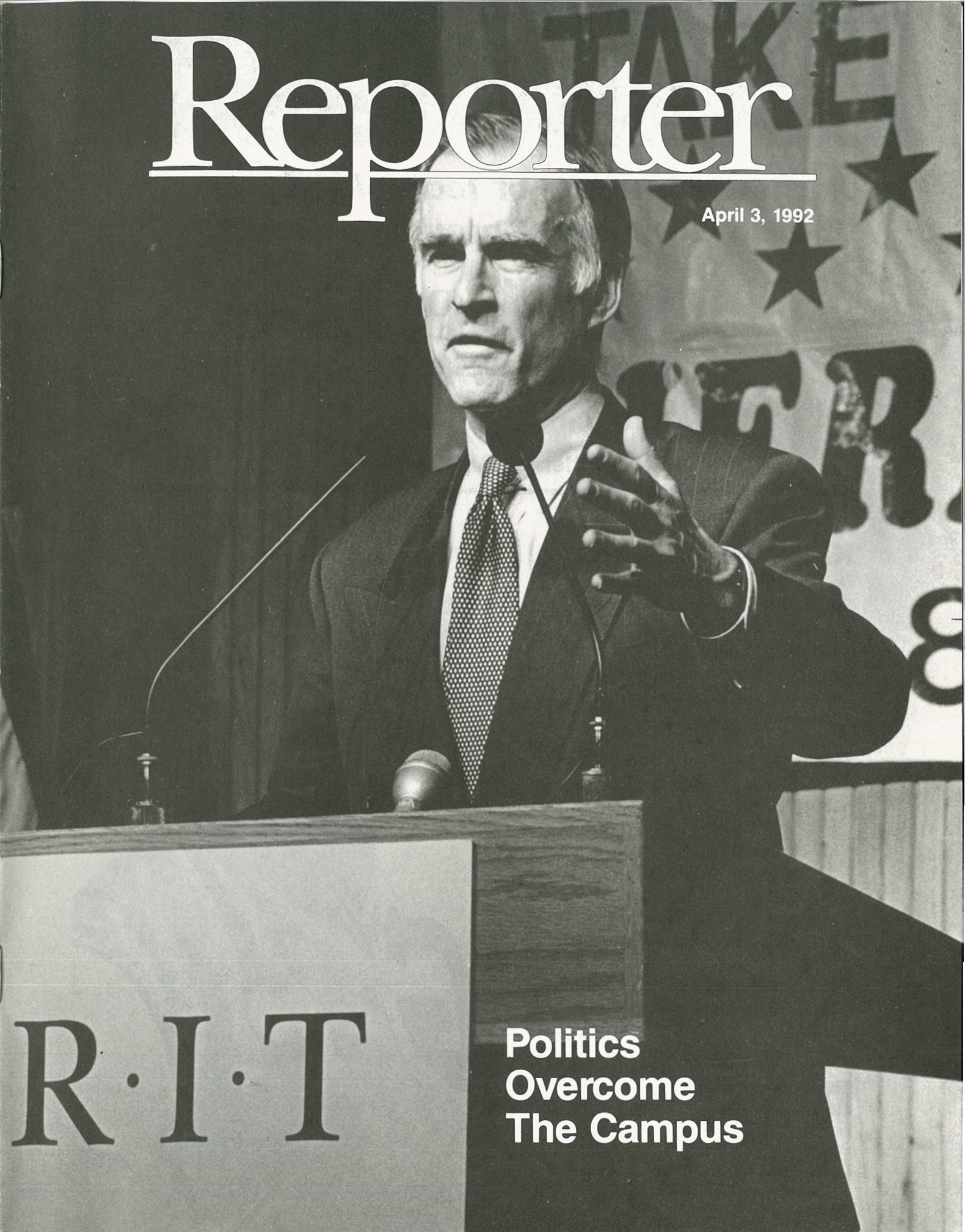


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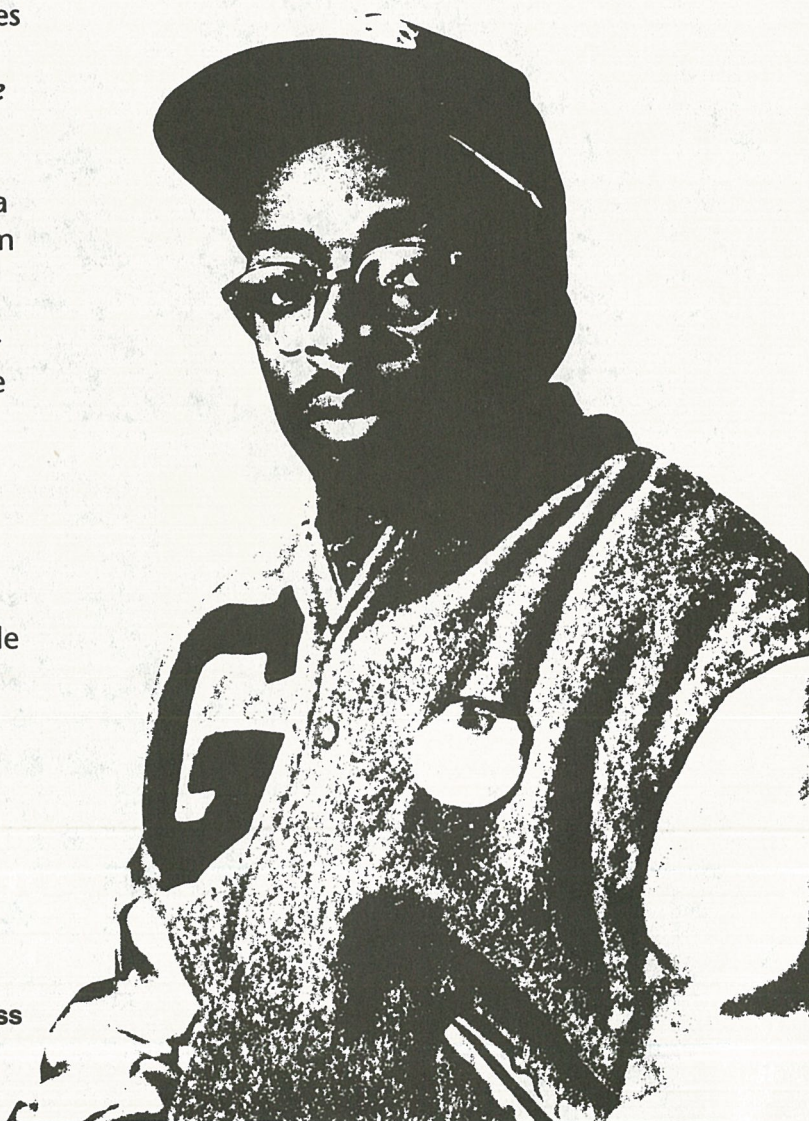
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Jerry Brown greeted approximately two thousand people last Thursday in the Clark Gymnasium during his Democratic candidacy race.

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In Response To Last Week's Issue

It's 11:48 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 and instead of preparing for the classes I have tomorrow, I feel compelled to write to you concerning a most touching subject. That subject is death.

I usually look forward to reading the REPORTER every Friday, however, this time your issue was not a welcome sight. I was sitting in the lounge of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, late tonight, with some friends of mine who were reading this week's issue. When I asked if I could look at it, they seemed to show some hesitation in letting me see this particular issue. As I thumbed through the magazine I was especially interested in the article concerning student drinking and I looked at the pictures with a great deal of interest. Then I came upon the last page of the article to see that once again the staff felt it necessary to bring up the tragic death of one of my Phi Delta Theta Fraternity brothers, Kevin M. Smith.

As if the editorial written by Daniel Greenberg in the issue following the tragic loss wasn't bad enough, I now find myself reliving the past few months all over again. This is happening after seeing the re-print of one of the articles written about Kevin's death in the March 27 issue.

You at the REPORTER staff did not have to be woken up at 5:30 in the morning on October 25 to learn that one of your best friends in all the world had died in a drunk driving accident. You did not have to tell Kevin's girlfriend that he was dead and witness the amount of pain and anguish on her face when I told her what had happened. You did not spend hours crying and mourning the loss as I, the rest of the Phi Delta Theta brothers, and countless others did that weekend, and are still doing. You did not have to go to the wake and see Kevin's body lying in a casket. You did not have to go to the funeral and watch Kevin's parents say goodbye to their wonderful son. You did not have to attend a burial for someone that I cared so

deeply for. Finally, you have never woken up in the middle of the night crying out in pain and wishing that in some way I, or anyone else that knew him, could bring him back. You do not have the right to put me through all that pain again.

All of the Phi Delta Theta brothers are still trying to move on and we are all trying to forget the tragedy and remember Kevin as he was, a friend, a wonderful person, and one of our brothers. The fact that you did not even have enough decency to ask those who loved Kevin if this would hurt us?

Why is it, that there has never been any mention of what kind of person Kevin was? Why did you not bother to interview us, when this death happened, so that we could share with you what Kevin was all about? Why were the letters that were written to the REPORTER staff after Kevin's death never printed or that we never received any reply? Does a death of someone so close to Phi Delta Theta, and to many other students, not deserve a little courtesy and respect?

Kevin was far more than you make him out to be. According to you, he was nothing more than a person who drank himself silly all the time and that it caught up with him. In fact, Kevin was an asset to the RIT community, and Phi Delta Theta is a better place having had Kevin as one of our members.

The opinions that I expressed here may be my own, but I have a feeling that there are a lot of people who knew Kevin and that feel the same way towards your magazine. I am still trying to cope with this loss and it is an outrage that you think that you have the right to make me re-live all those horrible memories.

The questions I have addressed above are ones that I have wanted to ask after the first REPORTER issue, with this story, came out. However, I figured that in your rush to get the story to print, you may have overlooked us without realizing you were doing it. The second time is far less forgivable. I used to look forward to the REPORTER, now I would rather stick it in my bird cage unopened.

I hope a reply is deemed necessary this time.

Good-bye Kevin, we all love you!

Richard Brennan
3rd-year Printing

Editor's Note— In response to Richard Brennan's letter.

Death is never an easy experience. Kevin Smith's tragedy may have been the first encounter for many with death. It's ripping, it hurts, it's confusing, it's gut wrenching. But death is also a learning experience about life. Kevin's death was undoubtable a tragedy whatever the circumstances. The REPORTER never downgraded Kevin's life nor lifestyle.

Kevin's tragedy is a consequence of a very large problem students face—alcohol abuse. Unfortunately, alcohol abuse by college students continues to be denied; it's evident party after party. Though Phi Delta Theta may not have found it necessary to reprint the story of Kevin's tragedy, our author did. Kevin's experience needs to be a learning experience for all of us. And Kevin's experience is not the first. Drinking behavior on this campus needs to be changed!

I sympathize with those who knew Kevin and miss him. I have lost three friends due to drunk driving. The first was the drunk driver, the other two were killed by drunk drivers. As a result I helped to start the first Students Against Drunk Driving chapter in Palm Beach County, Florida. Unfortunately, I too have been awoken in the middle of the night, and have had to go through all of the agony of wakes, funerals, memories, and reminders. By no means did the reprinted story have malice intent, but rather education and the hope that students will look out for each other with the consequences Kevin's tragedy and the others in mind.

I understand you lost a friend and a brother, I empathize, three weeks ago I lost my father to the same circumstances.

Christina Pagano
Editor-in-Chief

ReproFile



Politics is a dirty game or so people think. Politics are so dirty, people choose not to vote. Yet by keeping their hands clean they're just as dirty, if not filthier, than the politicians and the policies. The most critical part of American democracy and freedom is so easily washed away. People in overcrowded nations, are willing to die just to vote in democratic elections!

The dirtier hands of the populous are those of college students. College students, the educating minds of America, just don't vote. In Monroe County, only 18% of 18-24 year-olds voted in 1988. We continue to allow the system, our system, our democracy, and our livelihood to rot and stink.

The reason is simple...ignorance is bliss. Ignorance is bliss until the tuition bill rolls in 9% higher than last year, until scholarships are cut, until unemployment lines are filled with recent college graduates.

These policies have occurred because the politicians know they can get away with them. We say it's okay for Governor Cuomo to cut scholarships and to close SUNY institutions. He knows his constituents, the students, didn't vote in the last election, and through statistical evaluation he knows we're so pissed off we won't vote in the upcoming election either!

The politicians may be considered crooks for the decisions they make, but their decisions are made with their voters in mind. "Who is going to put me in office...who is going to keep me here?" The issues are dictated to the politicians by way of the voters.

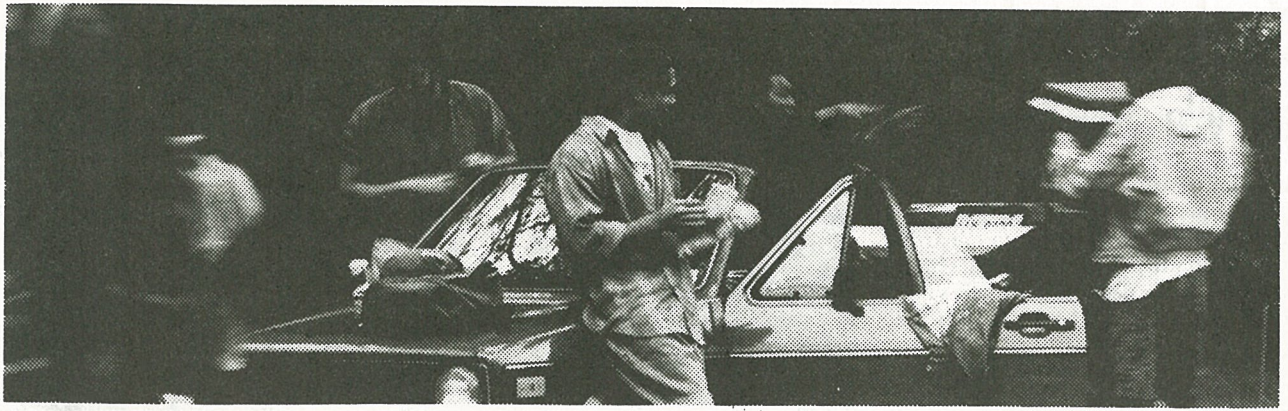
As many may, or may not, be aware the New York State primary is April 7. Bill, George, and Jerry are desperate men. The country is looking for a leader, looking for a solid candidate to improve everyone's living condition. It may be too late to vote in this primary, but it's not too late to listen to the issues each of them represent, and to register for the final election in November. New York State law mandates it necessary to register to vote 25 days prior to any election. New York State offers a **1-800-FOR-VOTE** telephone registration system. As well, WITR has voter

registration forms in their office in the Student Alumni Union (SAU) basement which are sent to Albany once a week.

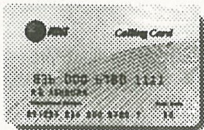
I know student masses still will not be swamping Albany with registration forms after reading this file. Perhaps national policy isn't relative enough yet. However, there are student government elections happening on campus. Further in this issue we have highlighted the candidates and the issues they represent. Since we know everyone will be rolling into the SAU to pick up a Distorter, I encourage students to vote as well. Voting doesn't mean you have to attend weekly Senate meetings, nor forums of any kind. Voting simply says you have an opinion worthy of recognition. Make it a trial run for November.

Government is here whether we like it or not. Ignoring government will not make it go away. By ignoring government we ignore our human rights as American citizens. Voting is every person's right. If we do not exercise our rights, they will become extinct. And if that's the case, the politicians aren't to blame, we are.

Christina Pagano



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Can We Talk?

I think Dolly Parton would be one of the coolest people to hang out with (no pun intended). She's honest, down-to-earth, charming and witty. In *Straight Talk*, it's hard to tell if she's acting because those very same qualities are in her character, Shirlee Kenyon.

Shirlee has recently been fired from her job as a dance instructor because she spends too much time giving out advice to her customers. So she packs up and heads for the bright lights of Chicago. One day, when she walks through the doors of radio station WNDY, her life changes completely. It's a double case of being in the wrong place at the right time and mistaken identity. Shirlee Kenyon, receptionist, is now Dr. Shirlee Kenyon, on-air psychologist, who gives her unique, down-home, no-nonsense advice to trouble-hearted listeners.

Of course, she isn't really a doctor, but station manager Alan Riegert (Griffin Dunne) is desperate for a ratings boost so he creates a past for her. Enter the love interest,



Dolly Parton(right) and James Wood(left) star in "Straight Talk"

Jack Russell (James Woods), a hard-nosed reporter who has no scruples when it comes to getting to the bottom of a story. As he digs more and more into Shirlee's past, he falls deeper and deeper for her.

I admit I was very skeptical about this film at first, but Parton has proven me wrong. *Straight Talk* is a rags-to-riches love

story and a feel-good movie. Though the story's nothing new, it works, and the screenplay is practically flawless. Woods, Dunne and especially Parton are wonderfully funny. She will definitely win your heart.

—GNAR JEAN LEE

(4 bricks)

A. Whitney Brown: Back In Town

"I try to get the facts right. I think that's one thing that distinguishes me from other comedians"

The fruits of success for A. Whitney Brown began when he was juggling and telling jokes on the streets of San Francisco. This weekend, the former "Saturday Night Live" performer is bringing his witty satirical observations on the American way of life to Rochester's Hiccup's in a special return engagement.

So what can Rochester audiences expect this time around? "I have a lot of new material," he explained in a telephone interview from his farm in Upstate New York. "I want to talk about these so-called elections that are coming up (he laughs). I think they can look forward to a pretty amusing show."

At age 39, Brown appeals to any audience, regardless of political persuasion. He combines his new material with some of his best work from "Saturday Night Live" features, which range from stiletto sharp to delightfully wry.

Brown describes his comedy as an expression of his views on certain political matters. He delivers sardonic accounts of how man's cruelty can lead to wars, drug abuse and other woes. Brown finds humor in such subjects as Mexico's international-debt crisis, which he says, "can be solved through multilateral cooperation, solid economic principles and ten pesos and a chain letter."

Brown was born and raised in Michigan

and is one of six children. He went to school in a small town called Pottersville, dropping out after the eighth grade. It never occurred to Brown to go into comedy. In fact, he first wanted to be a lawyer, and he later wanted to become a reporter. He settled in San Francisco where he formed a juggling act called A. Whitney Brown and His Dog Renown. After a few years, he gradually went into stand-up comedy. But, as he would put it, "Fate hounded me like a Mormon missionary with an Amway franchise." He had a passion for other things, so he created "The Big Picture."

In 1985, Brown joined "Saturday Night Live" as a writer and performer, earning national acclaim and a 1988 Emmy for the droll political satire of his news commentary on the show's "Weekend Update." He stayed with the cast for six seasons, while developing material for his live act. "It's a very difficult job," he recalls, "and a very competitive atmosphere. There's a lot of bullshit 'cause your working with people who are tired most of the time because there's a live show and the schedule is quite brutal."

Due to the hectic schedule of doing a live television show, "it uses up your whole life. Relationships tend to break up." Brown has been divorced for eight years and has a 13-year-old daughter named Serena. Presently, he owns a dairy farm near Utica in Burlington Flats. When he visits New York City, he stays with his girlfriend Shelly and will occasionally visit the set of "SNL."

"I still have a lot of friends there," he says, "but I left because the show was moving in a different direction than I was. There's a lot of great performers on the show, (but) I think the philosophy of the show is moving towards a more younger audience. I don't think the show is as interested in being important as it is in being popular. I think teenagers are watching the show more than they used to because of the "Wayne's World" type thing, which is good, but it isn't what I want to do."

Brown's first book, entitled "The Big Picture," was published in April 1991 and sold 50,000 copies in the first six months. "Rather than reprint it," he says, "I think I'm just gonna write another one... about everything I've ever learned in life." He also enjoys visiting colleges and talking to students about writing as a career. "Most of the students never got a chance to talk to someone that makes a good living as a writer."

At the moment, there are no films lined up for Brown, but he says he wouldn't object if anything comes along. Television and live stage both have their own set of challenges, but he doesn't choose one over the other.

"Producing something that's good and doing my best is really what keeps me going."

—SHARON EDGEHILL

A. Whitney Brown performs with Myke Green at Hiccup's Comedy Kabaret, 150 Andrews Street, on April 3 and 4. Showtimes are 8 and 10:30 pm.

RHA Elections Results

On March 23 and 24, RHA reports that 15.7% of residence hall students turned out to vote, a high turnout compared to a dismal 3% for last year's elections. Students voted for RHA president and vice-president and for governor and lieutenant governor for each of the area governments.

In the area governments, all of the candidates ran unopposed. The winners were: Ralph Gadbouy, Governor; Jaime Grimes, Lt. Governor of Baker/Colby/Gleason; Stephan Ispentchian, Governor; Christopher Karpinsky, Lt. Governor of Nathaniel Rochester/Fish; Scott Bardzell, Governor; Terry Valente, Lt. Governor of Sol Heumann/Gibson; Matthew Rash, Governor; and Robert Cripe, Lt. Governor of Ellingson-Peterson-Bell.

The central RHA race was between the presidential/vice-presidential tickets of Jerry Scriven and Steffan Boddeker, and Katie Cole and Tim Pomeroy. When all the votes were in, Scriven and Boddeker won by approximately a two-to-one margin.

Scriven, who was the incumbent, will attempt to continue on the progress he made during his first term. Some of the current accomplishments of RHA which will begin in the Fall are: new meal options for upperclassmen, and more reserved parking spaces for fourth and fifth year residents.

Third, fourth, and fifth year residents will have two new meal options beginning next year: a 12-plus option with a \$100 debit and a 10-plus option with a \$140 debit. These options will cost the same as the 14-plus meal plan and include the weekends. Fourth and fifth year residents will also have 101 reserved parking spaces; 83 located in C-lot, and 28 in N-lot.

As for next year, Scriven and Boddeker have many things that they want to accomplish. They want to complete a night club in the tunnels and a proposal for a video store in the residence halls. In addition, they would like to create bicycle storage and find funding for Macintosh computers to be located in the tunnels.

From a representative standpoint, RHA would also like to let the students know more about what is happening and strengthen the relationship between RHA and the special interest houses. The new candidates invite any individual to stop by the RHA office in the A-level of Kate Gleason Hall, or to call the office at x6655 with any comments, suggestions, or concerns.

—KEVIN WALSH

Around The Campus

RIT Oversight Study Group Formed

After reviewing the RIT/CIA Review Panel's report, the RIT Board of Trustees took action to form and charge a committee to study classified and proprietary research at RIT. The study group's membership includes faculty, students, researchers, deans, and administrators. The group is charged to develop institutional definitions for non-proprietary, proprietary, and classified research, to recommend appropriate academic oversight consistent with these definitions, to examine and update existing policies, and to recommend mechanism and/or organizational structures consistent with recommended oversight. The group is to complete their report by June 1, 1992.

Buffalo Bills Basketball

Members of the AFC Champion Buffalo Bills will be playing in the Third Annual Buffalo Bills Benefit Basketball Game to benefit the United Way. The Bills will be playing the RIT All Stars, made up of students, faculty, and alumni. Festivities begin at 7:00 pm in the Clark Gym on Thursday, April 9. Halftime entertainment includes a drawing for an NFL football autographed by the Bills, an autograph session with the Bills players, and a slam dunk contest. All tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the Campus Connections Sports Shop, RHA office, OCSA office, or at the door. All proceeds will benefit the United Way.

Burned Out Of House And Home



Residents of 277 Perkins inspect the damages incurred after a fire broke out the afternoon of March 28.

Christina Pagano

RIT experienced its second fire in as many weeks. Saturday afternoon, a fire broke out in the lower stairwell of 277 Perkins. A neighbor, seeing the smoke, called the fire department who responded quickly and doused the flames. Although the fire was contained to the stairwell, the adjoining apartments sustained smoke and water damage.

Henrietta firefighters had to rip up the stairwell floor to expose the still smoldering beams and sub-flooring. By the time the fire was finally extinguished, the entire lower stairwell area was destroyed and there were holes through the walls into the lower apartments. The apartment was declared uninhabitable, but the residents

were assisted into their apartments to retrieve their belongings.

"The smoke was so thick in there, I could not see where I was going," one firefighter was heard saying. "When I went back in later, I had to look around to see what the place looked like." The initial determination was the fire began when the heating system ignited material under the stairwell. The fire spread quickly and soon large columns of black smoke were pouring out of building.

None of the residents were injured or suffered smoke inhalation, nor were any of the firefighters responding to the fire. Damage estimates are currently in the works.

—STEPHEN L. SCHULTZ

Jerry Brown Tells Us to "Take Back America"

It was noon, and I was in my usual state of tunnel vision, focusing on what I had to accomplish that day. As I whisked past my friend, he asked me if I was going to hear Jerry Brown's speech at Clark. "Who is Jerry Brown?" I asked.

Somehow ended up in the Clark Gym waiting to hear from a presidential candidate I knew nothing about. Since I'd never attended any kind of political speech before, I was a little curious as to what he had to say. . .

The program opened with an introduction from a former aide to Jerry Brown when he was the Governor of California. He introduced Brown as "the future President of the United States."

"I can say that statement because of what happened on Tuesday," he said (referring to Brown's victory in the Democratic primary, held in Connecticut). "When historians write about the 1992 campaign, they will write of B.C., or 'Before Connecticut,' and A.D., or 'After the Defeat of Bill Clinton.'

"Jerry Brown will be President," he asserted, "because he offers a clear choice for the Democratic party and for America." He described Brown's clear leadership as Governor of California for eight years; creating 2.2 million jobs, cutting taxes, and appointing more Blacks, Hispanics, and women than all of his predecessors combined.

The crowd wildly applauding as Jerry Brown took the podium. Brown opened up by explaining his grass roots campaign called "Take Back America."

"What we're talking about is a change from the bottom up," he stressed. "It's not about being a celebrity. I want to be a catalyst for you; to help you take back the power that is inherently yours. Another name, another face, another set of smooth rhetoric is not going to make the difference this society hungers for," Brown stated.

He explained that America is up against a great opportunity, and a continuing crisis. The crisis is a lack of clarity and imagination, that helps us to decide "who we are" and "where we are in the world." The opportunity is that we're the richest country in the world and we've finally completed a 45-year old Cold War that has consumed over \$12 trillion of our Treasury.

"In a quiet way it becomes incumbent on all of us to reflect on what our future holds, and what we can do about it as individuals. For many individuals, however, the political process has ceased to have any relevance," he said. "People have withdrawn their loyalty and support for a process that is empty and meaningless," Brown added.

Jerry Brown offers two solutions to this problem. First, we have to ratify what has failed. Second, we must open new possibilities for real and lasting changes. "You came, not just to hear a candidate," he said, "but to check out yourself. You want to find out if it's possible to return this country to it's founding ideals."

Brown then cited a passage from scripture: "Where there is no vision, people die." He contended that people in this nation are indeed dying, from AIDS, cancer, gunshot wounds, institutional neglect, and from despair. "We can change this," Brown insisted. "If not us, then who? If not now, then when?"

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Jerry Brown pointed out that we have a military budget of \$290 billion per year. The Bush administration has brought this figure down by a couple billion, but he insists that this isn't good enough. "The real danger is not incoming missiles," said Brown, "it's mounting illiteracy, inequality, pain, despair and hardship." Brown vowed that if elected for President, he would cut military spending in half.

Brown then talked about his experience as the Governor of California. "I came in and cleaned up after Ronald Reagan," he said, "and I'd like the opportunity to come in and clean up after Bush." This statement was met with wild applause.

"People need to stand up for what belongs to them," he said, "which is the right

to live and be free and make this country work for each of us." Brown pointed out that the U.S. is the only industrialized nation without a national health care plan. "The reason for this," he said, "is that the corruption, failure, and paralysis of the government just can't overcome the power of the lobbyists, such as medical specialists, insurance companies, and pharmaceutical companies.

Thus, the grass roots campaign." That's why we only accept \$100 dollars for contributions, and that's why we use an 800-number. We are about finally realizing our potential as a country. We are not a commodity to be played with for profit."

Brown then described some of the programs that he implemented as Governor of California, and how he would apply these nationally if elected as President.

First, Brown explained the World Watch Institute, an environmental program that found alternative energy sources, including biomass, solar energy, and windpower, for more than 4 million people.

Another of Brown's programs was the California Conservation Corps, where 17 to 23 year olds could spend six months to a year planting trees, building streams, and helping the community while earning an income. He linked the program to a rite of passage from adolescence to adulthood that would include the values of individual esteem and support for the larger community.

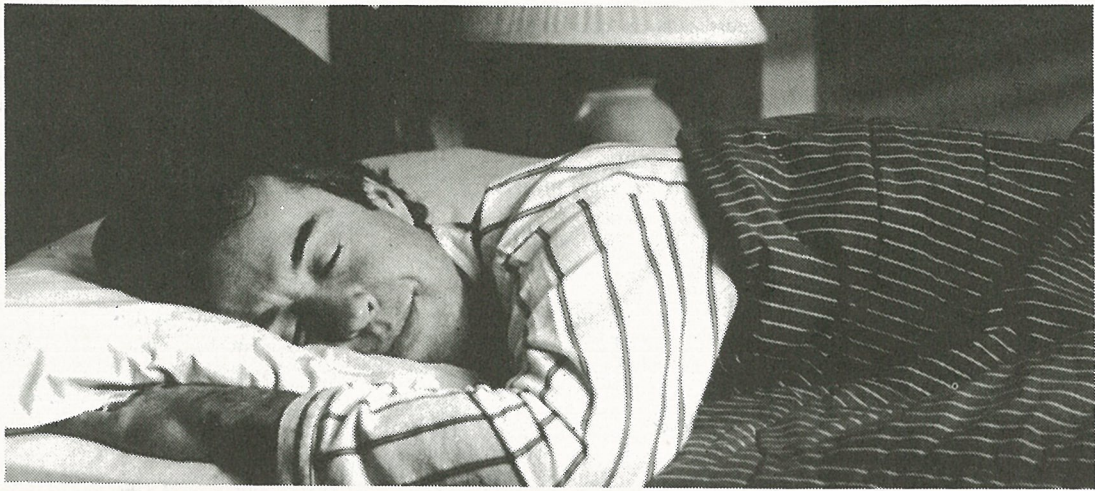
He also started the National Service Corps, which is based on the same principle as Teddy Roosevelt's Civil Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Brown said that it worked then, and it will work now. "Millions of people did useful work, and got their lives together. It didn't make us poor; it was public service. It made us better."

"What's holding us back," Brown said, "is not money, but rather an impacted gridlock of 'the system.' We have to shake that system, and get it to open up if we're going to get anywhere."

Overall, Jerry Brown's enthusiasm, and optimism concerning the future was quite impressive, and this attitude went hand in hand with some very innovative ideas for this country.

However, there is a need for people to learn more about Jerry Brown and the other candidates and what they really stand for, past all of the hoopla of the 1992 election campaign. They must become more involved in decisions concerning this nation's future, and take back the decision-making process that is rightfully theirs as American citizens.

WRITTEN BY LISA HUTCHURSON



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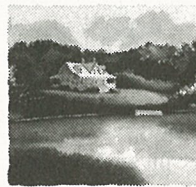
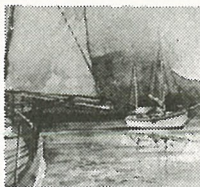


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Student Government Elections

Every four years several important things happen. The Olympics, leap year, and presidential elections. What many people do not realize is that it is annual election time at RIT as well.

Anyone who eats at Gracie's or Dining Commons has been bombarded with posters and flyers advertising the upcoming elections. Many people however do not know what the candidates stand for, what the issues are, and in many cases, who they even are.

The positions that are open are: President, Vice President, and Senate positions from the colleges of Business, Science, Engineering, and Imaging Arts and Science.

The people running are; current President and V.P. Adrian White and Amy Wood. Running against them are Manish Bazari and Mahul Mehta. For the Senate positions, Todd Delaney of the College of Business, Shayne Keddy of the College of Science, David Torrente or Stacy Kalisz of the College of Engineering, and David Carson or David Gianna of the College of Imaging Arts and Science.

Current President Adrian White has held a variety of positions on campus. They include Engineering Director and General Manager of WITR radio. Current V.P. Amy Wood has been a Senator of the College of Graphic Arts and Photography.

Adrian has achieved several things as President thus far. Some of them are; changes in the group looking into RIT's dealings with the CIA from being primarily trustees to include more students.

He also attended the State of the Institute Address in September. Supported the *Campaign for Accessibility Now* (CAN) started by Deaf and Hard of Hearing NTID students. Both Adrian and Amy have affected the improvement of RIT Academic Advising Policies.

Adrian has began initiating discussions concerning ROTC's discrimination against homosexuals which is in direct violation of RIT's non-discriminatory policy.

Adrian and Amy's goals include:

- Heightening awareness of student government and their responsibilities to the students.
- Improving the system to greater serve the students.

Manish Bazari, who is running against Adrian White is running on issues that he thinks affect the students the most. They are:

- Integrating the Bursar and Financial Aid Offices, including having computers that interface with one another to make aid and payment run smoother.
- Monitoring the used book system to make it more fair to the students. This could be done by potentially setting up alternative

systems outside of *Campus Connections* to achieve this.

- Promoting more explanation concerning co-op earnings and financial aid cuts
- Improvements in Academic Advising

Mehul Mehta has expressed his own goals in possibly becoming Vice President. They include;

- Promoting better Campus Spirit
- More focus on Academics
- More interaction between Student Government and the Students.

Shayne Keddy is a member of *Residence Halls Association* (RHA). He is a Biology/Premed major who is interested in becoming more involved with Student Government on the Academic side of campus. This is why he is pursuing the position of Senator for the College of Science.

His main goal is:

- To bring student opinions and ideas out into the open and deal with them. He strongly feels that it is the job of a Senator to fully serve the students that he represents.

Todd Delaney is hoping to be elected as Senator in the College of Business. He is majoring in International Business.

He was involved in politics in his high school and wants to become as involved as possible here. He wants to create stability in his position here. He currently holds the position of an officer in the International Business Association. He also wants it known that he regularly attends Student Government meetings and feels that this fact qualifies him for the position of Senator.

David J. Torrente asserts that the main qualifying characteristic is that he has prior experience with Student Congresses on the statewide level of competition. He has been chairperson of two state Congresses.

He is running for the Senator position for the College of Engineering, and is a first year Mechanical Engineering major. He is currently serving as the Student Representative to the Policy Council where his strongest contribution is speaking out continuously against changing to a semester calendar.

If he is elected he intends to utilize the position to achieve the following goals:

- To provide leadership to focus students (specifically in the College of Engineering) to make RIT a more productive learning environment.
- To advocate students to become more personally involved in the student governing system.
- To keep all engineering students informed of Student Government Events.
- To continue the work of current Senator Brian Stumm in the area of social events.
- To start new programs such as a tutoring program entirely run by students.

Stacy Kalisz is also seeking the position

of Senator for the College of Engineering. She is in her first year as a Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering student. She is a member of several organizations on campus including; Special Interest House Advisory Board, Society of Women Engineers, Student Orientation Services, and she lives in the Engineering House where, she has held the position of Programming Director. She bases her qualification on the fact that she has become so involved in the RIT community and is aware of what changes need to be made. Her goals include:

- To create and maintain effective communication between departments and organizations within the College of Engineering.
- To promote involvement of students within their college.
- To plan activities and functions that the College of Engineering would be interested in.

David A. Gianna, who is running for Senator for the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, is aware of the wide variety of needs there are in this particular college due to the diverse majors within it. He is involved in different groups at RIT including the *Outing Club*, RITV, WITR, and RIT singers. His goals are:

- To continue work with OEE (Outdoor Experiential Education classes).
- To work within Alpha Phi Omega (where he is a brother) on community service projects.

David Carson is running opposite David Gianna for the seat on the Senate representing the College of Imaging Sciences. He is a student in the Professional Photographic Illustration program. He will enter the Photojournalism program this coming fall. He currently holds the position of Senator for the College of Graphic Arts and Photography. He wishes to emphasize that he tries to make himself available for students in his office so he can better serve their needs. His goals include:

- To work towards shaping the College of Imaging Sciences as one working body functioning as a whole.
- To closely work with the Dean to solve the problem of scheduling conflicts.
- To deal with problems that come up during his potential term in office as they come up.

The elections will be held on April 6 and 7 by secret ballot, or for co-op students, by mail-in ballot. If these issues are important to you, get involved. The Student Government Election Committee asserts "Don't say we didn't tell you and don't complain if you don't vote!!"

If you have concerns, vote. Get to know your representative and utilize their services.

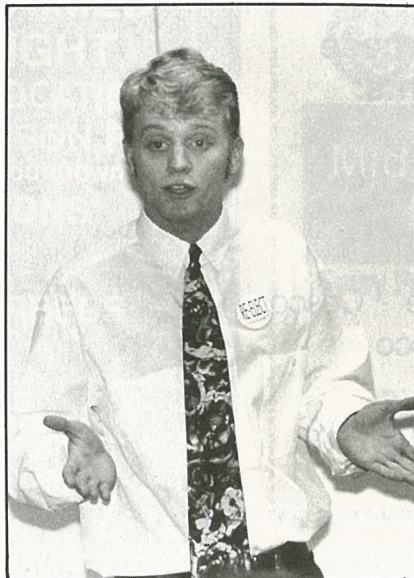
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The Candidates

Manishi Bazari



Adrian White



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On Monday, March 30, Student Government sponsored a debate between the two parties running for the President and Vice President positions. The event was scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center, but due to the lack of an interpreter, the event began at 7:55 p.m.

After a toss of the coin, the White/Wood ticket spoke first. Adrian White spoke for his party.

He opened by stating that the changes in Student Government (SG) over the past year were "remarkable". Policy making was revised at RIT while the SG structure was also going through revisions, the CIA's involvement on campus was addressed, the CIA/RIT liaison group had more student involvement than was originally planned, the Campaign for Accessibility Now (CAN) was assisted by SG in obtaining \$300,000 for improving accessibility to physically impaired RIT community members, and SG reduced its operating budget by cutting spending in many areas.

Manishi Bazari represented the Bazari/Metha ticket. He opened by asking the question, "what has Student Government done?" He feels that the efforts of Student Government shouldn't be focused by one person, but rather, it should be a group effort. Bazari also stressed the accountability of the candidates. His administration vows to provide results to the RIT community. If they do not, he stressed to everyone present that they ask for his immediate resignation.

He also stressed academic advising and the need for improvement. Bazari stated that a student can potentially spend "an additional \$11,500 loss due to poor academic advising."

Bazari also wants to establish an open forum between the colleges and the students. This will facilitate addressing the concerns of the students directly by the upper administration.

His closing concern was in the form of a question for all to consider: "Do you feel you get \$650,000 worth of Student Activities fees?"

Being a Greek student at RIT, I had to question each candidate about their concern with the Greek community. Each party is concerned with Greek affairs, primarily occupancy, alcohol/alcohol policies, and the functionality of Greek Council.

Please remember that Student Government elections are being held on Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7. For more information, please call Student Government at 475-2203.

—TIM MCMANUS

RIT's Student Government Presidential Debate sounded like a traditional political battle between the greased politician and the naive spit-fire challenger.

Adrian White spoke first. He spoke of the accomplishments he and vice-presidential running mate Amy Wood had made over the past year. He spoke of new student involvement in RIT governance and advocacy for student issues such as an improved academic advising system. His speech was smooth, well presented, and general.

Manishi Bazari spoke next. His speech was much more acerbic and aggressive. He and his running mate, Mehul Mehta, had letters of commitment in hand covering what they were going to do next year if

elected. He talked about a student government that would address the concerns of each and every student. His speech was fiery, aggressive, and specific.

Adrian's first year of presidential leadership has been strong in some areas and weak in others. Internally, the government has not done much to organize its new structure. However during the first half of his term, Adrian was heavily involved in the RIT/CIA controversy. Adrian was 100% correct in his assessment that the controversy took precedence over the government restructure. The worth of our degrees, both past and future, were at stake. While Adrian and Amy have not accomplished much internally they have made good strides towards student involvement in Institute governance. Students have been more involved in Institute decisions than any time in my twelve years at RIT.

Manishi's ideas, if implementable would certainly make for an excellent campus. However, I have seen time and time again, a candidate full of piss and vinegar get frustrated by the bureaucracy that is RIT. Many of his ideas are dependent upon students overcoming their apathy. Manish says he does not believe in apathy and that the 45 people in attendance were proof. However, those 45 people were primarily student leaders. 45 out of 10,000^s is certainly a strong sign to me that apathy is still alive and kicking at RIT.

Which candidacy would I recommend? That depends. If you feel that Student Government has made good progress this year, vote for White/Wood. If you believe that determination can overcome bureaucracy and apathy, vote for Bazari/Mehta.

—STEPHEN L. SCHULTZ

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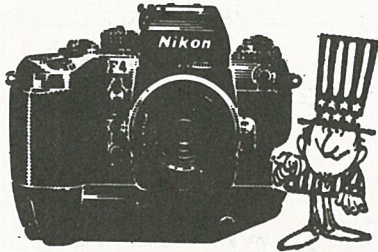


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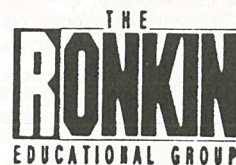


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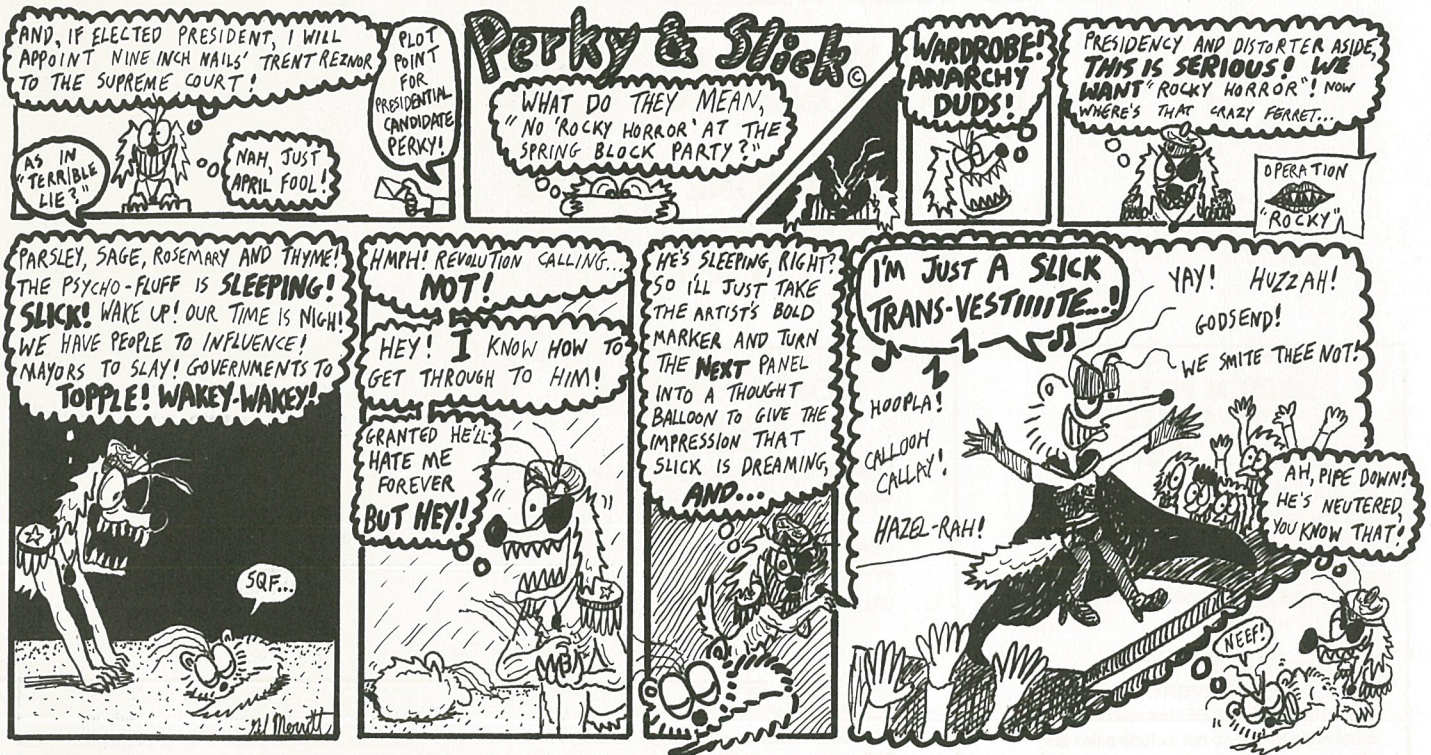
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