
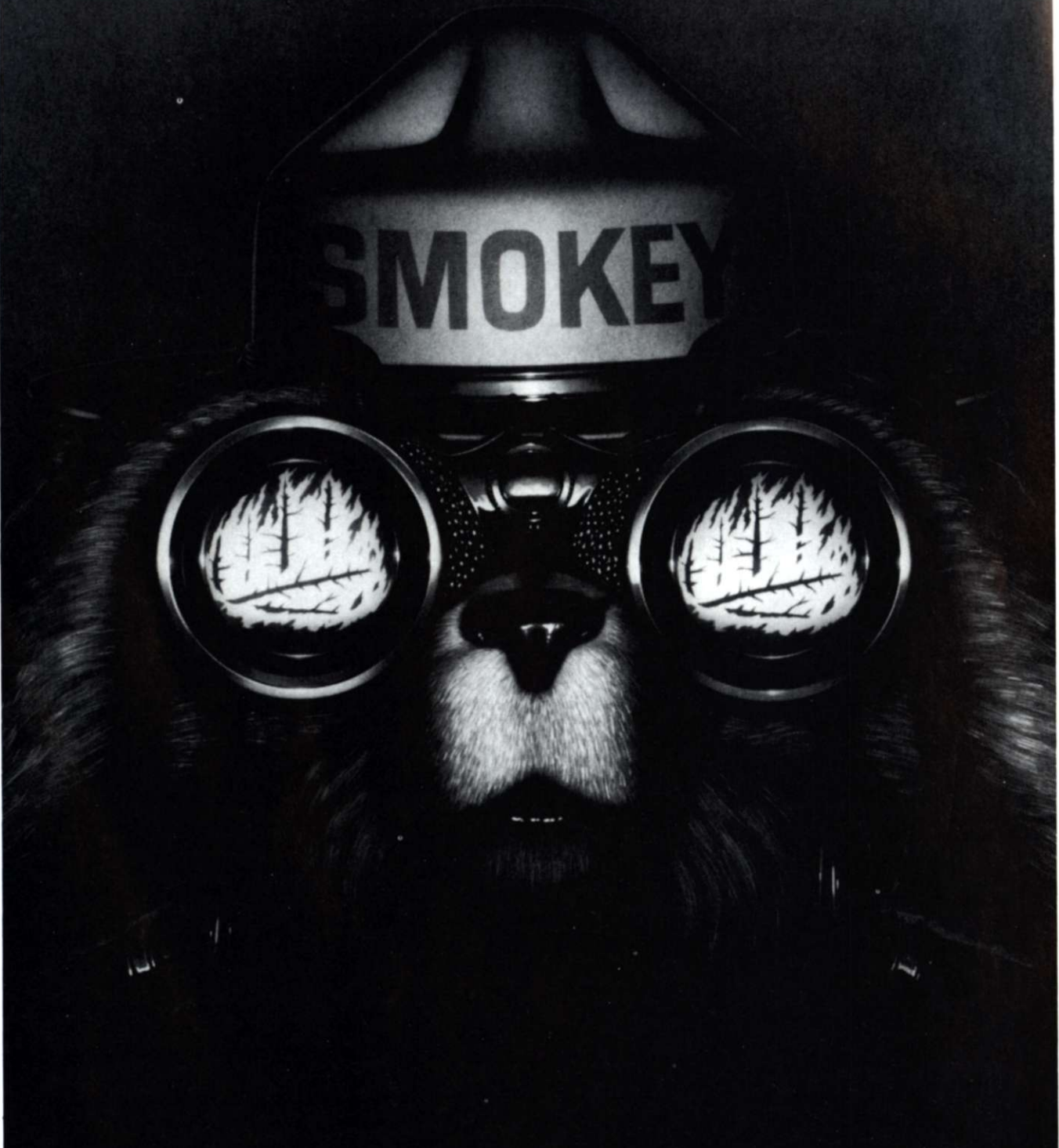


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## A Responsible Free Press

An article which appeared in the September 25, 1977 Democrat and Chronicle pitted responsibility against freedom of the press. An adjacent illustration depicted a two headed dog, one head barking ferociously. On the dog was written "Free Press." The caption stated, "If you want a watchdog to warn you of intruders...you must put up with a certain amount of mistaken barking." RIT has the benefits of a free and responsible press in REPORTER.

It sometimes happens in student journalism, as we spring into page after page of material, that the convictions of the college writer offend the less venture-some attitudes of the community. It might even effect the "image" of the community and the institute at large. Set loose upon the community, with a free outlet for expression, the enthusiastic writer can boast a shattering bark.

No matter how mismanaged the barking can turn out to be, we cannot deny the honesty of his vision. His seeking alone can be a gift of discussion. The community should not fear the bark, for it seldom involves the vicious intent of a bite. The student is often leashed by his own connection with the community and his devotion to the vision of what it could be. The word of his choice may often be in error, the spelling creative, and the comma a mere splice of incomplete thoughts but his vantage point is one of great consequence. Invariably thoughts of discontent rage through the heart of the community.

The responsibility to avoid deliberate harassment or cause community embarrassment lies in his hand. He must weigh the volume at which to bark. He must develop sensitivity regarding the community's right to hear the whole and not the

sensationalized word. These are his foremost concerns as he embarks to achieve his journalistic goals. At some points in the quest, it is necessary to consult for direction. He must have fair and trusted friends to guide his fury. These trusted friends must be wise in the ways of counsel and refrain from muzzling his efforts.

The freedom to choose direction is not the only concern. To truly advance, the freedom must also include that of honest mistakes when the effort to be heard is one of true conviction. The power of his bark to shatter often overshadows the purpose, which has been to protect and build. If we allow the fear of what he might tear down pen in his vigor, he will wither and forget his true master: the truth.

The pursuit of the truth is accompanied with an often critical idealistic vision. Some may call his tenacity naive, his vision flawed, and his bark misguided. Some may disregard his efforts, or refute his honor. But, the true measure of his worth is the echo of his bark.

Reporter is currently undergoing a self exploration, prompted by President Simone's concern for accountability. Firm suggestions have been made to achieve this measure of accountability by restructuring the process by which an Editor in Chief is selected. The ability for an advisory board to nominate and place the Editor is an avenue which President Simone has requested. While I feel the President has a responsibility to achieve the sense of accountability he desires, we at REPORTER desperately wish to retain the integrity of REPORTER as a free and responsible student publication.

—ROBERT N. WESCOTT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



## Quarters... Weather Or Not?

I think that all of us have heard at one time or another about psychological studies showing that this time of year tends to depress people. Whether its the stress of the holidays, the decreasing amount of daylight, the cold, or mass 'cabin-fever,' one need not look far around this campus to experience the winter-bummer phenomena. Waking up each and every day to sub-zero temperatures and another foot of snow, only to tread the quarter mile to another day of drudgery cannot be conducive to a consistently cheery attitude. But is all of this rotten weather the sole element affecting the majority of otherwise cheerful RIT students?

Fred is an RIT student. Fred goes home to spend the holiday break with his family and friends in Fred's hometown. Fred has a great time during his break and does all of the regular holiday celebrating, says good-bye to his friends attending other colleges (who incidentally are home for at least another week), and rushes back to sunny Henrietta for classes on January 3. So with the remnants of New Year's Eve still throbbing in Fred's head, he parks his butt in an RIT classroom for the remainder of winter quarter.

"How was everyone's holiday?" asks the grinning professor, and in the same breath says, "Here's a midterm."

The dreary long cold days of winter are here and along with them the longest quarter in the RIT academic year. Sometimes referred to as the "quarter from hell," the current ten week grading period has never been a particular favorite among the students at RIT. I find it a challenge to perform well during the current 10 week quarter system, but winter term seems to present an added challenge. I often wonder if RIT were to change to a semester system, like the majority of universities employ, what effect it would have on RIT as a whole.

Obviously, at this time of year, I think about the crazy break at Thanksgiving, a few weeks of school, and then another break for the December holidays. I realize there is definitely some difficulty in scheduling 10 week quarters. I also think that many students would also argue that chopping up this quarter creates unique

motivational problems. Aside from being rather put-off by the quick return from holiday merry-making, I also seem to have lost most of my 'fresh-quarter' momentum.

There are other little nasty hang-ups associated with the current quarter system. For instance, RIT students buy and eventually sell back more textbooks than students under a semester system. This may be great for Campus Connections (imagine the used textbook turn-around), but not so good for the RIT student.

The quarter system does save students from seemingly endless classes. I have spoken with students from other colleges who have been bored to tears with classes that seem drawn out and never-ending. Yet, as I sit in some classes here at RIT, I wonder if ripping through the material (the way some professors seem to) is really what I need. Sometimes I wonder exactly how much of the information I am studying I will actually retain for any lengthy amount of time. At RIT however, that may not matter. Students need only remember information long enough to regurgitate it on an exam and then move on to the next 10 weeks. Though I have been in classes where discussion has been the main means of learning, it seems near impossible to reach deep within many subjects during class time.

A majority of graduates would probably tell you that RIT did teach them one important skill—time management. It seems to be a case of sink or swim around this place. Freshmen and transfer students quickly learn that 10 weeks means get your nose to the grindstone and keep it there. What then is the downside to a little healthy academic stress? I cannot count the number of times I have heard people exclaim their dissatisfaction with campus life around this big brick pile. In fact, has it ever occurred to anyone that the reason school spirit is suffering may be that few people have time to change such things? The amount of time it takes to complain about such matters is rather easily found but when it comes to participating, time is sparse if available at all. Changing RIT over to a semester system may not change the status of school spirit but the existing schedule does little, if anything, to foster a sense of campus community.

Please, don't anyone reading this

hold your breath waiting for RIT to change over night. Should the powers that be ever decide to actually make the big switch, it would be a long and hard road to actually 'semesterize' this old lady. She's very set in her ways and probably would not consider any new fangled system worth the time, effort or (especially) the money. She may be right in that respect. Undoubtedly, overhauling the academic system would be reflected in the cost of tuition and there's been an abundance of budgetary cut-backs already this year.

For as much as people whine about this institution, it does have its saving graces. The facilities and faculty are first rate and the list of student organizations on campus reflects diversity and student involvement. Despite many of the problems with RIT, it is possible to receive a quality education here. The trick is to actually convince yourself (and Fred) of this as you wade through waist-deep snowdrifts during the longest and coldest quarter on the RIT calendar.

—GARY PETERS  
MANAGING EDITOR



# letters

## In the Name of the Lord

I am writing in reference to your article in the Halloween issue in which you interviewed a Satan worshipper and a witch. I am a Christian who has personal background in the occult. I have experimented on various levels with everything from psychokinesis to ESP to Seances, and had extensive involvement with the use of a Ouija board to contact spirits. In college, in 1986, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord over every area of my life, and came to understand the true danger of these practices.

The spiritual world is indeed real, and involvement with the occult is a serious offense in God's eyes. In Leviticus 20:27, He told the Israelites to punish people with these involvements by death. Deuteronomy 18:10-12 says:

*Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist who consults with the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.*

Notice that God doesn't place the above practices on a hierarchy of diminishing seriousness. They are all equally detestable in His eyes. Involvement in a seance or use of a Ouija board to contact the dead, using Tarot cards or astrology to interpret omens are just as offensive to Him as human sacrifice. Also, note that there is no distinction between black and white witchcraft. It all interferes with God's design and tampers with the spiritual world.

I also want to tell you it is indeed possible to believe in God and practice witchcraft and Satan worship. James 2:19 says, "You believe there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that -

and shudder." The difference is in who you decide to serve. Some day everyone will bow and recognize Jesus as Lord and the conqueror of evil. (Philippians 2:10). Why not acknowledge Him now on earth when it counts for eternity? It's a decision we all have to make, and "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

—SHEILA PUZIO

## A Simple Solution to Our Perplexing Problem

While walking down the quarter mile one day I said to myself, "Let's see how many people make eye contact with me as they walk by." I wasn't surprised to find out that of the endless stream of people that passed by, only about eight people could muster the strength to make eye contact. Everyone else seemed to be intensely captivated with the pavement or RIT's wondrous bricks to look in anyone's general direction (even I have been mesmerized by them from time to time). You say you can't believe only eight people made eye contact? Hey, don't take my word for it. try this little experiment yourself sometime.

Everyone seems to say that "RIT sucks." Guess what: it is what you make. RIT sucks because we suck at being friendly. Instead of making our slogan "RIT, where the students are as cold as the weather," let's try looking at each other in the eye and saying "Hi!" for a change. Before we enact an elaborate plan from the Strategic Planning Committee to bring about a sense of community, let's try flexing our facial muscles to smile and make each other feel welcome around here.

Here is my challenge to the RIT community: Say "Hi!" to at least one new person each day. At the worst, it will make someone else feel good. At best, you will make a new friend and a better RIT campus for all. If you can't handle doing this simple thing, good luck in the real world students of RIT. I bet none of you will be able to handle it. Prove me wrong, if you can. I'll be looking forward to saying "Hi" to you.

—TED ANDES  
EMEM-4

## Reporter Article

I'm writing this letter in regards to the story in the December 17,1993 issue of Reporter about "Perette Barella".

The student, "Ms" Barella, has gained an audience with the RIT public through REPORTER to voice "her" complaints about certain institute policies. Institute policies which dictate who is allowed to use gender-specific bathrooms. Due to Ms Barella's transsexuality, the process that "she" is undergoing to become a female, she is caught between two worlds. Biologically, "she" is still a male [possessing male genitalia], but mentally and emotionally [according to the article] female.

A brief background on myself. I'm from a very small town where "single-mindedness" is the rule rather than the exception. It was a difficult time for me during my first year at RIT because I had to adjust to many different lifestyles and attitudes. It is my opinion that everyone has the right to do as they please within the confines of the law and as long as they do not harm anyone else. On page 11, column 3, paragraph 3 of the Reporter article, it is stated that "At the time of the article, however, Barella appeared significantly female. HER PRESENCE IN A MALE BATHROOM COULD CAUSE A SERIOUS DISRUPTION, IF NOT PHYSICAL HARM TO HER." What was the author attempting to imply with this statement? Possibly that we, the male denizens of RIT have neither the "bilestoads" to be considered primates nor the ability to repress violence against someone outside our lifestyle. Thank goodness that I don't put much faith in statistics given by news agencies of any kind, else I would have an even poorer outlook on the world than I do now.

I would imagine that violence would not become much of a threat unless people are somehow antagonized by Ms Barella. The following is an excerpt from the VMS: Notes system:

*Classified : Note 2.26 Free for the taking!*

*< Mattress - Your bed or Mr. Dumpster's food? >  
Mattress in really sad shape. This came out of my barn when I moved here, I don't know where it came from before that. It is made of foam stuff, and folds in half pretty happily. It has been infected with transsexual germs, so I disclaim all responsibility of anyone who uses it deciding to get a sex change :). Anyway, it's probably better than sleeping on the floor. Though not much, but what do you get for free?*

*If interested, write to ##### or phone Perette at ###-####. The mattress will become Mr. Dumpster's lunch if no one wants it by holiday break.  
Perette*

Here we have a comment from Ms Barella that could be construed as antagonistic. "...Infected with transsexual germs..." What sort of infantile garbage is that??? I can remember in second grade when we would "disinfect" things ridden with "cooties" and "girl-germs", but I thought that the students here were relatively adult. Even the 10 year old student I see wandering campus is beyond that. This comment is "daring" someone to confront "her" with this.

My final comments are in regards to the "informal poll" that was conducted [I presume] by the Reporter Staff [page 12, column one, paragraph 3]. It was asked of 4 women how they would react to RIT allowing Ms Barella into the female-specific facilities prior to surgical alteration. I would like to ask those who gave this "survey" why they did not ask males how THEY would react to seeing someone in their male-specific facilities who is, by outward appearances, no longer entirely male and has no wishes to remain male. I have to ask a few questions:

1. If Ms. Barella is a woman in mind and at least partially in body [hormonal changes evident in the article photos] when does "she" truly become a "she" - i.e. no longer able to use male-specific facilities.

2. Ms. Barella is seeking womanhood. Does this include the pursuit of male sex-partners and if so - does this not produce some form of conflict with the concept of having gender-segregated facilities.

The intent of this letter is not meant to injure anyone. It is only meant to ask questions that I thought the Reporter Article missed and I [among several] considered important. Why was the Reporter staff so unfeeling that they not only neglected a LARGE portion of the RIT population but also accused them of harboring hostilities against a concept foreign to ours. Was it not written in the Admissions packets that RIT is concerned primarily with diversity of culture and ideas?!? And what happened to giving us the benefit of the doubt?

Responses are encouraged through the Reporter and not my E-mail. This should be a public discussion.

-WILLIAM B. ANDREWS  
5TH YEAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## **Eyebrows Raised by NTID Audit**

According to an audit issued on December 22 by the General Accounting Office (GOA), an investigative arm of Congress, NTID mishandled federal funds meant for the operation of the college. Questions were also raised about the discretion of some of NTID's expenditures, such as \$3,000 in liquor and \$5,400 in ceramic vases and jars meant for gifts. In addition, the GOA found that NTID had retained \$2.9 million in unspent federal funds between 1988 and 1992, which is in direct violation of an agreement that requires the college to return unused moneys to the U.S. Treasury.

NTID receives approximately 83% of its operating revenues from a direct appropriation by Congress. The college is required by law and a 1986 agreement with the government to spend federal funds for operational purposes only. In addition to the expenditures on ceramics and alcohol, the audit reported that NTID spent \$24,000 on meals at a single Rochester restaurant between 1990 and 1992.

"We cannot say for sure that NTID used any federal funds for these expenditures," said Linda G. Morra, the GOA's director of education and employment issues. "Some appear to have been imprudent because of the amount or type of expenditure." The primary reason why the GOA had difficulty making this determination is because NTID's accountants had "commingled" federal and nonfederal funds.

Since the audit, NTID and RIT have separated the accounting systems for federal funds and nonfederal funds at NTID. Administrators have also banned alcohol expenditures and set new guidelines for entertainment and gifts.

In response to another concern — the practice of using NTID funds to donate to nonprofit organizations, of which certain NTID administrators are officers — NTID has reexamined the list of nonprofit organizations, with which it will remain affiliated.

## **Clinton's Mother Dies at 70**

Shortly before 2:30 a.m. on January 7, a rumor-worn President Clinton was notified that his mother had quietly passed away of breast cancer in her Hot Springs, Arkansas home. She was 70 years old, and she had battled breast cancer since she was first diagnosed in 1990 when she underwent a radical mastectomy, hoping to rid herself of the disease.

Virginia Kelley was vivacious, flamboyant, and prone to playing the horses. In politics, she was undeniably her son's biggest fan. During Clinton's 1992 campaign, she was a familiar sight for voters, unabashedly cheering her son on towards the presidency. With Mrs. Kelley's unexpected death, Clinton has lost one of his most inspiring role models.

Even though she had lived through many hard times, Mrs. Kelley refused to be daunted. In 1992, she said, "I have this knack of putting bad things in the back of my head. Forget about them. I just get up every day and figure out how I can make it the best day of my life."

Shortly after World War II, Mrs. Kelley lost her first husband, William Blythe, the president's father, in an automobile accident. Two years after her husband's untimely death, Mrs. Kelley moved to New Orleans to specialize in anesthesia at Charity Hospital, leaving young Bill Clinton with her parents in Arkansas.

"He deserved the best," she said, "I wanted to be able to give him the best." Her son rejoined her after two years.

In 1950, she married Roger Clinton, who proved later to be a violent alcoholic. Clinton allegedly never abused his sons, but he did beat Virginia regularly until a 14 year old Bill Clinton forced his way into his parents' bedroom, and broke up a quarrel between the two, demanding, "Don't ever strike or lay a hand on my mother ever again. Not ever."

After Roger Clinton's death of cancer in 1967, Mrs. Kelley married Jeff Dwire,

who died of diabetes six short years later. She married Richard Kelley in 1982, and they moved into a small lake-side home in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Virginia Kelley's spirit never diminished, not even in 1984 during her youngest son's problems with narcotics and the law. Even after her body has been claimed by breast cancer, Virginia Kelley's spirit remains undiminished in her oldest son, Bill Clinton, and in the hearts of those who knew her.

NEWS COMPILED BY  
-KERSTIN GUNTHER

## Men's Hockey RIT 7, Ryerson 2

The RIT Men's Hockey squad defeated Ryerson Polytechnical University on Saturday in a scrappy 7-2 match at the Ritter Ice Arena.

The Tigers started off the scoring early in the first quarter with Todd Dougherty planting two back to back goals past the Ryerson goal tender assisted by Shawn Randall and Jay Murphy. Ryerson were able to answer for one, but Charlie Mendola topped it combining with D.J. Robinson and Chris Maybury scoring the eventual winning goal.

Ryerson could not compete with the skills of the Tigers scoring only one more for the game. RIT is now holds a 10-3-0 overall record and is 6th in the East Region as of Jan. 4.

## Men's Basketball RIT 76, Rensselaer 70

This past weekend, RIT traveled to take on two of their Empire Athletic Association (EAA) matches. In the first game versus the Rensselaer Polytech Institute (RPI) Engineers, the Tigers were out shot in the ending of the first half 38-30.

At the start of the second, Rensselaer went on to extend the lead to 14. The Tigers would not give as they outscored the Engineers 16-9, bringing themselves within one. RIT stole the lead with two foul shots by Sophomore Mike Wolf, making the score 63-62. Rensselaer fought back to tie it at 63 but the battle would stop there as Todd Paulauskas sank a lay-up to take the lead for good.

RIT went on to defeat the Engineers 76-70, setting them up for their next bout

versus the Hartwick Warriors. Senior Charlie Bartlett paced the Tigers with 16 points, 7 rebounds. Paulauskas followed scoring 15 and tearing down 11 boards.

## RIT 58, Hartwick 60

This second match would be a tough one as RIT looked to revenge their two EAA losses the previous year, robbing them of their first place position in the league. The revenge would not be so sweet as they went on to be defeated by the Warriors in a 58-60 nail biter.



*RIT's men's hockey team registered a TKO last Saturday as Ryerson gave up with over seven minutes remaining in the third period. The game was marred by numerous penalties, fighting, and game disqualifications. Photo Craig Ambrosio*

It was a tight game at the start with RIT trailing throughout the first half. Hartwick was on fire in the final minutes extending their lead to 13, ending the half 27-40. The Tigers would not let up fighting back in the second half, scoring 10 unanswered points, cutting the Warrior lead to 3.

RIT knotted it at 48 off of a lay-up by Freshman Craig Jones. Both teams volleyed for the lead but Hartwick gained possession off a RIT miss with seven seconds to go on the clock. The Tigers were able to cause a turnover with one second left to go, but time ran out handing the victory to Hartwick once again. Senior Des Allen lead the Tigers with 15 points, 5 rebounds. Todd Paulauskas added 12, and Jerone Boone and Jones pitched in for 9 apiece. RIT falls to 3-4, 1-1 in the EAA.

## Women's Basketball RIT 54, Rensselaer 71

This past weekend, the RIT Lady Tigers opened up in EAA play versus the Rensselaer Engineers. RIT played tough hanging with their opponent throughout the first half keeping themselves within nine at intermission.

Coming into the second, the Lady Tigers continued to hustle, but were out shot by the Engineers 33-41. Rensselaer exploded towards the final half of the game extending themselves to a 17 point victory. Maggie Gulley lead the way for RIT with 14 points, with fellow sophomore Amy Lute adding 13. Karen Provinski lead in rebounding, taking down 8.

## RIT 50, Hartwick 70

The Lady Tigers looked to go 1-1 for the weekend as they went on to contest the Hartwick Warriors this past Saturday. RIT came out on fire outscoring the Warriors 8-2. Down by four, Juniors Kathy Rice and Joan Nunziato combined for six points to take a two-point lead. They never trailed extending their lead to as much as 10. Hartwick retaliated, answering with nine, bringing them within one at the half.

Both teams vied for the lead at the start of the second, but the Warriors would triumph, catching the Lady Tigers off guard. Hartwick gained the victory leading by as much as 23. Maggie Gulley lead in scoring for RIT with 13 points, 7 rebounds. Karen Provinski played solid, taking down 11 rebounds. The Lady Tigers continue to struggle falling to 0-2 in the EAA, and 0-6 overall.

## Upcoming Home Events

### Men's Basketball

Chase Lincoln Tournament  
(Time and Place TBA, call x6154 for info.)

### Women's Basketball

1/15 vs. Nazareth 2 p.m.

### Women's Swimming

1/15 vs. Geneseo 1 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

1/19 vs. Cornell 7:30 p.m.



## “Dazed and Confused” Leaves One Bored and Annoyed

New Year's Eve, I went to see the movie “Dazed and Confused” with some friends at a discount theater, and amazingly, it wasn't even worth the \$2 admission. The place was full of loud people anticipating a good time and a wild film about the '70s and marijuana use. Instead, they left the theater disappointed and unsatisfied, having seen a most dull and shallow flick.

Where did we all get the impression that “Dazed and Confused” was going to be such a fun and interesting film? How could we have been so wrong? Well, the press kit for the film contained volumes of information about the rising popularity of pot and hemp products, and very little about the film. I guess that should have tipped me off that the quality of the film was secondary to the concept of capitalizing on the current trendiness of marijuana. Also, director Richard Linklater's last film, “Slacker” was so well-received that hopes were high for this picture. I haven't seen “Slacker,” but my friend who I went to see “Dazed and Confused” with has, and said “Slacker” was a great film. Go figure.

It's 1976, the last day of high school, and everyone smokes lots of dope. The seniors beat up and humiliate the prospective freshman as some sort of socially sanctioned hazing ritual for those who wish to be popular—a.k.a. “in.” The students drive around looking for parties so they can get stoned, drunk, and laid (or any combination of these).

The most appealing and interesting parts of the film are all the amusing artifacts of the 70s and people being openly stoned. There is no main character to follow, since the film follows about 20 or 30 people throughout the story. Most of the characters are not particularly likable, and I really didn't care what happened to them. There

was little development of their personalities, so it was hard to understand their motivations (especially that of the seniors beating so viciously on the younger students). Everyone came across as one-dimensional stereotypical cardboard cut-outs of human beings, and this was the only basis for some pathetic attempts at humor—at the expense of these teenage caricatures.

A movie like “Sixteen Candles” makes affectionate fun of teenagers, using blatant stereotypes, but it's funny. “Dazed and Confused” make their teenagers out to be basically unsympathetic twits, morons, and beasts. This approach alienates much of the audience and rarely succeeds in being funny. The few appealing characters left are such strangers to the viewer that they don't leave much of an impact.

The presence of and preoccupation with marijuana neither enhances nor detracts from this film—it's incidental, since the story is so lacking, being stoned would probably not improve one's experience with this movie. I really wanted to like this film, so sorry, but I can't recommend it in any way, shape, or form, other than the cool 70s tunes and the pure shock value of seeing people able to get away with making bong in shop class. One star (or pot leaf or rating point), just for audacity, guts, and good intentions.

## “The Piano” Performs Beautifully.

New Year's Day I went to see “the Piano,” which I had heard almost unanimously glowing praise for. This was one of those films that is worth the price of admission, even if it's seven or eight bucks. How can I do justice to this film, to convey what an intense and lovely film this was, without diminishing its impact or making it sound like something to be dismissed as an artsy “chick-flick?”

I liked it! It's been a long time since I've seen a film that was so thoroughly involving, with the exception of “The Fugitive” a few months back. This is not a “fun” movie, but it does a world of cathartic good for your soul. This is not an upbeat or happy or easy-to-understand movie. Instead, “The Piano” is compelling, sensual, and deeply meaningful.

A truly edifying and affecting emotional tapestry is woven from the story of Ada, a

19th-century English woman who has been voluntarily but mysteriously mute since she was a child.

She is sent to New Zealand to marry Stewart, a settler who is insensitive and clueless when dealing with emotional matters, not to mention people in general. The one great joy in Ada's life, and the means through which she expresses her passions is a piano, which is left on the beach by Stewart, who is unable to comprehend the importance of the instrument to Ada.

In contrast to the carelessness and interpersonal clumsiness of Stewart is Baines, who in his down-to-earth sensitivity tries to reach out to the standoffish Ada. Baines is the interpreter for the Maoris (the indigenous people of New Zealand, who have been treated similarly to our Native Americans) Stewart employs.

Ada is only communicative towards her young daughter, to whom she conveys her thoughts by hand gestures. Initially, both are aloof with Stewart, but the daughter's allegiance wavers while Ada remains uninterested in her husband. A lonely Baines offers Ada a part of her life back to her by retrieving the piano from the beach, bargaining with her for its return.

To say any more about the plot would be simplifying the wondrous intricacies of the story, and I can't stand reviews that explain the whole movie from beginning to end. Even if someone were to reveal the entire outline of the film to you, it would still be fascinating for you to see, so you can't use the excuse “I already know what it's about so why should I see it?”

Holly Hunter as Ada is an engagingly complex character, despite her silence—she says more with a pained or exultant look than many people can express through words. Stewart, as played by Sam Neill, is genuinely a prisoner of his lack of comprehension, but beneath this ineffectual exterior runs a brutal undercurrent. The triangle is completed by Harvey Keitel as Baines, who is enigmatic due to his sheer earnestness, and is appealing in a homely teddy bear sort of way.

The scenery is lushly filmed and seems as integral to the story as the dialogue. It's understated yet rife with meaning, as are all the other components of this movie. If I could, I'd give this movie 10 stars. It's definitely a 5 out of 5. You are seriously missing out if you skip “The Piano.”

—EMMA S. J. WALKER

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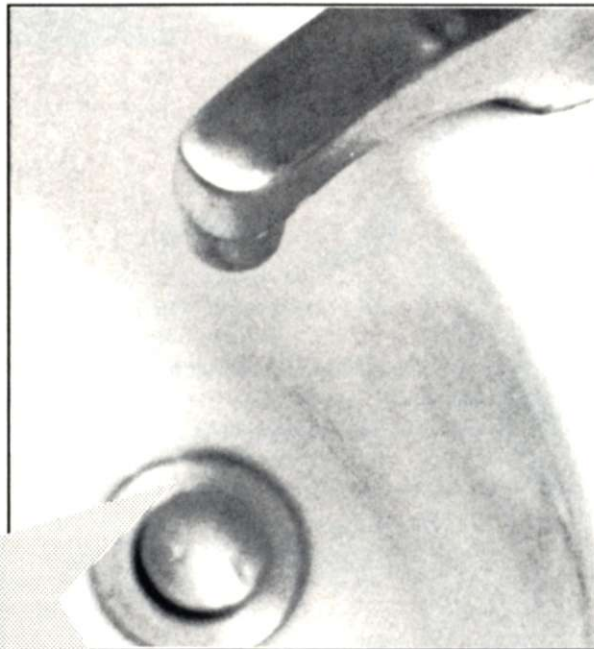
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## APRIL

•Distorter came out promptly on April 1. In this issue President Simone met the woman of his dreams, mutant cats invaded Riverknoll, moosechucking became the last word in RIT sports, and the president gave birth to a bouncing baby Barney?

•The Buffalo Bills visited RIT for the fourth annual benefit basketball game. All proceeds from the competition featuring "Air Simone" benefited the United Way.

•CAB presented Zap Momma and the 10,000 Maniacs for a Spring concert in Ritter Ice Arena.

•Tanya Cross is crowned Miss NTID.

•President Simone officially replaces M. Richard Rose in an inauguration ceremony held in Ritter Ice Arena.

•Meta, a drama written by RIT faculty member Patricia Durr, is presented in Panara Theatre April 15-18.

•Deborah E. Lipstadt, author of "Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on the Truth" and "Beyond Belief: The American Press" moved RIT to reflect on the holocaust and its effects on our lives.

•REPORTER asked the RIT "What is the Price of Liberty?" as it question the renovations of Liberty Hill, the inaugural festivities, and the proposed university club.



## MAY

•Staff Council holds its first elections.

•Keith Jenkins is announced as the new Faculty in Residence.

•For the first time, Spring jam is held in the residence halls. The event, traditionally held in the Racquet Club apartment complex, was held in the track and sponsored by BACC and the Off Campus Student Association (OCSA).

•President Simone addressed his first RIT graduating class.

•REPORTER's last issue is completely in color and features a student gallery. On the cover of this issue was Craig Ambrosio's "John Huedas."



## JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST

•In the midst of a heat wave that brought temperatures upwards of 90° Student Orientation Services (SOS) welcomed freshman to orientation sessions intended to introduce them to their new "homes."

•REPORTER features a freshman guide to welcome the new students to RIT.



## MARCH

•RIT mourns the death of Dr. Mark Ellingson, RIT's longest serving president (1936-1969), on February 12.

•The Women's Network broke the glass ceiling once again at the second annual women's conference. Titled "Women: Weaving Lives Together," the conference featured key note speaker Nancy Bloch, Director of the National Association of the Deaf.

•RIT's Women's Hockey Team captured their third consecutive Bowdoin Tournament.

•The men's hockey team finishes the season ranked fifth in the ECAC West division.

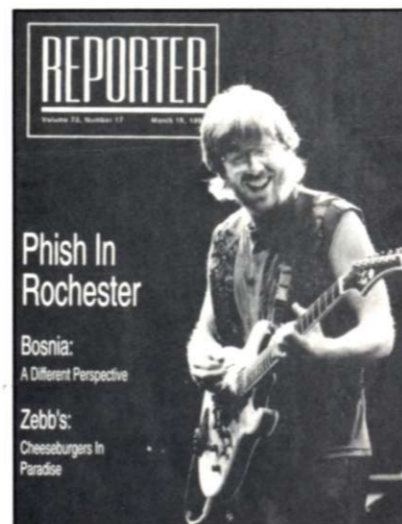
•We reflected on the horrors of Bosnia-Herzegovina during a day of reflection sponsored by RIT's Muslim Students Association.

•Our men's basketball team captured the ECAC title.

•The "Black Princess of Poetry" Nikki Giovanni addressed RIT courtesy of BACC and Black Sisters Working Toward New Goals (B'STRONG) to celebrate Women's history month.

•2,500 fans "swam" into Rochester's Auditorium theater to listen to the music talents of Phish.

•In REPORTER's color issue Rochester raved and fashion was in living color.



## FEBRUARY

•The Black Awareness Coordinating Committee (BACC) presents "New York Comedy Night" in Ingle Auditorium. "Support Black Comedy" is pasted across the chests of many audience members and laughs are stretched across faces.

•The College Activities Board (CAB) breaks into Mardi Gras with the likes of Paula Poundstone and Hugh Maskela.

•Black History Month was marked by BACC with the visit of Bobby Seale and Eldridge Cleaver, two former members of the Black Panther Party. They reflected on Martin Luther King, Jr. the civil rights movement, and race relations to a full crowd in Ingle Auditorium.

•New York City shook when a bomb devastated the World Trade Center.

•REPORTER celebrates Black history month covering Alpha Phi Alpha, Martin Luther King and the presence of Seale and Cleaver.



## JANUARY

•RIT's Men's Basketball Team wins the Brodie Tournament and places fifth in the Chase Scholarship Tourney.

•The nation watches as the White House is returned to the Democrats and William Jefferson Clinton becomes our new president.

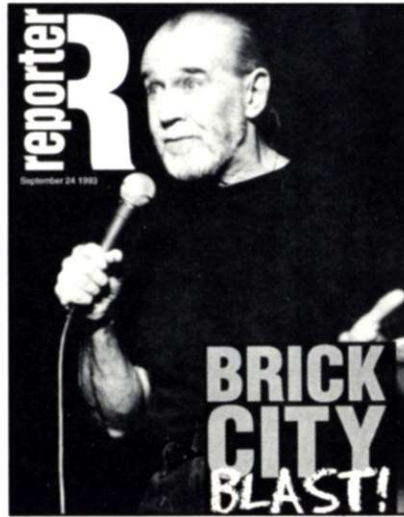
•Ophelia, by Jeff Wanshels, is presented at NTID's Panara Theatre.

•The Buffalo Bills lose their third consecutive Super Bowl game at the hands of the Dallas Cowboys.

•REPORTER covers Air Force ROTC, the SAE car's successes and the changes that lie ahead.

# 1993

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW



## SEPTEMBER

- RIT alcohol policy changes again.
- U.S. Postal Service issues a stamp commemorating Deaf Awareness week at NTID.
- Dr. Linda Kulk begins her tenure as RIT's new vice president of student affairs.
- RIT celebrates the silver anniversary of the Henrietta campus. Twenty five years ago RIT made "the big move" that drew RIT out of the city and into Henrietta.
- 14 students are injured during ROTC training at Fort Drum. During the training session their convoy truck flipped and many students were sent to the hospital.
- "GRIOT NEW YORK" comes to Eastman Theatre featuring Wynton Marsalis, Garth Fagon, and Martin Puryear.
- CAB's Brick City Blast featured the entertainment of both Kevin Nealon and George Carlin.
- REPORTER eats and raves in its guide to Rochester.



## OCTOBER

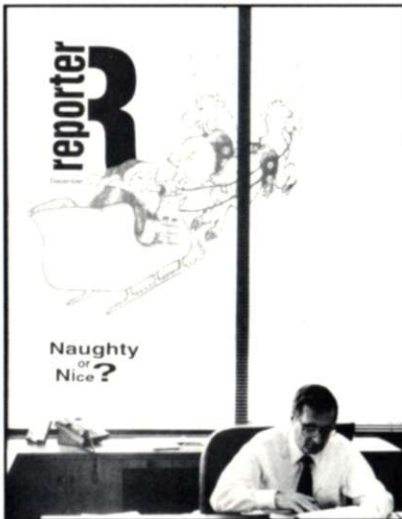
- RUDICON 9 draws gamers and role players from all over the state to RIT's Student Union Cafeteria.
- The Miser is presented in Panara Theatre.
- October 21 at 11p.m. the floor at the Horizontal Boogie Bar collapses during a Bosstones show.
- U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best College Values" lists RIT among the top 10 discounted values in Northern regional universities.
- REPORTER's Halloween Issue features everything from witchcraft to ouija boards.



## DECEMBER

- The holiday season brings out the compassionate and giving side of RIT, as REPORTER highlights the numerous community service projects on campus.
- REPORTER asks whether President Simone's has been "Naughty or Nice."

—KATHLEEN M. COLE



## NOVEMBER

- Rochester elects a new mayor: Democrat William A. Johnson.
- Molefi Asante presents "Toward a New American Vision: A Society of renewal" in Ingle Auditorium.
- Buffalo Bills quarterback, Jim Kelly, announces that his football camp will be moved from St. Bonaventure to RIT this summer. The camp, which teaches young boys the skills it takes to be a good football player and scholar, outgrew its home at St. Bonaventure.
- The women's volleyball team takes third in the NCAA championships.
- REPORTER dedicates an issue to the hottest topic on college campuses today—SEXUALITY and RELATIONSHIPS! Everything you ever wanted to know about birth control, specialty stores, sexual assault, Dr. Ruth, and homosexuality was located in those 48 pages.



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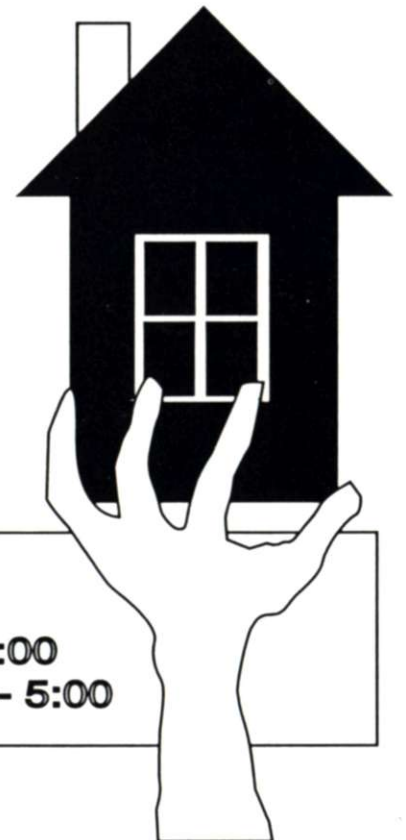
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**O**n March 25th, 1992, the RIT Policy Council voted on a motion to change the calendar format from the present quarter system to semesters. The motion was narrowly defeated, 12-16. Eight members of the 28 person council were students, including the president and vice-president of Student Government. Six of those students voted against the motion, that is, in favor of the quarter system. Had the faculty and administration alone voted, you and I would most likely be in the midst of the grand upheaval of RIT's calendar system. Perhaps, instead of returning to campus after break, picking up in the middle of a course, and digesting the material in seven weeks, we would be returning to a new semester, with 15 weeks of relaxed learning ahead. In fact, we might not even be here. Many schools on the semester calendar are on break for another week or two. Think of it! Instead of reading this article, basking in the gloom of the Rochester clouds, you would be at home, most likely asleep, or maybe in Florida visiting Daytona. At least, I would be.

Even though that motion to change was defeated almost two years ago, the debate of whether or not to change from quarters to semesters remains. But this is a funny debate. Usually, when a motion for change or reform is begun on a college campus, including RIT, it is the student body who is demanding change. Such was the case when the school moved in 1968 and with the construction of the Student Life Center just a few years ago. But this debate is being sparked not by the students, but by the faculty and, in part, the administration. If the faculty had their way, we'd have been on semesters for some time now. A survey conducted in 1990 revealed that semester systems were "favored or strongly favored" by 62% of the faculty, 42% approved of a late start quarter (more on that in a moment) and only 24% approved of the current system.

Why? The conversion from quarters to semesters would wreak havoc with scheduling and courses, require a complete revision of all courses and course descriptions, and require more course preparations for faculty per term with about the same contact hours. If someone offered to take your computer, rename all the files, scramble your memory around, and then ask you to be as productive as before, you'd take them to Gleason and toss 'em off the clock, right? But the faculty are pushing for just that kind of a move, because they realize that these problems, while challenging, would be only temporary.

The advantages of semesters would eliminate many of the problems quarters bring us. A 15 week semester would allow for more depth of coverage than our 10 week quarters, with more time for projects, guest lecturers, and so on. The textbooks we use are written primarily for semester-length courses. Departmental organizations would be more effective due to reduced turnover. Students would be able to retain more information, given a longer period of time to absorb it. Suspended students could be notified before they begin the next term's classes, rather than after,

as is often the unfortunate situation here. And, as this is fresh in our memory, semesters would eliminate a split winter quarter, which some faculty members view as tough to teach around. Also, from a student's perspective, it is difficult to take three weeks of courses, stop, go home and forget everything, and then pick up again without falling behind.

In addition to this, there are other reasons why the students might prefer semesters over quarters. Right off the monetary bat, we would have to purchase fewer textbooks. And along with that, we would only have to register for courses twice a year. If for no other reason than to avoid the hassle, annoyance, and feats of juggling registration brings, I'm all for semesters. Then not only would we receive a decent holiday break, but our entire calendar would be in synch with the majority of the colleges. I mean, does it really seem right that we get more time off for Thanksgiving than we did for Christmas and New Year's? And having a spring break in February? February?! While some of my friends will be going to Daytona or Mardi Gras I'll be headed for the lovely winter winds of Cleveland, Ohio, where spring is illegal until April. It seems like every time we go on break, my friends at other colleges are going back, or vice versa.

Plus, the process of transferring students would be much easier under semesters than quarters. As of 1990, 57% of all colleges were on the Early Semester system, which is the one you are all familiar with, and the number is growing. Only 24% were on quarters, and that percentage is falling, at the rate of around 10 per year. If there are three times as many colleges on semesters than quarters, shouldn't RIT join their ranks, if only to improve the transfer of students, records, grades, guest speakers, etc.?

Before you go flipping to the back of the magazine searching for the Dominos coupons, realize that the semester and quarter calendars are not the only options RIT has considered. In fact, several have entered the running. Early quarters is, I suppose, the proper name of the system we are on now. Late quarters, which I mentioned earlier, go by the same 10 week, four term format, but the fall quarter does not begin until late September, or even early October. This eliminates the split win-

ter quarter, but does have the disadvantage that spring quarter would extend into the middle of June. Despite having commencement as late as June 18th, more schools are on late quarters rather than RIT's early quarter system, including Stanford, The University of Cincinnati, and Ohio State. Traditional semesters are along these same lines, having the same format as early semesters but starting much later. This not only creates a split semester, with the holiday break in the way, but also confines students to school though June. No, thanks!

Trimesters, which I had previously thought had something to do with pregnancy, is a system of three 14 week terms. This system allows students to take basically the same courses in the summer as in the fall and winter, whereas in semesters, a 10 week period in the summer provides for only part time courses, and limited housing. But this system is only used by a handful of colleges, and has never really been considered an option by RIT. Another system, known as "4-1-4", exists, but unfortunately we at the Reporter have no idea what it is supposed to mean. It crops up occasionally in statistical charts and graphs, but is never really explained in any of the Policy Council reports, so we'll just assume that it isn't a very good idea. At the very least, it has a silly name.

RIT, by the way, has not always been on the quarter system. Prior to 1954-55, the Institute was on semesters. And after that, the administration bounced back and forth between late and early start quarters, before changing to early start quarters for good in 1976. While many other schools on quarters have switched to semesters, including sixty-one in 1988-89 alone, RIT has steadfastly clung to its system. In the 1990 report of the Calendar Task Force committee, schools identified as RIT competitors were researched to determine which system they used. Syracuse, Clarkson, RPI, Cornell, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Binghamton, Penn State, SUNY Geneseo, Alfred, and Boston University all are on semesters. Of all the schools identified by the committee, only one, Northeastern, was found to be on quarters.

The 15 week semesters would allow more time for students to catch up if they are absent, or just fall behind a little in their courses. The longer time blocks could foster a better sense of community and school spirit,

# To Change or Not to Change?

something which many feel has been lacking the past few years. The "revolving door" phenomenon sometimes brought on by quarters is all too impersonal and does not always allow for student-teacher interaction. We just don't have time to get to know one another. Less turnover would also mean better effectiveness of student organizations and clubs. Plus, there is often a hurried feeling students experience

during quarters, sometimes being forced to absorb 15 weeks of material in 10. The length of semesters would do much to relieve this.

So, you're just about to ask, why don't we switch? Why have we been muddled down in an old system when a better one is right there? Well, there are some legitimate concerns with the semester system. Several small groups have campaigned

System	Percentage
Colleges Under Early Semesters System	57%
Quarter System	24%
Other	19%

**Colleges Under Early Semesters System**  
**57%**

against semesters for different reasons. Many of the engineering faculty, for example, favor quarters because the co-op blocks would be difficult to work with in a shortened summer. In fact, all the co-op programs, a cornerstone of this school's teaching philosophy, would have to be redone, not always to the better. Each college has its own agenda, some preferring longer blocks, some shorter. Plus, a student poll taken indicates that the graduate and part-time enrollment at RIT would decline, largely because those students prefer a shorter period of classes. The number of electives that could be offered through each department would fall, and the amount of time necessary to complete graduate and part time programs would rise. There would also be a greater loss of time and effort should a student have to repeat a course or term.

Despite these problems, RIT would have probably changed to semesters long ago had it been possible for the president to snap his fingers and cause the change. However, the potential conversion from quarters to semesters would not only take much longer, it would be very expensive. In a period of financial instability, RIT would have to set aside between 50 to 75 million dollars for conversion. At least 15 years would be required to rewrite all of the school files to fit semesters. Every grade record, schedule, and course listing would have to be rewritten and reprogrammed, along with many other systems. Financial aid, school employment, food services, everything down to custodial schedules would have to be changed inside RIT's ever-growing computer network. Several conversion courses would have to be written to accommodate those students caught in the middle of change; in fact, for four or five years, the school would be operating on two different schedules, waiting for the students on quarters to finish up as the new students, on semesters, come in. RIT faces enough problems already: substandard housing; poor allocation of resources; need of better facilities; and so forth. We can ill afford to donate too much of our time and energy, much less our money, to convert to semesters. Tuition would likely go up, but hey, what's new?

But waiting for better days won't help. As the years pass and the computer files grow, more and more time and money will have to be spent to make the change to semesters, a change which, in the long run, is in the best interests of the school. There will never be a better time than now to change. It would force teachers to revise as they rewrite their curricula, hopefully improving them. More of the students RIT has lost before might be interested in a school beginning a new chapter in its history. Remember, it was fellow students who voted to stay with quarters four years ago. We're the only ones holding this back. If you care about the future of the school, care about this after you lunge for the pizza coupons.

—MATT  
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BRYANT GRAHAM

**A**s most of the RIT community was making plans and preparing to spend time with their families during the holidays, history was being made. RIT's Pan-Hellenic Council Chartering Ceremony was held on Saturday, December 18, 1993, in the Fireside Lounge. The RIT Pan-Hellenic Council is a collegiate chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is the official coordinating agency for eight historically Black, international fraternities and sororities. These organizations include: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Kappa

Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.. The NPHC, which was founded in 1930, at Howard University in Washington D.C. to help strengthen and advance the fraternity and sorority movement, is comprised of 1.5

million members and is one of the largest Black international organizations in the world. These organizations have a profound commitment to providing community service and helping to uplift public welfare.

The objectives of the National Pan-Hellenic Council are to: (1) Provide a forum for discussing the common cultural heritage of the NPHC organizations; (2) provide coordination for NPHC organizations' (a) programs and (b) other items of mutual concern to allow the most effective use of our scarce resources; (3) interact with other Greek organizations and associations to discuss items of common interest to the general college community; and (4) foster an understanding of the structure and methods of operations among affiliate organizations, and other Greek governing bodies.

The ceremony itself was short but very interesting and entertaining; especially to those who aren't Greek and/or do not know much about Greek life. The guest speaker of the ceremony was Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. member and National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. Eastern Regional Director, Otto Williams.

The ceremony began with a representative of the six black fraternities and sororities on the RIT campus (There weren't any representatives of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. or Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at the ceremony) entering the room. Karen James, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Graduate Assistant of the

RIT Pan-Hellenic Council began by discussing the different meanings of the candles. Each candle had a different meaning. For example, one of the candles represented love.

Otto Williams stressed repeatedly to the six organizations as well as to the audience that a "House divided cannot and will not stand." He went on to discuss that in May of 1930, the National Pan-Hellenic was formed because the existing black fraternities and sororities felt as though they needed to join rank with each other; hoping that it would strengthen and advance the Black fraternity and sorority movement.

Each organization then lit a candle that represented each of the organizations individually. After a brief prayer led by Otto Williams, each organization recited their hymns. This was perhaps the most entertaining aspect of the entire ceremony. Those who aren't Greek would have appreciated the type of bond and cohesiveness that was displayed as the members of each organization sang aloud with pride and confidence.

One would have thought that this ceremony would have been attended by Blacks only because it was for the Black fraternities and sororities. However, the audience was diverse with white fraternity and sorority members, non-Greek members, as well as faculty and staff. It looked as though the unity that Greek organizations often talk about having was present, regardless of race.

Otto Williams issued a challenge to the members of the

RIT Pan-Hellenic Council before he concluded the ceremony. He challenged them to get together with the white Greek organizations and plan and design events together as a whole.

Racquel Robinson, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, feels, "This is the official beginning of a bond which will last forever between Black fraternities and sororities at RIT and which much is expected of us. But we will definitely deliver."

Collene Lawhorn, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., says that, "NPHC has been needed on the RIT campus for a long time. Already from the short period of time we've been working together as a team, we have had very positive results. Even if those results can't always be seen by the RIT community, it definitely provides a more enriching environment for the members of the participating organizations."

The NPHC plans on accomplishing all of their goals. The RIT Pan-Hellenic Council anticipates a year full of educational programs concerning diversity among the RIT community, such as Project Clean-up, scholarships, community service, and much more.

To learn more about the RIT Pan-Hellenic council contact Karen James, NPHC Graduate Assistant at 475-5796 or Chris Driver, President of the RIT Pan-Hellenic Council, at 475-3446.

**MAN ON THE STREET**

Are you in favor of allowing

**cohabitation**<sup>in</sup>  
the **RIT** apartments?

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**"If people are old enough to live on their own, they should be allowed to do what they want."**

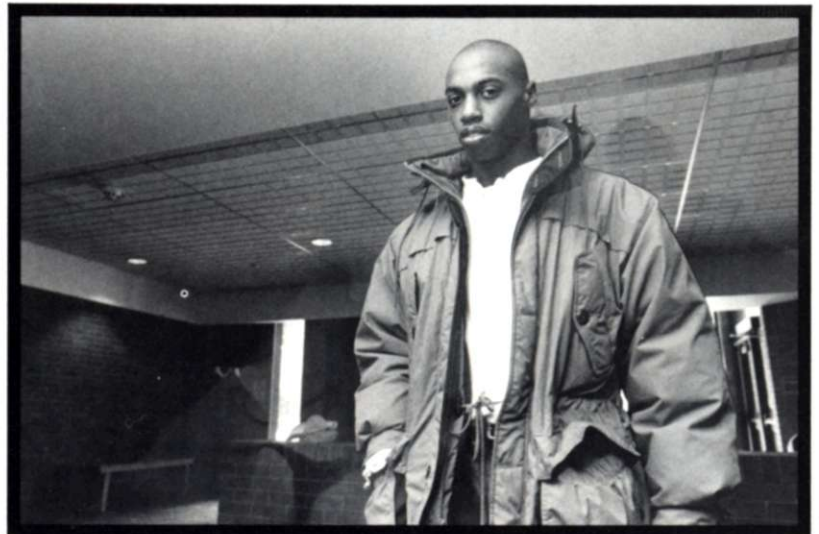
**-Jon Stolberg**

*Industrial Engineering, 4th year*

**"I don't see any problems with it. I knew a girl who lived in the apartments with two other guys and there was no problem, everything worked out."**

**-Dwight Robinson**

*Illustration, 3rd year*



## MAN ON THE STREET



**"I look at it from two different perspectives. Looking at it from the student's perspective, it would seem like cohabitation is a great thing. Looking at it from my perspective, as a staffer involved with the Campus Ministries, I think there are problems involved with cohabitation that a lot of times the students don't see, because the whole idea is so appealing to them.**

**-Father Jim**  
*Campus Ministries*

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**"Oh that's fine by me. I'd do it."**  
**-Aidan Hoide**  
*Industrial Design,*  
*1st year*



**"I've had a bad experience with my roommate, she wanted to have her boyfriend move in, and I disagreed with it. So I don't like the idea, I think it's better this way."**

**-Shasta Fhaiesarin**  
*Civil Engineering Tech, 4th year*

**"Well, considering the fact that my dad is paying for the rent, I probably wouldn't."**

**-Vaishali Joshi**

*Applied Math, 3rd year*



**"We don't have a problem with it. It's up to the individual students if they want to do it."**

**-Mark Raiser(Left)**

*Hotel, 5th year*

**-Richard May(Right)**

*Food Marketing, 3rd year*

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Did you make any New Year's resolutions? If you answered yes, then I commend you on your continued devotion to high ideals, goal-oriented behavior, and adherence to meaningless social norms. If you answered no, then good for you! We all know no one (well, maybe there are about three people) ever sticks to these things anyway (at least not for long, and not without a lot of misery and guilt before finally giving up). Just because you have to get used to dating all your stuff "1994" instead of "1993" does not mean you are up to any major, sweeping lifestyle changes (especially ones that call for strenuous self-improvement measures). Come on, think how difficult it is to get used to writing the correct year when you're making out checks — and you think you can master all your forbidden vices and bad

deprived and miserable (that's what jobs, classes, bills, and certain people are for).

Just for the heck of it, I thought of some resolutions we should all make (some may apply to you, others may not). But they are only suggestions, since the whole idea is pretty useless and stupid anyway. However, you might see something in my list that you really do identify with, a small change in your life that it just never occurred to you to make. Now, wouldn't that be nice?

## Cynical Girl



### Have A Cynical New Year!

habits? Yeah, right! We all have vast resources of self-control and self-discipline that are just waiting 'til that holiday season for us to call upon them.

The concept of making these resolutions is noble indeed, but is January 1st going to find you a new and better person compared to December 31st? I'd hope for a minimal hangover and leave it at that. True, some people find that the occasion of a milestone day (like their birthday, anniversary, or the new year) really does help to cement their intentions and make one feel like the slate can be wiped clean. Unfortunately, starting over anew, with lofty intentions and revved-up will-power, tends to run out of steam long before the year is up. Not to mention, it can make you feel a bit foolish if you've gone to great lengths to tell everyone about the "brand new super-groovy you," and the changes are never realized (or more commonly are embarrassingly short-lived).

These promises that one makes to oneself are usually in the form of "do more of, do less of", or "stop doing altogether". Well, if I really want to do more of, less of, all or none of something, then I'll go ahead and do what I want to do. If I think I *should* be doing something differently, I'll make that change if it's important to me, and not worry about it if it's of lesser consequence. Simple enough, isn't it? But making such a big deal out of "this year, I'm going to do things *differently!*" is just setting yourself up for a fall, either with guilt trips when you fail or self-torture to insure your success. Do what you do, what you think you should do, (or don't), but please don't waste all that time and energy making yourself feel

#### Do more of...

-watching public television. It really is good for you, and some of it even tastes good, too. There's programming for a variety of mentalities, from "The MacLaughlin Group", for whipping your brain cells into a frenzy, to "Sesame Street", for soothing your poor, weary mind, which needs the mental massage that the show's simplicity provides. Hey, it makes you feel pretty damn clever to be able to count to 10 faster than Kermit the Frog.

-drinking water. I'm always reading that people are supposed to drink a minimum of 8 glasses of water every day, or so say the doctors. Insufficient water intake is given as the reason for a variety of unnecessary ailments with which people are afflicted, though I can't remember any of them offhand. I don't think I know anyone who drinks 8 glasses a day of anything, unless it's beer. Oh yeah, they also say you should drink an extra glass for each caffeinated beverage you drink, since caffeine is a diuretic. Personally, I say that snooty bottled or delivered water doesn't count unless the tap water where you live is truly atrocious, like if it stinks of sulfur, tastes like chlorine, or is seriously suspected of causing cancer in most living things.

#### Do less of...

-drinking alcohol. I'm no stranger to the bottle, but I encourage people to pay more attention to how much they're drinking and how drunk they're getting, and to please stop *before* you start

spontaneously vomiting all over yourself. I thank you (and the guys on my floor thank you, since people are frequently yakking in our men's room on the weekends and don't clean it up). Also, watching over some idiot who looks like he's going to check out real soon from alcohol poisoning is *not* fun (for anyone involved).

-obsessively talking about your diet (in the context of either shedding excess weight or bulking up) and/or about working out. It's fine at the weight room, but it's terribly annoying to hear all the little details of your hang-ups about your body, or your rough-and-tough body-building plan. Lats, delts, calories, protein, lifts, triceps, carbs, curls, cholesterol. I don't care what you choose to do with your body! I just don't want to hear about it, especially resounding from the cor-

ners of Gracie's (as I'm munching on another Nutty Buddy cone). I find that walking the quarter mile, floundering in the snow, and trying to stay upright, is enough exertion for me. If I want to work off any excess energy, I do laundry, attempt to make my bed, or clean my room — at least, it's a workout with immediately visible results.

#### Stop doing all together...

-saying you're going to quit smoking. These things start out with a decision to buy no more cigarettes, and only smoke the ones you can bum off your smoking buddies. What happens? You use up all your friends' cigarettes, as well as all their favors, and their patience. Everyone gets tired of hearing about it, and you do too. Pretty soon you break down and sneakily buy a pack. So much for that.

-complaining that you don't understand women (if you're a guy), and that we're all crazy. What do women want, why are women like this or that, what on earth is going on in our minds? If you took the time and attention to *listen* to us when we talk, you might actually get half a clue. Hanging out with a group of your male friends does not really teach you as much as you wish it did about women, nor does playing with your computer, or any of these other little hobbies guys here become addicted to. Try actually talking with a real live female for once, and no, you don't need to visit a different campus to do so. If you aren't interested in the opinions, thoughts, or feelings of a woman (unless it'll get her into bed, or because you think guys know it all), then you

# And You Thought Your New Year's Was Bad...

## X A V I E R

**H**appy New Year! Once again, a story has surfaced from the oily skin of that annual event that kicks the old year in the butt with the new. We all look forward to that day of the year, the last day of the year, to forget about the bad times, those hygiene-lacking dates, and that lovely video tape of you conversing with the upchuck glove, from which your dog seems to love to drink.

Now it is time to be entertained or disgusted, or maybe even aroused. Ooooh! AROUSED. I like that word. So, as I was saying, I had been sitting home since Christmas waiting for New Year's Eve. Oh, how eager I was to go frolicking through the clubs and bars that would determine where my happiness would begin for the new year. I had been in bed since Christmas night and was starting to stick there. I felt like a grilled cheese sandwich that had leaked all of its cheese out and stuck to the pan. So with my twelve foot spatula (did I mention I felt gooey?) I began to wash. It was a good washing. I made sure every pit and crevice was Brillo pad clean. I made sure I sparkled. I ended up standing in front of the mirror admiring my glistening body. It's amazing what a little olive oil mixture will do to the skin.

Now that I was glowing, it was time to find just the right fragrance. I thought that it would be wise to use something other than RAID. The last time I had used RAID I had a rash for weeks. I looked through the cabinet under the sink and there was nothing but Lysol, Drano, and bleach. Bleach would have been bad anyway because I'd been using the spray tan stuff and bleach would have badly blotched my skin up. As I sat on the kitchen floor, naked, I was starting to get depressed. But just then, I realized that shoe polish and turpentine would be the perfect combination for an irresistible, "Come to me," aroma. Once again, I

was amazed by my thinking. I'm a genius, pure genius, a raw man ready to be grilled.

I distributed the shoe polish/ turpentine mixture evenly across my chest, a dab under each arm, and the rest on my feet.



I think it was tingling a little. Then it started to burn. It was a nice burn, not like those nasty degree burns.

I moved onto undies. Many people think that picking out underwear is an easy task. Did I mention I was burning? The underwear must fit your mood, your attitude, but most of all they must fit you. I was feeling adventurous, so I sewed some raw breast of chicken into my boxers. The great thing about it was I could make a stir-fry the next day.

It was now time to create the look. First order of business was socks. Of course, I knew I would wear my wombat-ear-fur socks. They are good luck. Did I mention I was still burning?

Pants, pants, pants, jeans, or a kilt (I might want to show off my socks). Kilt it is then. But which one: the plaid green, the olive green, or the leather polka-dotted? Well, the choice is obvious. Leather polka dots go with just about anything.

Oh, the fun I planned on having. I would be the talk of the town. Did I mention I was itching and burning? I needed Gold Bond powder.

After I powdered up and tickled myself, I picked out a shirt. I knew that my roach patterned sweater was the key to my happiness for the new year. My blood was racing through my fingertips. I became lightheaded from all the excitement I was creating in my mind. Oh, the things I would do, the people I would see. This was the night. It was 9:00. As I admired my clothing, I walked backwards into a vat of pudding and slammed my head, rendering me unconscious. I dreamt of things burning. When I awoke, I felt like burning toast but I had a mission to kick in the new year in the right way. Covered in pudding, I put on my coat.

I glanced at my watch. It was 12:07. I couldn't believe it. I had prepared for this so well. Did I mention I was burning? My heart dropped to my feet. I had missed the beginning of the New Year. I spent the last hours of the year in a vat of pudding with raw chicken underwear. Instead of becoming depressed, I licked up all the pudding and made a stir-fry. Why waste food, right? So, if you feel your New Year's Eve was bad, just read this again and realize that you had a lot of fun. Happy New Year, and I love you all, you silly bears.



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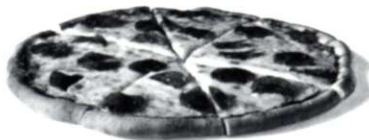
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# CalendaRIT

January 15-January 23

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## Schedule of Events



### Saturday, January 15

•**Women's Swimming vs. Geneseo** at 1:00 p.m.  
Athletic and Recreational Facilities Woodward Pool

•**"Malice"** will be shown in **Ingle Auditorium**,  
SAU at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. \$1 at the door. Inter-  
preter requested.

### Sunday, January 16

•**Alcoholics Anonymous** will be meeting at 11:00  
a.m. in the Student Life Center classroom.

•**Blizzard of Bucks** will take place in Gracie's  
Lobby from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the  
College Activities Board.

### Monday, January 17

•**Faculty and Staff Noon Hour Health & Wellness  
Series presents: Headache Therapy**. 12 noon-1:00  
p.m. in the 1829 room of the SAU.

•**This is the last day to register your team for the  
Schick Super Hoops Basketball Tournament**  
scheduled for January 22. Teams of 3 on 3 will play  
in one of three divisions for men and women. Win-  
ning teams get prizes and the opportunity to go on  
to the regional tournament! Everyone who registers  
to play gets a free Schick razor. For further infor-  
mation call the Intramural Office at x6559.

•**The RIT Student Music Association** will meet at  
9:00 p.m., room 1510 in LBJ. Contact x6797 for  
further information. Interpreted.

### Tuesday, January 18

•Information Retrieval Workshop in Wallace  
Library "**Advanced CD-ROM/Electronic Data-  
bases Clinic**" is open to the RIT community, free.  
Meet in the Library room 3650. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Call  
x2568/x2569 TTY for more information.

### Wednesday, January 19

•**Women's Hockey vs. Cornell** 7:30 p.m. Frank  
Ritter Memorial Ice Arena.

•**"Writing Letters to Win Jobs"** seminar sponsored  
by the Office of Co-op and Placement. 9:00-11:00  
a.m. Register with the receptionist in the Office of  
Co-op and Placement in building 77.

## RIT Activities Hotline

x5252/x5454 (TDD)

Need a change of pace? Looking for something to do on campus? Call the Activities Hotline for the latest update on what's happening on campus! Watch for events on the Electronic Bulletin Board located in the lobby area of the Student Alumni Union, Grace Watson Hall, and Ellingson Hall.

### Thursday, January 20

•**Job Hunting Strategies** seminar sponsored by  
the Office of Co-op and Placement. 9:00-9:50  
a.m. Register with the receptionist in the Office  
of Co-op and Placement to attend. Bldg. 77.

•**Alcoholics Anonymous** will be meeting at 5:30  
p.m. in the Interfaith center office sunroom.

•**Three Penny Ride** will be performing from  
8:00-10:30 p.m. in the RITZ. Free munchies!

### Friday, January 21

•**TGIF presents 32 Tribes** 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the  
RITZ. \$1 at the door, free pizza!

•**"The Good Son"** will be playing in Talisman  
Theater, SAU, at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. \$1 at the  
door. Interpreted.

### Saturday, January 22

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Theater at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. \$1, Interpreted.

### Sunday, January 23


•**Alcoholics Anonymous** will meet at 11:00 a.m.  
in the Student Life Center classroom.

## Announcements

### Resident Advisor/House Manager Staff

**Recruitment Applications** are now being accepted  
through January 17. Contact Trish Annese at x6857 or  
Nancy Burgess-Whitman at x6780 for more information.

### On Tuesday, February 8, 1994 RIT Com-

munity Services will sponsor its 13th annual  
**Love Day**. Whether or not you participated in the past,  
we hope you will join us this year. Approximately 135  
children, ages 9-11 years old will be brought on campus  
from area schools. Children will be paired with groups or  
individuals and will experience different activities on  
campus. We need your creativity and imagination to plan  
a small group activity for the children that will last  
approximately one hour. **The deadline for registration is  
Thursday, January 20.** For further information, please  
call x7047 (V/TDD). 

We hope you enjoy the CalendaRIT listing of events. To publicize your event to the entire campus at no charge, send the name, date, location, time, contact person, phone number, and any other pertinent information to Donna Burke, Student Activities, Student Alumni Union, room 1324 (x2864 V/TDD) by 4:30 pm fourteen working days BEFORE THE ISSUE in which you would like it published.

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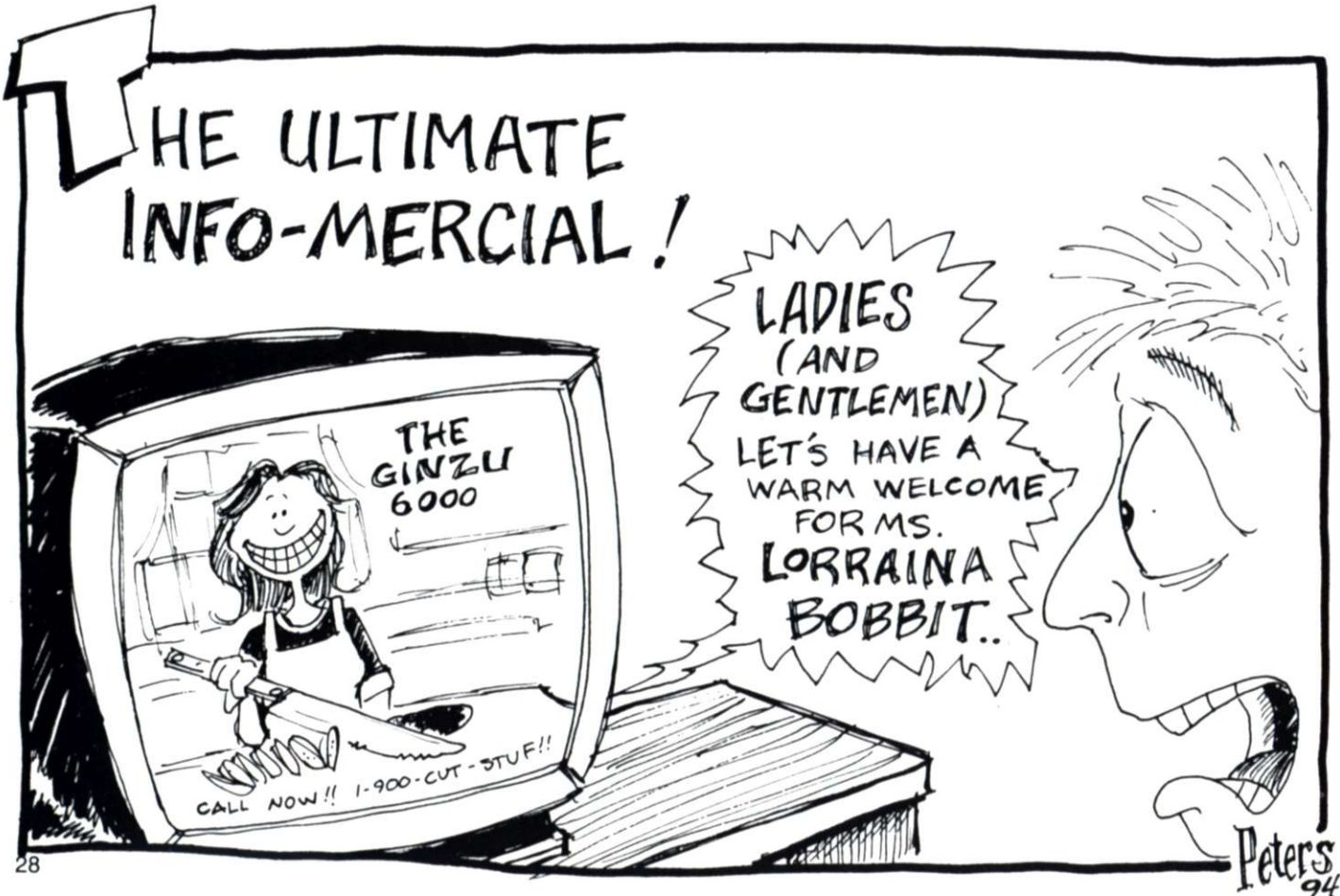
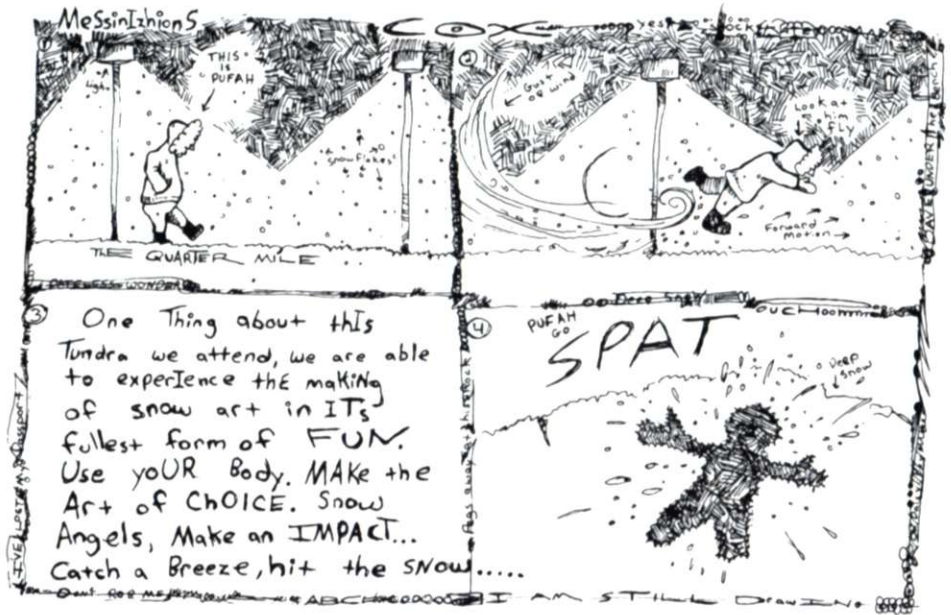
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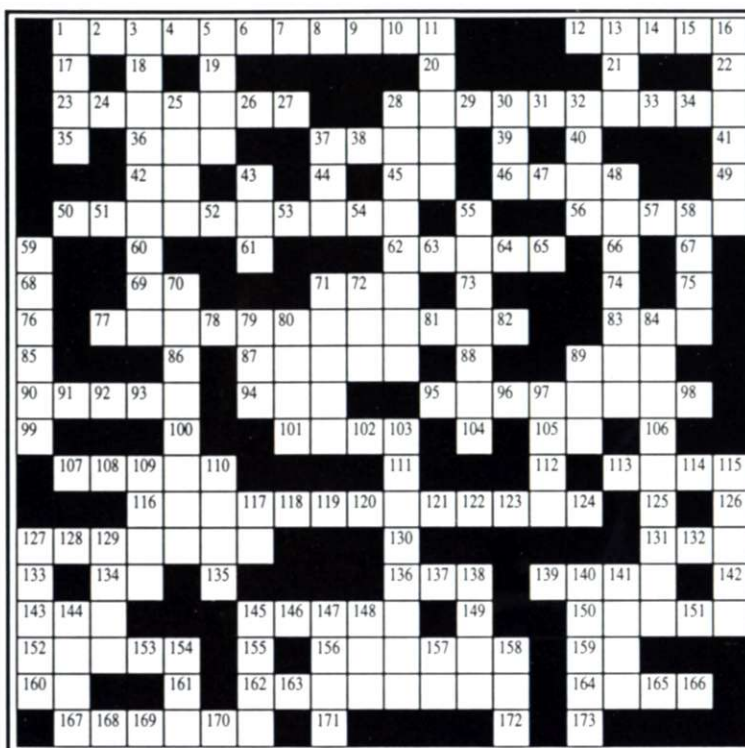
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Time you enjoy wasting, is not wasted time.

-Unknown



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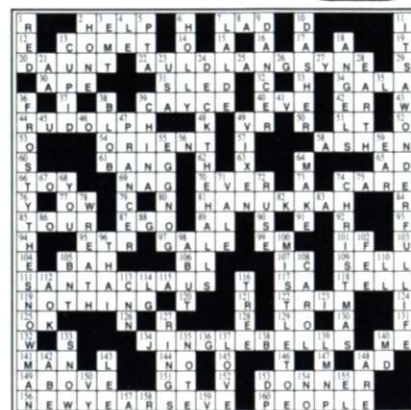
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSCH-Come see what we're about. House meetings sunday at 5:30pm in baker D lounge. All are welcome. For more info call Adam x3345  
 Lost- My passport on campus. I would like to decare the Passport (no 1035999) Invalid

JTW- Thanks for a "normal" New Year...  
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## PERSONALS

love you! P.C. #11  
 CUTTY-PASTY...Damn those women in those sports cars! You're in the passenger seat, so buckle up!! H—Pounder  
 Nicole— thanks for all the support. ZLAM, Amy  
 Congratulations to the new Brothers of Phi Kappa Tau!  
 Everyone get ready for TOLLBOOTH in the spring.  
 ROYAL LADIES' PC#5- WELCOME! We Love You!  
 Dawn— you're the best roomie a pledge sister could ever ask for, thanks for everything!  
 Zlam, Amy

RED-Just called to say "Hi"-Hope our paths cross soon-Mary  
 Amie- Congratulations on panhell Pres.  
 Aimee- Thanks for the pizza-love Chris  
 Kristen, your big loves you!!!  
 Susan-Watch my things for me this weekend-  
 Have fun and enjoy!!!  
 To the DJ's of WITR(Monday night late night)  
 don't forget your keys!!!!  
 Susie-Merry Christmas- I hope you enjoy your present!!!!  
 Hi to my girlfriend  
 Hi MOM  
 Gary and Nate- How about thoes darkroom hours?  
 Rob-Sorry to interrupt- bad timing-hope you enjoyed the rest of your evening-Gary  
 Sorry Carla!!!!  
 Have a class or work conflict?  
 Not into an hour round trip in this weather?  
 G.W Deli may be the answer!  
 It's open at Gracie's for bag lunch and dinner  
 take outs Monday-Friday; 7AM-11AM  
 McManson- is back and not here  
 John- Save a dream & a dance for this weekend!  
 I PROMISE not to work TOO much while you are around! -KC  
 OB1- Happy Anniversary! 2 years gone and hopefully many more to come. I love you-  
 Your little Jetter!  
 Pledge sisters of P.C. 11, I love you guys!  
 ZLAM Amy  
 PC II- YOUR BIG SISTERS LOVE YOU!!!  
 ZTA PC II- Good luck-you guys are great-  
 keep up the good work-love always-the sisters of ZTA  
 PHI SIG- I love you guys, Love Maria  
 BOB- Get well soon-I love you and miss you-Rochester does too!!! love Chris!!!

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