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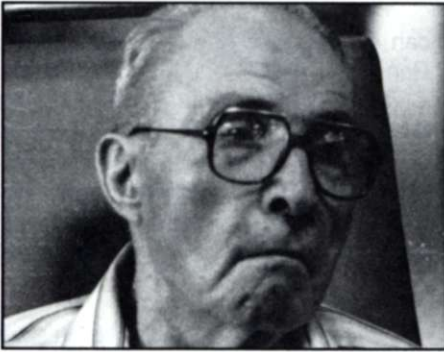


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## Community? School Spirit?

**D**id you know that shortly after The U.S. News and World Report's survey on "America's Best College Values" placed RIT near the top of the value for you buck rankings, RIT was ranked in another survey "Best College's Ever"? It was ranked against the same top colleges in reference to the "fun factor". Well we didn't come in first. In fact, we came in second to the last, more fun only than West Point, the US military academy (this is not a joke). We didn't surpass a college that features curfews, discipline, no drinking, no socializing, and cold weather. Well, we do have the cold weather. What is up with the rest of it? The schools that achieved the status in the bottom ten (but, higher status than us) in descending order were Yale, Tufts, Oral Roberts, Brigham Young University, The US Naval Academy, and Johns Hopkins.

The rankings were achieved by using reports from 50 student correspondents from each university. The 300 largest coed universities were ranked. Just think, we could have come in last, right? Brain dead party school we are not. That is probably for the best. Why were these 50 students at RIT so critical in their report on RIT's "fun factor"? I'll have to be totally honest, I hear everyday the words "RIT sucks". This in reference to a school that students have paid a good amount of money to attend!

Why do it? Why would someone pay to attend a school that they obviously think so little of. Obviously the fifty students at RIT who responded to a poll conducted by Inside Edge (National magazine, produced by Boston-area colleges) were not happy! Why do they

have such low regard for the college that they have devoted so much of their life to. I personally think that RIT has plenty going for it. But the one thing that seems to be missing is pride, a sense of community.

I hope, as many of you probably do, that after my immense investment of money and self, I will look back some day with pride at my alma matter. Maybe, I should look at RIT while I'm here and try to find some sense of pride. Many will tell you that school spirit on this campus is non-existent. I would argue that point to an extent. But, what about the students on the SAE team, those involved with the Community Service Clubhouse, RIT Corner Crew, Computer Science House, Reporter Magazine, WITR, Greeks, BACC, Piers, NTID Theatrical Department, RIT Ambulance, ROTC, Cheerleaders, RIT Crew, spRIT, CAB, and and many more organizations on campus. With all of this student involvement, why does there seem to be a lack of pride in the school itself? Why is there such a lack of community at this institute?

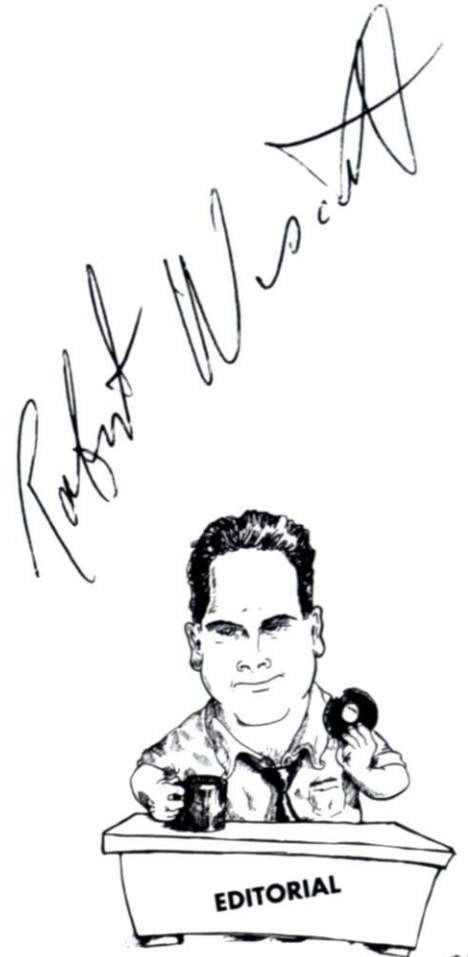
There are many ways to spice up campus life, and to build community. New programs like that of the RIT license plate could help a little. But, programs directed at showing pride are useless if pride does not exist. One way to change the hum drum image that RIT seems to have formed is to inspire students and these organizations to take part in the improvement of this community. One thing that is vital to the improving community is communication. We have an incredibly diverse community here at RIT and there are people who have thoughts and feeling to share.

I would like to propose a two part challenge to the readers of this issue. If you feel that "RIT Sucks", ask yourself "Why?". What is it about this institute that gets you down. If you can pin-point things that bother you, things you wish could change, or things that are just plain wrong. Don't just say, well that's the "brick city". Do something. If you have a problem with your department, bring it up to your department head. If you have a problem with the cafeteria, bring it up to food services. If you have a problem with any policy of RIT then say so. Don't brush it off as another negative aspect of RIT. Hell, if all you hit are dead ends you

can always send a letter to the editor of Reporter.

The second part of the challenge is to take the same approach with things you see that are positive here at RIT. Give RIT a chance to be a positive aspect of your life. This exchange of ideas is the best way to improve RIT's sense of community.

—ROBERT N. WESCOTT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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## A Course Bound for Destruction

At the 1992 Democratic National Convention New York State Governor Mario M. Cuomo compared our nation to a vast ship misguided by a Republican captain, destined for a collision with a bank of piercing rocks. The only hope for the fateful vessel was Captain Clinton & his Democratic Crew. Today, RIT is on that same course.

A year ago, RIT placed its ship in the hands of a new captain—Albert J. Simone. After a CIA scandal rocked the boat, many put their faith in this new found talent from Hawaii. They sought stability, strength and most importantly community. And Simone has represented that to some of the faculty and staff. But the transient students are left wandering upon the moonlit sea.

Since President Simone began navigating, RIT has not changed course. Ironically, it has begun speeding uncontrollably toward the rocks.

No sooner did the Captain arrive than we hit a mild storm that would unknowingly forecast the rest of our journey...an coronation inauguration. In a festivity no less regal than a royal wedding, President Simone began his reign. Proceeding this event he would navigate us into \$400,000 worth of renovations to Liberty Hill. This occurring when many faculty and staff will not see any adjustments to their salaries. But according to REPORTER's interview with the Captain last April 16, "The students benefit (from Liberty Hill). They don't benefit from the picnics we have up there... They don't benefit from the breakfast sessions that we have up there, but they do a little. They benefit from the point of view that the University as a whole is able to

develop, hopefully, this sense of ambiance, this sense of community spirit that you really can't do unless you have a facility like this." But at least we benefit "a little."

None-the-less, we sail onward to find two currents that may send the student crew off the side of the ship—a university club and a university newspaper. Five years ago Residence Halls Association began a project to establish an alcohol-free nightclub on the residence side of campus. This September it looked as if all the obstacles had been overcome and THE CLAW would finally open. That was until physical plant made a mistake that would cost approximately \$25,000. This mistake has set RHA back at least 6 months, and who knows how much longer it will plague them. Did President Simone come to their aid? Has he rallied for funding or addressed the mistakes that were made? Has he used his presidential influence to expedite the processes that have come before RHA? No. The Captain chooses to advocate a university club for faculty and staff that would be so elite few students could afford its membership. If erected in the Bausch & Lomb building, this university club will cost over \$1,000,000. RHA only needed \$25,000 to complete their facility and they had to find that in Vice President William Dempsey's office.

Yet, this is not the only undertow is our path. The Captain has placed a university newspaper on our course. This is a concept that our Captain feels would offer faculty, staff and students the opportunity to express themselves in an open forum. We offer this opportunity on a weekly basis. No, REPORTER is not an Institute public relations tool. It reserves the right to express opinions contrary to the Captain and his mates. But there is at least one page reserved for letters to the editor every week (a vehicle the Captain himself has utilized). And with more letters this section could expand.

RIT should be proud of the fact that REPORTER is almost completely student produced. In the changing world of collegiate journalism, it is rare to have a publication written, edited, photographed, produced, illustrated and designed by students. It is a valuable asset that should not be sacrificed to the development of a university newspaper produced

under the hand of the Captain himself. Our leader should set a course that would strengthen REPORTER magazine, not hinder it.

So what can the quiet transient student do about this peril filled course? Your captain's phone number is extension 2394. His office is located on the seventh floor of the George Eastman building. Next time you are in class wondering where the last few million dollars went call him and ask what course we are on. Then grab a life jacket!

—KATHLEEN M. COLE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR



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## RIT Clinches Kelly's Football Camp

On November 22, Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills announced that his annual football training camp will be moved from the St. Bonaventure campus to the RIT campus this summer. The camp will train 1000 kids between the ages of 10 and 18 in late June.

Kelly says, "We chose RIT because of its reputation for quality academic programs, Division III sports program and facilities. Its overall facilities are excellent, including a weight room in a new Student Life Center that rivals what pro teams would appreciate. Experience in hosting major events like the Empire State Games and Special Olympics gives RIT a super reputation."

Kelly will supervise and teach at his camp in conjunction with other professional athletes. These expert teachers



will train the camp participants in offensive and defensive skills as well as overall conditioning.

The camp also includes education on drug awareness and the importance of staying in school.

The cost to attend the camp is \$289 for those between the ages of 13 and 18. The camp runs from June 27 to July 1. Anyone who is interested in participating

in this program can apply by writing to: The Jim Kelly Football Camp, Main Place Tower, Suite 200, Buffalo, New York, 14202 or call 1-800-836-CAMP.

## Castle and Frisina Honored with RIT Presidential Medallion

Dr. William Castle, the current director of NTID, and Dr. Robert Frisina, the director of RIT's International Center for Hearing and Speech Research, were awarded RIT Presidential Medallions during NTID's 25th anniversary celebration on November 12. The medallion is awarded to those who have made significant contributions to the Institute.

Castle was NTID's first dean from 1968-1977; he was made NTID's director in 1977. Castle's leadership has brought national and international attention to NTID for its innovative approach to deaf education.

During the medallions' presentation, President Albert Simone praised Castle: "Your vision and uncanny ability to make dreams become reality have guided NTID to its current position as an international model of technical education for deaf people."

The second recipient of the medallion, Dr. D. Robert Frisina, was NTID's first director, serving from 1967-1977. Currently the director of RIT's International Center for Hearing and Speech Research, Frisina was part of the original group of educators and administrators who founded NTID in the mid-1960s.

During the presentation, President Simone commended Frisina: "You spent four years working to raise funds to create the NTID complex of academic and residence hall buildings...The brick, the mortar, the trees, and the walkways all were evidence of your commitment to providing an educational facility that would fulfill the needs of many people who would study, work, and live here."

## RIT Senior Makes a Splash at University of Florida

Laura Jansen, a biology major, was one of ten outstanding students selected nationwide for the University of Florida's ten-week research training program at Whitney Laboratory, an institute for marine research and biotechnology near Marineland. The program was co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Whitney Lab.



*Laura Jansen prepares shrimp eye tissue for high pressure liquid chromatography as part of her internship at the University of Florida's Whitney Laboratory.*

She recently completed the program, in which she studied the biochemistry (specifically the protein make-up) of a rare species of shrimp. Each student in the program may choose a project which reflects his or her own personal interests as well as fitting in with the overall investigations at the Whitney Lab.

## The GREs Get Computerized

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has implemented a computer adaptive (CAT) version of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Computerized versions of other standardized tests, such as the SAT, are also in the works. The computerized test costs \$93, and the questions on the test are taken from a larger pool of questions than the ETS has devised.

The Princeton Review has developed a line of computer programs called RevieWare. These programs are designed to help students prepare for the GRE. Users can also get a glimpse of the new computer adapted GRE before they take it.

Anyone who is interested in the new review programs can contact Jon Hein or Wendy Pong at (212) 874-8282.

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## RIT Cagers Begin to Roar

The RIT men's basketball team split this past week with a 90-73 loss against Roberts Wesleyan, and a 93-70 trounce over Keuka College.

With the loss of all-stars Alberto Montanez and Jeff Molisani, the Tigers were looking to fill in the blanks. With new addition Jerone Boone at the point-guard position and veterans Des Allen and Todd Paulauskas returning stronger

than ever, the lookout for the new season is promising.

After a disappointing loss at Roberts, the Cagers were looking to reassess and take the Keuka Warriors to the limit. Take them they did as they jumped to a quick lead. Senior Paulauskas scored eleven points in the first half finishing with 17.

Sophomore Mike Wolf played a solid game achieving 10 points, six rebounds, and four assists. Newcomers Boone and Craig Jones came out on fire. Both scored 10 apiece with Boone compiling 10 assists, and Jones tearing down 10 defensive rebounds. Allen capped off the Tiger victory with 17 points and nine rebounds in route to a 23 point Tiger victory.

The Tigers are 1-1 this season. RIT hosts the Brodie Tourney tonight and tomorrow and look to defend their championship title.

## RIT Women's Basketball Struggles

With sophomore phenomenon Karen Provinski coming off from last year's season-ending injury, the Lady Tigers are looking forward to some competitive matches.

Having seven veterans, three new additions, and only one senior, the future for the women's basketball squad seems bright. For now, Coach Nelson Miles and assistant Roxanne Chupp look to utilize their players in another season of building.

The Lady Tigers are struggling as they've yet to win in the 1993-94 season compiling an 0-2 record overall. RIT came out strong at the start of the Keuka game, leading by as much as six points. They could not hold on as the Warriors took over defeating them by the score of 62-38.

Provinski lead the way with 5 points and 12 rebounds as she continues her path to rebuilding her strengths.

## Men's Ice Hockey is Hot

The men's hockey squad iced their way to a 10-7 victory over Mercyhurst this past weekend, giving them an overall record of 7-2. Goal tender Derrick Barnett recorded his seventh win to lead the Tigers defensively.

RIT started the scoring early with sophomores Adam French and Chris Maybury setting up the puck for Jay Murphy to put away. Mercyhurst answered minutes later to knot it at one. It looked to be a close one until Murphy started off the scoring again, putting in two more along with Maybury to put the Tigers up by three.

Sticks were knocking at both ends but RIT would triumph as Randy Cheynowski combined with John Pallante and Charlie Mendola to put the winning goal away mid-way through the final period.

Chris Maybury lead the way scoring four goals and pitching in for two assists. Jay Murphy added three goals and an assist to assure the Tiger victory.

## RIT Swimming Compete in the EAAs

Both the men's and women's swim teams competed in the Empire Athletic Association (EAA) Swimming and Diving Championships this past weekend. The men's team took sixth place and the women's took seventh, both out of the eight teams in their conference.

Highlights for the men's was Gelbert Asher who took third both Friday and Saturday in the One-Meter Diving competition with 12 points overall. Kyril Faenov placed third in the 100-Yard Backstroke and fourth overall in the 200-Yard Breaststroke. Both Faenov and Asher combined with Tom Czynszczon and Seth Sealon to take fourth place in the Men's 400-Yard Medley Race.

In women's competition, Kelley Lindsay placed 8th out of the 17 athletes in the Women's 100-Yard Butterfly. Kerri McInerney added to the efforts as she finished 10th in front of William Smith's Chris Der Ananian. William Smith finished second overall.

Congratulations to all for great efforts in the competition.

## Sport Notes

The men's hockey team won the Crusader Classic by defeating Norwich 5-3 and Holy Cross 7-2. Chris Maybury combined with Andrew Sherman and Angelo Papalia for the winning goal to give them the championship.

The women's volleyball team is the first school in the Greater Rochester Area to go to the NCAA Final Four.

Congratulations to Senior volleyball player Jeannie Khaw who has been named to the NCAA All-tournament team at the semifinals.

The men's basketball team will host the annual Brodie Tournament this weekend. The games will begin 12/10 starting at 6 p.m. at the Clark Gymnasium.

The men's wrestling team placed 10th out of 12 teams in the RIT tournament. Brian Pintagro placed third in the 118-pound weight class.

-SPORTS COMPILED BY  
AIMEE ZAKREWSKI



## Men's Swimming RIT 132, BROCKPORT 107

The men's swim team recorded another victory as they defeated Brockport this past week. Kyril Faenov led the way with 87.7 points, taking first in the 200-Freestyle and second in the 100-Freestyle. Also setting the pace for the Tigers was Tom Czyszczon, tallying 85.2 points, and taking first in the 200 Individual Medley as well as the 100 Backstroke.

## Women's Swimming RIT 60, BROCKPORT 146

The women's swim team suffered their second loss versus a one on one match-up with a college, including their recent loss to the University of Rochester 61-152. Nicole Cinco led the way for the lady sharks with 56.1 points, taking first in the 100 Breaststroke. Kelly Lindsay followed behind with 53.35 points.

## RIT Basketball Takes 2nd In the Brodie



Erin Mathy/Reporter

This past weekend, the RIT men's basketball team suffered their third loss of the season with a 58-79 defeat versus 1992-93 NCAA contenders Lebanon Valley (PA) in the championship game of the 9th annual Brodie Tournament. This

is the first time the Tigers have not taken the title since the 1990-91 season.

In first round action, RIT trounced over Erindale College 130-70. It was show time for the Tigers as newcomer Benny Thorrud led the Tigers in scoring with 20 points, with four threes from downtown and a slam. Senior Charlie Bartlett followed close behind with 17 points, including four dunks to entertain the crowd. With the victory, RIT broke several tournament records including the most points scored in a game (130) and the most points scored in a half (66).

After Lebanon's defeat over Hillbert College 75-62, they would now face the roar of the RIT Tigers. The roar turned out to be a meow as Lebanon jumped to a quick lead early into the game. RIT came out strong in the second half cutting the deficit to as low as four points. But Lebanon would turn the tables once again taking control to an eventual 21-point victory. Des Allen paced the Tigers with 22 points and was named to the All-Tournament team along with Senior Todd Paulauskas who averaged 13.5 points for the weekend.

The RIT Cagers are now 2-3 and look to improve their record as they continue into their 1993-94 season.

## RIT 51, UR 72

This past week the women's basketball team was defeated by the University of Rochester Yellowjackets by a 21-point margin. In the defeat, Maggie Gulley and freshman Melanie Yanek combined for 11 points apiece and veteran Nikki Beall added 10.

## RIT 65, UNION 76

The women's basketball team looked strong this past weekend losing in a close one to Union College. Once again, sophomore Maggie Gulley lead the way with 20 points and seven rebounds. With over seven minutes to go in the second half, RIT out rebounded their opponent to cut the 17-point lead bringing them within nine. Time ran out for the Lady Tigers handing them their fourth loss of the season

## Women's Hockey Reaching

The lady icers are reaching far for their victories but coming up short as they struggle at the start of their 1993-94 season.

Competing with Division I teams such as Providence, Brown, and University of New Hampshire, the Lady Tigers are off to a rough 0-5 start, with their most recent defeat coming off a tough bout with St. Lawrence University.

With the new year coming, RIT looks for a turn-around as they continue on with their season. The Icers will travel to take on Harvard University when they return next year.

## Men's Hockey is 9-3

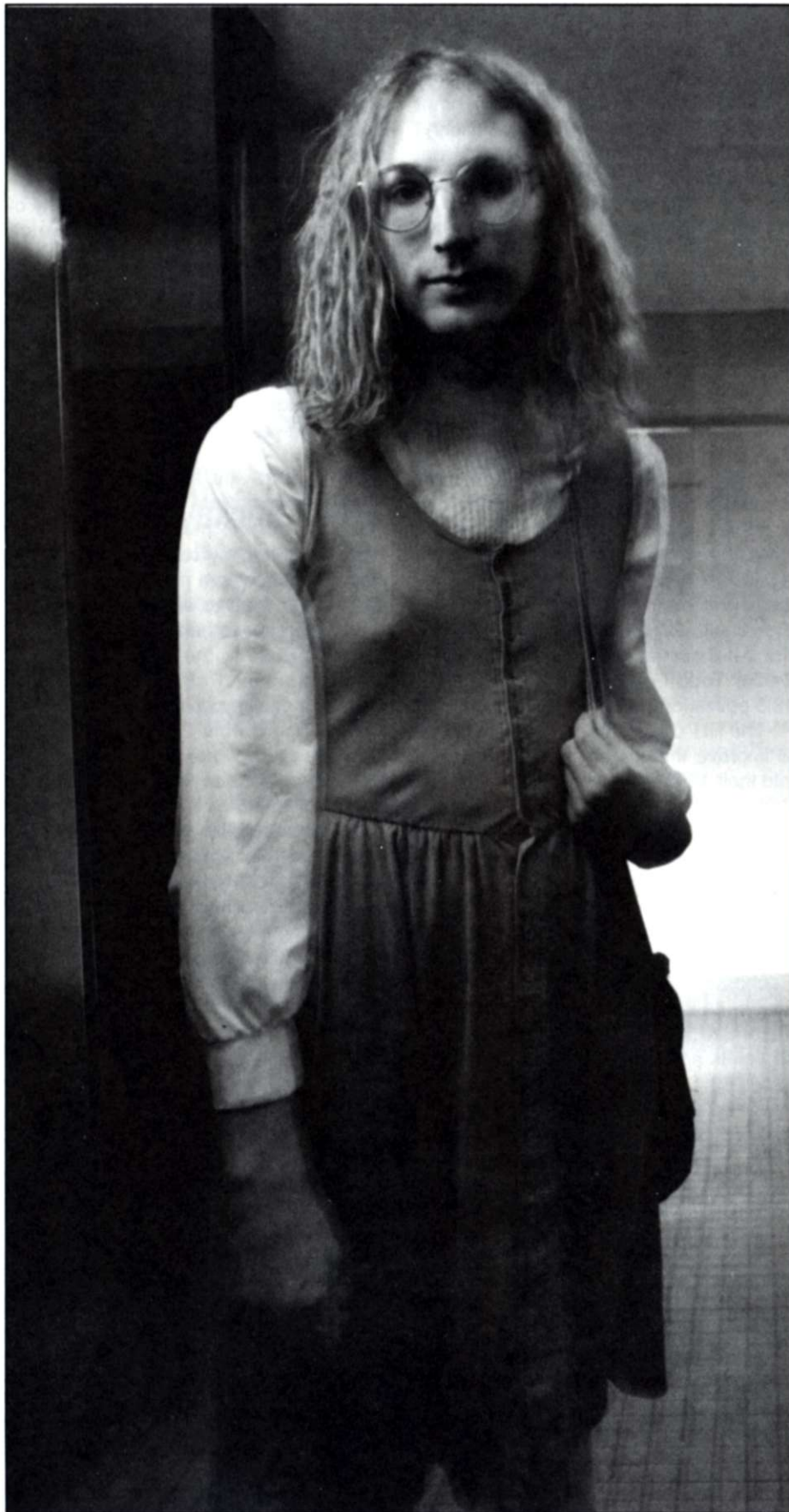
The men's hockey team is looking forward to post season play as they continue on their road to success with a 9-3 start. Having been named second behind Fredonia State to the NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Poll, RIT is looking towards a dominant season.

The Tigers went 2-1 this past week, losing a tough one to Canisius and adding two victories versus Oswego and Geneseo state.

In the match-up with Oswego, both teams fought for the lead. RIT would prevail as Senior Jay Murphy had 2 goals, and Dave Fricchione added the winning shot leading to an eventual 3-1 victory.

Against Geneseo, Murphy went at it again going solo for the winning goal early in the third period. The Tigers would not stop there as they went on to score three more with goals coming from Randy Cheynowski, and Kyle O'Brien. John Pallante added two assists for the Tigers.

With nine victories on the hands of the Tigers, they are undefeated at home with their only losses coming from the top teams in their respective divisions. The Icers resume play at the start of the new year, facing Ryerson on January 8 in the Ritter Ice Arena.



**W**hat exactly defines one's own sex? While some see it merely as a matter of having the genitalia corresponding to either a male or female, others go farther beyond that to classify it as a mannerism or nature. A woman who behaves roughly or enjoys sports while young is often referred to as a tomboy, while a similar man who perhaps doesn't carry his weight correctly or speaks with a speech impediment is classified as effeminate. Clearly, society has its own terms to define what constitutes a male and a female. While many may claim that those terms do not apply by them, the age-old definitions still have their impact in the modern world, at least at RIT.

"I would just like to be treated like a human being should be treated. I'd like to have my life considered in the same way other people's lives are considered." These are the words of Perette Barella, a transsexual who is now involved in a struggle with RIT to define what she believes are her civil rights. While retaining the physical parts defining her as a male, she states that her mind has already made the transition, and it is a statement with which her psychologists and medical workers together agree upon. In six months her body will become that of a female. She wishes to be referred to as a she, and has changed her name legally to support the change. Barella dresses as a woman and takes hormones to repress that of her which is still male. Her conflict with RIT arises with the question: "Should she be allowed access to the women's facilities on campus?" Understanding the inherent nature of sharing locker rooms and

showers with women while still having the physical aspects of a male, Barella wants only to use the bathrooms in order to help her integrate more firmly into female society.

While not acting as the sole authority of RIT on the matter, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Elaine Spaul, held a series of conversations with Barella at the end of spring quarter last year. These conversations then evolved into the summer and fall. "This is an individual interest and desire and want from this person," she says. "Can we help this person, support this person, nurture this person and at the same time not do anything that hurts or damages or creates a difficult situation for a group of people or this individual?" That is what Spaul explains to be the major issue. "Perette has the right to be as visible, as open, and as free to dress and be the person she wants."

The discussion began in late April, 1993, in response to a letter Barella had written to Campus Safety, Student Affairs, and a variety of other departments informing them that she was a transsexual, and that she was going to begin using the female facilities. Aware that she had not undergone the surgical procedure to physically alter her sex, attempts were made to contact and bring Barella in to more thoroughly address the issue. An agreement was reached where Barella would hold off on her use of the female facilities until later in the year, an agreement which Barella states RIT went back on.

In a letter sent on April 29, 1993, Elaine Spaul stated: "As we agreed, you will not begin using the

women's facilities until later this summer, after July 1... Please come and see me prior to this date so that we can keep discussing your goals and your needs." Barella took this to mean she could use the bathrooms as of July 2, Spaul explains that it was not meant to say that at

Perette

Barella

all. "A lot of it was intended to give her more time to become more female, to become more of a woman," says Spaul.

On July 29, 1993, Barella received another letter from Spaul. At this point, she had already been using the bathrooms for nearly a month. The letter stated that while "...the use of the women's facilities is [Barella's] preference... RIT has an obligation to the community and that we must follow the letter of the law. Using the unisex facility in the Eastman Building seems to be the best resolution."

While most of the RIT campus is outfitted with bathrooms for both genders, there are two lavatories on the sixth and seventh floors of Building 1 which are single-person bathrooms, with the company of a locking door. The suggestion, however, seemed inappropriate to Barella. No matter where she was on campus, even if visiting a friend in the residence halls, she would have

to walk to the Eastman Building to use the bathrooms. At one time these facilities were locked, leaving her no choice but one of the gender-specific lavatories. Assuming that the use of "preference" in the letter meant it was her choice, Barella continued using the female facilities.

Finally, on August 3, Barella received a notice from Spaul which stated, in bold print: "Let me be clear: you cannot use the women's facilities." It has also been stated that a number of faculty and staff had complained. To the receiver, it seemed that RIT had instituted a working plan and then simultaneously revoked it, giving Barella a contradictory message.

"The tone was not meant to be contradictory," Spaul explains. "It was meant to be reasonable. It was meant to say, 'Perette, at this time you are making demands that we cannot meet. Let's hold off and see what happens.' This was meant to say, 'Give yourself, and your body some more time.'" According to Spaul, at the time Barella went to see her, the hormones had not kicked in. She had no breasts and appeared to be male.

At the time of this article, however, Barella appeared to be significantly female. Her presence in a male bathroom could cause a serious disruption, if not physical harm to her. The use of the unisex facilities, while appearing to be a serious effort on RIT's part to address the issue, is also a significant inconvenience for someone who is between classes in the middle of winter.

"[My job] did not have any problem," Barella stated about her co-op. "I went in the first day of work and they asked if I wanted to

be called 'he' or 'she.' I said 'she.'" They also allowed her to use the facility of her choice, and made no commotion about it.

As a part of the transsexual experience, candidates are required to follow a number of guidelines prior to their sex change. Most are in place to test the candidate's resolve. Stringent requirements for weight, height, and health need to be addressed or the operation will not be offered. Something as simple as a slight weight problem poses significant risks during the surgery, which, for males, includes the stretching of the frontal torsal skin downward in order to cover the former base of the penis.

Aside from the physical prerequisites, however, emotional and environmental standards must be met as well. One guideline, printed in the Standards of Care of the Harry S. Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc., states, "the patient must have been successfully living in the genetically other sex role for at least one year." This guideline, meant to help the transsexual integrate more firmly into the opposite role appears to be hampered by RIT's solutions.

In a random interview conducted within the residence halls, four women answered the question of whether or not it would bother them if a transsexual used the women's facilities. It was clearly related to them that the transsexual had not yet undergone the surgical procedure, but dressed as a female. Amanda Strate, a first year metal crafts & jewelry student replied, "I guess it really wouldn't bother me. The bathrooms aren't that kind of public things."



Julie Lafferty, a first year photography major agreed with her. "I think it's fine, if that's the way the person is. If they're changing from a male to a female, then why should it really bother me, if he's in the female state of mind?"

Two other females, both first year business majors, disagreed. Liz Botsas stated, "Yes, I would feel threatened. I would have a problem with it. Just the fact that he is a male and not a female, no matter what his preference may be. I think once the change comes, and he is a female then it would be all right."

Monica Trexler added, "I don't have any problem with him using the facilities after his operation. Beforehand, I think it's totally inappropriate. As long as he's technically male, I don't think he

should be using the female facilities at all."

And it appears that RIT would agree with the last opinion and the definition of sex as a physical thing. Spaul summed it up by commenting, "She has no legal or moral right to use the women's rooms. From a lawyer's point of view, her preference may be one thing, but her legal and civil rights say another. Her civil rights have not been violated, I promise you that. But we don't have any legal obligation to have her use the unisex bathroom. She is biologically a male."

- VICTOR CARDOSO  
PHOTOS BY RICK CINCLAIR

# Simone:

The Year in Review

*One year has passed since Dr. Albert Simone took RIT's presidential office. The following is a conversation with Simone regarding his thoughts on his first year here and his strategic plan for RIT. You may also find a few surprises as we discuss the new alcohol policy, the proposed University Club, and even the old CIA scandal. So without any further ado, I give you...SIMONE.*

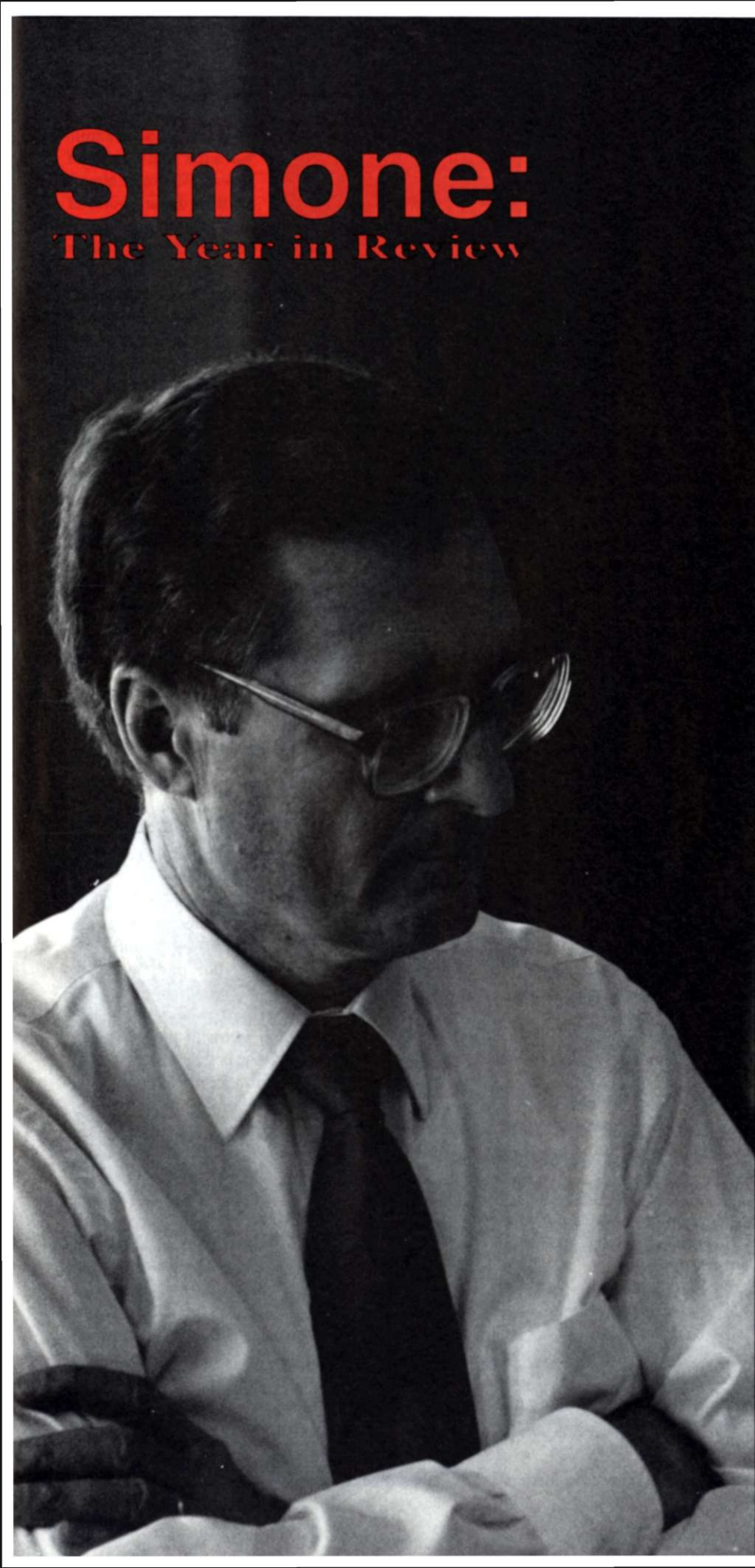
**Reporter:** What do you think of RIT now that you have been president here for one year?

**Simone:** Very pleased, very happy. There were very few surprises and those surprises were good ones. I felt that I had been around the block enough to know what to look for. RIT is a lot like many universities. It shares a lot in common, but at the same time, it has a uniqueness—it's different than other universities.

**R:** How does RIT differ from other universities?

**S:** It's different because on one hand it has a long tradition. You can trace its beginnings to 1829 with the Rochester Athenaeum and go up to 1885 when the Mechanics Institute was established. In 1891 you have a merger of the two. Those are the roots of the modern day RIT. That's over 160 years. So in that sense it has a long history. But it's not a traditional university in any sense of the word. From the beginning its focus was serving the community, responding to the needs of industry, building on high technology of the day to provide careers for the students. And that's how it began. In 1885 Mr. Lomb from Bausch & Lomb said "we need more technical training." And we had the beginnings of our serving industry.

**R:** You mentioned there were a few surprises, what were they?



**S:** The only surprises were positive ones. I expected that there would be a lot of enthusiasm among the faculty, students, staff and community as a whole. One surprise was the enthusiasm on campus for the kinds of things I talked about. There seemed to be a compatibility between what I thought should be done and what I felt I could offer, based on my record and experience, and what people felt they needed.



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**R:** What did you feel they needed? When you came in many faculty, students, and staff were hoping for a fresh start, a new change.

**S:** If you look at my career, and you can go all the way back to the very beginning, the first thing I did was to develop a plan: what we needed to do. Then I recruited people who shared those goals and together we did it. Everybody was an equal; we took responsibility as we needed to but we worked together as a team. When I went to the University of Hawaii my number one charge, the reason I was hired, was to build a strategic plan for the university. I did that by building a team. And in a year's time, they built a strategic plan for the university of Hawaii. I became president the next year, and I spent the next eight and a half years implementing that plan.

When I came here I had a record of building a long range strategic plan and coordinating a team to implement that. My feeling was, when I talked to the people here, this was what they wanted. They wanted a focus, 'Where should we be headed?', and they wanted a style. I believe in that; that's my philosophy.

I've had some hurdles to overcome here. I have some people that are more comfortable with a command-and-control style of management: 'I'm the boss, I tell you what to do, you work for me, you do it.' There was not a lot, I don't think, of true listening. To have a shared governance approach, you have to ask people what they think. That's only ten percent of it. Then eighty percent of it is listening to what they have to say. And the final ten percent is changing your own initial positions and taking action, which most of the time is different from what you would have done without the input.

The university is for the students. Without the students there would be no reason to have a university. For it is the students, by the faculty, with the support of the staff, who are the glue of the university, and hold it together. And its under the management and leadership of deans and vice-presidents and presidents with judiciary responsibility of the trustees. All of that is a team. I believe in that. I didn't come to that automatically. Over the years I've been in academia, I've come to feel that that's the only way that universities are not only going to survive, but prosper in the next decade. Because the resources are going to be too short, the needs are going to be too great, the competition is going to be too keen.

**R:** How far have you come in introducing the shared governance approach?

**S:** We've come farther than I thought we would in the first year. I felt that there would be progress because of my track record. I've always made progress with this approach. There has been the building of a team and there has been the accomplishment of achievements.

**R:** Could you be more specific?

*What would you like to say to the president of RIT?*

"Get off Greeks's backs"

-SHENA SENECA  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY, 3RD YEAR

*What would you do if you were president of RIT?*



"Reduce the tuition"

-AHSAN KHAN  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, 1ST YEAR

*What would you do if you were president of RIT?*

"I would try to get a football team and fix the track"

-ANGELA BRIGHTWELL  
BIOLOGY, 2ND YEAR  
MEMBER OF TRACK TEAM

**S:** Take for example the University of Hawaii. We built almost a billion dollars worth of new buildings while I was there. The buildings are going up now at the rate of about one every two or three months it seems. There have been over thirty new academic programs established including a number of doctoral programs. At the same time the morale of the faculty, they took a poll, went up significantly. They took polls among the student body also and many of the students felt that things were much better than they had been.

So, I would say I have a track record of applying an approach which works.

**R:** But RIT isn't the University of Hawaii.

**S:** No, but you asked me for an example.

**R:** But I was thinking..

**S:** Oh of here! I'm sorry, I must have misunderstood the question. Here we have only one year's worth of work. Number one, we have

introduced the Staff Council into the Policy Council deliberating process. This has brought in a whole sector of the university into the shared governance of the university. Now that's a major accomplishment. We have 1650 people who are staff, all the way from janitors and secretaries to physical officers to bursars to counselors. They are now represented by a Staff Council. But more than that, I think this; there is an enhanced sense of involvement. We have, I think, almost 400 volunteers to work on the strategic plan. That's double what I had at the University of Hawaii. There is a spirit of commitment.

**R:** What is this spirit going to accomplish?

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**S:** If you look at universities around the country, whether it's Berkeley, Wisconsin, Stanford, or smaller universities, you will find that many of them are having tremendous problems. There is a breakdown of trust, a breakdown of communication, and as a consequence there are riots on campuses, there are votes of no confidence in the administration, students are saying we are paying too much and getting too little. I'm not talking about a voice in the wilderness here. I'm talking about people that feel and believe that the situation in which they find themselves is intolerable. Now, if you then look at each of those cases, this spirit of shared governance does not exist. The faculty does not work with the administration, the faculty fights the administration. The students don't work with the faculty, they don't trust the faculty. And the trustees sometimes are totally uninvolved. And if they are involved, they see themselves as auditors, or they see themselves as policemen.

**R:** What's the end result of all that?

**S:** The end result is a real challenge for higher education. Higher education is going through its traumas; Division I-A sports, exploitation of athletes so that a college can get its name in the front page, maybe attract more students, fraud in research, price fixing among the Ivy league schools and MIT. Higher education is going through the same challenges that every other public place is going through. Now what's the answer to that? My answer to that is very simple. I believe that to be successful in any organization, especially a university which has a tradition in academic freedom, you have to be open. You have to tell people what you're going to do before you do it, while you're doing it, and after you've done it. You have to be honest. You have to ask them for their input, and you have to really listen to it, honestly listen to it. If you do you're going to get some better ideas. You're going to change your own decisions. They're going to see that they've influenced the result. They're going to buy into that decision,

they're going to own it. They might not agree with every decision, but they'll support every decision. My objective is to have every faculty, staff and student at this university say 'I did not agree with every decision, in fact there were a lot of decisions I didn't agree with, but I supported each and every decision because I know that they were honestly made, openly made, and made with the best interests of the university at heart.' That is my goal. To have a situation where everyone supports every decision, even though they don't agree with every decision, because they feel that they were treated with respect, openness and candor.

**R:** You talked a lot about the challenges to higher education, but what problems does RIT face specifically?

**S:** RIT, before I came in as president, had gone through a very tumultuous situation. Its contribution to the chaos of higher education—the CIA controversy. As a consequence of that, credibility was lost on this campus. Many of the faculty, staff, many, did not believe the administration and even the trustees when they spoke. There was a tension among the faculty, the staff, the trustees and the student body around the issue of trust and credibility. Is that problem cured right now? NO. Is that

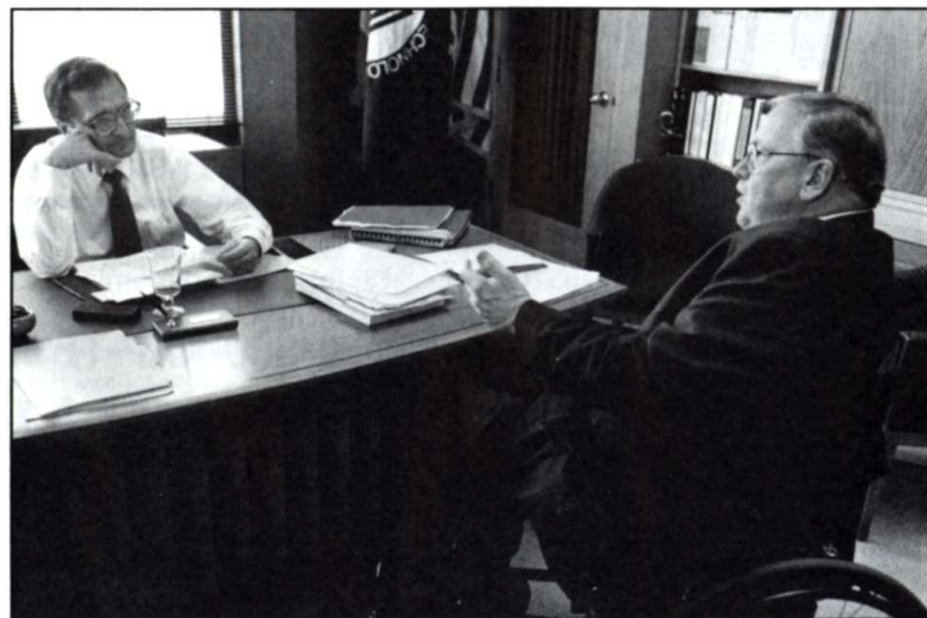
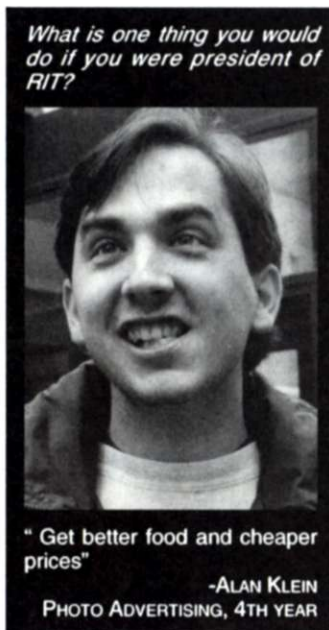
problem worse now? Absolutely not. Is it better now? I would say yes. Is it as good as it has to be? I would say no.

**R:** Now you have said before that the CIA scandal was something that RIT needed?

**S:** No, I didn't say they needed it. What I said was it happened, it's over with and we're going forward. I do think RIT emerged STRONGER as a result of the CIA scandal. The CIA brought to a head a catalyst that had been building. Many faculty will tell you that the fallout from the CIA was not just the CIA...many of the faculty and staff will say in their judgment there was too much of a top-down style of management. As a consequence, too many of the people who do the work were becoming increasingly alienated. They were losing their loyalty to the university. And when that happens, their service to the students is going to fail. When that happens, the quality of education will decline. The CIA situation occurred and brought all of these feelings out into the open.

**R:** RIT was big in the headlines then.

**S:** Yes, and they fanned the flames. So this was RIT's contribution to the national scene. You had Stanford out there cheating the government on charges to over-head. At the same time you've got a big 10 school put on probation by the NCAA for paying money under the table to athletes. And then you've got "RIT infiltrated by the CIA!" and "academic freedom undermined!" And it made the national press.





**R:** But those were obvious exaggerations. RIT was not infiltrated by the CIA. It was an educational issue.

**S:** No, no, what it was is many of the faculty and staff feel that the CIA had too much of an influence at RIT. The CIA had more influence at RIT than it should have had, in terms of channeling research, in terms of recruiting students, in terms of guiding university policy.

**R:** So with that behind us now, how is RIT stronger?

**S:** I believe people wanted more of an opportunity to participate. They wanted more of an opportunity to be heard, and I've given them that.

**R:** Let's talk about the big decisions, the big picture, where would you like to steer RIT?

**S:** We have a strategic planning process underway. It's a ten year plan. We have ten task forces of about 400 people. So we'll have some preliminary results soon. I don't want to say anything now that will preempt that process. I don't want to be premature. But let me make some general statements.

Over the next ten years this university has to continue to be a partner with the community, with Bausch & Lomb, with Xerox, with small businesses. We have to continue these external partnerships in order to achieve our vision. So ten years from now we're going to continue to maintain strong external partnerships.

**R:** How is RIT doing financially?

**S:** We have a balanced budget this year. This year is going to be probably one of our toughest years we will be facing because enrollment is less than what we anticipated. We had a contingency in the budget this year in case something happened. Well, something happened—we didn't get as many students as we thought we would. We're going to use up the contingency for that. However, that still won't be enough to meet this drop-off, so we're going to have to do some other economy measures which we are working on now. We'll always have a balanced budget because we'll make the tough decisions that we need to. RIT is in a good position because it has relatively new facilities and it has one of the country's



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largest endowments, almost a quarter of a billion dollars. We are not going to run a deficit.

**R:** What happened to the University Club that was proposed last year?

**S:** It's still alive. I had proposed a university club which I feel would be on a par with university clubs anywhere in the country. A university club which really would be a first preference for faculty and friends of the university and staff. My intention was to have that club pay for itself. It's still a long range goal of mine to have a club like that. Many people pointed out that it's risky, financially, because it might not pay for itself. So I've listened to that advice and decided that the upscale university club that I was thinking of may be too much of a risk at this time, particularly since it does not have as strong a base of support as I would like. I have about a third of the faculty and staff that say they love it just the way I described it. But a third that say they don't and the remaining aren't sure.

**R:** Describe it.

**S:** I've asked them then to consider a second plan. The first plan would be to take the basement of the Bausch & Lomb building and spend a million or a little more in renovating it. There would be a reception area, people would be greeted with a hostess, there would be no money exchanged, you would have to be a member to use it, you would have to pay dues. The dues would depend on your ranking, we would have a special rate for students, a special rate for assistant professors, a special rate for deans, friends of the university. There would be a membership drive, like you would any club. There would be liquor served. There would be a very upscale kind of decorum and ambiance, a view of the campus. There would be private rooms.

It would be a place where faculty, friends, staff and students of the university could come to gather. It would be a place to do business, instead of going to the

*What would you like to say to the president of RIT?*



"Yeah, what the hell is wrong with this school? It's just inherently stupid looking."

*What would you do if you were president of RIT?*

"I would probably make the fraternities live in their own houses and make it a more personable school."

-TOEKNEE NICOTERA  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 4TH

Radisson or downtown to a restaurant. Parents could use it, you could have weddings there, that kind of a facility. I see it as a way to tie the community together and build spirit. The prices that would have to be charged may mean a typical student would not join the club. But you might have Student Government, Reporter Magazine, and other student organizations buy institutional membership. And if students wanted to join it they could, but I don't see students wanting to pay dues to join a club like that.



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**R:** I assume that the University of Hawaii had such a club.

**S:** The University of Hawaii does not have one. They are in the process of putting one in. The University of Rochester has one though.

**R:** So you think your original plan for the club might be too risky. What was your second idea?

**S:** The second idea was Clark dining hall. There is already a kitchen and eating facilities so you don't have to build that in. Instead of spending a million dollars for renovations, there would be almost zero renovation costs.

**R:** A lot of people have asked the question of why have a university club at all? Especially when RIT is in such tough financial times.

**S:** The university club would pay for itself, so it doesn't cost anybody anything.

**R:** So you would not support a university club that would have to be subsidized?

**S:** That's right. My idea was not to subsidize in any event.

**R:** Couldn't there still be some risk? Clark when it was a restaurant had to close its doors.

**S:** There would be some risk. There's always going to be a risk.

**R:** There has also been much talk about creating a campus-wide newspaper. Is that still in the works?

**S:** We're talking about that. I support the idea in general, but it would clearly cost money to do that. There has been some alternative proposals.

One has been, instead of another newspaper what have is a videotape of news of the day at RIT. You could have a continuing news tape going at the Student Union and possibly some of the dorms. Another idea was the expansion of News & Events and/or The Reporter? Some people say if you're going to have a newspaper, why don't you just cancel The Reporter or News & Events? We're going around and around, but I'm waiting for the strategic plan, because if we do add another paper it's going to cost money.

**R:** But, in essence, you feel this campus, needs another communications channel?

**S:** The newspaper would be so that faculty, students and staff who want to express an opinion on a topic of interest on campus would have the opportunity to do that. I kind of like the idea. I see the Reporter as doing a different thing. Reporter comes out every two weeks.

**R:** Every week.

**S:** It plans. Reporter is like Fortune or Time. They'll publish an article on a timely event, but it's not like what happened last hour, or yesterday. They plan it, they research it. You're here talking to me now, you might publish this next week, in two weeks, it doesn't make any difference, you're doing the research on it. News and Events comes out every two weeks too. Now with the newspaper, my idea was that you would have it come out weekly.

**R:** Are you aware that Reporter is a weekly magazine?

**S:** I thought it came out every two weeks!

**R:** No, it's a weekly. Last Spring we had some problems with late printing, but it's a weekly magazine. Every Friday.

**S:** I guess I should know that because I read them every time they come out. It just seemed like it was every two weeks, but whatever it is, there is so many a quarter then. What is it, eight a quarter?

**R:** Well, one every Friday so..

**S:** Every week?

**R:** Every week. So ideally there should be 30 a year. And then Distorter, and a summer issue.

Let's get on another topic now, how about the alcohol policy? What's going on

What would you do if you were president of RIT?



"Work on campus relations. This campus is just so...dead."

-CHRIS WASS  
METALS, 3/4TH YEAR

What would you do if you were president of RIT?



"I would meet more with the students"

-NICOLE FENICHEL  
NUCLEAR MEDICINE  
TECHNOLOGY, 1ST YEAR

with that? They've revised it again this year. There seems to be a lot of confusion over it.

**S:** We have a new Vice-President now, she'll be taking a look at it. There is a tension between, do you say 'no drinking,' or, 'if there's drinking, its to be under very restrictive conditions.' Then you don't treat students who are over 21 as adults. Or do you say, as the original policy was, 'we're going to rely on students to be responsible for their own behavior,' and we will use education to talk about the dangers of alcohol abuse?

**R:** I think most people would support that type of policy.

**S:** But that's the kind of policy we have. The question is, what are the results? If you say this is what we do, and then as a result you have date rape, you have people jumping off buildings, or you have people going into the hospital with alcohol poisoning at an unacceptable rate, then something's got to change. So, we don't know if the policy will work. What we did was we put the policy in a year ago. We evaluated it, and the feeling was that the groups who said they would monitor it and be responsible for it weren't doing the job, they were abusing it.

**R:** That's not the policy's fault. It wasn't the policy, it was the implementation.

**S:** Well, yes, but then what do you do? You can say we have to tighten up the policy because we can't trust the people. The people said they would do it and they didn't. You can say, if you're not going to exercise control we'll put a police system in and we'll have somebody watching everybody. And you can't drink outside the dorms, you can only have so many kegs in a room with so many people, you have to check the ID's, and you get like a police state. Everybody is faced with this problem; you want to treat people like adults who will be responsible for their own actions, but if you have too many of them abusing themselves and ruining their lives, and in the process hurting other innocent bystanders. We can't tolerate that either. Parents send their kids here. We've got to give them some direction. We would like to

come down on the side of discretion. Let the students exercise responsibility. If you want to drink, fine. It's not against the law if you're 21 or over. If you're not 21, it's against the law, you obey the law, don't drink.



*What would you do if you were president of RIT?*

*"I'd eliminate tenure"*

-MARK CONGE  
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN, 4TH YEAR

**R:** But do you think it's RIT's responsibility to punish someone, who is a minor, who is caught drinking?

**S:** The policy is: if you are under 21 and you are caught drinking on campus the first time you get a warning. The second time you get a sanction/punishment. The third time you get expelled. We could do that.

**R:** Do you feel one of RIT's responsibilities is to enforce the NYS drug and alcohol laws?

**S:** I would say no. I don't think we should act as an enforcer. On the other hand, we cannot permit obvious violations of it. That would be derelict, that would be giving the wrong signals. I don't think we want to establish

RIT as a sanctuary for people who want to break the alcohol laws. It's one thing to actually go out and check on people, and I think we would stay away from that. It's another thing to turn your head and say it's none of our business. I guess the thing is, if someone is abusing somebody or abusing property, whether they're under alcohol or not, that's our business. We have to stop that.

*This interview was conducted September 21, 1993. Editing was done for space.*

—MARK NATALE

—STUDENT PHOTOS BY ED MESSENGER



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## Planning Meeting

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## What changes every twenty minutes and generally angers everyone on campus?

If you said the Rochester weather, you're close. If you said the RIT alcohol policy, you're right. As President Simone enters his second year at the helm of this respectable ship, one glaring problem looms on the horizon. Despite the fact that, seemingly every time we turn around a new alcohol policy is churned out of the administrative offices, underage consumption of alcohol remains a problem on campus. A problem with few workable answers.

Don't get me wrong. I'm underage, and I like to drink. So do most of my classmates. If the alcohol policy was written by the Freshman student body, I'm pretty sure that kegs and cases would be airlifted in the next day. And this is, obviously, what the administration wants to prevent. Not only do they feel a moral and legal responsibility to uphold New York State liquor laws, but they also want to preserve the integrity of this institution. I'm not against that. And talking to students on campus, they're not against it either. Nobody wants to give RIT a bad name. But no one wants to quit drinking, either. So we have a double standard.

And so does RIT. This fall, one of the very first presentations I went to was regarding alcohol policy. There, several imposing, official looking people droned on-and-on about the new, revised (we really mean it this time), this one's for keeps, alcohol policy. They warned us, they threatened us, and they pleaded with us. The message was simple. RIT was getting tough about alcohol. No more kegs, beer balls...nothing. Single-serving consumption at all times and no consumption if you

are under 21. President Simone, Campus Safety, and the powers that guide this fine university had drawn the line...and then promptly looked the other way. Those of us who had been scared enough to take precautions after the meeting quickly began to see exactly what we could get away with. Under twenty-one? Want to drink? No problem! It happens every weekend. In the dorms, in the fraternities, in the apartments, wherever people can find the space. Can't get the beer? No problem! Guys over 21 will buy for you or someone's always got a fake ID lying around. The word around campus is simple. Keep it to yourself, don't cause any trouble, and RIT doesn't care. What President Simone has written down and what he has enforced are two entirely different things.

I don't even think 50 percent of the student body knows what the alcohol policy has to say. It's a law that hasn't been backed up. Simone wants RIT to look

good. Students want to drink. Can we say double standard?

So what is the administration's next move? They could launch another policy, maybe even a stricter one. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if that's exactly what they did. But all the posturing, threatening, and lawmaking won't do a thing unless some sort of enforcing is started. Sure, the students know underage drinking is illegal. But when it's so easy to get away with, why stop?

Does RIT have a drinking problem? I don't know. But as a student here, I'd like to think that we don't. And if there was I wouldn't want to sacrifice my weekends to stop it. If the administration really wants to stop underage drinking, which I think is an unattainable goal, maybe they should concentrate on getting smarter, not tougher. Stop turning their backs and pretending not to see what really goes on here. End the ever changing and meaningless alcohol policy. Start by talking with us, find out how we feel, realize that we're not interested in damaging the school reputation any more than you are. And maybe we can reach a solution before it gets out of control. If a reasonable policy is realized, well then I'll drink to that!

—MATT MCNAMARA



Craig Ambrosia/Reporter

## *“Do you have a couple of minutes sir?”*

Today I had one of the worst experiences ever of my five years at the prestigious Rochester Institute of Technology.

I mean, to err is human, right? What happened to me today though represents more than a careless error. To me, it is RIT at its worst. It is a classic example of what has to change at this school before people can actually start to enjoy being here.

Here's what happened: When I plopped into a seat in a room in the Gleason building this first day of classes, the room was empty except for one other student. Nine o'clock came and went and no other people, or even the professor, had showed so we decided to go to the department office upstairs to see if the class had been switched to another room. No big deal.

Well, when we get to the office I asked the secretary if she knew where this particular professor was at the moment. “Why, he's in his office,” she said, pointing to his door.

“Hmmm,” I wondered, “why is he in his office if he has a section scheduled now?” So we knocked on his door and asked him.

“There is no second section,” he said, not bothering with any eye contact.

“But in the course catalog there is listed a second section at 9 o'clock,” I said, my voice a couple octaves higher than normal. I looked in the course listings again, and there was the section listed at 9 o'clock, in that room, with this professor. The professor glanced my way for one more second, muttered something about someone making a mistake, and then walked away, leaving me standing there with an unresolved conflict.

“Well this guy's a jerk,” I thought, “I'll ask the secretary for help.” So I asked, “Why is there a second section listed for this course if it doesn't exist?”

With a pleasant smile, but without even looking at the course book, she responded, “It's probably a misprint, we don't have any control over it. And then she started rambling on about how printing the course listings was like printing a church bulletin.

“But I based my whole schedule around getting in this nonexistent section”, I pleaded, “without it I'm screwed!”. And it was true. If I didn't get in this class this quarter, there would not be another chance to take it this year. And if I didn't take it this year, I wouldn't graduate.

“I'm sorry,” she said, with spread hands and with that pleasant smile still on her lips.

As my mind was racing with desperate thoughts, I saw the department head sitting in his office. “Ah,” I thought, “now if there is someone who can help me, it must be this guy. Don't mess around with the little guys, go right to the top!” I confidently walked to his office, poked my head in and said, “Do you have a couple of minutes sir? You see I have this prob...”

“No, I'm afraid I don't,” he said, and turned back to his computer terminal.

I was stunned, but reflex kept me from giving up too easily. “Just one minute? Please. I need help.” In retrospect, I believe I sounded like a polite wuss. In less than three sentences I explained my problem and asked if there was a possibility of opening another section.

“There is no possibility,” is all that came from this man, who was obviously too busy to be bothered with just a mere student.

And there you have it. In the span of approximately ten minutes I experienced the best of what RIT had to offer in academic assistance, and the worst they had to offer in human relations. From the unfriendly, indifferent professor, to the smiling, indifferent secretary, and finally to the busy, indifferent department head. Does anybody see a pattern here?

Out of three different people who I turned to for assistance, no one helped me. It didn't matter whether any of them could have helped me, it mattered that no one wanted to help me.

Sure, you could say maybe these people were just having a bad day, or maybe it's just my department. But is it? How many of you have had similar experiences? Here's a question to ask your-

self: If you knew someone [who you liked] who was graduating from high school and looking at different colleges, would you recommend RIT?

So this is what RIT represents to me: a cold, indifferent factory machine that takes the young from society and then grinds, mashes, and mixes them with orange and burnt umber food colorings until they've been compressed in a can and then slaps a self-adhesive diploma on them. And out they go down the factory line.

Now that I think about it, I can see that I'm not altogether blameless for this horror story of an academic experience I've found myself in. You see, I messed up, too. I chose RIT.

*This opinion piece was written with extreme prejudice by Mark Natale, a 5th year Electrical Engineering Technology product.*

## *Univer\$ity Club*

A little over a year into the term of Dr. Albert Simone, this giant of an institution known as RIT has found itself changed by the man who has taken over its reigns. Attempting to tame its wide array of bureaucratic boards, the king of strategic planning committees has helped the technical university try and cut down on middle management (an obstacle for many trying to accomplish student life improvements), enhanced students' I.D.'s to a more diverse form, and created progressive programs that allow faculty and staff to interact more intimately with the student body. One item, however, which generated a storm of protest only months ago, has lain dormant as of late, perhaps implying that its creation was hacked along with the other millions of dollars being cut in various departments to save RIT from drowning in financial debt. The item in question is Dr. Simone's proposed Faculty or University club, an upper-class eating establishment whose primary function is to act as a place for business transactions.

The truth, however, is that the Faculty Club was never tossed out or considered infeasible. While a number of voices have spoken out on the issue, perhaps the one that is loudest and most experienced belongs to James Bingham,

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Director of Food Services. "It would lose a lot of money," he stated in a telephone interview. Bingham, who once ran the defunct Clark Dining Room, speaks with the experience of handling an eating establishment catered to business clientele. While opened to everyone including the business community (the club proposed by Simone would require a membership fee that would most likely deter students) Clark was losing \$100,000 to \$130,000 a year, a hefty tab picked up by the institute, and ultimately the students. Currently, faculty and staff go off-campus to conduct business transactions, a practice which supposedly detracts from RIT's professional bearing.

In order to get a more objective study of how the Faculty club would impact RIT, a study was commissioned to a Maryland-based consulting firm, Birchfield Food Systems. While the draft report of this study is closed to outside eyes, James Bingham did comment that the study implied that the club would not be cost efficient, and therefore lose money that would have to be subsidized from other sources. Simone stated that while the Faculty Club is expected to lose money for the first five years, he was certain it would begin to pull its own and eventually turn a profit.

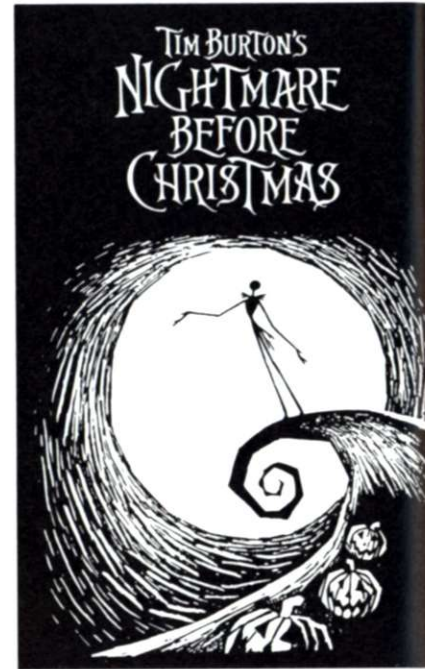
The two locations under serious consideration are the basement of the Bausch & Lomb building, and the current Clark Meeting Room, ghost-home of the former Clark Dining Room. While the Bausch & Lomb building would offer greater resources for parking and creative construction, the cost of renovating would be much higher than simply updating the old Clark Dining Room.

Although the Faculty Club issue has not appeared on the formal agenda of the Student Government, President Todd Delaney stated "There has been discussion back and forth among student government members. There is a widespread feeling that the general [student] society does not support the University club." And, on a personal note, he added, "I would oppose anything that's proposed to lose money."

In the end, however, the final decision rests with President Simone. As head of RIT, unless he encounters immense opposition from both student organizations and administrative heads, his is the final say.

## Greetings Moviegoers!

'Tis the season... for all sorts of strange and wonderful things. One of the most interesting of these happens to be the new movie by Tim Burton, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Nightmare is a seventy-six minute long claymation







When he wasn't singing, Jack was voiced by Chris Sarandon, who does a wonderful job with the character. Catherine O'Hara gives Sally a way to voice her love and longing for Jack, and does it quite well, too. There are also numerous other actors whom lend their vocal talents to the cast of clay characters in the film.

Tim Burton (he directed Edward Scissors Hands, Beetlejuice, and the Batman films) created this strange world years ago in a poem he wrote while working for Disney. It wasn't until now, though, that he has had a chance to bring his vision to the



enced. He goes out in search of this "something" and stumbles upon the door to Christmas Town. After visiting this winter wonderland, he returns to Halloween Town and begins plans to take over Christmas. He does and spices Christmas up by giving gifts like no one has ever seen before.

While this is the main story, there is also a secondary story line that fits beautifully with the main one. Sally, an odd creation by an equally odd mad scientist, longs to see the world outside of the castle in which she was brought up in. In one of her excursions into the outside world, she sees Jack and falls in love with him. Her search and discovery parallels Jack's to a point, but later acts as a way to gauge how far he has strayed from his path of good

screen. Oddly enough, this is a Disney film, just not your typical Disney film. Anyone who has liked Burton's prior work will find a lot of similarities between it and Nightmare, at least as far as design goes.

Anyone who has seen anything done previously with claymation (that's just about everyone!) will be amazed by this film's achievements with that medium. There is some very dramatic camera work during some of the musical numbers. I've never seen claymation look so amazingly good.

Now, don't go into this film expecting something that is action packed, riotously funny, or that'll scare you, if you do, you'll be disappointed. Nightmare is a film about discovery and correcting past mistakes. A film that shows the humanness of its characters. The story moves nicely, developing the characters to a point where they're believable.

My favorite line from the film (spoken by Jack Skellington): "I am the Pumpkin King!!"

My recommendation: If you want some awesome claymation, if you like Tim Burton's or Danny Elfman's work, if you want a well written and presented story, go see The Nightmare Before Christmas. I liked it and give it an eight on a scale from one to ten. Enjoy!

Until we meet again...

-CHRIS CONROY

film about Jack Skellington's search for something different other than the perpetual holiday of Halloween Town.

Here's the basic story:

Skellington is the mayor of Halloween Town, one of the holiday towns where everyday is a certain holiday. He enjoys his life but feels that there's something more to life than what he has experi-

intentions.

The entire story is moved along by several wonderful musical numbers written by Danny Elfman (he did the music for movies like Beetlejuice, Weird Science, and Batman films, as well as being leader of the band Oingo Boingo). Elfman also provided Jack Skellington with his singing voice.

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GET SOME-  
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**IF YOU DON'T GOT IT,  
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## Ode to New Plates

They say our school spirit is not quite the best.  
To boost our morale it's time to invest!

Not yourself, not your time,  
(though those things might be great.)  
Invest money, and you'll get this new license plate.

Seems our administration and the state DMV,  
Are selling new car tags marked for R I of T.

The colors are flashy and our logo looks nice,  
But can school morale stand this new item's price?

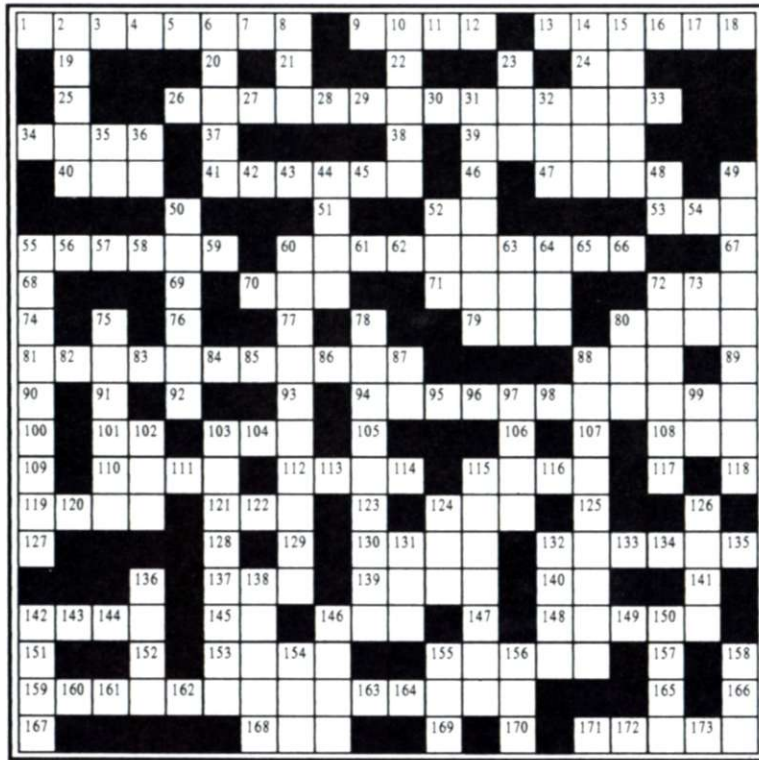
These RIT plates sure look slick, almost nifty,  
(provided you can blow 'bout \$59.50!)

And that's not quite all, for in one year you'll see,  
They'll charge 25 bucks, (for fun, annually.)

But the school gets some money  
and that's not a sin,  
If it fills up the holes where our budgets had been.

And as for school unity, this may not pay the bill,  
(how 'bout school-sponsored mixers on Liberty Hill!)

—GARY PETERS



### Across

1. Alabama
9. Questions
13. Kingdom
26. Maryland
34. Fruit
39. Of the eye
40. Listening device
41. Vermont
47. Dull pain
53. Animal park
55. Stretch
60. Texas
70. Alternative
71. Little bit
72. Depressed
79. 24 hours
80. Maine
81. Alaska
88. Parent
94. Minnesota
101. Negative
103. Cow talk
108. Lion sign
110. Party
112. Unfeeling
115. Fair
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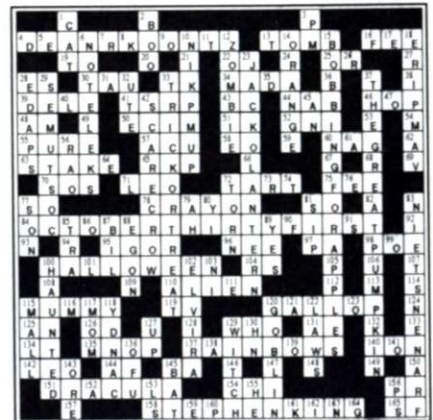
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2. Michigan
6. New Hampshire
10. Speaker
14. Songs
15. Delaware
23. Deadly snake
31. Virginia
36. Sir
44. Energy
49. Kentucky
50. New Jersey
52. Japanese sash
55. Kansas
60. See 60 across
64. No
72. Easy
73. Article
75. Florida
78. Colorado
80. Dad
88. Oklahoma
97. Not sweet
103. Mississippi
115. South Carolina
124. Pine tree
126. Utah
131. Spoil
132. Lids
136. Young adult

138. Of sound
142. Runway
146. Discount
150. Fire lover
154. Finish
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156. Island
158. Fifth month

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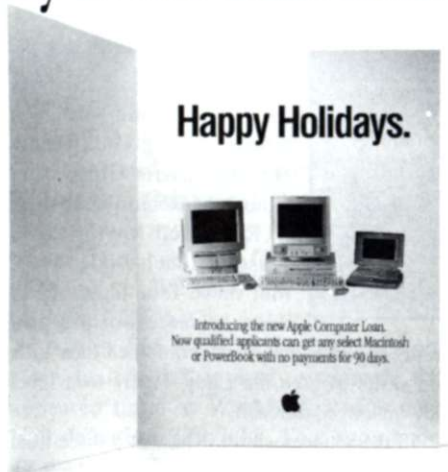
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# The Winding Road to NCAA's

It's been a long and winding road for the 1993 women's volleyball squad. With hopes of a similar season to that of their ones in the past, the bumps and grooves early in the season came unexpectedly. Rather than pushing them further from their goal of making the NCAA regional finals, these obstacles took them closer and beyond. With a combination of skillful coaching and teamwork, the RIT Lady Tigers began to believe.

Having been to the state finals, the 1993 Lady Tigers were no strangers to winning at this level of competition, but the regional finals and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Final Four was an ambiance they had yet to enter. Until this year...

When Coach Jim Lodes entered the RIT athletic program in 1991, he knew he was blessed with a team of overwhelming talent. With the pace for victory begun by former head coach Ben Guiliano, Lodes was preparing the squadron for an eventual seed in the NCAA semi-finals. Guiliano, now coaching at St.



Andrews University, compiled a record of 157-51 in his four-year stint at RIT. Through hard-work and the recruitment of great athletes, he handed Lodes a program ready to compete with the top schools in the country.

"I was very fortunate to step in after Ben. Not a lot of the philosophy changed. He had a winning program built and in place and we were able to take it to the next level."

Having been coached by Guiliano at Genesee Community College, Lodes combined their techniques to continue RIT on their path to success. This includes being six-time Empire Athletic Association (EAA) champions, placing in the top two in the last five New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA's) tournament, and receiving bids those years in the NCAA's. Not to mention their first NCAA win here at RIT, and their first ever trip to the NCAA Final Four.

What contributes to the great success of this group? Is it the coaching? The players? "In part, the administration has helped me put together a very competitive schedule. You can be the best coach in the world, but you need athletes that know what it takes and are willing to do it, and are willing to listen and commit to each other. That's what we had," states Coach Lodes proudly.

Although the values of the athletes on and off the court aided them tremendously, the team could not succeed without the guidance and support of the coaching staff. "Coach Lodes made us believe," Senior Kathy Neil says with pride. "He pushed us and had faith in what we could do."

In addition, Lodes feels there are four other reasons why the Lady Tigers had such an outstanding season: Seniors Liang Gaik Khaw 'Jeannie', Kris Gray, Julie Gibbs, and Robin Wambach.

Recruited for the 1990 season, Coach Lodes feels that these four ladies have been the success of this program. Together, they have combined their kills and skills to take the Lady Tigers to a level they've longed to reach.

In the setter position, Khaw is a three-time All-American and undoubtedly one of the most outstanding athletes ever to play in the program. "Jeannie is one of our best pure setters in the country at any level." Known for her everlasting smile, Khaw has contributed on and off



the court as a team motivator both athletically as well as academically, having been named twice as a GTE District 1 Academic All-American. "She is just a phenomenal player," says Lodes, "You never see her down, she's always focused and leading by example."

Gray was to be another deadly weapon. In her four years at RIT, she is also a three-time All-American and received national honors as a GTE Academic All-American. "In the three years I've had Kris, she's one of the best athletes ever," states Lodes, "She's super determined, hates to lose, and driven by success." As a team player, Gray has contributed her best to the RIT programs.

Setting the pace for the Lady Tigers were Wambach at outside-hitter and Gibbs at middle-blocker. Adding to the success of the team, both Gibbs and Wambach were named to the All-Conference and All-Region teams. "Robin has worked the hardest to become a great player from her sophomore year until now," Lodes says with confidence, "She has surely become a great defensive player." Lodes feels strongly about Gibbs leadership and motivational skills. "Julie is very upbeat. She penetrates on defense and passes well," says Lodes. In her four years as a starter for RIT, Gibbs has moved from a silent leader to a spark player. "When she was on, the team was on."

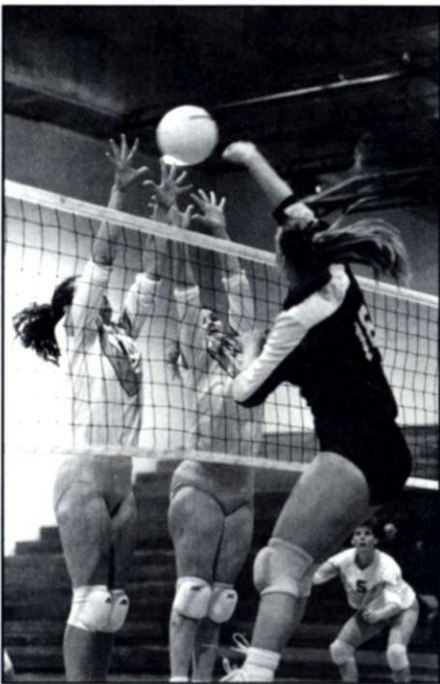
Lead by these four seniors, the entire squad worked hard to achieve their goals set at the start of the season. Coming off a 44-3 season in 1991, and a 51-6 season in 1992, the Lady Tigers were unfamiliar with losing and looked to have another successful season.

With two key losses to Ithaca College and the University of Rochester, the Tigers went down quickly at the start and began to realize that this year would be different from the last. "I kept telling them that with our schedule, we may lose more games this year, but we were

going to be a better team in the long run," notes Lodes, "They realized that UR and Ithaca were tough teams. They knew how it felt to lose, but more importantly, they knew how it felt to persevere."

Knowing this, RIT reassessed and gained a hard-nosed competitive edge, winning all of their matches except versus the top four teams in the nation, including every fifth match they played in. As captain, Gibbs felt the turnaround came through the team as a whole. "We all became team players, attitudes changed, we did what was best and started winning."

As the season continued, so did the teams success. After coming out with an 8-3 win/loss record at the start, they ended up with an over-



all 51-7 record. Coming out on top three weekends in a row at mid-season, the Lady Tigers started to believe and set their goals higher. "We made it a mission to try to go all the way, at least we had a shot." And give it a shot they did.

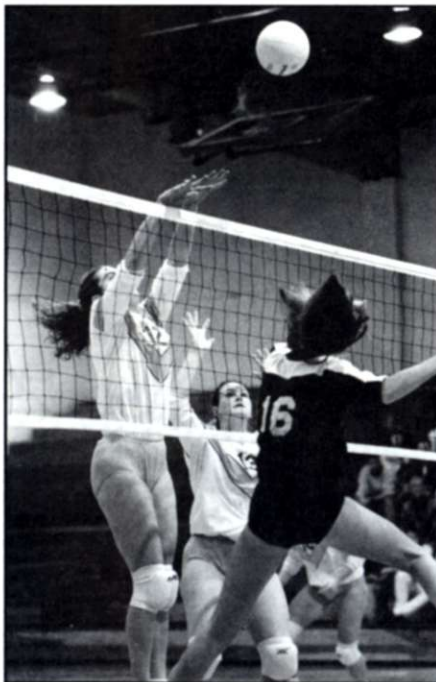
Headed by Coach Lodes and his assistants John Tuttle and Andrew Welkery, RIT played hard and went on to reach the NCAA semifinal round by advancing through the single elimination rounds of the Regional Tournament.

In the first round, the Lady Tigers faced SUNY Brockport at the Clark Gymnasium, defeating them in a five-game nail biter, in rally-scoring 19-17.

RIT was then selected to host the semifinals and the finals of the regional tournament. The Lady Tigers faced Bates College in the semifi-



nals. The match went only three games as RIT swept them 15-6, 15-8, 15-5. The following night, they went on to rematch with their cross-town rivals, the UR Yellowjackets. RIT downed UR in a stressful four game match, and packed their bags for the Final Four.



With their first match-up being against two-time defending National Champs Washington University, Coach Lodes felt his team was set. "We were focused in the locker room, we were focused at morning of the game. We knew the job that had to be done, I felt that we were ready."

Having lost 3-1 to Washington in a previous match, RIT looked to triumph. RIT appeared timid as Washington took a 1-0 lead defeating RIT 7-15. That soon ended as the Lady Tigers defeated Washington 15-12 in the second set, handing Washington their only loss for the weekend. RIT dropped the next two games, both by the score of 7-15. "A great team played

against another great team, and they won." sighs Lodes.

They would now go on to play in the consolation match against University of California at San Diego (UCSD), who lost to second place winners Juniata College. Having the grasp of a national title one night and vying for third place the next, it was a tough for both RIT as well as UCSD to get up for the consolation game the next day. "All four teams believe they have a shot at the title," says Lodes, "Two win and two lose. There's so much the team has worked for, and now the dream is over. In less than 24 hours, they're playing for third place. It was tough."

Yet the Lady Tigers bounced back from the disappointment faster than UCSD, acing them in five. RIT took the first two games handily 15-3, 15-9, with UCSD taking the next two. In rally scoring, the Lady Tigers were on a roll, defeating their opponent 15-8, clinching the third place spot. "It was an interesting coaching experience, having been my first consolation match." states Lodes, "We came out and played our best in a tough situation."

At the end of the night, Washington received their third consecutive NCAA Championship, Juniata took second, and RIT third. RIT returned home, disappointed that their dream of a national championship had not been achieved, but knowing that they are one of the best teams in the nation.

As the season came to a close, the long and winding road became smoother. Instead of reaching a dead-end, Coach Lodes feels that this season has paved the way for the RIT Lady Tigers to continue on. "I've been blessed with hard-working driven athletes that have become not only friends but part of a family." Lodes smiles. "We have definite potential to continue in this program and be in the top-ten. It will be interesting to see what happens from here."

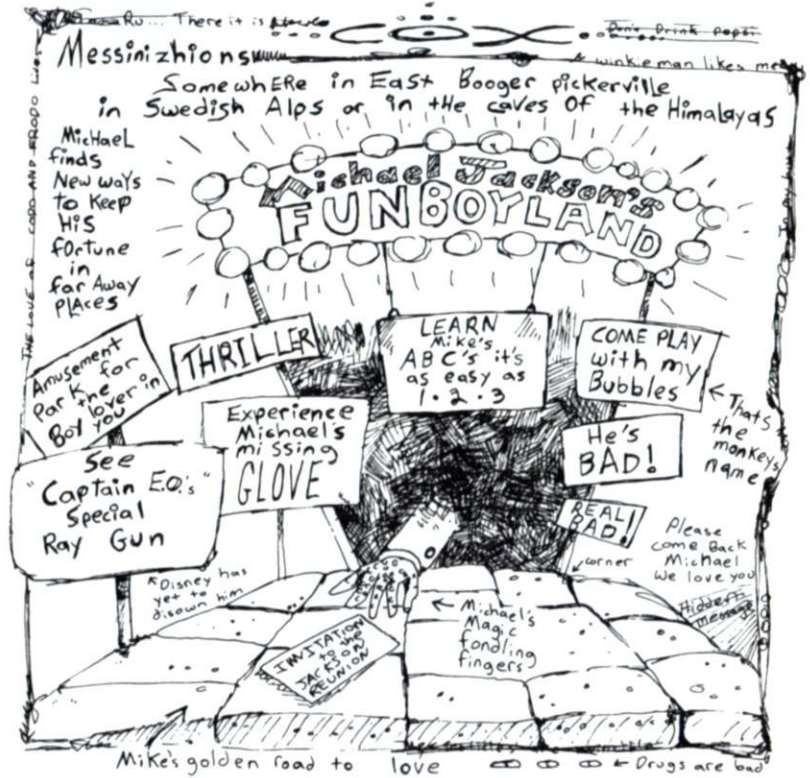
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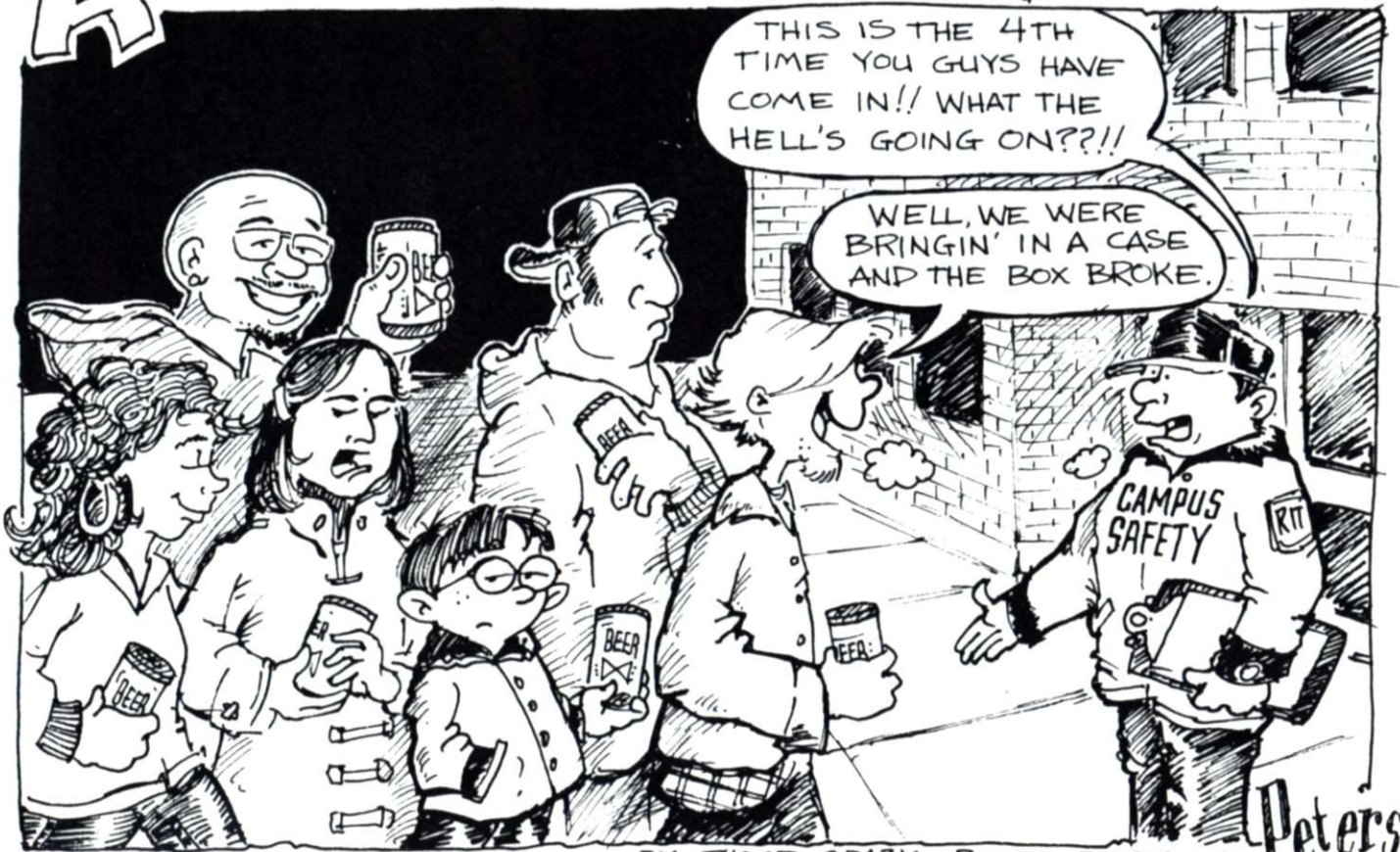
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-Mark Twain



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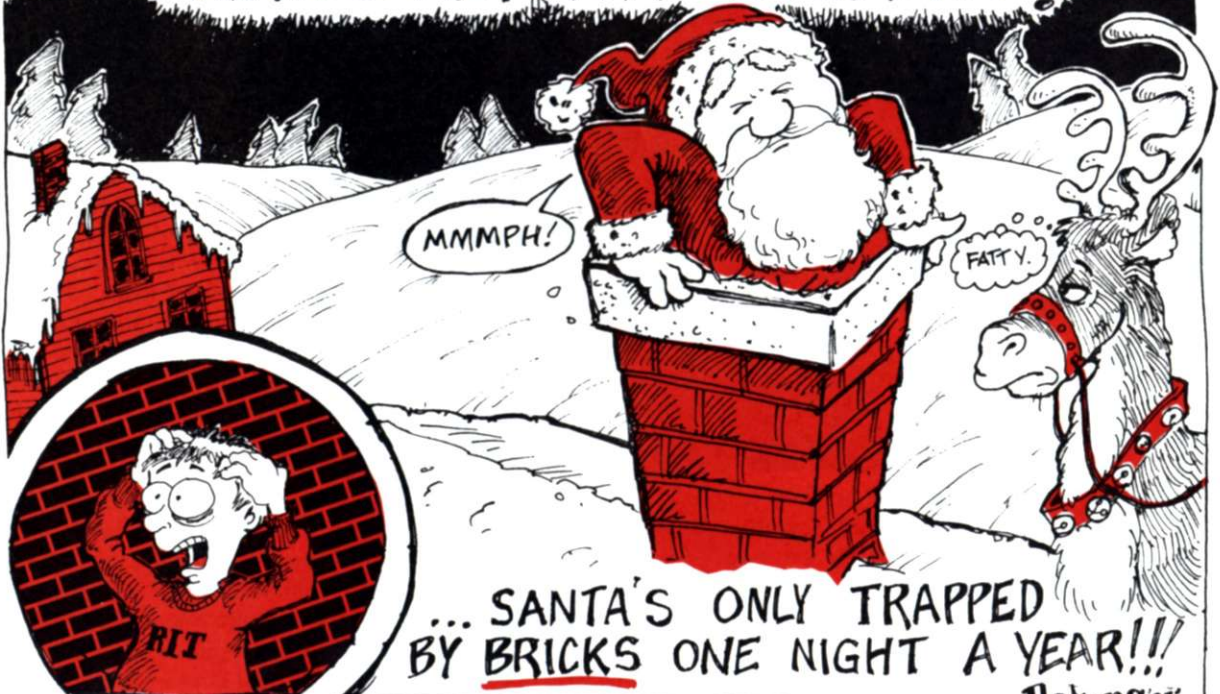
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# a Time for **GIVING**

*It's* that time of year again; the holiday season is upon us. Children bubble over with anticipation of one thing...presents! The older generations look forward to the valuable time spent visiting with friends and family they don't usually to see. Those of us caught somewhere in the middle are kept busy fighting our way through the mall, trying to get those last few important items. On the other hand, it's also the time of year when stress levels skyrocket and depression levels drop to their deepest levels. Too many children have no presents to open because their parents can't afford them. Many elderly people are in nursing homes and have no one to come and visit them. Many other people are just worrying about where they will sleep that night, something which many of us take for granted.

For many of these people it is good to know that there are others who are willing to help. There are many groups and organizations on the RIT campus working to make this holiday season more joyful for those who are less fortunate.

For the past three years, the brothers of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity have sponsored a drive for the homeless. They do two drives a year—one at Christmas and one at Easter. The brothers collect food, clothing, and money to benefit the Faith Temple Apostolic Community Outreach, which is located on the west side of downtown Rochester. The drive was originally started by Mother Washington from Faith Temple and is currently headed by Charlotte White. Dennis McGee from TKE said that the drives get more successful each year. This year, the brothers set up a collection table outside of Campus Connections, another collection site

in the Interfaith Center, and one at the TKE house. They also knocked on doors in the residence halls and apartments looking for donations. TKE advertised the drive over e-mail to get faculty and staff involved. According to McGee, the brothers collected over \$400 and more than a truckload of clothing after the first week. All of the goods will be delivered to the Faith Temple on December 18.

Another service project in its third year is the Baker/Colby/Gleason (BCG) quad's Adopt-a-Family program. The program is run annually by the Volunteers of America to help families meet needs during the holidays. Each family fills out a wish list of items that they need for the holidays, which are usually things that they use everyday.

The wish list is given to a sponsor who will try to get the requested items on the list and deliver them to the family. Steve Gustafson, Residence Halls Association's governor of BCG, coordinated this year's effort. Even though not as many families are being sponsored this year, Gustafson said that there is more emphasis on quality not quantity. This year, families added more "big ticket" items to their wish lists such as dinnerware and other house wares. The BCG quad is sponsoring five families and is encouraging each floor in the quad to raise at least \$50. The money raised will pay for things



such as food, house wares, clothing, and toys for the children.

Community Service ClubHouse (CSCH), another student organization on campus, has an ongoing mission to serve both the RIT and Rochester communities. CSCH is one of seven special interest houses in the RIT residence halls. On December 11, members helped out at the St. John's Home, a local elderly care facility. Members helped set up chairs and assist residents to a holiday concert last Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, the House volunteered at



a foster family Christmas party. This was followed by a party for Kids Adjusting Through Support, an organization which helps children whose parents have terminal illnesses. Both parties were held at the Holiday Inn. Some of the areas that members helped with include setting up, being Santa's helpers, making crafts with the children, serving food, and cleaning up afterwards. CSCH is also planning to go Christmas caroling at a nursing home on Saturday, December 18. After the holiday season is over, CSCH will continue serving the community. They are currently helping to plan a festival to promote youth literacy. This event will be sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Club and the Literacy Volunteers of America, along with donations from area vendors. The festival is scheduled to take place on February 19, 1994.

Students aren't the only ones lending a hand, the Co-op and Placement Office is donating time to the Sojourner House. Volunteers at the Sojourner House help out by cooking, reading, assisting with arts and crafts, and by playing activities with small groups of children. Other volunteers assist in sorting donations, displaying clothing, and helping clients.

Opportunities like these are open to all RIT students, faculty, and staff through the Department of Community Services. Marina Chianello, Coordinator of Community Services, sends out a newsletter each month called "The Volunteer Mart." The newsletter is "dedicated to informing the RIT community about volunteer opportunities." Some holiday opportunities include being a Special



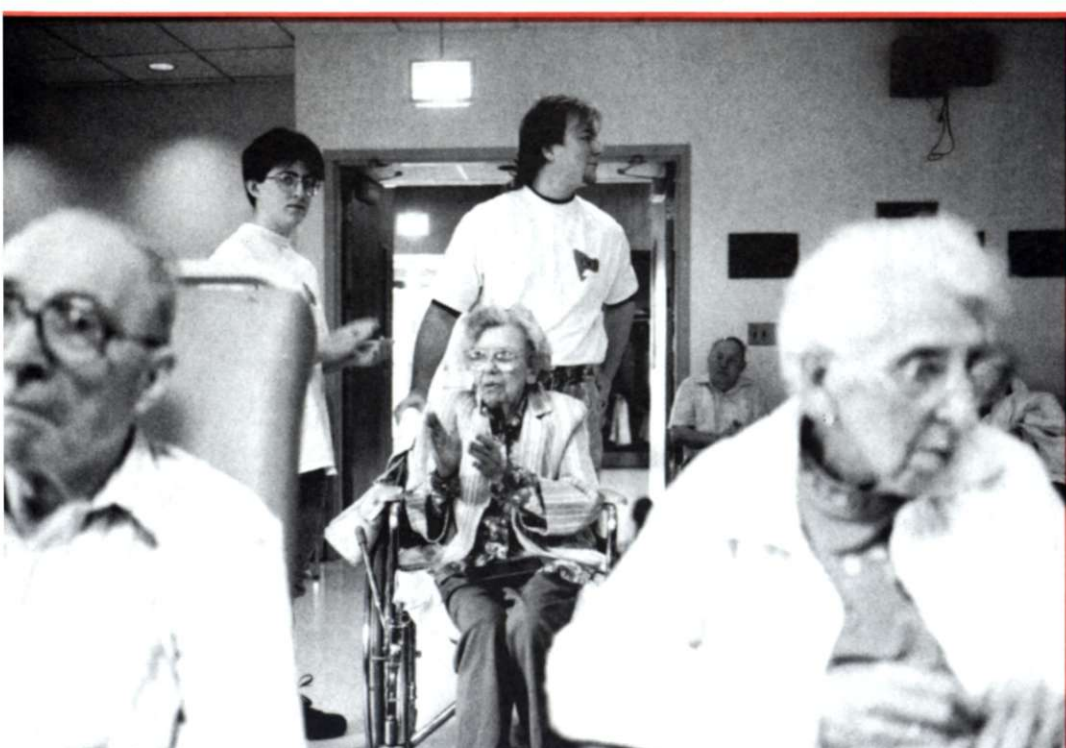
Santa at the Hillside Children's Center and wrapping gifts at the mall to benefit the March of Dimes. Ongoing service projects include helping out in soup kitchens, helping at the Francis Center for homeless men, and preparing meals for AIDS patients with AIDS Rochester.

Love Day, an annual event held on the RIT campus, will be held on February 8 this year. It is an event where area schoolchildren are invited on campus for a few hours to spend time and engage in activities with the RIT community. Activities can range from playing sports to making kites. It is just one of the many rewarding opportunities provided by the Community Services Department.

Community service benefits two people: the giver and the receiver. The need for volunteers is continually growing and changing. Volunteers are not given monetary compensation. Some would argue that they get instead is worth more: valuable life experience, a deep sense of accomplishment, and the opportunity to help. There are many opportunities for community service around the RIT campus; all it takes is a little time. In the spirit of the holidays, it is easy to think of others less fortunate, but the feeling most volunteers get from helping all year long is the greatest feeling of accomplishment.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved should contact Marina Chianello at Community Services, (716) 475-7047.

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# DOORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED:

## OPENING THE BARRIERS

Handicap students deal with barriers on a daily basis. In an effort to make life easier for these students, RIT began a project to install automatic door openers in all of the buildings on campus.

The American Disabilities Act (ADA) was the primary instigator of such barrier removal projects as automatic doors, wheelchair ramps, special bathroom facilities and other construction features for new and old buildings across the country.

"The first [automatic] doors were installed on the Johnson building three years ago," according to Jan Reich, director of Physical Plant. Reich, although not directly involved in the project, handles a large number of assignments and requests that come through Physical Plant.

Last year, doors were installed in the Student Alumni Union (SAU), Eastman, Ellingson, Peterson, Bell, and Hettie Shumway buildings. This year saw the addition of doors to Gibson and Sol Heumann Halls. More openers were installed in other buildings over the past month. "Our goal is to make every building on campus accessible to handicap individuals," Reich said. Accessibility, however, is not always perfect.

"If the clear area is not achieved, as was the case in Kate Gleason Hall (building nine), then the depth will not be enough to let a wheelchair into the vestibule and open the secondary doors," Reich explains. This problem was alleviated by allowing one button to control both doors simultaneously.

Height and clearance guidelines are set by the ADA. It is up to the institution to establish the appropriate type of door opener to use. Physical Plant had the option of using one of two main door

styles. One system relies on radio signals sent from an oversized operating button to activate the motor mechanism of the door. A second style requires the installation to be "hard-wired" into the existing building. The process of hardwiring uses physical cable run through the structure of the building from the button to the opening mechanism, making it more difficult and expensive to install in the masonry of an already existing building. RIT uses both forms of openers, but the majority are radio controlled.

Marty Becker, a three year facilities engineer for Physical Plant, has been installing the openers for the academic side of campus since project barrier removal began. "We're always working on some project for RIT," said Becker, "RIT funds were appropriated for barrier removal projects."

During late night closing hours, all doors on the academic side are locked including automatic doors. Before the installation of doors in residence halls took place, the use of locks for these doors presented a problem. Those handicapped by lack of motor skills might have a problem turning the key for these doors. The solution: electronic locks. This makes it easier for handicapped students to enter during late hours, but also presents a problem with building security during these times.

In theory, each building has a separate code for their automatic doors known only to disabled students. However, a number students on and off campus know how to get into the build



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ings when they want to see their friends. This is a particularly sensitive problem with Residence Life, although codes for the residence halls have changed only once since their installation.

No system is bound to be 100% fool proof, but Physical Plant is willing to do what they can to makes things work better. It is up to the student body to point out the problem. "We'd be more than willing to look into door specifications," said Reich.

—Alfred Penn



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**MAN ON THE STREET**

Which would you rather have at RIT,

# quarters <sup>or</sup> semesters?

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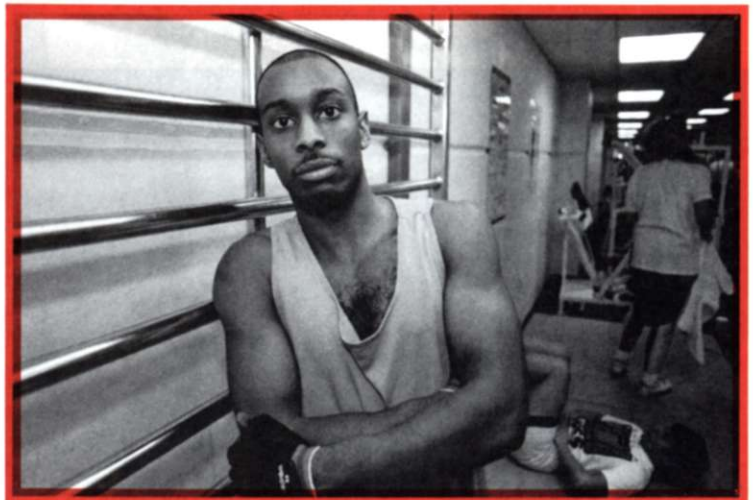


**"I like the quarter system better because you get more variety in classes. You don't have to worry about getting too bogged down in one thing."**

**-JEN HUBA**  
*Criminal Justice, 1st year*

**"I'm in favor of semesters basically because of the pace. I'm used to the quarter system already, but I don't think time would go as fast as in a quarter system, you know what I'm saying?"**

**-BRANDON HOWARD**  
*Telecommunications Technology Management, 4th year*



**MAN ON THE STREET**



**"Yes I have a preference: semesters. I'm having a hard time getting adjusted to the quarter system. I find it's much too fast paced. I feel overwhelmed here."**

**-DEBORAH NOWAK**  
*Medical Illustration, graduate*



**"Semesters would be better than quarters because you'd have more time to actually concentrate on the subjects. Over here you learn it for a quarter and then you forget it for the rest of your life."**

**-NAUMAN KHAN**  
*Biotechnology, 5<sup>th</sup> year*



**"I like the way RIT does the trimesters. You get so much more information. It's stressful, but it seems like you get more out of it."**

**-JON WORTHER**  
*Ceramics, 1<sup>st</sup> year*



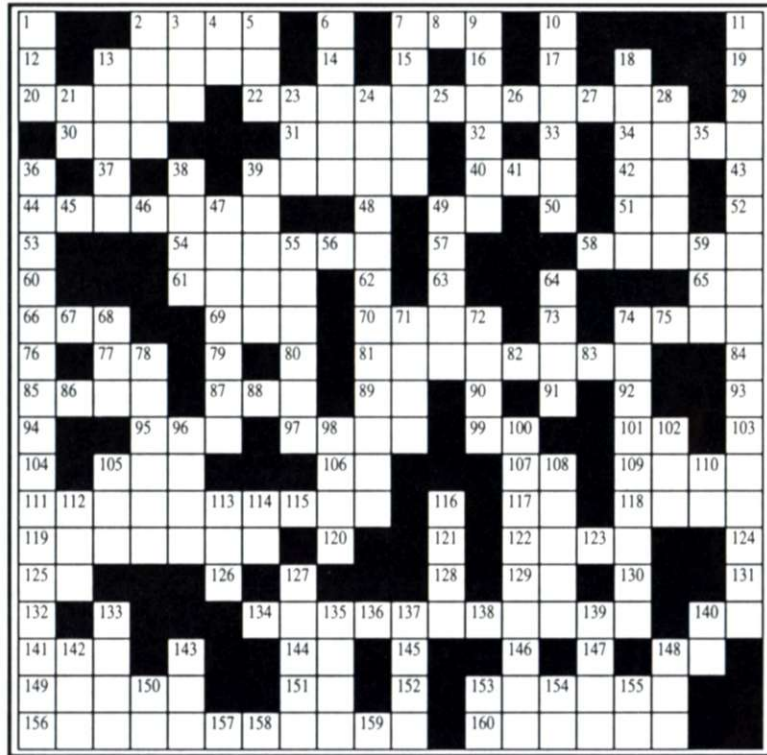
# CHRISTMAS EVE

It was Christmas Eve and I was sound asleep.  
But then I awoke, I needed to eat.  
I crawled out of bed, immediately scrambling for my slippers.  
I banged my head on my desk, and cut my hand with my nail clippers.  
Now with two problems, my hunger and my hand.  
I was becoming frustrated, like when it's hot and there's no fan.  
As I crept through the hallway, I tried not to make a sound.  
Instead I stubbed my toe on my brother's matchbox town.  
As I blessed him once or twice, I grabbed onto my foot.  
I smelt something weird, like smoke, ashes, or soot.  
I thought nothing of it and continued on my way.  
The kitchen door was open, just about halfway.  
I went in the kitchen, someone forgot to turn out the light.  
The fridge door was open, something just wasn't right.  
All the milk was gone, Santa's cookies were too.  
No one else was awake, except maybe you know who.  
But it couldn't be, someone was playing a trick.  
Everyone knows there's no Old Saint Nick.  
My hand was still cut, so I dressed it with a band-aid.  
Then I had a strange thought, do Santa's elves get paid.  
I heard something in the living room and then the falling of our tree.  
So I ran to the doorway, to see what I could see.  
He was a great big fat man and sort of a klutz.  
Sure enough it was Santa I couldn't believe my good luck.  
He looked at the tree and began to giggle.  
Then he shook his hiney and gave his nose a wiggle.  
Just then the tree moved and stood right up.  
Santa drank the rest of his milk and put down his cup.  
He set all the presents, under the tree on the ground.  
Then walked across the floor, without making a sound.  
As he stood by the chimney, to ascend to the roof,  
He rubbed something on his belt, a small reindeer hoof.  
Suddenly he shrunk, to the size of a newt.  
He looked really funny, in his small Santa suit.  
He shot up the chimney, like a bullet in a gun.  
Going up that fast, must be a whole lot of fun.  
I heard a thump and a thud, and a loud crashing noise.  
I think he sat on the gifts, for the girls and boys.  
I ran to the window, to watch him take off.  
I think I caught a cold, because I began to cough.  
As he took to the air, with his sled and his deer.  
I couldn't believe, that Santa was just here.  
I listened carefully, as Santa was leaving.  
He said:  
"Merry Christmas to everyone and don't stop believing!"

—Xavier



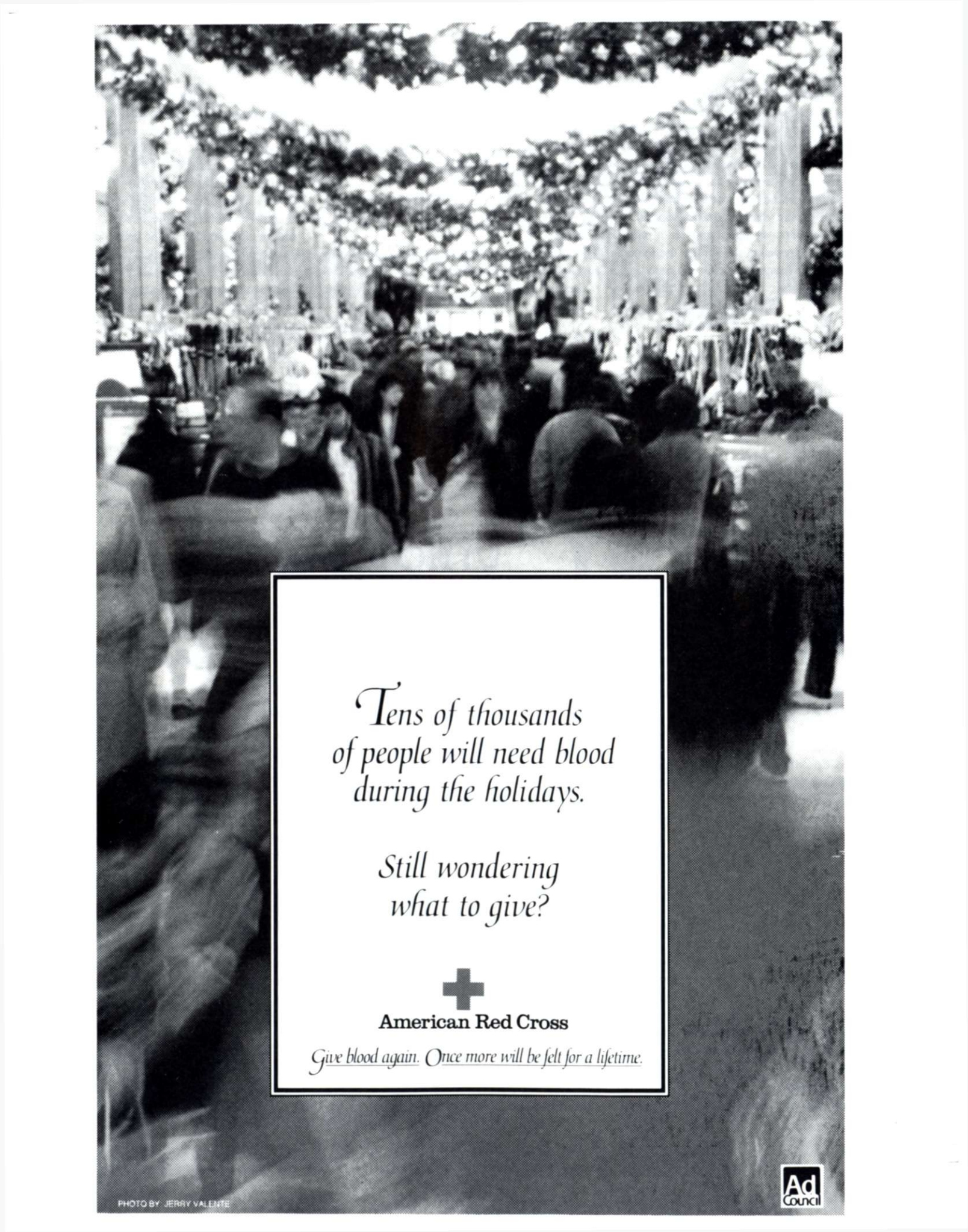
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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of people will need blood  
during the holidays.*

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what to give?*



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**Aaargh,** it's winter quarter, and the urge to nest with your neighbor starts to creep into your previously impenetrable psyche. Fall quarter was no big deal, you were scoping out the members of the opposite (or perhaps the same) sex and playing your little reindeer games. There were at least enough new students around to keep a person distracted and hopeful, yet unconcerned seriously about anyone in particular. With the farewell of the sun for the majority of the next five months, it's difficult not to let the mentality the gray, harsh, chilling-to-the-bone-climate set in. Suddenly, you find yourself alone in the vast sea of faces without someone warm to come home to, after a harrowing day of classes or work. You're soaking wet from freezing rain and ferocious winds have left you blurry-eyed and exhausted. It's hard not to want to have a body to collapse against, some intimate company in the lonely hours of isolation and boredom.

Now wasn't that compelling? Unfortunately, it's also starting to sound nauseatingly like a soap opera for shut-ins. True, winter quarter is a test of your strength of character, imperviousness to desperation, and endurance of cabin fever. And it does make one feel a bit lazy and sleepy, like just staying in bed all day. Yet, you don't even want to have to go through the trouble of trying to find someone to share that bed with you. During this limbo-like time, there are those of us who'd like nothing better than to wade through it all alone and unencumbered, without the worry of a relationship. The potential comfort of another person is canceled out by the drain of attention and energy that one may need to spend on that demanding job or challenging course load. Perhaps the idea of being cooped up with another person during the months one is most prone to a raging case of cabin fever is not everyone's idea of paradise, after all. Some of us have had it with intimate relationships in general, and certainly don't plan to have anything much to do with anyone in that context for a while. RIT has a way of depressing and disillusioning just about anyone, eventually.

It is the holiday season, however, and I would be remiss in my writing duties if I neglected to share some cheerful (well, not quite cheerful, but certainly not mean-spirited) sentiments. In this spirit of benevolent sarcasm, here's a few morsels of what I am not so crazy about, sort of like the opposite of those best-selling little books which tell you "14,000 things to be happy about".

I am not thankful for:

-the times when I can't get the last bit of the

toothpaste out of the tube.

-bad hair days, including "hat hair," too.

-syntax errors, or when the VAX crashes (all the guys on my floor get inconsolably grumpy and don't know what to do with themselves in the event of this sort of crisis).

-cassettes getting eaten and CDs that skip.

-cold drafts from dorm room windows that don't shut properly.

-rotary-dial telephones and the people (there are a few) who still insist on using them.

-Genny beer (sorry, but it's even worse than Piel's).

-8 a.m. classes that are mandatory and offered only at that time.

-fake wood grain paneling, on anything from a station wagon to a TV set.

## Further Rantings of a Cynical Girl



-fluorescent lights; how depressing, cold, and harsh can you make the room look?

-the 30 pieces of junk mail a day I get because I subscribe to 1 magazine that sold my name and address to every company under the sun.

-decaffeinated coffee (and for the same reason, non-alcoholic beer); I mean, what's the point?

-slush. Snow is fun, but slush is just dirty, ugly, and nasty.

-diet soda—yuck!

-infomercials ('nuff said).

-waiting in lines everywhere at RIT.

-runny, stuffy noses.

-pledge breaks on public TV. and radio stations.

-bones, strings, veins, and other mysterious scary things found in meat.

-bugs'n'insects'n'spiders. Whatever you call them, whatever crucial purpose they serve in the food chain, it doesn't lessen my revulsion towards creepy, crawly things.

-the price of textbooks, particularly in comparison with how much money you get back for them at the end of the quarter.

On the other hand, there are quite a few things that enhance and enrich my existence, just in case you thought I was completely joyless and cynical.

I am ever so thankful for:

-multi-colored Christmas lights. They're much more interesting than the plain white ones, and they make for great mood-lighting.

-caution tape (you know, the yellow plastic banners around construction sites). It's fun to cover your door with the stuff, and makes a great Halloween costume or artistic statement, should you decide to wrap yourself in it.

-fan-folded Post-It notes. You just can't imagine how much fun they are to play with.

-snooze alarms. Although I played snooze-alarm tag for 2 & 1/2 hours this morning, I did eventually get out of bed, and that's what counts.

-reclining chairs; they're the next best thing to a massage for an aching, tired back.

-Nintendo's Tetris, the perfect form of simple, mindless escapism and a great way to cope with all the problems you'd rather not think about. Also, it's better than TV. because there are no annoying commercials to intrude upon your escapist fantasy world.

-Redmond Aussie 3 Minute Miracle conditioner-whatever wretched shape you can get your hair into, this wonder-stuff can undo the damage.

-really cheesy movies, like the ones shown on Mystery Science Theater 3000. An especially bad movie I saw the other night was "Smokey Bites the Dust," it's worth a trip to the discount section at the video store.

-Beers of the World. You want it, they've got it.

-my walkman. I can stand just about anything (a 5 day bus trip, people screaming at each other right next to me, or the ever-tiresome walk back-and-forth across the 1/4 mile) solely because I can tune everything out and make it all seem like a harmless music video.

-silver tinsel (though toilet paper will suffice for decking the halls, since it's a lot cheaper).

-self-adhesive stamps. Now, if only self-adhesive envelopes were as easy and inexpensive to get.

-people who read Reporter.

-1-800 numbers (for those of you who can't afford to call 1-900 numbers).

-the few good men out there, whether I believe in their existence or not.

So that's my incomplete, but honest view of things. Have as much fun as you can in the week-and-a-half vacation we've been granted. Drink some champagne, watch some fireworks, or go see some concerts. And if you're lucky, when we return I'll share some of my New Years' resolutions.

-THE CYNICAL GIRL

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## PERSONALS

HEIDI- I'm waiting in the backyard of our Arizona trailer with a blue dog and a bone, until the sun comes rising and you find your way back home. You're not alone. What am I talking about? I don't even know. Love?

BEN- ...be home soon, Daddy loves you! JTW- Thank you for missing the engagement party to spend 30 seconds of fame with me. AML, KC!

To the "DOC"— Keep your cool on the ice! You know you're the best! Your secret fan MDS

Be my boy-toy! You know I love it! J.J. (woowoo!)

Hey Charlie Mendola— Good game on Saturday night. Leave me tickets at your home games! Those I promise to go to!! P.S. Congratulations to the whole team on winning the RIT Tournament! It's a good start for the season. I hope to see you guys in the finals! I'll be there! Love your loyal fan, Michele D. Smoot "Smooty"

"LITTLE"- Have I told you how proud I am of you? Happy Hanukkah! RLL, Kate Dear Jeff (5th floor Gleason)— I want to thank you for the times. Where did you learn to come like that? Boy, good thing I didn't have to look at you. I think it would be too much to handle. Well life goes on and so do I. Too bad you passed up a good thing. You know who this is....

To the RIT hockey team— I'm hooked and I can't stop!! NISHA

Lisa— Happy "21" on the 21st Love Shannon Cummybear— Been to any seedy motels lately?

To the 10 cent copy man— we loved your rendition of Mary had a Little Lamb!

Pete- Remember 16 is between the 7 and 8. Vass— Thanks for your support and lots of love! Lucky to have you. DCD!— Tara

Dave- Working with you is such an honor, Repro Staff

Jeff— Congratulations on the presidency, you'll be great and thank you for an incredi-

ble quarter, I missed you! Love, Laura John- I may not mention it often enough, but I do appreciate all the frequent flier miles you've racked up this month! Love, Kate! Hey-Hey-Hey How R you Peapod. Remember the muppet C.C. Wasn't that a great ending!!! When R we turning off the lights and act weird again.- Speedy

Dave P Dump the Bi@c@s and get a new one. Where are all the red markers Oh Katie has them. Damn writers

If you're both intoxicated who's to blame? Tufah

Shane are you missing something, besides down there

Stevie-what are you doing-n8 ps, we may have a gig at the Boulevard Cafe on the 26th.

hey christine, thanks i thought it was cute too.

Merry Christmas 165 Ho, ho,ho,ho,ho, if you know what I mean, Wham

Pufah Captain of the hair club for men V.P. Dave P.

Merry Christmas Amy Hope Santa brings you everything you want. He'll bring Peg all coal and Reindeer droppings.

Welcome back Amy, Rebecca, and Evan. Now get to work

165 Home or the mentally challenged Is it so wrong to be Held!!! Craig

To many HO's at our X-mas party Kate have a wonderful trip to mexico! Lv C.A. CONGRATULATIONS ZTA PC 10!

JENN G— How 'bout some cheesecake? Merry Christmas— to the boys of Phi Kappa Tau!

CONGRATULATIONS!— residents of raquet club! Looks like that slum has survived another week without falling down! Good luck next week!

JEN— You are over-zealous and over-bearing but dammit I love you! Do you love me?! Love, foxy-man

Honey, don't wait up for me, I won't be home until early Christmas Morning. See you then hot momma! Love Santa

HEY BOB!— if you ever touch my little sis again I'll beat your butt! You know I'll do it too!

TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE— I know you're washing your car with my tooth-brush. I saw the tire tracks in my sink. Quit it!

Charles Darwin Sucks! People in glass houses should dress in the basement.

I lost my poor meatball, when somebody sneezed!

26 etc... and therefors SEVEN shopping days left 'til Christmas! Whip out the plastic!

Hope everyone had a great Hannaukah!

TO THE GUY WHO— ran by Ellingson nude the other night... shave your back!

I want my pacifier! EGG NOG is a delicious way to say, "I love you!"

P.J.— Did you know that F.G.'s buddy was seen with Z.W.'s brother? I heard it from K.L. and she was there with F.U.

GRACIE— thanks for the feta funumal HEY!— When's the CLAW opening? RIT— I LOVE THIS PLACE! DO YOU WANNA MAKE MORE MONEY? of course we all do...

To all the rookies at reporter. . . SUCKERS. Carla, be home soon.

Hi mom.

mom, did you know we call her half-pint. Gary, who brought down the boards?

Mental health is a relative term. Who is living in my room? there is this weirdo living where I used to live.

Why don't you go read or something. Keep talking guys. Love pooky.

Smile if you feel funky. Guys on NRH 6th Floor South End; Lift the seat first!

Biker chick-biker chick! How much room is left. They haven't changed the packaging that much, it looks the same. What year was that.

Look at the cover. Oh my God. Check all the way down at the end. You may not want to stand on that little piece on the end.

'69. Summer of love. Those are the coolest sneakers I have ever seen in my life. I have to get them.

If anyone ever cut their face the way I mutilated my legs, I feel sorry for them.

This lack of sleep is better than drugs. The bricks are driving me crazy.

Gary - your glasses are in Dallas. Knock, Knock - Who's There - A.S. - A.S. took Michael J. to the GB oh yes he did. It has been a long time since he's been to one. When he was younger and in his prime he use to GB all the time.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way. Hey!

Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh. Hey!

Oh what fun it is to walk the quarter mile in windy, wet, slushy, cold, snowy, freezing, unbearable, crappy, sub-arctic, painful, frigid weather.

On the Twelfth day of Xmas my College gave to me:

Twelve pack of Genny.

Eleven years of loan payments.

Ten Overpriced textbooks.

Nine day old pizza.

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Seven pots of coffee.

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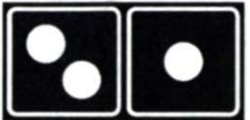
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