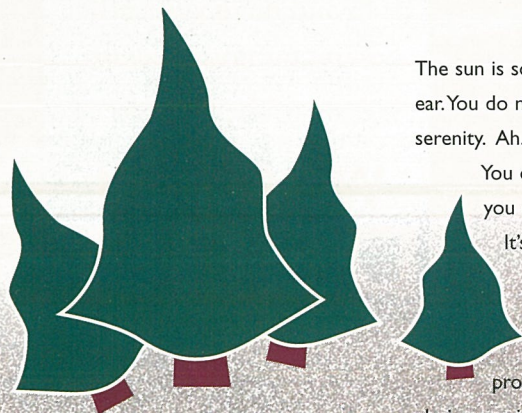
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You open your eyes. Your alarm is screaming at six in the morning. The house is so cold that you can see your breath, and your car is covered with six inches of snow. Sound familiar?

It's your recurring nightmare during the winter quarter.

Oh, how you wish to go to Fiji right now, or at least to Hawaii. Even Florida will do! You will take anything — anything at all — that spells out SUN. But the unfortunate reality is that spring break is long away. Besides, all that Christmas shopping probably left you starving for cash. What's a poor student to do? Well, there are only two choices: go into complete denial and hide away in the Lula world for the next three months,

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by Julia Danilchenko

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or make the best of winter and explore the skiing resorts in the area.

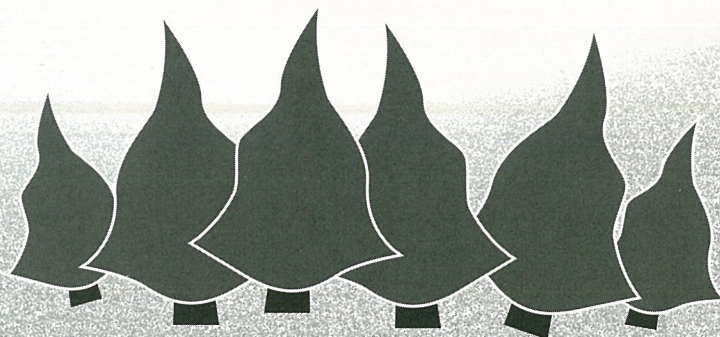
If you're a hard core realist and pragmatist, option number two is your ideal. Buy a very warm coat, change the tires on your car, and get going. Where, do you ask? Well, Rochester is not the end of the world. Toronto is only two and a half hours away, and there is always something going on there. Have you been to the Casa Lama yet? How about the theater? And the drinking age is only nineteen, so check out the club scene.

You do not want to drive that far? Well, just as Paris is beautiful in spring, Niagara Falls is amazing in the winter. If you are really lazy, Buffalo is your answer. It offers a wonderful shopping scene and a variety of night entertainment, so make a weekend out of it. In addition, you can make this year the year you learned how to ski, skate or snowboard. Get together with a large group of friends and rent a cabin; you will have a blast and forget all about the snow and the cold weather. If you have friends in the colleges nearby, take them up on that invitation. Go visit your friend Joe at Cornell, or high school friend Kelly at Binghamton State. There is so much that you can do. If you keep yourself busy, the winter will fly by, and you will barely notice the cold and the snow. Keep moving.

Option number one is only for people with a very vivid imagination. This is an option that requires a lot of creativity and an artistic nature. If you like a challenge you might want to learn a language or two in the process. Start by thinking of all the places you always wanted to visit. This time of year, narrow down your list to something tropical. It can be Fiji, Australia, Waikiki, Morocco, Brazil, Greece, or anywhere you choose. Start by getting all the information you can possibly find about the country of choice. You can even call a travel agency and they will gladly send you a variety of brochures. You can find a lot of information in the library, and if you are really devoted start by learning a few simple phrases that are essential to survive in a foreign country. For example, "Où est le toilet?" is one of the first phrases learned by tourists visiting France. Find out what kind of food is characteristic of the culture and learn a few recipes. Maybe you can find a restaurant in Rochester that serves it. You will be surprised to find out that there are a lot of ethnic restaurants in Rochester — even one that serves Ethiopian food! You might also purchase some of the clothing attire that resembles that of the country's natives. For some reason, white pants are often associated with the men of Rio de Janeiro. It's a myth, but who cares? You're using your imagination, anyway. Once you are all prepared with your clothes and food, rent or purchase a tour tape.

Bon voyage! By the way, it might be a good idea to take a friend with you. Or, make it a romantic getaway.

Whatever your pleasure, remember that there is a wonderful world out there, and that it has a lot to offer during any season. So have fun, stay warm and enjoy your trips, wherever they might lead you. **A**



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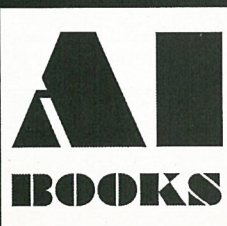
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OASIS

Mayantha Disanayake is the newly elected Club Representative of the Organization for the Alliance of Students from the Indian Subcontinent (OASIS), a club which was founded in Spring Quarter 1996. The representative's responsibilities include, among other things, handling public relations both on and off campus.

OASIS "is a friendly organization that is open to all, but primarily caters to RIT's international student community from the member states of the Indian Subcontinent: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka," stated Disanayake.

Disanayake continued, "Roughly we have a membership population of over 300 students. The number of active members is probably a little over 100 students. The membership population is really broad-based and diverse. They are of different backgrounds, cultures, ages, and of course different majors."

When asked just how OASIS fits into the scheme of things on campus, Disanayake replied, "OASIS is affiliated with the Global Union of RIT, which is an umbrella organization that includes the international student groups at RIT. OASIS has the largest membership base of this group."

OASIS, as with most groups, was begun with a purpose. "OASIS's goal is to celebrate the diversity in the numerous languages, foods, arts, religions, and cultures that exist among our members. In doing so, not only do our members benefit, but also the entire RIT community can be exposed to these remarkably rich cultures. We also try to help our members adjust to the American culture by hosting dinners, foreign film nights, and culture shows. We also plan on organizing some form of community service to the Rochester and the RIT community as a means to give back to the community, and as a way of thanks."



OASIS has evolved from various other similar organizations over the years. Explained Disanayake, "OASIS is an organization built from the ashes of all of the other Indian Student clubs that have come and gone over the years. None of them were able to host a successful international and multicultural show, like the one we had last year, BASANT 97." BASANT was a spring festival which helped to show the diverse culture of OASIS. This is something that the club is really proud of and has helped prove that

they are capable of uniting the club members to perform in front of the RIT community. "It is activities like this that help us reach our goal as an organization."

Interested in BASANT 98? Disanayake suspects that "it will probably again be in the Spring Quarter. And we expect about the same, if not more than last year's attendance of around 350 audience members made up of RIT students, University of Rochester students, University of Buffalo students, Syracuse University students, Rochester community members, as well as RIT faculty.

"When you are a freshman coming into RIT from another country, you feel homesick. OASIS is one organization that can really bridge the difference, and bridge the gap. It is not just a club. It is actually an opportunity for people to meet and make friends with other students from their own community or hometown. Perhaps they may even learn about other cultures from their native country or of a neighboring country. OASIS also provides an opportunity for students to get involved and develop their personal and leadership qualities."

And if you are the sports sort, OASIS helps "sponsor sporting events such as cricket, soccer, and racquetball tournaments. We have not finalized this year's schedule, but I am pretty sure that there will be an inter-college cricket tournament among RIT, U of R, and MCC. Cricket is the national sport in countries from the Indian Subcontinent and is quite popular among our members," said Disanayake.

Currently under consideration is "an annual OASIS newspaper magazine. I am hoping that it will come out in the Spring Quarter. In addition, we also have a web page currently being updated. The General Secretary also plans to establish an OASIS newsletter."

E-mail inquiries for further information should be sent to OASIS@rit.edu.

by Bhaveeni Parmars, illustration by Ben Northern

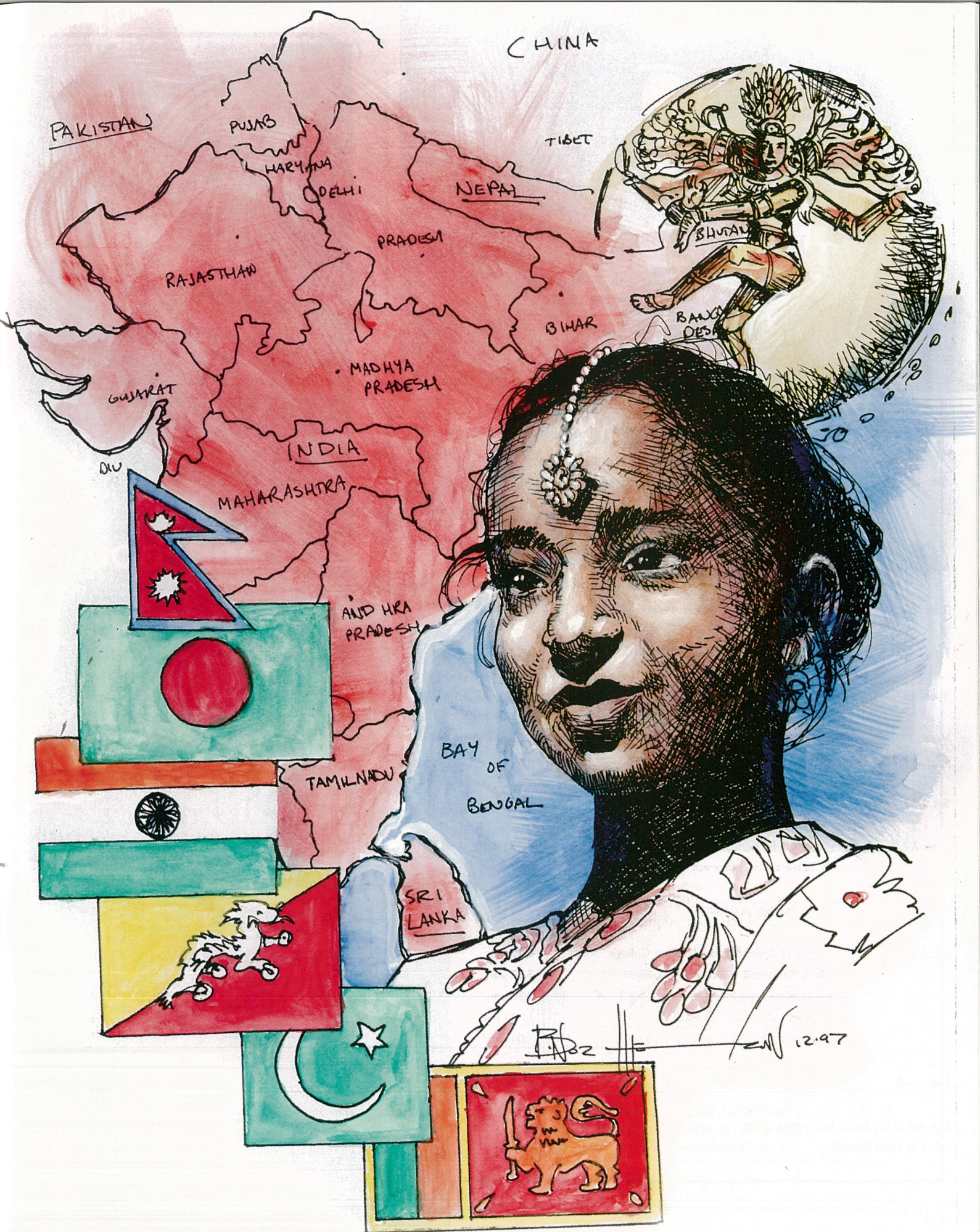




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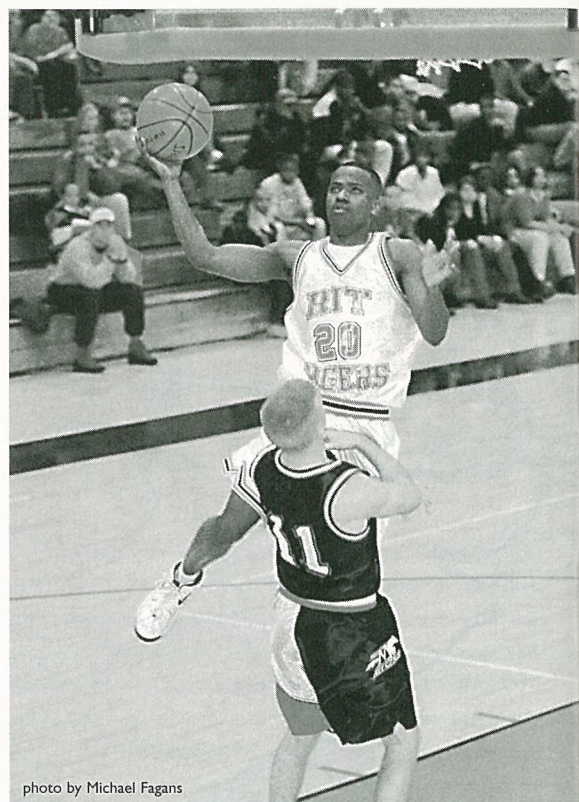


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January Home Games

Sat. 1/17	Men / Women's Swimming vs. SUNY Geneseo	1:00 pm
	Women's Hockey vs. Middlebury	5:30 pm
	Men's Hockey vs. Niagara	8:30 pm
Sun. 1/18	Women's Hockey vs. Vermont	11:30 pm
Tues. 1/20	Men's Basketball vs. St. John Fisher	8:00 pm
Fri. 1/23	Men's Swimming vs. Ithaca	6:00 pm
Tues. 1/27	Wrestling vs. Ithaca	7:00 pm
Wed. 1/28	Women's Basketball vs. University of Rochester	6:00 pm
	Men's Basketball vs. University of Rochester	8:00 pm
Sat. 1/31	Men's Hockey vs. Hobart	7:30 pm
Tues. 2/2	Women's Basketball vs. SUNY Brockport	8:00 pm
	JV Basketball vs. Nazareth College	6:00 pm
Fri. 2/6	Men's Hockey vs. Findlay	7:30 pm
Sat. 2/7	Women's Basketball vs. Nazareth College	6:00 pm
	Men's Basketball vs. Nazareth College	8:00 pm
	Men's Hockey vs. Findlay	7:30 pm
	Womens Hockey vs. Colgate	11:30 pm
	Men / Womens Swimming vs. LeMoyne	1:00 pm
Sun. 1/18	Women's Hockey vs. Hamilton	11:30 pm

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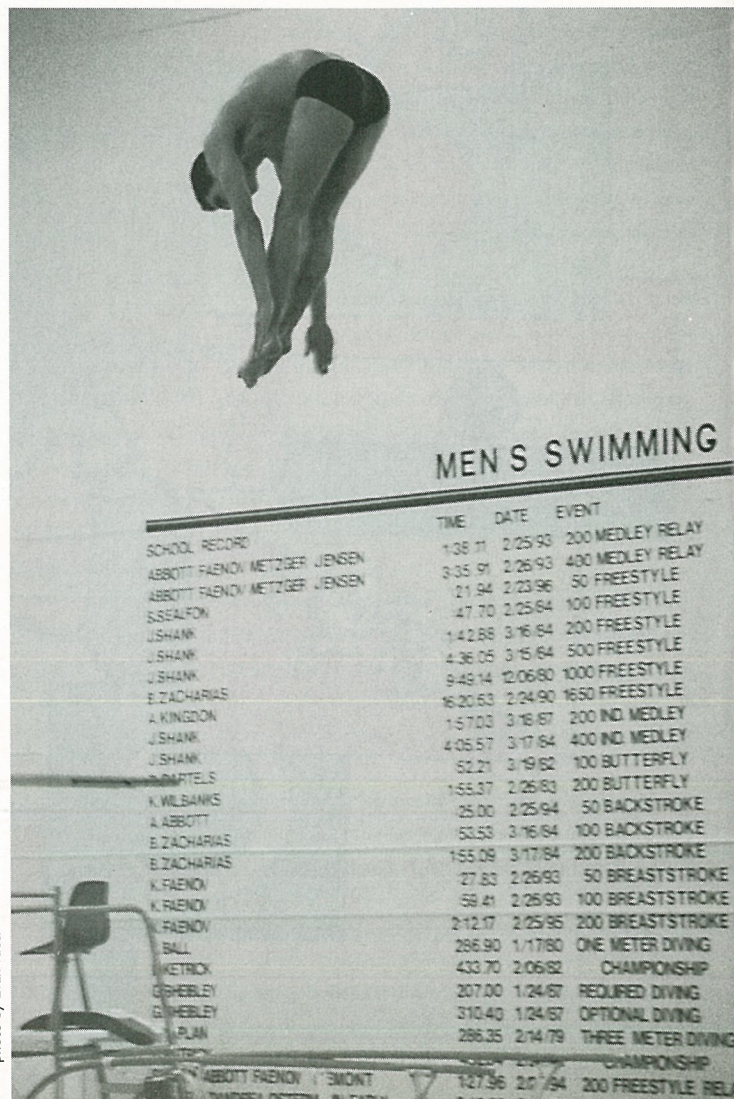


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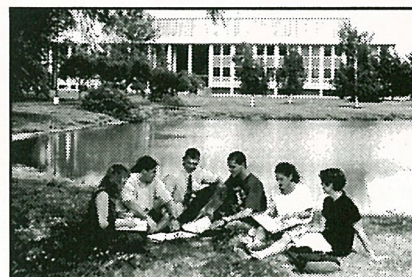
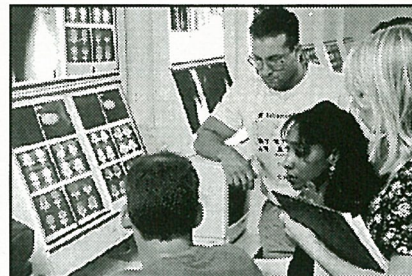
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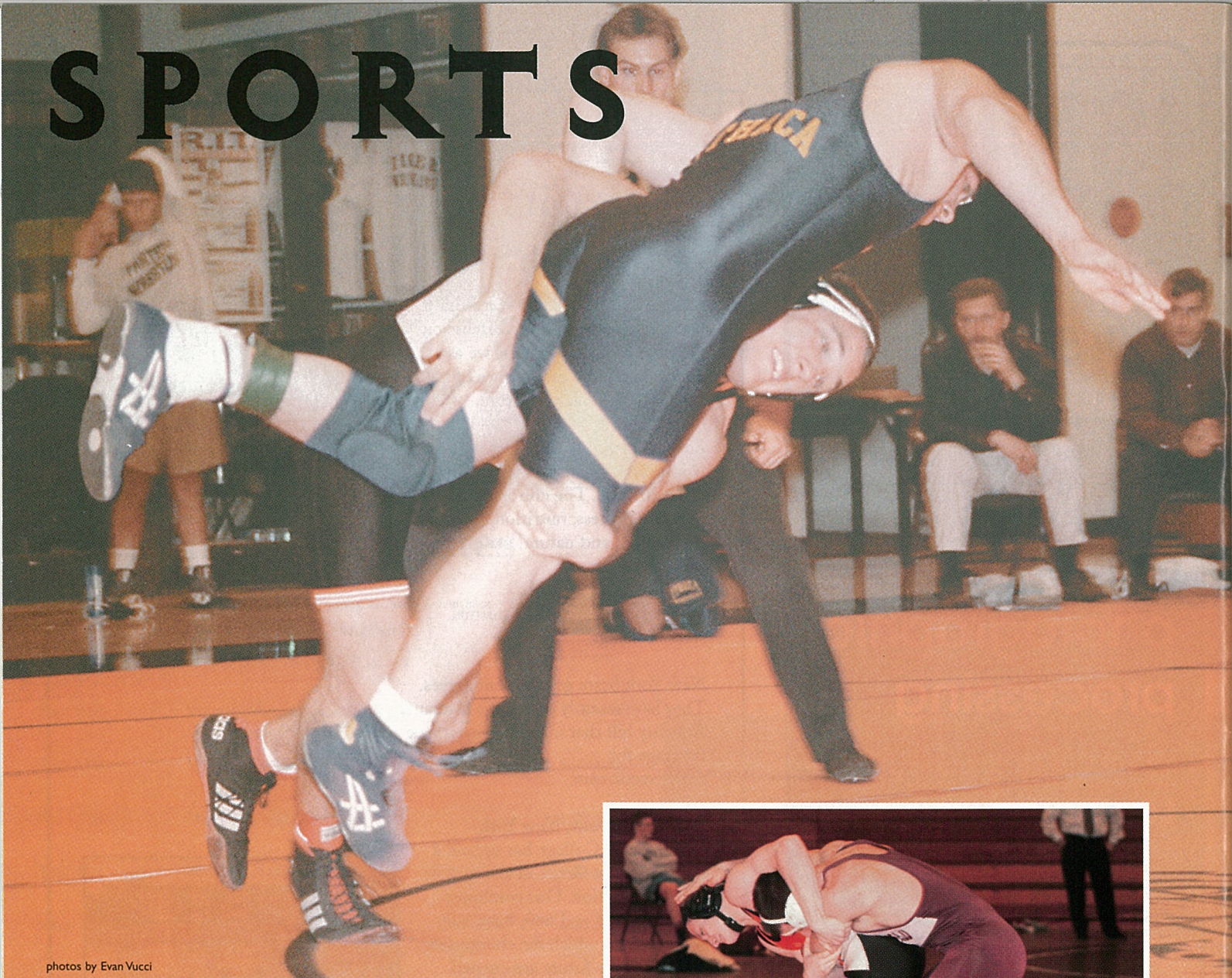
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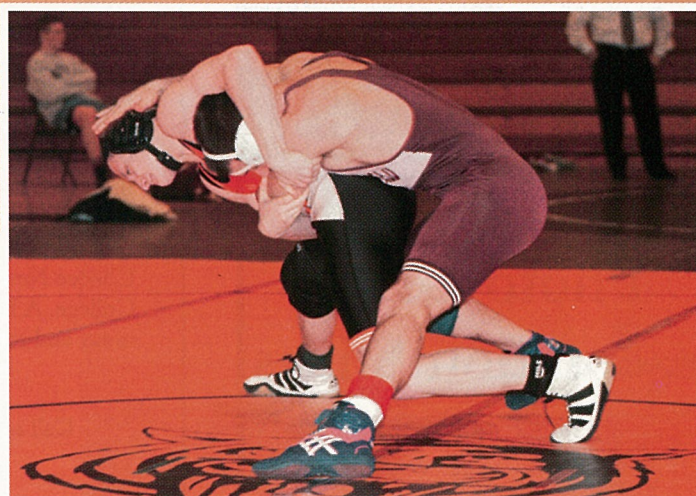
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4 WRESTLING

Pins Down th at Invitational

Bournazakis Has Outstanding Week

Peter Bournazakis, a sensational freshman for the RIT men's hockey team, has been named the Student Athlete of the Week for December first. RIT had two victories over two very good teams during that week. In a 4-3 road win over St. Norbert College, the nation's number four team, Bournazakis put two in the net and assisted on a third. Lake Forest College in Wisconsin was RIT's next victim a day later, scoring only 2 goals to RIT's 6.

Bournazakis, a Toronto native, also earned Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week honors along with Rochester Area College Athletics Male Athlete of the Week. He plays winger for the Tigers and through December 1, was second on the team in scoring with 8 goals and 9 assists for 17 total points.

RIT is having an outstanding season with a 7-0 record, the only remaining undefeated record in Division III. If their stellar season continues, they will be playing in the ECAC tournament during the beginning of March as well as the NCAA's later that month. They can next be seen in action on their home ice on January 17 and 31.

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Two Shine for RIT


Wrestler Tony Wallace and women's hockey player Sandy Payne have been named as RIT's Student Athletes of the Week for December 8. Both had outstanding performances for their respective teams and have had good overall seasons.

Wallace, an RIT freshman ranked eighth in the nation in Division III, earned second place at the RIT Invitational. During the tournament, he wrestled in the 167-pound weight class, beating the nation's #6 wrestler before surrendering to the tournament's fourth seed in the finals. Wallace saw his record improve to 8-1 on the year with three victories and a loss during the week. His coach commends him with, "Tony is really wrestling at an upper class level." Ron Gross goes on to add, "He doesn't make mistakes and he is very mature. He has proven he can wrestle and compete with the best in the nation."

The women's hockey team earned two road victories thanks to the play of senior Sandy Payne. Colgate was Payne's first victim when she scored one goal and assisted on another in a 6-4 win. Payne then lit up Hamilton for 2 goals, one short-handed, in a 5-3 triumph. On the year, Payne is sixth on the team in points with 3 goals and an assist.

Both teams are off until mid-January. The wrestling team is next home against Ithaca on January 17 and the women's hockey season resumes with home games on Jan 17 and 18.

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 On the weekend of December sixth, RIT's wrestling team hosted the thirty-second RIT Invitational. We placed 11 of our 15 entrants and ended in fourth place overall with 112.5 points. Finishing ahead of us in the seven-team tournament was Ithaca (115.5), Div. I Appalachian State (142.5) and Springfield (145.5). This was originally slated to be a ten-team tournament, but bad weather kept other teams at home.

The Tigers had two members in the finals. Freshman 167-pound Tony Wallace came into the tournament seeded fourth, but posted an upset win over the first seed Dan Butler from Ithaca, thus getting Wallace into the finals. Plymouth State handed Wallace his first loss of the season, 9-7.

It is no surprise that Matt Hamill entered the tournament as the #1 seed at 190 pounds. Pinning his way to the finals, Hamill allowed only one opponent into the second period. The junior claimed his second straight RIT title with a pin over second-seeded Mike Gaydos from Springfield in a mere 1:11.

Third-place honors went to Tom Massaro at 150 pounds. The second seeded junior lost to the third-seed from Springfield in the semi-finals by a sudden death overtime score of 7-5. Massaro then rebounded to win his next two matches, including a 5-4 win over Springfield.

The Tigers had two fourth-place finishes. At 158, freshman Matt Telesky lost in the quarter-finals to Appalachian, 9-5. He then fought his way to the consolation finals by winning his next three matches, before losing to Springfield, 7-4, in the third-place match.

Sophomore Mike Liess finished fourth place in the heavyweight division. Unseeded, he had to face a two-time All-American from Cortland State in his first match. After dropping a 7-0 decision to this eventual champ, Liess won three matches including a 44-second pin. This brought the two-sport athlete (he also plays lacrosse) to the consolations where he lost to a nationally-ranked wrestler from Springfield, 8-1.

Three Tiger wrestlers finished fifth. Third-seeded 126-pound junior Eric Kunsman made it to the semifinals with a pin in the third period over Ithaca, before dropping two decisions to the Appalachian wrestlers in his bracket. Junior Tim Tyler, second-seeded at 134 pounds, received a medical forfeit over Cortland, while winning his first match before a loss to the third-seeded Springfield, 2-1. He then lost to Ithaca, 7-4. Despite Tyler's All-American status, this is the first time he has placed in the RIT invitational. Third-seeded junior Justin Lynn came into the tournament in the 142-LB bracket. Lynn also lost to Ithaca, 12-11 in his first match. After splitting the next two decisions, he finally defeated J.P. Bollette of Ithaca 4-3 for fifth place.

Three Tigers placed sixth. Fourth-seeded freshman Ashley Grillo won his first two matches at the 126-pound division. He first defeated Ithaca 13-11 in overtime and then pinned Cortland in the final period. Grillo then lost his next three matches to the first, third, and fifth place finishers. At 177, first-seeded senior Jay Jakubowski came in feeling the effects of a flu. Nonetheless, this captain then defeated teammate Mike King, 6-2, before losing the next two matches. At 190, junior Martin Szwarc lost his last match by a score of 5-2, against Springfield.

The Tigers will return to RIT from the road for home action on the 27th of January in a dual against Ithaca.

by Justin Lynn



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Friday, January 9

Talisman Movie: *Contact*; 7 & 9pm in Ingle Aud. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1.

Admissions Transfer Day: Open House day for transfer students looking at RIT. Tours and events starting from the SAU.

Friday Night Comedian: RIT welcomes *Bill Bellamy* and *Leighann Lords* to the Clark Gym. Show starts at 8pm. Tickets available at the SAU Gameroom and the Candy Counter. Students: \$6, Fac/staff: \$8, Gen Public: \$10. Call 475-2239 to charge by phone.

Saturday, January 10

Talisman Movie: See above for show details. Closed captioned 7pm only.

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Special Olympics: RIT welcomes the Special Olympics Poly Hockey games to the Clark Gym. Call 475-4968 for more information.

Thursday, January 15

CAB Lecture: RIT welcomes nuclear physicist/lecturer *Stanton Friedman* presenting "*Flying Saucers Are Real*" an illustrated lecture in the Clark Gym from 7-10pm. Tickets available at the door only. Students: \$3, Fac/staff: \$5, Gen Public: \$7. contact the CAB office at 475-2509 for more information.

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Friday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Join us and celebrate unity from 4-8pm in Ingle Aud. and the Fireside Lounge. Contact Alfreda Brooks for more information at 475-4993.

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Talisman Movie: *Air Force One*; 7 & 9:20pm in Ingle Aud. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1. Also showing Sat., Jan. 17. Closed captioned Sat. 7pm only.

OCASA Ski Trip: OCASA is sponsoring a week-end ski trip to Lake Placid. Tickets on sale now. Contact OCASA at 475-6680 for more information.

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