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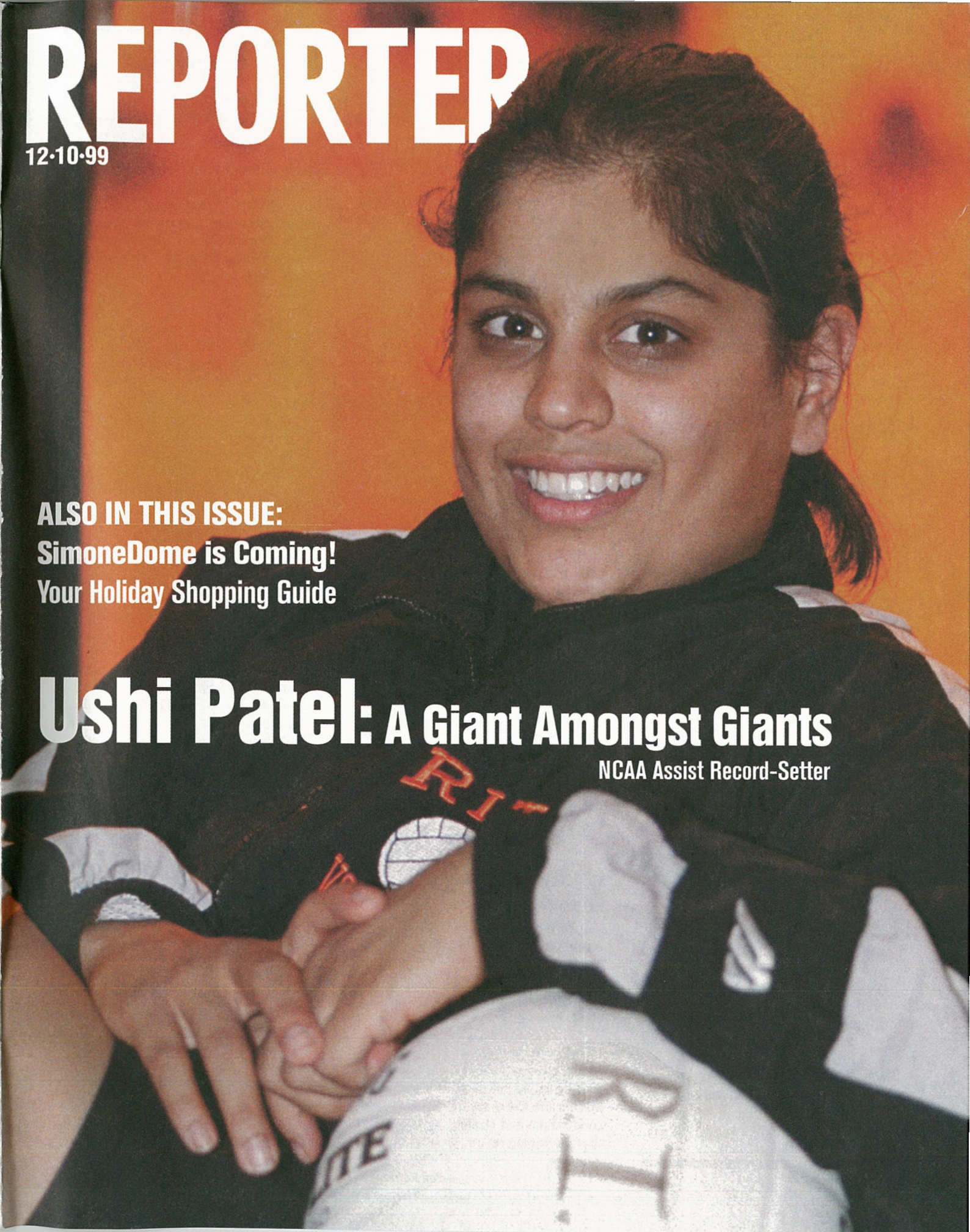
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The Biggest Show on Earth...

By Brian "Y2K compliant" Moon

Maybe

"Cuz they say, 'Two-thousand-zero-zero party over; oops! out of time. So tonight I'm gonna party like it's 1999.'"

—"1999" by The Artist

"Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed."

—Revelation 16:18-19

Ever since Jesus supposedly spoke to the prophet John about the "second coming" of Christ and the forthcoming Armageddon, priests, pastors, "believers," and "non-believers" have been attempting to predict when that precise date will be. How is Jesus supposed to surprise us if we continue to guess? One example of this is when the Thai people ignorantly prepared themselves for the end of the world this past July. I am ashamed to say it, but a few years ago, my own Republic of South

Korea prepared for the second coming of Christ, only to be terribly disappointed.

1999 had its share of bad showings—this year's cinema has included *Pokemon*, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (my girlfriend is going to kill me), and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* (now my friends are going to kill me). I must admit though, that Jar-Jar really did save the movie from being a complete disappointment. However, the biggest let down of this century will occur at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2000. Yes, at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2000, I will not be able to use the timer on my crappy VCR. I guess that means I won't be able to record the Backstreet Boys' next televised concert. And the timer on my Ron Popiel Food Dehydrator will probably reset, causing my pineapple, watermelon, and peach slices to morph into prunes.

The point is that all of the talk early in the year about bank ATM machines going haywire, certain signs leading to Armageddon, and mass hysteria are now just "hyped-up talk" created by members of the media with even more creativity than this writer. It seems all the previous discussion about worldwide destruction and mass hysteria has come to an end. Even the recent release of Arnold Schwarzenegger's movie *End of Days* was not taken seriously. I have to believe this is because Americans are tired of hearing about what is going to happen to them. I opted not to celebrate the New Year in New York City—not because I fear being bombed by terrorists, but because the city is going to expect more people than it can handle. Times Square is going to be packed tighter than the seven weenies in a Vienna sausage container.

On the flip side, what if the optimists of the world (including myself) are wrong and some terrible event does occur? Then I suppose this will be the last opinion article you read by Brian Moon, and I apologize for it not being the best I have written. Hey, if we're doomed to head toward oblivion, we might as well take The Artist's advice and "party like it's 1999," since "life is like a party and parties weren't meant to last."

I will see you all on the other side. •

letters to the editor

With Love to RIT

It's been so difficult to acknowledge and accept the reality that we now own. We walked around the campus on November 5, and we saw a purple rock painted with Rachel's name on it and we saw flowers still tied to the goal posts at the soccer field. Most of all, we saw the bricks—all of the bricks that came to mean so much in terms of future promise. They've become symbolic to us now; of the solidarity of the university and of the many people who have kept this vigil with us.

We think of the staff and the students who attended the memorial service for Rachel here in Lancaster Pennsylvania; those who boarded a bus early on a Saturday morning and those who made the long drive to return to RIT late Saturday night. We are so proud of these students. We are proud of the character, loyalty, love, and friendship shown by these students. We are proud of the openness, maturity, and depth of caring. We are proud that our daughter was surrounded, influenced, and touched by so many exceptional young adults. It is the grace that binds us together and continues to buoy us through this dark time. Our lives have been so changed.

Before the accident on October 17, we knew that our daughter was beginning to experience a new feeling of success on the soccer field and we know that she was relishing in her newly formed friendships. We know that she

was challenged and nurtured by the caring members of the RIT faculty and staff, and she was embracing her future with joy and anticipation. We know that she was happy at RIT. This knowledge gives us some peace.

We thank all the students, faculty, staff, and administration. We say this with many tears, but we want you to know that we have been comforted by your very real presence in our lives: through your cards, flowers, expressions of sympathy, and thoughts. We know you all so very well now, even though we may stumble at times with names. We can't think in terms of an end to our relationship with RIT. We will follow you and watch you; applaud your successes and think about your futures. Our most special thoughts are daily, and always will be—with Jess Gordon and her family—with hope.

—Rachel Miller's family

Which Major is "Slack-Off" Friendly?

Personally I'm an IT major and just the other week a professor told me I had two weeks to read 30 pages. It was the toughest fortnight of my life! Seriously folks, the reason IT may seem easy to others is because, in my experience, the IT majors are pretty well self-taught. There is an abundance of computer related information out there today and we'd be stupid not to take advantage of that. I'd also like to say that RIT is a really good school and challenging is a word that is interpreted differently by everyone.

—Phil Robinson

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The Digital Wormhole

We here at *Reporter* are currently updating our web site. I suppose we aren't really updating, but rather building an entirely new site from the ground up. A school with the technological abilities of RIT should have a solid—if not great—publication web site and if you've seen ours lately, it is probably the laughing-stock of college publication web sites.

This ongoing process is long overdue and is taking far longer than I would have liked, but I know that the folks over at the Educational Technical Center (ETC) are working diligently to complete this site and I am eagerly looking forward to the finished project. My main concern, however, is not the development of our new site. Rather, this venture has brought a very startling trend to my eyes.

Steve Wunrow, Manager of Production Services at ETC, made an exceptionally disturbing comment to me when we brought our plans to him. He said, "You know, in five years, *Reporter* is going to be all digital." YIKES! No more weekly *Reporter* in print? My immediate response: "I certainly hope not!"

Don't get me wrong here. I think digital technology is growing at amazing rates and I rely on it everyday. Digital delivery is absolutely essential in today's information-obsessed society. Stock quotes, sports scores, the latest headlines, the newest music releases—all this is information we *need* NOW, and now we can have it as fast as it's produced. Digital technology is creating jobs in areas that, five or ten years ago, we didn't even imagine would exist. The possibilities really are endless.

So then, what is the problem? The problem is that digital technology is all-consuming; the information age is sucking the life right out of us.

So what if *Reporter* goes all-digital? The problem isn't *Reporter*; it is *everything*. During this holiday season, well over half of all gift-givers will purchase some of their goods on-line. Americans are spending tens of billions of dollars in virtual malls and Internet auctions. Someone told me earlier this year that they stopped subscribing to the *Demo-*

crat and Chronicle because they could get all the same information on the *D and C* web site. Maybe this is true, but how many additional hours can those blood-shot eyes stare at the monitor after an eight-hour workday in front of a computer?

Five years from now, maybe *Reporter* will be all digital (though I pray that isn't the case). In fact, I personally believe we won't have to leave our homes for much of anything. We'll get all our news (not that there will be any with everyone cooped up in their homes) from the web. We'll shop for everything from our underwear to our pens and pencils on the Internet and it will be delivered within twenty-four hours via a special network of pipes that lead directly to our front doors. We'll even be able to order breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the occasional midnight snack from some web site—prepared by a Jetsons-esque robot of course. Lights, televisions, coffeepots, vacuum cleaners, heated shower water, and the like will be controlled by a central computer in our wired "smart homes." Distance learning will replace all tangible Institutes of higher learning and all business will be conducted holographically a la *Star Trek*. We will be able to go days, months—even lifetimes—without ever actually conversing with another human being.

Pretty dismal, eh? George Orwell's *1984* is beginning to sound like a walk in the park. The point? Where do we draw the line? When do we learn that the computer isn't the be-all, end-all?

I don't really believe this is going to happen, but I can't rule it out completely either. I'm sure Mr. Wunrow didn't intend such thoughts with his single, simple comment mentioned in jest—but you can see that a completely digital *Reporter* is only a sign, only a symbol. We need to be very careful, or we will cease to exist as the social society we are.



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I'll Judge My Own Entertainment

Once again we have another member of society deciding what is best for everyone else. Mr. Badera, just because you don't like pro wrestling does not give you the right to belittle those of us who do. I don't like Beverly Hills 90210, but that doesn't mean I go around bashing it or its fans. Freedom of choice involves respect for other people's choices, and that is something that you are seriously lacking.

You ask why people find wrestling entertaining? I could tell you why I find it entertaining, but my words would fall on deaf ears. People like you see what you want to see. You just need a reason to

insult others in order to justify your own insecurities.

You claim that reading a script or faking a "tough-guy attitude" is all it takes to be a wrestler. I'll bet money that you don't know a thing about what it takes to be a pro wrestler or what wrestling training consists of. Did you know that there are several wrestling schools in the Rochester area? Did you know that wrestlers get injured (for real) on a regular basis and that one wrestler was recently paralyzed from the waist down?

Why are you so mad at wrestling? What did it ever do to you? If you don't like it, change the channel, just like I do whenever Beverly Hills 90666 comes on.

—Bill Clar, 4th year Comp. Philosopher

The Beautiful People

The 10/29 "tribute" to Rachel Miller shows that even in death, *Reporter's* coverage is blatantly biased toward higher profile, popular students. If ten computer science students died last year and none of them were involved in the athletics program would the *Reporter* be there to dedicate two pages to each of them? The answer is no, as *Reporter* failed to report the alarming number of suicides on/off campus last year, many of which involved students from the College of Applied Science and Technology.

By ignoring those other deaths last year, your staff shows that it is disinterested in reporting deaths of regular students. In effect, *Reporter* becomes-

nothing more than a gossip sheet for the "beautiful" students instead of being a magazine dedicated to covering the full spectrum of the student community.

Do athletes deserve more when they die? No. But this is what you are saying when you present us with an article like "Playing a Man Down." Albeit, Rachel's death is an important loss to us that we should be aware of and mourn for, but so were the dozens of other students that perished recently; students that we will never know about because you deemed them as non-newsworthy. We are really disturbed by the fact that there was such a high number of suicides last year and never once did we see an article, or a sign up anywhere on campus informing the students that we as a community, had lost one of its members.

Are you finally declaring to us that you're just printing useless content, as many of us have known all along?

—Mel Collis, 2nd year Photo & Chip Goines

Though we would agree that there were several unreported suicides on campus last year, there are a few other things that must be understood. First, Reporter does not give any preferential treatment to athletes or "beautiful" people for any reason, and that suggestion is ridiculous. Secondly, one must consider that the staff of Reporter changes over quite frequently. The goals and ideals of one staff may be different from those of another staff, leading to different reporting topics and techniques. Our staff considered the "precedent" we were setting with "Playing a Man Down," but after much contemplation, decided it was a worthy issue. Any other student in the same situation would have received similar treatment. We put together a full-page story last year when Dawan Albritton was killed by a drunk driver. Lastly, we too are disturbed by the frequency of suicides last year and we are currently gathering information about this issue. RIT's red tape has made it very difficult—if not impossible—to get quality information on these deaths, and this is why we were unable to report them last year.

—ed.

World Take Over

Would you be scared if a secretive organization, un-elected and unaccountable, could overturn laws of your community or country?

Halloween may be over, but a corporate Frankenstein walks the planet. The World Trade Organization (WTO) is making enforceable global laws, giving corporations ultimate control over the world economy, our lives, and the planet. The WTO was created by the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs in 1995 to enforce international trade regulations. One hundred-thirty-four member countries, including the U.S., can challenge each other's laws as violations of WTO rules. Cases are decided in secret by a panel of three professional trade-bureaucrats.

Every single environmental and public health law brought before the WTO courts so far has been ruled illegal. Member countries must then change their law, pay compensation to the winner, or face non-negotiated trade sanctions.

When signing on, member nations grant the WTO absolute authority to supercede local, state, and national laws if a corporation pressures its government to challenge a particular mandate.

The main goal of the WTO is to create a fully-integrated global capitalist economy "free" of any "discriminatory" barriers to trade or "lost market opportunities." Case studies show that it is corporations who win and democracy that loses.

On behalf of its oil industry, Venezuela challenged the U.S. Clean Air Act regulation that required gas refiners to produce cleaner gas. A WTO panel ruled against the U.S. law. As a result, foreign oil refiners now have the option to sell dirtier gasoline in the U.S.

Japan is challenging a Massachusetts State law which requires companies sever ties with the military dictatorship of the Southeast Asian country of Burma before getting government contracts. If ruled "WTO-illegal," we will lose a major tool that helped bring down Apartheid in South Africa.

Using WTO's logic, other barriers to free trade could include minimum wage laws, toxic emissions controls, or bans on lead in plumbing. Lost market opportunities, as defined by corporations, could include Canada's national health care, our public universities, or limits on logging in national forests.

—Andrew Pearson, National Council Coordinator, Student Environmental Action Coalition

Photograph by Brad Penner

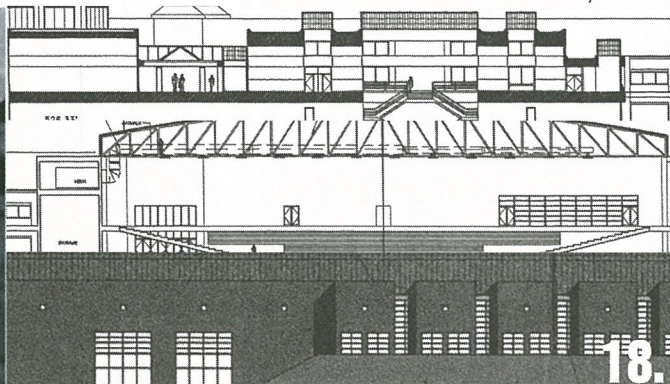


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Lifesaving EFFORT

By Jon-Claude Caton



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Campus Safety Officers Honored by the Red Cross

On November 4, 1999, three Campus Safety Officers and another RIT faculty member were honored by the American Red Cross. Officers Wayne Sutherland, Jim Bundy, and Kevin de la Sota, as well as faculty member Tom Richardson, were recognized for their lifesaving efforts during winter quarter of last year.

On February 16, 1999, a faculty member in the College of Science was found unconscious. Officers Sutherland, Bundy, and de la Sota were dispatched to handle the crisis. Upon their arrival, they were able to determine that the faculty member had no pulse, and was not breathing. Richardson and the officers began administering CPR until they were joined by the RIT Ambulance and Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance. The efforts of all involved revived the faculty member, who was promptly rushed to Strong Memorial Hospital. Several days later, the faculty member was discharged.

The lifesaving measures taken by Sutherland, Bundy, de la Sota, and Richardson are attributed to the CPR training conducted by Jody Nolan, the RIT Fire Safety Specialist. •

Brick Beat

By Andrew Dollard

RIT Honors Creators

On November 30 at Liberty Hill, the home of RIT President Dr. Albert Simone, the first annual RIT Creators Award ceremony was held. The recipient of the award was RIT microelectronics professor Bruce W. Smith, who was chosen for the award in light of his numerous patents in the field of micro-lithography. Smith's award was presented by Eugene Merieran, an executive from Intel Corporation.

Following the presentation of the award, RIT alumnus Terry Clapham, who himself holds several patents, spoke on innovation and invention. •

Women's Center Receives Grant

The RIT Women's Center is set to receive \$400,000 of an \$8.1 million federal grant intended to reduce violence against women on college campuses around the nation.

The grant was awarded to RIT in part due to the efforts of Women's Center coordinator Julie White, who designed a multi-part program to research the issue and implement educational programs to combat it.

The program will commence with research about violence against women

on campus, which will be followed by seminars and educational programs on the subject for faculty and staff.

The results of the program will be evaluated in October 2001, just before the grant expires. •

Congressional Funds to be Allocated to RIT

In October, RIT was granted Congressional funds for two of its programs. The Chester Carlson Center for Imaging Science (CIS) and the National Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery (NCR3) will receive millions of dollars in aid for current and future projects.

NCR3 has been granted the funds for ongoing research concerning the possible ability to remanufacture decommissioned United States Naval vessels. The military project will be conducted with the cooperation of the Office of Naval Research.

The grant includes funding through NASA for the Chester Carlson Center for Imaging Science. CIS will be working with NASA and an Italian space company to develop a global forest fire prevention system.

The funds came at the urging of New York Senator Chuck Schumer and local Congresswomen Louise Slaughter. •

Alphabet Soup

Greek Bi-Weekly

To those of you who are unfamiliar with Greek Council (GC), it is the governing body of the social Greek letter organizations on the RIT campus. The Council is made up of an executive board that consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also on the Council sits the Presidents of the Governing body of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inter-fraternity Council, and Order of Omega.

This past year GC has put on some very educational events including programs on hazing and men's issues. GC has also started a clothing and food drive

By Nicole Bukowski
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for flood victims in shelters around the country. GC has presented its "Tree of Angel" gifts to the East House of Rochester. This project is one in which the East House of Rochester and GC coordinate their efforts to find out what some needy people in the area would appreciate for the holidays, and this year, GC has over 250 angels. In January GC plans to have a millennium celebration, and it is also planning events for both winter and spring quarters.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Greek Affairs office at 475-5637. •

World News

By Andrew Dollard

•**JOPLIN, MO**—Stephanie England complained to school authorities in October after her son Preston's fifth-grade teacher brought in a plastic bag of cat feces and taped it to Preston's desk for an hour as an object lesson. "The punishment went too far," England said, even though she acknowledged that Preston has a problem, at home and at school, overusing the phrase "Suck a turd." (MSNBC)

•**TORONTO**—David Orah was convicted of perjury this past September. He had been in trouble in 1998, minutes after being acquitted of assault by a judge. As the courtroom was clearing, Orah had wandered up to a police officer and asked, "So that's it? It's over? I was acquitted, like O.J.?" After the officer nodded, Orah said, "Well, off the record, it was me. [The people I beat up] had it coming." The officer then turned Orah in. (MSNBC)

•**LONDON**—A naked man brandishing a sword burst into Saint Andrews Church in Thornton Heath, South London, and hacked at the panicked congregation until churchgoers overpowered him. About 500 worshippers had filled the Catholic church for a special children's service. Police arrested the man. Nine people were injured, three of which were taken to local hospitals. (Reuters)

•**TOKYO**—Electrical contractor Akira Hareruya, 36, whose company went bankrupt, has been working the streets of Tokyo this year, trying to earn money by inviting passersby to don boxing gloves and take swings at him for about \$9 a minute. He promises not to hit back, only to try to evade the punches. He told the Los Angeles Times that he averages about \$200 a night. (MSNBC)

•**ATHENS, TN**—In September, authorities in called in Tennessee state officials to investigate a claim of impropriety against local jailers. Inmate Tracy Spurling, 38, complaining that his foot hurt, was discovered by X-ray to have a 6-inch-long flashlight in his rectum that the inmate insisted must have been planted there by deputies since he had no recollection of it. After an

investigation, state officials cleared the jailers, and Spurling admitted he owned a flashlight just like the one found. (MSNBC)

•**LONDON**—A panhandler who won 1.8 million pounds (\$2.9 million) in the lottery has traded his tiny flat for a 17th century mansion that he bought without setting eyes on. Phil Kitchen, who fell on hard times when his carpentry business went under, picked up the 500,000 pounds lakeside home in Barnt Green, which is situated near central England. Kitchen purchased the home, which boasts a boathouse, stable and tennis court- after seeing it in a property paper. His new neighbors are welcoming Kitchen, who bought the winning ticket after pawning two limited edition china plates to buy food. (Reuters)

•**NORTH PLATTE, NE**—Police have been looking for a man who, since July, has appeared several times in public wearing baby's clothes. Named after his most prominent article of clothing, "The Big Bonnet" was last spotted on October 29, bending over a bench paddling himself. (MSNBC)

•**DETROIT**—In August, Detroit police chief Benny Napoleon acknowledged that the department has sold about 6,000 used guns in recent years to dealers, who put them back on the street—even though the city has filed a \$400 million lawsuit accusing gun manufacturers of making it easy for buyers to skirt the city's anti-gun law. (MSNBC)

•**ROME**—A fully soundproof, state of the art, \$6,250 confessional was unveiled Friday, offering air conditioning, black leather seats, and soft lighting. Penitents are able to regulate the temperature at which they confess. A red light glows when the glossy box is occupied and a green light when it is vacant. An optional hygienic filter or clear glass separates priests from penitents. The walnut-finished confessional will cater some of the 26 million pilgrims forecast to visit Rome in 2000, increasing the demand for confessions. (Reuters)

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'TIS THE SEASON...

By Kelly L. Pearson

Illustrations by Michael Freeman

Holiday Wish List

Thanksgiving has come and gone. There is a wintry chill in the air. Christmas trees are knotted tightly to the roofs of cars, while carols are heard on the radio. Mall parking lots are filled to the gills, as endless lines await inside. A frustrated look appears on the visage of shoppers....The holiday season is upon us.

The frustration mounts as holiday shoppers look for that "perfect" gift for their friends, family, and co-workers. The 1999 holiday shopping season is well underway and, for a change, it is rather different from others. In recent years, shoppers waited in seemingly

believe that this year is different. There is not one toy or item that is selling as popularly as Tickle-Me Elmo or the favorite talking Furby. However, this shopping season has proven quite profitable for stores that carry items that would make anyone's eyes open wide as they tear off the gift wrap.

What is on your wish list for Christmas or Hanukkah? What do your friends and relatives want? Did their



The Pokemon phenomenon has carried into the Christmas season, as kids can't get enough of Pikachu.

neverending lines to learn that Tickle-Me Elmo and Furby were gone. The toy their children *had* to get their hands on was sold out across America. However, researchers

wishes meet what stores say are the most popular or unique gift for the 1999 Holiday Shopping Season?

Toy Stores are filled with shoppers wanting Rock-n-Roll Elmo and Rock-n-Roll Ernie. With a price tag of roughly \$40, children can dance and sing with their beloved pals. The newest additions to the Furby family are Furby Babies. They are slightly smaller and can hold conversations amongst themselves. These little creatures that children *must* have are \$30 each. The Pokemon phenomenon has carried into the Christmas season, as kids can't get enough of Pikachu. Shoppers can find a vast array of Pokemon merchandise in just about every store they stop in.

For those of us who are still kids at heart, we just can't get enough of video games. About the only item that is hard to find is the new Sega

Dreamcast. The \$199 system has people on huge waiting lists at Toys R Us and Electronics Boutique. Nintendo 64 is still a hot item, with the new Donkey Kong 64 that's already flying off shelves.

As we count down the remaining days of 1999, shoppers don't have to look far to see 2000. Almost every store has some memorabilia for marking the millennium; hats, shirts, sweatshirts, shoes, picture frames—you name it. If you want it, it has 2000 marked on it. Many stores have displayed Millenniumopoly, "the game that took a thousand years to create," so board game lovers can remember the big event.

Calendars, books, candles, and picture frames are popular items if you just don't know what you want, or you can't seem to find that "perfect" gift. There is a gift out there for everyone. You just have to know where



Scavenging for Dummies

By Jeff Prystajko

Although some might argue that it began the day after Christmas *last year*, the holiday shopping season has once again returned to full-force. Who will you shop for? What will you buy them? But also, where will you go? Part of the challenge is finding the “perfect” gift—and to help out, I’ve traversed Rochester’s four malls in search of unique

and “different” stores that you may not have thought of. Note: this article was written primarily for us guys who liken Christmas shopping to shoving nails through our skin. Girls, on the other hand, can skip all this; your built-in, genetic shopping genes are far superior to any advice I could possibly give.

Bed, Bath, and Beyond: Who, at the end of the day, can honestly say they don’t need a new shower curtain or set of bed sheets? The perfect store for someone looking to make their house feel more like home. *Greece Ridge*

Lids: Get the people who can’t seem to get sports out of their mind, a gift they can proudly wear on their head. Lids carries a selection of baseball caps from more professional and college sports teams than one can imagine, as well as a collection of Nike, Adidas, and other logo-emblazoned caps. *Eastview, Greece Ridge, Irondequoit*

Snow Country: For the brave skier in the family. A seasonal shop that features items from skis and snowboards to apparel such as gloves, coats, and other accessories. *Greece Ridge*

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Everlasting Gifts: There’s always that one person in the family who litters the house with antiques and collectibles dating back to the stone age. Why not add to the collection with hand-made

crafts, intricate dolls and figurines, and small sculptures? You may even pick some up for yourself. *Greece Ridge*

Piano & Organ Center: OK—I don’t think anybody has the money to buy their loved-ones a Steinway, but as a fellow player I know it’s rather difficult to find sheet music and other accessories. This store just might solve that problem. *Greece Ridge*

Image Creations: What to get for the relative who has everything....Take a picture of their ugly pet, have it printed on a sweatshirt, and voila! Instant memories. *Irondequoit*

World of Science: Gifts for the perpetually curious mind, or the mind intrigued by perpetual motion machines. Added store bonus includes a cheap-CD sampler jukebox; aim for the “Celtic Bagpipes” button and run—employees love that. *Eastview, Irondequoit*

FYE: Also known as “For Your Entertainment,” this superstore has a mind-boggling array of CDs, videos, DVDs, posters, books, software...and has its own arcade! Think Media Play on steroids. *Eastview*

Get Organized: The store that every college student should make a journey through. This Mecca of everything from shelving to paperclip-holders is essential to helping one, well, get organized. *Eastview*

The Sixties Shoppe: I swear one would have to fail a drug test to get hired here. A heaven for those whose closets contain nothing but tie-dye and whose lights contain nothing but lava. *Eastview*

Noodle Kidoodle: Didn’t want to leave out the littluns’. Similar to Toys-R-Us and almost as big—but everything has an educational aspect to it. If Einstein was still alive, I bet he’d buy toys here. *Eastview*

Brookstone: Though it has gadgets and gizmos you never knew existed, there’s only one true way to describe it: the store with the vibrating chairs. Need I say more? *Eastview*

Superhighway Sweep

By Kelly L. Pearson

Malls and specialty shops are getting a run for their money this holiday season as shoppers are frequenting on-line retailers instead. Bargain hunters can find just about *anything* on the Internet. Beware when giving out credit card information, though, as not all sites are secure.

www.comparenet.com

This site allows shoppers the luxury of narrowing their search by entering how much they would like to spend.

www.dealtime.com

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www.jango.com

From Excite shopping, this site enables shoppers the ability to research a product before buying.

Gap.com, Jcrew.com, and CDnow.com are just a few other sites with specific items tailored to students. The clothes seen in the respective stores are available on-line and can be shipped anywhere in the United States.

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X-Mas Filmography

The presents have been opened, you have had enough of the family—but what is there left to do on Christmas Day? Nothing is open, right?

Not quite—you can go to the movies. The holiday season is not only prosperous for stores, but movie theaters rake in the dough as well. Each year, several motion pictures debut either on Christmas Day or a few days before, and 1999 is no different. Here are some of the last movies of the 20th century:

Opening December 22

Any Given Sunday
starring Al Pacino

Girl Interrupted
starring Winona Ryder

Man on the Moon
starring Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman

Opening December 25

Galaxy Quest
starring Tim Allen and Sigourney Weaver

Mansfield Park
starring Jonny Lee Miller

The Talented Mr. Ripley
starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow,
and Cate Blanchett

Alice in Chains Cashes in with Music Bank

By William Huber

This summer, Alice in Chains released *Nothing Safe: The Best of the Box*, a sampler of their boxed set, *Music Bank*. Normally this would not be a problem. The savvy consumer would simply wait for the boxed set and not bother with the sampler, unless they wanted a greatest-hits-type of disc. However, the band had a different idea.

Best of the Box contains the greatest hits and the new song, "Get Born Again," but also contains several previously unreleased tracks that are not available on the boxed set. This provides a dilemma for the complete Alice in Chains collector—buy the boxed set and the greatest hits CDs, or just get the boxed set and forgo the "missing" songs? If you're the complete Alice in Chains collector, you go for both—which means you're out a few dollars, as *Best of the Box* averages \$15, while *Music Bank* costs approximately \$50. This is an obvious and shameful attempt to squeeze another couple bucks out of fans.

Music Bank, released this past October, is nearly a complete collection by itself. It has the entire history of the band compacted down into three discs, chock-full of pain, rage, and killer grunge/metal riffs. Along with the greatest hits from Alice in Chains' five previous albums and the MTV Unplugged set, there are raw live tracks, remixes, and a great



deal of unreleased material, ranging back to the original demo tape from 1987. This is an excellent musical history of the band, taking us from the glam-rock blues metal of the pre-facelift days, to the turgid, drug-riddled dirges on their last full-length studio album, *Alice in Chains*. The liner notes, while scant on the volume side, are excellent in means of trivia bits and depth of detail. Finally, lead guitarist Jerry Cantrell contributes song-by-song notes on the whole set—a nice touch.

On a personal note, I was disappointed that "Whale and Wasp" from *Jar of Flies* didn't make the cut for what appears to be the ultimate statement at the end of the band's career.

Overall, *Best of the Box* is an ideal buy for anyone who isn't really an Alice in Chains collector but still enjoys the band enough to get a (legal) copy of all the major songs without investing in six CDs. However, if you're a collector, then *Music Bank* is for you. Lastly, even if you don't own any Alice in Chains albums but wish to get a really good feel for the band, you might want to look into the boxed set as well.

Break Away

Sick and tired of being stuck on campus with nothing to do? Why not experience some of Rochester's cultural side this weekend.

Friday, December 10

Titanic: A New Musical
Auditorium Center—8:00 p.m.

Worcester IceCats vs. Rochester Americans "Dad, Isn't it Amerks?"
Blue Cross Arena—7:35 p.m. face off

Tremor's
KISS 107's Official Club Night begins at
10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11

Titanic: A New Musical
Auditorium Center—2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Gotham City
98 PXY's Official Club Night begins at
10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

New York Giants vs. Buffalo Bills
Ralph Wilson Stadium—1:00 p.m. kickoff

Albany River Rats vs. Rochester Americans
Blue Cross Arena—6:05 p.m. face off

Titanic: A New Musical
Auditorium Center—2:00p.m. & 7:30p.m.

NOTE: times and dates are subject to change.

Welcome to the Mosh Pit

Just under one thousand people crammed into Buffalo's Sideshow Music Hall Sunday, November 28 to see **Filter**. It was a prime opportunity for fans to view one of their favorite bands without having to deal with the hassle of Filter's *Family Values Tour*.

Simon Says opened the show. They were big on energy, but the songs were just wretched and the sparse early crowd wasn't into them.

Swedish metal outfit **Drain STH** filled the middle slot after **System of a Down** unfortunately dropped from the billing. It was fine, though—they rocked. While Drain STH did not have a lot of variety, they had solid, chunky metal riffs and a lot of good moshing material. They got the crowd whipped up for Filter. It was a letdown that they didn't stick around after the show to sign autographs for fans.

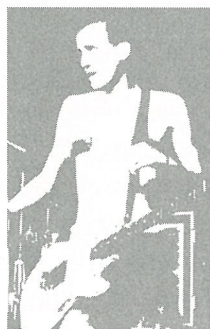
Finally, after a lengthy delay, Filter took the stage to screams, whistles, and raised fists. A nearly hour-long wait for the show to start raised the tension level—the crowd was primed. When the band smashed into the gigantic riff of "Welcome to the Fold," the crowd surged. Instantly everyone (except for the lame spectators in the back) crammed forward

into the barrier crush and the mosh pit and started jumping, hitting, elbowing, pushing and punching each other. The mass release of aggression was savage and, in a way—wonderful.

Other songs the band and the crowd thundered through together included "Dose," "It's Gonna Kill Me," "Under," "I Will Lead You," "Consider This," "Cancer," "Jurassitol," and "Hey Man, Nice Shot." They encored with a heavy-metal retooling of "Take a Picture," their saccharine pop-acoustic single now clogging the airwaves.

If you ever get a chance to see Filter, do it! Normally I'd say the same for Drain STH, but be prepared to get the cold shoulder when you go looking for autographs or promo items.

Finally, catch Filter live on *Late Night with David Letterman* on December 15, and add their new DVD to your holiday list. •



opportunities in and around Rochester, offering a chance to help over 200 agencies devoted to specific causes. A community service newsletter, published monthly, includes a listing of "Special Events" for the given month. These events are usually offered only once and offer a great experience for those who choose to participate. Pick up a copy of this month's newsletter to find an organization that could use your skills and help this holiday season.

In addition, this year Student Government (SG) has made it an initiative to have campus-wide volunteering, and in an effort to support the initiative, they have teamed up with the YMCA to help Rochester City School District's School No. 8. Members have volunteered at the school several times this year and are planning to return on December 13 when they will decorate and run holiday festivities for the elementary school's 260 students. Transportation is provided and many student volunteers will be needed from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you're interested, visit the SG office in the RITreat for further information.

Alpha Phi Omega, RIT's National Service Fraternity, requires its members to participate in community service on campus and in Rochester. Student volunteers usher at the Tigers' hockey games, enabling the Institute to keep ticket costs at a minimum. They also help out at physical plant, spreading sawdust on the trails behind Gracie's. Volunteers run the annual "broomball" tradition at RIT, helping students relax during the winter quarter. In the city, RIT students volunteer at the Salvation Army helping to paint and clean, among other things, and they also volunteer at Highland Park in attempting to keep it beautiful.

These examples are just a small representation of the organizations on campus that enable students to volunteer regularly. Habitat for Humanity, a club newly recognized this quarter, is looking for new members. If you are interested in volunteering in any of the clubs or organizations at RIT or would like more information on Rochester area organizations, you can call the Student Volunteer Center at 475-7058. •

A Time to Give

Students Embark on an Initiative to Help

When it comes to community service, RIT has many clubs and Greek organizations that allow their members to volunteer and assist others at RIT and in the surrounding Rochester area. These groups work in conjunction with local schools, the YMCA, the Salvation Army, the American Heart Association, and many other public service organizations.

The organizations make services and events possible that would be difficult otherwise; those involved help people,

the community, and themselves immeasurably. Volunteers provide inexpensive manpower, making projects financially possible. They clean up parks, roads, sidewalks, schools, and buildings, helping to make Rochester a better place to live. And, they do all this while having fun and making new friends within the area.

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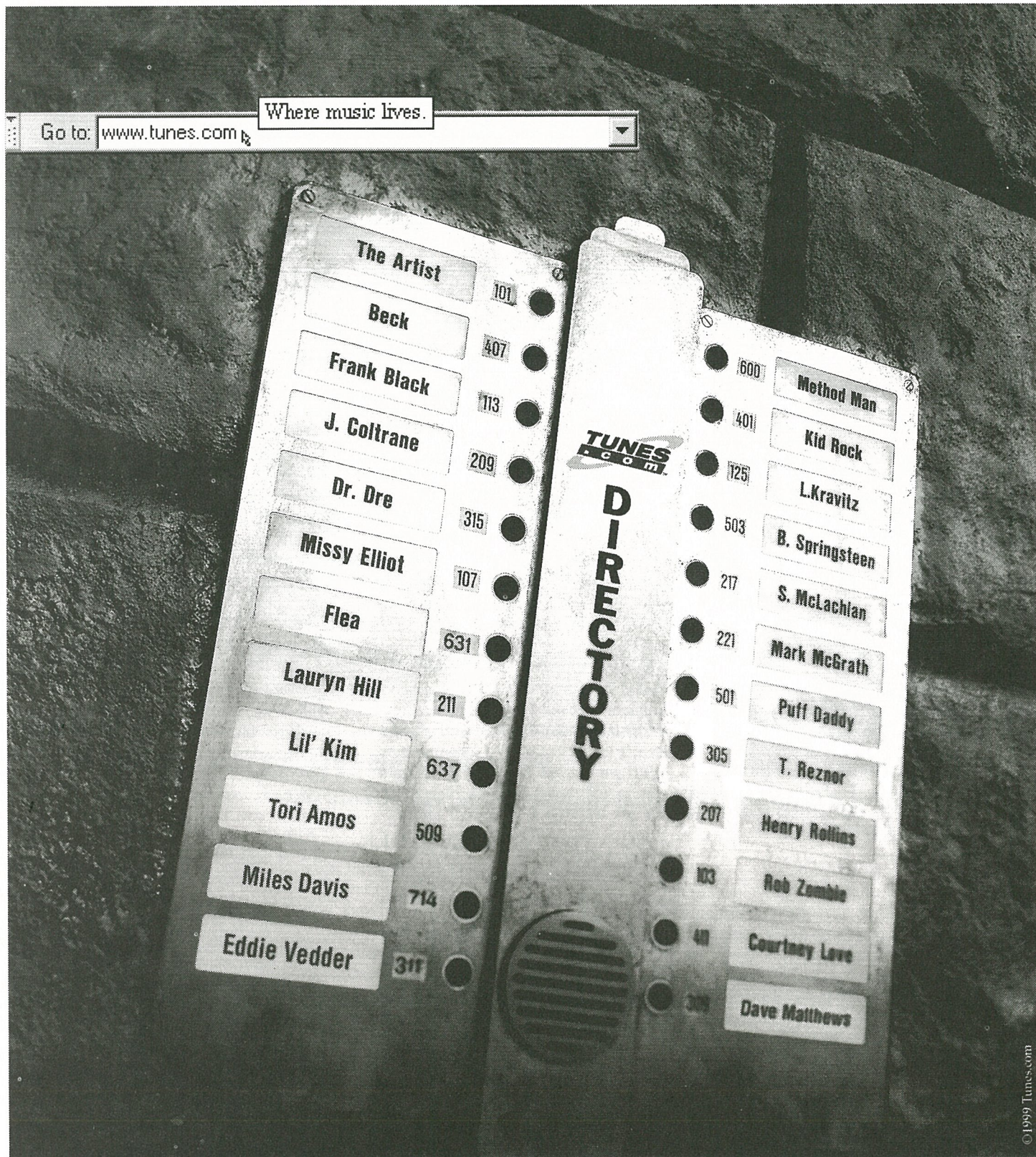
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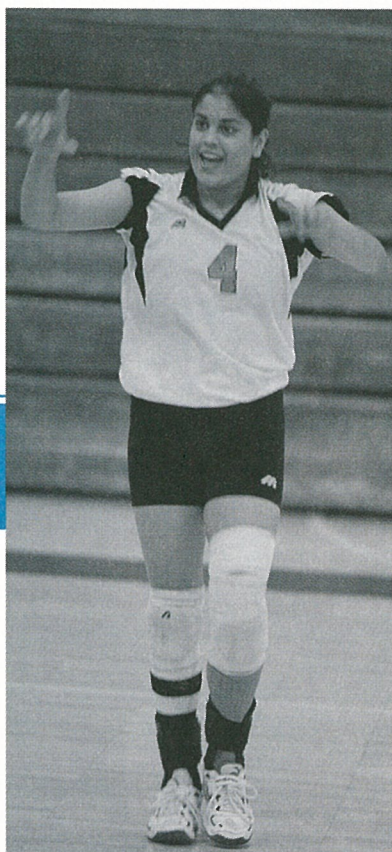
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A Giant Amongst Giants



NCAA Record-Setter Ushi Patel

By Andrew Quagliata

Photographs by Brad Penner

"The highest goodness is like water. Water benefits all things and does not compete. It stays in lowly places which others despise. Therefore it is near the Eternal."

On senior night the Women's Volleyball team presented team captain Ushi Patel with a picture carrying those words. With all the five-foot, four-inch setter has accomplished in her career at RIT, the gift from her teammates was the highest compliment she has ever received. "If I could define myself as the person I want to be, I would want to live up to that quote," says Patel. Ushi is finding it difficult to accept that her teammates already believe she lives up to the quote, on and off the court.

Patel's list of on-court accomplishments is enough to make any sports program thankful. The event that drew the most attention this season came at the Empire Eight Conference Championships at RIT on October 30, 1999. The Tigers

tage of it." Patel enjoys seeing the results of working hard and believes that she owes it to herself. She often reminds herself that she has been given a chance that others would die for. This year, much of her motivation has to do with her coach. She says he gives everything to the team because he believes in them.

"If someone else believes in me that much, I better believe in myself that much."

An Amazing Career

Patel has not only believed in herself, she has compiled a lengthy brag sheet as well. This season she set a new NCAA single season mark for assists; she became the second player in Division I, II and III to ever reach the 7,000 assist mark; and she was named to the AVCA All-American Second Team. Patel ended her career with 7,013 assists, 716 kills, 1785 digs, 195 service aces, 163 consecutive matches played, 572 career games, and numerous "Player of the Week" honors at every level. With numbers like these, Patel will not be forgotten anytime soon.

"I never played for a record," Patel says. She wants to be remembered for her true strengths: focus, steadiness, work ethic, heart, and desire. Those are the strengths that gained Patel the respect of her teammates and "motivated her team throughout the season." Patel set out to be the team leader and says, "the greatest leader sets an example." That is what Coach Tim Cowie will miss the most: "It's the intangible things, like her leadership skills [that have made her a success]."

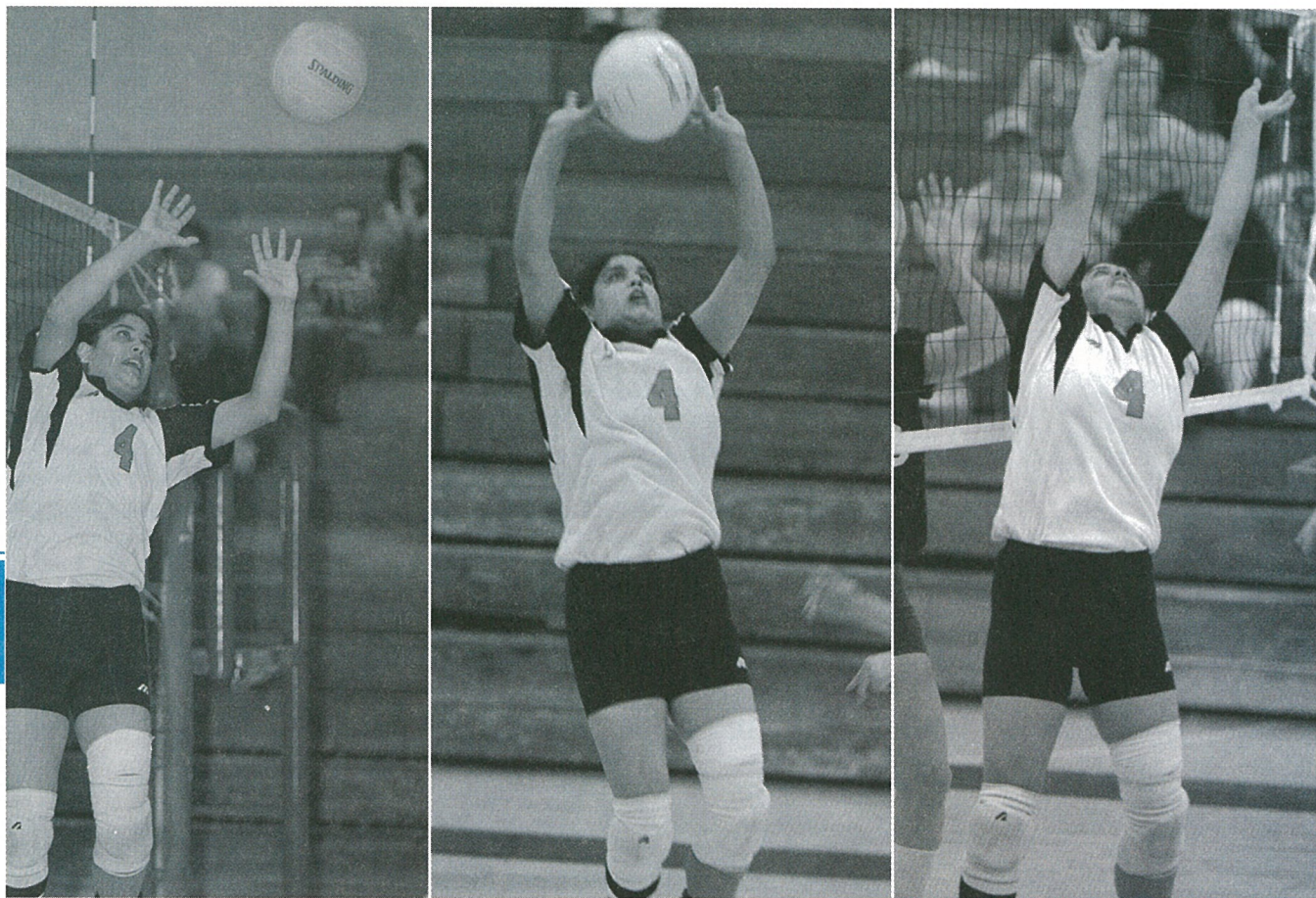
Patel's love for the game of volleyball began in fifth grade while going to a private grammar school in San Jose. She recalls with a smile, "I was the tallest one in my class, so I played middle blocker."

"Someone counted the number of times I did my job."

—Ushi Patel

were up 11-4 over Alfred in the second game of the semifinals when Patel set Alison Miller for her 6,805th career assist. With that assist, Patel became the NCAA Division III all-time assist leader in women's volleyball. Patel "had no idea," until middle hitter Jill Brewer lifted her in the air and said "you did it." She says it doesn't feel any different. Her modest demeanor shined through when she described the event: "Someone counted the number of times I did my job." She says the best feeling was seeing her father in the stands and knowing she made him proud.

Her father has been one of many motivational factors in her life, and she attributes much of her success to her desire to excel and the individuals she surrounds herself with. She feels that "If you have a talent you should take advan-



**“Because of Ushi’s energy and enthusiasm,
we played harder for her. She raised everyone’s level of play”
—Jill Brewer, teammate**

While playing on a club team, her future high school coach noticed her quickness and good hands, and moved her to the setter position. There is a higher level of competition in California; from the day volleyball players start high school they focus on getting Division I scholarships. Patel says, “I spent my entire high school career looking for volleyball scholarships, then something dawned on me between my junior and senior year....I want to play competitive volleyball, but there is so much more to life than volleyball.”

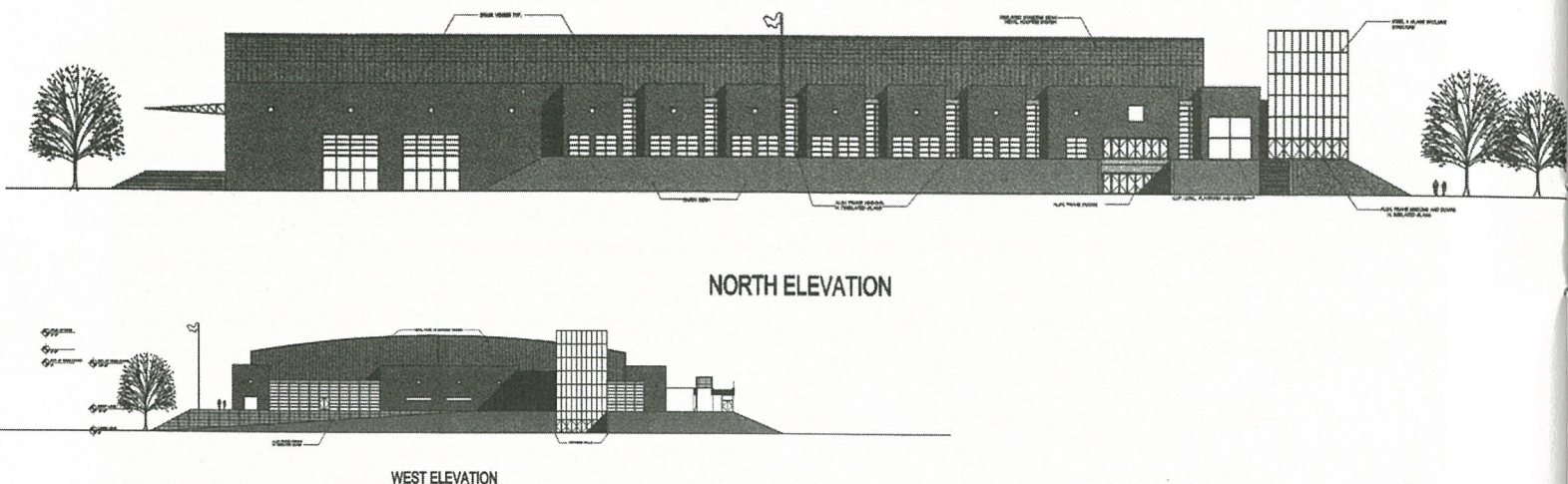
Though she had never heard of Rochester before, she liked the idea of traveling to the East Coast and her father recommended RIT because he recruits engineering students from here. On her first visit, Ushi struck a good chord with former coach Jim Lotus. She loved the athletic program, the student-to-teacher ratio, and technical resources at RIT. Patel does not regret not trying to get into a Division I program. “Here, instead of losing myself, I have added onto myself....Everything here facilitated me to grow as an individual, rather than take away from me and make me hate the sport.”

“I’ve grown a lot from my freshman year,” says Patel, “I get in this zone—it just happens, from the first moment the ball is served. I know what I am there to do. It’s almost like a job.” Patel was the floor general. One of her many responsibilities was to attack the opposing team’s weaknesses; again, Patel credits much

of her success to someone else. “Our assistant coach (Ryan Goodwin) prepared me. All I had to do is go out there and execute the plan.” Another skill that will not be easy to replace is Patel’s knack to motivate her teammates. Close friend and teammate Jill Brewer says, “Because of Ushi’s energy and enthusiasm, we played harder for her.” Patel’s role will be tough to fill, Brewer says. “She raised everyone’s level of play.”

Now that her collegiate career is over, Patel is putting her volleyball shoes away to find new interests. She will complete her degree in Printing Management this quarter and will start her MBA in the spring. After graduation she does not want to run a corporation; she wants to be the leader of a family of her own. Looking forward to having children someday, she says, “I want to give everything that I have to special people in my life. There is no joy in being alone and being successful.”

And a success she is, whether she believes it or not. If there is one thing Patel has learned in the last year it seems to be humility. She spent the summer in India, where she says, “people have *nothing* and have the most humility.” Now she is experiencing the other extreme; more recognition than she can understand. Ushi Patel has truly learned the meaning of humbleness.



One Step Away: SimoneDome

Plans For a New Field House Progress

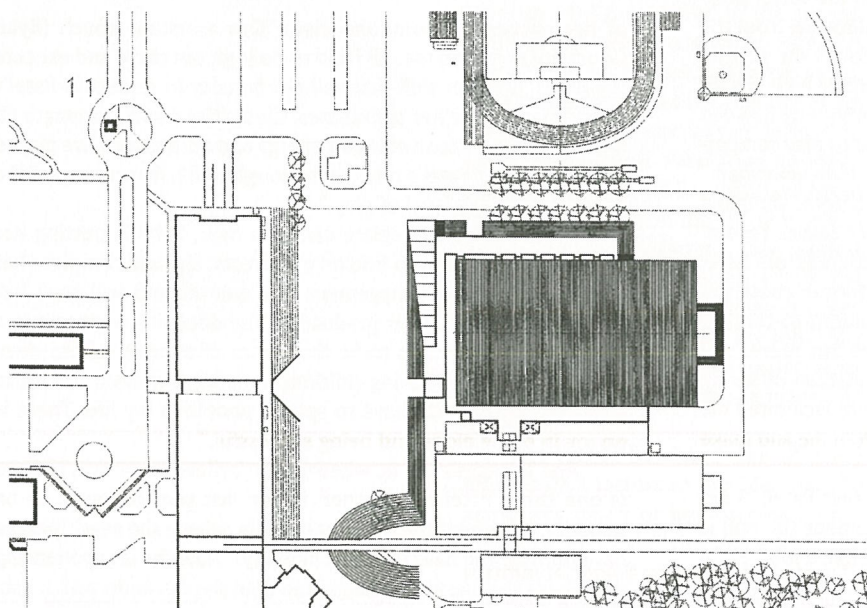
By Zane Kaylani

The campus that began as a few brick buildings has been constantly expanding to a campus of many brick buildings. Generally, RIT has stretched southward, springing up new colleges between Riverknoll and the quarter mile. Whether it's the new wing in building eight, apartment and dormitory renovations, or that annoying scaffolding that has lined

building one—most construction seems to affect RIT's utilitarian needs like academics and housing. It seems there is never much motivation to channel money and energy into recreational facilities that could give this community a badly needed place to gather and be entertained. Never, that is, until now.

Currently in the middle stages of proposal and planning is a new athletic field house/community center. Spearheaded by President Simone and a number of others interested in the project, the field house has been "on the docket" for years. Steps were taken last spring to decide on a site location and create schematic designs: a committee that included students and staff was formed to oversee the project's development, and an architect was hired. If built, the massive structure would dwarf the Student Life Center (SLC) and provide an enclosed area for athletic events, concerts, festivals, important speakers, and a host of other uses.

"Think of a big dome, like an inside playing field," says Linda Kuk of Student Affairs and key participant in the field house project. "Big" is indeed correct. The new field house is planned to be a whopping 74,000 square feet and some 40 feet



high, but these measurements are still tentative. "The absolute specifics are yet to be determined," reminds Kuk. "What we've done at this point is a design; we're still in the concept phase. The President is looking for private donors now. If he gets money we'll build it; if he doesn't we'll have to come back to the drawing board." Because the project directors want donors, architectural schematics were created so that those sponsoring the field house can understand conceptually what they're paying for. While the schematics may change dramatically by the time the masons lay the first brick, the Simone administration has a fairly clear idea of what it wants.

"We're talking about a large indoor structure," Kuk continues, "that will house an [indoor-arena type] floor with the possibility of laying a grass turf on top of it." While there is no connection between the field house and a possible football team—an idea that has been thrown around for years as a way to increase school spirit—field sports like soccer and lacrosse could either be practiced or played in it. There will also be room enough for a 200-meter track, and baseball and softball practice facilities.

The field house is to be built adjacent to and connected to the SLC. Looking out onto the athletic field, spectators will be able to sit on its steps, which will serve as a terrace, and watch outdoor games and events.

How close is all this to actually happening? "If we get a private donor, it would absolutely happen," claims Kuk. "If we don't get a donor, it will have to compete with other things the Institute needs to do." While it is still too early to set a timetable, "my hope personally," comments Kuk, "is that we could do something within the next two to three years."

While there seems to be a push for more athletic facilities, the field house is meant to fulfill multiple purposes. "Clearly it would be used by athletics," explains Kuk, "but it's not an exclusively athletic or intramural facility. The intent is to create a venue for larger gatherings as well as for outside events. Given Rochester's climate, having an indoor facility to practice and play in creates a safer and more conducive environment for athletes. But it is also part of a campus that we don't have right now. There are probably no other schools in the country of our size of 15,000 students without a facility like this."

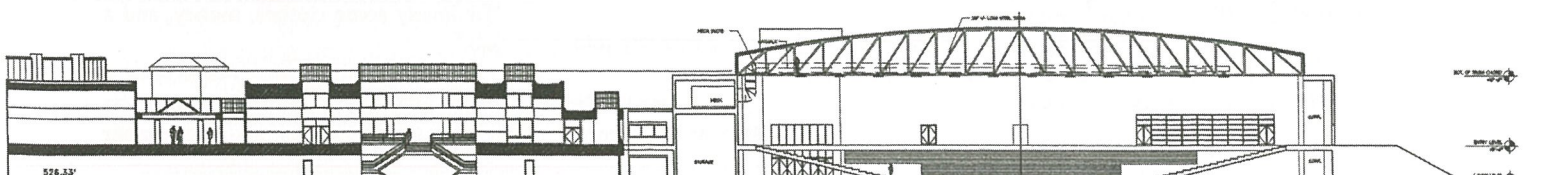
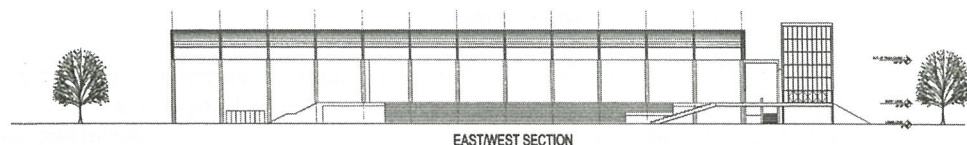
Indeed, the field house would be used for commencement, convocations, and large academic events; it could house

"My hope personally is that we could do something within the next two to three years."

—Dr. Linda Kuk, Student Affairs

a maximum of about ten thousand people for gatherings and concerts. The tiny Clark Gym, which currently serves as RIT's largest auditorium, has proven dismally inadequate for even modest events like the Brick City Festival shows. The only larger arena is the Ice Rink, which can hold approximately 2,500 people-uncomfortably—when the ice is down.

With a little publicity and excited support from the student body, the field house could effect a true transformation of RIT, making the campus more socially conscious and allowing more events to be planned. Who needs a Bucket Brigade if you can have a concert or other kinds of festivals and shows with big names? For years RIT has been expanding, but some structures can make a school bigger in more ways than one. •



Word on the Street WOTS

Compiled by Brian Moon

Photographs by Elizabeth Torgerson

With less than a month of holiday shopping days left, students have already begun to purchase presents for their family and friends. "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth." Most of the RIT community already received their two front teeth in the mail, so what do students at RIT *really* want this Christmas?



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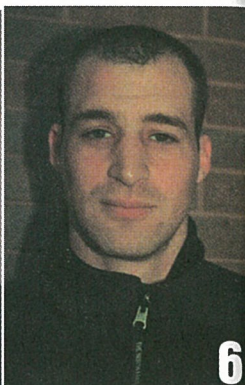
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1 "A world trip because I don't want to be stuck in Rochester [over Christmas break]."

—Nisha Bala
2nd year, Psychology

2 "Any present from my family because they will be visiting me on Christmas."

—Chris Mbaailanyi
1st year, Telecommunication Engineering Technology

3 "I want to see my girlfriend."

—James Ruggiero
2nd year, Electronic Engineering Technology

4 "I would like a new camera because I dropped mine in the lake this summer."

—Kelli Pietrantonio
3rd year, BBUM

5 "I'm looking for a DVD player because I'm sick of the VCR."

—David Clark
5th year, Printing Management

6 "I want some sexy underwear because I lost my girlish figure and I need to make myself feel sexy."

—Ralph Perez
4th year, Criminal Justice

7 "A new suit. My old suits are getting worn [out] and I need something new to show off for the New Year."

—Javier Orellana
3rd year, Printing Management

8 "A new car. Doesn't everyone want one?"

—Caryn Designor
4th year, Electrical Engineering

"Nothing. I hate Christmas."

—Eric Labarr
3rd year, Marketing

"I would like better grades because I am on probation right now."

—Jason Jacobs
3rd year, Computer Science

"A watch so I can keep track of time when I'm bored in class."

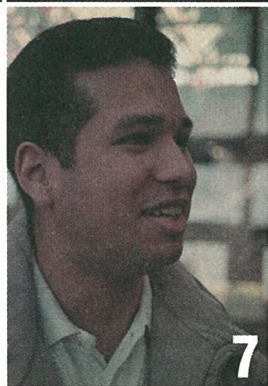
—Jason Curtis
4th year, Professional Technical Communication

"I want a lot of money for Christmas because I'm broke right now."

—Michael McCloud
4th year, MIS

"[A pair of] blue jeans, I guess. My [old pair] ripped."

—Dan Thaete
5th year, Engineering



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"I need a better calculator, because our instructor is screaming at us for not having better calculators to do homework and tests."

—Michael Schaap
1st year, Electronic Engineering Technology

"Definitely some clothes, money, and a job."

—Lloyd LeBlanc
5th year, Telecommunications Engineering Technology



Big Shot

RIT Annual Photo Shoot

This year's Big Shot, the *Intrepid*, was a definite challenge considering its 900 foot length. More than 1,200 people, including students, faculty and alumni, joined forces in New York City on October 28 to light the aircraft carrier. Photographers and coordinators of this event were Bill DuBois, Dawn Tower DuBois, and Michael Peres. The final image, a two minute exposre, was taken at F16 shutter speed on Kodak film.

Y2Kometers

Is *your* computer ready?

By Erick Littleford

December is upon us—and the infamous Y2K epidemic is on the verge of becoming a reality. In the early part of 1999, the media highly publicized the inevitable doom and possible worldwide chaos, but few are now worrying about a potential life threatening crisis. Does this mean all is safe? Is your personal computer (PC) Y2K compatible?

The Y2K problem revolves around the fact that most PC's use two-digit date formats such as MM/DD/YY. This causes the computer to actually *guess* the current century. It may easily confuse 01/01/00 as January 1, 1900. Even then, what's the big deal? Recently, new computer programs such as *Quicken*

properly functioning, but the BIOS is not, upgrading the BIOS can be easily done through an Internet download. Lastly, software programs whose dates are important, such as *Microsoft Outlook*, *Excel*, and *Quicken*, may be fixed through date-fix programs available through their respective company web sites.

What is the determining factor in having a computer upgraded? The Internet makes available multiple Y2K checking programs from commercial companies, and most are free of charge. One of the best commercial products is Symantec's *Norton 2000*. The program thoroughly searches the BIOS, applications, and any data files the computer

**Contact the manufacturer if there are any doubts
or concerns about a computer's hardware or software.**

allow consumers to automatically pay bills using an electronic check. When the clock strikes 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2000, the program will not recognize that it is the year 2000; instead it will believe that it the year is 1900 and that the bill has already been credited and accounted for. In actuality, the electric bill will never be paid again.

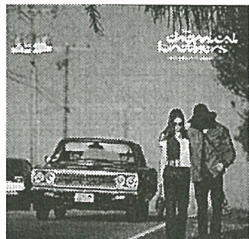
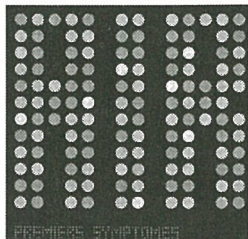
Y2K affects three areas in the computer: the Real Time Clock (RTC), Basic Instruction Operating System (BIOS), and the software. The RTC maintains the time setting for the computer constantly. This is the basis for any date and time information throughout the system. The BIOS looks to the RTC for the date and time. If the RTC cannot determine the difference between 1900 and 2000, then a computer upgrade is highly recommended. This should not be a major concern because many computer companies are covering this problem under warranty. In addition, all recently purchased computers should be Y2K compliant. If the computer's RTC is

contains. It does not correct the problem but provides a great deal of information on how to go about repairing it. As for checking software, Microsoft has a free software analyzer available on its web site. Microsoft's application checks all the software on the computer that was developed by Microsoft; if an error is found, a patch will fix any necessary changes. The best thing to do in any case is to contact the manufacturer if there are any doubts or concerns about a computer's hardware or software. Macintosh users need not worry as Mac computers are Y2K compatible. •

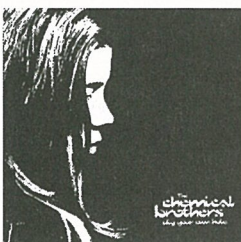
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Left: The 1999-2000 Men's Basketball team
Below: Men's Basketball Coach Bob McVean



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They Got Game

By Urvashi Patel

As the Men's Basketball team enters their 1999-2000 campaign, they will largely be characterized by a balance of youth and experience. Coming off a 16-9 record, the Tigers will rely on both perimeter shooting and a strong inside game to challenge this year's competition, which include defending Chase Scholarship Tournament Champions St. John Fisher, and local rivals Nazareth, and the University of Rochester. Regardless of the intensity of the competition, with a much more team-oriented attitude and improved team chemistry the Tigers are prepared to fight for their

"This year we have a much more balanced team..."

ultimate goal, an NCAA Tournament bid. "This year we have a much more balanced team," explains sophomore captain Drew Miller. "We push the ball a lot more, and look for everyone to get involved, whereas last year we focused on a few people to score."

A large part of this year's success will come from strong leadership and team

Men's Basketball Shooting for NCAA Tourney Bid

depth. "Leadership comes from many different sources this year," expresses Bob McVean, who has a 223-163 career record in 16 seasons. "I trust that veterans like Joe Haydon, Drew Miller, Rob Hagemann, and Brandon Redmond—who are not necessarily the oldest, but are players that have been around—will know how hard they must work."

Both senior Joe Haydon and junior Rob Hagemann will provide the power on the inside. Last season Haydon pulled down 146 rebounds and averaged five points per game, while Rob Hagemann provided a spark off the bench. Sophomore Garth Louis and Freshman Michael Stanton will also support the inside game. Sophomore Drew Miller, who missed last

per game and connected on 41.3 percent of his three-point attempts, will be a key contributor to the offensive perimeter game.

While it is still early in the season, a concern of coaches and players alike is the health of the team. The team, from veterans to rookies, has already been challenged with injury. "We are trying to speed up the process of blending the youth and the experience on the team, and we are looking forward to everyone being healthy to do that," says McVean, voted Coach of the Year by the Empire Athletic Association for 1998-1999 season. "We will be stronger later in the season, if we can stay healthy."

Despite the impact of the injuries, these temporary setbacks only fuel the desire to become even greater. On behalf of his teammates, Miller asserts, "The team feels that we should be playing well right now. We still have high expectations even though part of our team is down. When they get healthy again, they'll just improve things, making us an even better team."•

Sophomore Captain Drew Miller

season due to a knee injury, and sophomore Brandon Redmond will provide ball control and shooting on the perimeter and well-rounded defense throughout the game. Redmond was named the Empire Athletic Association Rookie of the Year as he averaged 10.9 points per game and shot 48.9 percent from the field. Senior Kalonji Butler, who averaged 11.9 points

The Press Box

By Andrew Quagliata

Women's B-Ball Goes .500 at Tourney

Over break the Women's Basketball team traveled to Daemen to compete in the Red Roof Inn Tournament. Amy Banis scored 24 points and had five rebounds in the team's 97-50 loss to Mercyhurst. The Tigers got things rolling the next day against Seneca, winning 80-41. Amie Banis led the team in scoring with 20 points, Adria Lewnes contributed 16, and Lauren Long added 15.

Three Wrestlers Place Well

Credit goes out to Brian Landi (125 lbs.), Ashley Grillo (149 lbs.), and Luke Walsh (197 lbs.) for their strong finishes at the Oneonta Wrestling Invitational.

Men's Hockey Heating Up

Peter Bournazakis found the net two times in the team's 6-2 win over Brockport; Wesley Blevins and Patrick Staerker each had two assists for the Tigers. The following day RIT hosted Geneseo in another non-conference game. Mike Bournazakis, ECAC/CCM Rookie of the Week, tallied two goals and an assist in the team's 9-2 victory. Tyler Euverman was recognized as ECAC/CMM Goaltender of the Week after he made 54 saves in the weekend sweep.

Nothing in Their Net!

Melissa Norris earned two shutouts for Women's Hockey in recent action. Over break, the Tigers fought to a scoreless tie with Rensselaer and defeated Williams 3-0 the next day.

This Week in Sports

Don't miss the RIT Men's Basketball tournament this weekend in the Clark Gym. The games are scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. On Saturday the consolation game will be played at 1:00 p.m., and the championship is at 3:00 p.m.

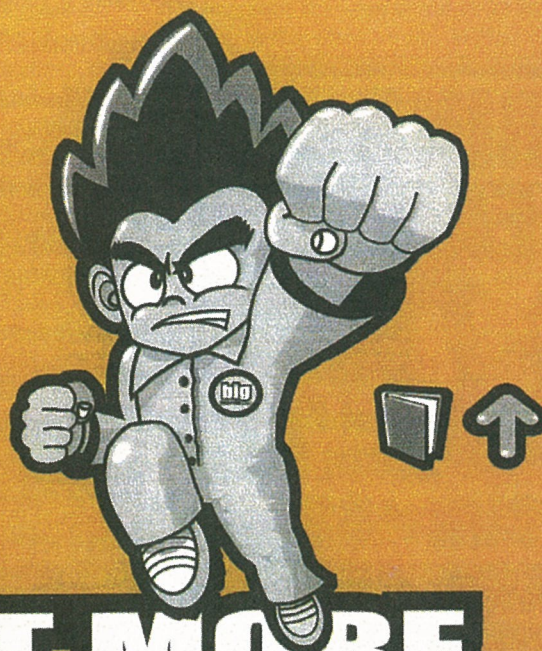
If basketball isn't your cup of joe, head over to the Frank Ritter Arena to see the Women's Hockey team in action against Buffalo State, Friday at 7:30 p.m. The team also hosts Manhattanville at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

If you can drag yourself out of bed Saturday by 1 p.m., head down to the Edith Woodward Swimming Pool and catch the Swim team against the University of Rochester. •



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Digs, Kills, and Mini-Golf

Women's Volleyball Enjoys Successful Season

By Ranjan Ahuja
and the Reporter Staff

At the onset of the Women's Volleyball season, the team set two goals for themselves: win thirty-plus games and advance to the third round of the NCAA Tournament. At times, coaches and players alike questioned the team's mental toughness and several injuries during the season challenged their goals.

In the end, though, the team overcame many of the challenges they faced throughout the season by uniting and becoming a team on and off the court. For the fourth consecutive year—each under the direction of Coach Tim Cowie—the team qualified for the NCAA Tournament. And for the third consecutive year the team finished with thirty-three victories.

"I really felt it was my team this year."

—Coach Tim Cowie

This year represents the culmination of Cowie's coaching career at RIT. "Personally, this year has been the most satisfying. Between the players, it was very satisfying—obviously winning 33 games added to that—but the team [members] really enjoyed each other. They were dedicated to winning, and had fun doing it." He later affectionately added, "I really felt it was my team this year."

The team's solidarity is evidenced off the court as well: On Halloween, ten members dressed up in costumes and traveled to the Children's Hospital at Strong with pumpkins for the kids to paint.

Also involved in the team's success was

assistant coach Ryan Goodwin, who started for three seasons on the Juniata College Men's Volleyball team. "Ryan...has been fantastic," said Cowie, "He does as much and sometimes more than I do with the players."

The team loses two seniors this year—Kelly Feiner and Ushi Patel—both of whom have played for four years. "After the last game, Kelly and Ushi were a little emotional, but the coaching staff and team were even more emotional," Cowie confessed.

With such a young team, how were the Tigers so successful?

Cowie elaborated, "The most significant point in the season was that first match. It set the tone for the rest of the season, and established a confidence level, especially for the younger players."

There isn't much of a difference in the abilities of the starting lines of a team ranked first, and one ranked 25th, explained Cowie. The difference, he says, is in the second line, "When you've got freshman players diving across the court for a ball that's out of reach, everyone on the team pushes themselves a little bit farther."

Performance was very consistent throughout the season and there was never a slump in the team record. Behind the scenes, though, everything wasn't always peachy. "[Mid-season] was a really slow time," recalls Junior Rachel Levy, "It was hard to get excited, to get that initial intensity." One day during practice, "Ushi and Ryan said 'OK guys, get dressed, we're going mini-golfing!' and that just rejuvenated us. Instead of practicing more and more, we needed to spend time with each other as friends, and not think about volleyball."

And that is the basis for the strength of the team's performance. They relate closely on a personal level, and those bonds manifest themselves on the court.

In the NCAA Tournament, the Tigers were seeded third in the region. In round one, they defeated sixth-seed Gallaudet University 3-0 to advance to the second round. They then beat first-seed Frostburg State University, 3-0. The Tigers were topped in the third round, however, against Muskingum College. The opposing team had five seniors and was ranked fifth in the nation. Members of the team said they would have liked to go farther, but at the same time they were happy they made the next step.

Next season the Tigers will return four freshmen, four sophomores, and two juniors. Seniors Patel and Feiner are leaving big shoes to fill, but with the valuable experience the returning players gained this season, Cowie believes that next season will be another competitive year for the Tigers. •

Can't Stop, Won't Stop

The Portrait of a Champion

By Aaron Landers

What is a champion?

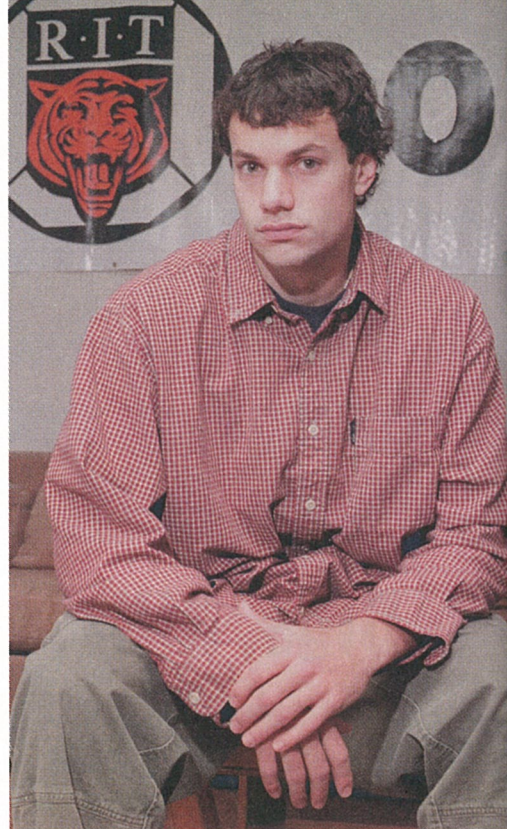
Does an athlete have to win a title before they are considered a champion? If you watched any of the RIT Men's Soccer matches in the last four years, your answer to these questions would most likely be no. Why? The answer is simple: Rob Galinski.

Forget the fact that he is ranked seventh on the all-time scoring list at RIT with sixty-two points. Disregard the fact that in his senior year he assisted on two-thirds of the team's goals, scoring eight goals and adding eight assists for a total of twenty-four points. What makes Rob such a great player and person are not the goals and assists that he has accumulated over the past four years at RIT; rather, he is a great player and person because of everything else that he brings to the team.

"He is a real leader, on and off the field," says teammate Dennis Andrews. "He leads by example. When people

working out in the gym and trying to improve himself. For many athletes, the end of the season signifies a break from a couple of weeks to a few months, but this is not the case for Galinski. He trains as if the season is only weeks away—even in the middle of winter. According to Galinski, the key to his success is "hard work."

Although Galinski had a successful collegiate career, Rob did come up just a bit short of a goal that is shared by almost every collegiate athlete—to participate in and win the NCAA tournament. Galinski's senior class is one of only two since 1981 to have never competed in the NCAA tournament. Not making the tournament was one of the very few disappointments in his career. "That is a big disappointment," says Galinski. "Going through four years, you always think that you are going to make it. It's a real letdown to have it be your senior year and to never have experi-



Photograph by Daniel Acker

long as he keeps working as hard as he does, I believe that he can take himself to the next level." Although still months away, the soccer career looks bright for this tireless workhorse who does not know the meaning of the word "quit."

"When people watch Rob play or train, it makes them want to raise their level to that of his, which is 110 percent"

watch Rob play or train, it makes them want to raise their level to that of his, which is 110 percent." It is rather refreshing to see someone put forth so much effort to better himself and his team. "When I was a freshman, Rob was almost like an older brother," says former RIT defender Michael Korenkiewicz. "He was always looking out for the younger guys on the team, while at the same time pushing the veterans to work harder. If you did well, he would let you know, but if you started to lose focus and your level of play started to fall, he would do whatever he could to bring your level back up."

It has been said, "No matter how hard you train, there is always someone that is training harder." Rob Galinski is the person who is training harder. Throughout the season, he is always

enced the NCAA tournament." Regardless of whether or not Rob ever won any collegiate championships, he still had a great career. But his soccer career may not be over.

Every once in a while, a player comes along that is capable of playing at the professional level. Two players from recent years were went on to the next level; Matt Tantalo, who graduated in 1998, had a brief stint with Albany of the USISL (the American third division), and Adam Lehman, a 1999 graduate, had a few tryouts with various USISL teams. Rob Galinski may be the third player in the last three years to attempt to compete professionally. "There will be tryouts and I'll see if I can play at that level. I'll just see what the coaches say," says Galinski. Dennis Andrews adds "no one has a work ethic like he does, and as

Is he a champion? For the answer to that question, just watch Rob train or play, and the answer will be easy to figure out. He is a true team player, and is always pushing himself to get better. "It was an honor to play with someone who works as hard as he does and is as dedicated as he is. It makes you proud to have someone like that on your team," says Andrews. Next August, when the RIT Men's Soccer team begins training, they will surely miss the man who has been the heart of the team for the last four years. His leadership and ability to bring out the best in others have made Rob Galinski a true champion. •

Finance Matters

By Andrew Quagliata

Beat the Rochester Airmiles

With Thanksgiving break behind you, there is no better time to start planning your next vacation. New Years celebrations and spring break are just around the corner, and if you want to save some cash while flying out of Rochester, you should start planning now.

Booking a flight in and out of the city is never a fun experience, but don't let the fact that Rochester has the sixth-highest fares in the country get you down. An affordable, sunny vacation for you and your friends is still possible. Unfortunately, no low-fare carriers operate in Rochester as of yet. When searching for your flight, keep in mind that US Airways handles about 60 percent of the traffic locally and Continental handles about 26 percent.

Be flexible! The beach is never going to mysteriously disappear, so be willing to travel at non-peak hours. Many airlines offer reduced fares Tuesday through Thursday and on Saturdays when a Saturday night stay is not required. When making your itinerary, keep in mind most high-fare airlines offer discounts for Saturday night stays.

Check for special offers. Do you have frequent flyer miles? Members of AAA could receive discounts, and some airlines even have student rates. Book your flight 21, 14, 7, or 3 days in advance to receive airline discounts—the sooner the better.

If possible, drive to Buffalo. It's only about an hour away, and according to the Department of Transportation, the average Buffalo passenger pays eight cents less per mile than passengers in Rochester. Do some research, as it could save you a couple hundred dollars.

Use the Internet to find the lowest fares. There are dozens of sites to choose from; try visiting travelocity.com, trip.com, or cheaptickets.com. These sites have a variety of travel information, and also compare prices across airlines.

If you are overwhelmed by all the options, or just don't have the time to

search the Internet, look up a travel agent in the yellow pages. Most are free, and experienced travel agents can save you time and money.

Finally, to save on hotel costs, squeeze ten people in a room. Or better yet, sleep on the beach or shack up with that long lost Uncle no one in the family talks about. Start early and explore your options. It's always more fun knowing you saved *tons* of cash. Have fun in the upcoming travel seasons. •



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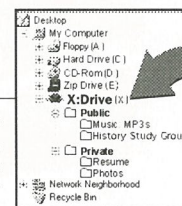
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