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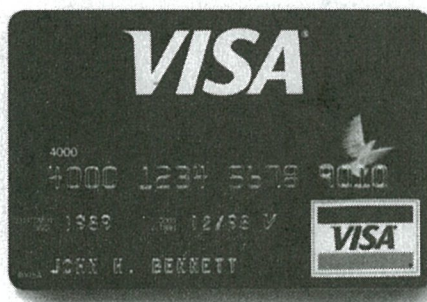
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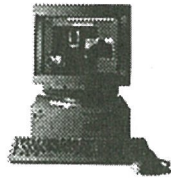
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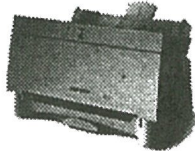
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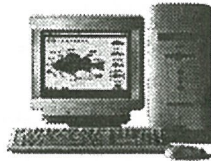
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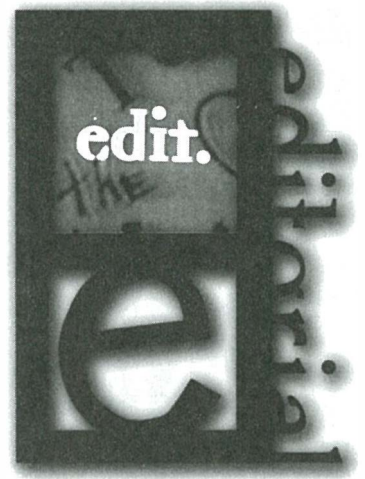
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One day I might miss it.

As I made my way to class last week I remembered how much I hate the Rochester winter. The walk from the car to your inner destination can feel like days in a freezer. Once you're inside, the sweat starts pouring off you because of the heat generated from your thick winter coat. This weather is always something that plays a large role in our time here. Unless you were native to this area, you will have had no idea what you were getting yourself into, and upper-class man's horror stories could never prepare you. This cold is relentless. It seems to harden you to the rest of the world and robs you of the enjoyment of the outdoors. This is kind of cold that has the power to cut through any winter coat and rip through the warmest pair of gloves.

There is one thing about the winter, that no matter how much you hate it or dread it after being here for years, you cannot help realizing that winter becomes part of the experience that makes up our time at RIT. After all, none of us will ever forget going across the quarter mile in the middle of January, or dreading the wind tunnel effect between buildings one and the SAU. I'm sure that I will miss scraping my windshield, and waiting impatiently for the heat to rise out of the vents in my car. The picture of snow piling up on the trees and sidewalk will become a pleasant memory when I am sitting in an office at work someday. One thing that is for sure: I will be leaving the great north upon graduation, and this will be that last blue, cold winter that I will have to experience. My hopeful plans will take me at least as far south as the Commonwealth of Virginia and possibly even further. I will never forget the unforgiving wind or the endless piles of snow that paint the landscape of winter. I guess I am saying that we should allow the cold to write its vivid chapter in our book because someday we will cherish its memory to a great degree.

Jason Curtis



Richard Lewis Remembered

by Stacy Speidel

Students were shocked and saddened upon learning of the death of Richard Lewis, professor and chairman of the criminal justice department. Mr. Lewis, who taught at RIT for 22 years, died suddenly on January 4. He was 46.

Professor Lewis joined the Criminal Justice faculty in 1974 when the program was only about two years old. In the mid eighties, he took the position of chairman of the department and has been cited as a leading force in the development and continuing success of the program. Known for his demanding classes and vast knowledge, professor Lewis served not only as an educator, but a role model and mentor to many students.

Mr. Lewis also served as a chairman of the Rochester Police Department Citizen Review Board, and headed a citizen's review panel for the county sheriff. In addition, he served as a volunteer community mediator at the Center for Dispute Settlement for over 15 years, and was an active member of Gates Presbyterian Church.

Originally from Elmira, Richard Lewis received a bachelor's degree from the State of New York at Albany and a master's degree from Southern Illinois University. He is survived by his wife, Jill, a secretary in the Electrical Engineering Department, and his son, Alex, a student in the Biomedical Photographic Communications program in RIT's School of Photography.

A scholarship is currently being established in his memory. At present the Criminal Justice Department has temporarily filled his teaching positions with two former RIT graduates, however, they have no plans to fill the vacancy of chairman at this time.

NTID to Honor Black History Month

by Magaret Kangai

For the past several years, NTID has vigorously pursued programs that celebrate the diversity and contributions of various cultures of which many students, faculty and staff belong. The cultural diversity of the students and teachers at NTID and RIT, as a whole, enhances the success of such celebrations throughout the academic year. The Multicultural Programs Department under the Department of Human Development at NTID has prided itself by coordinating most of these cultural events.

During the winter quarter, NTID celebrates the Black History Month. Every year there is a prominent African American person honored. Last year Harriet Truman, who advocated for the freedom of slaves, was honored for her courage and leadership. This year the program will honor the late Thurgood Marshall, the renowned jurist and first African American to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court. The date is set for the February 13, 1997, but has yet to be confirmed.

Some activities of the upcoming program include a keynote address by an African American member of the Board of Trustees at Gallaudet University; a performance by African American Deaf artists and a skit by members of the NTID Ebony Club. The Coordinator of NTID AHANA program said that there is a high level of excitement and anticipation for this year's program. Many faculty and staff members across campus are helping on the planning committee that is working very hard to make this a success. This is the tenth time that NTID will be sponsoring Black History Month celebrations.

World News

by Greg Musho

* Newt Gingrich was reelected again to the speaker of the house congressional position. This comes despite ongoing ethics investigations into Mr. Gingrich's campaigning tactics and faltering support from many key congressional representatives. Many of whom have changed their mind about Gingrich's reelection to the position on account of the ethical investigations pending.

* The Lima Peru hostage standoff situation has, in many opinions, deteriorated to the point that a show of force showdown may be forthcoming. The recent flow of hostage releases has slowed to a standstill.

* Recent elected General Kofi Annan has taken his first week in office as the newly elected United Nations Chief.

* A recent worldwide study shows that asthma is on the rise. Young children are suffering fewer childhood diseases which is good, but this has subsequently trained childrens' bodies not to react as fast to fighting diseases such as asthma.

* The Robben Island Prison where Nelson Mandella was held for 18 of his twenty seven years is being opened as a tourist attraction this week.

* In Singapore, The Capitalist Ruling Peoples Action Party (PAP) won a recent government control election by taking sixty seven percent of the overall vote.

* In Europe, frigid temperatures have led to at least 150 deaths in Paris. Crippling frozen weather from Spain to Russia reaps havoc on everything from firefighter hoses to shipping canals.

* Orthopharmacueticle Tricyclene, a.k.a. "The Pill", may now be prescribed to treat acne in some cases. Scientific testing was concluded and the announcement made earlier this weak.

* An inauguration of the new Governor elect Pedro Rosello took place in Puerto Rico this weak. President Clinton supports the action to take a poll of Puerto Rican citizens to decipher whether the nation should become a commonwealth or full independence through nationwide voter poles.

* Finally, in Pittsburgh, a convicted murderer serving a life sentence was electrocuted as he sat on an aluminum toilet and dawned his new pair of homemade headphones plugged into a TV. The headphones grounded out and killed the squatter.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Seeks Honorees

by Lynette Schmidt

The Alpha Sigma Lambda Honorary Society Selection Committee is encouraging eligible students to apply for membership into RIT's honorary society.

To be eligible for nomination, a student must meet the following criteria: be a full time, matriculated senior in a four or five year program with a minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA (961 Cum) and must graduate by the end of the fall quarter of 1997. In addition, candidates must be active members in at least two Institute activities, committees, or organizations for one full year and demonstrate leadership ability. Citizenship and service to the Institute will also be considered in the selection process.

Interested students should pick up a nomination form from the Student Affairs office, the Information Desk in the union, or the circulation desk in the library. For more information contact the Student Affairs Office

Upcoming Events: Men's Basketball Team Remains Unbeaten at 5-0

Friday 1/17:

Men's Hockey vs. Cortland 7:30 pm

Saturday 1/18:

Women's Hockey vs. Rensselaer 5:30 pm

Monday 1/20:

Women's Basketball vs. Keuka 6:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Keuka 8:00 pm

Tuesday 1/21:

Men's and Women's Swimming vs. Nazareth 6:00 pm

When I first asked two members of the men's basketball team how their game went, they exclaimed, "We won!" My next question, "What was the score?" gave them a little more trouble. They had just won a huge game! They beat Nazareth, one of the few teams that was supposed to be a challenge to them this year, and no one even knew the final score. This is one of the great characteristics of the men who make up RIT's basketball team. They are out to play basketball, together, as a team. And all they want to do is win. No matter who scores the baskets, no matter who makes the perfect pass. They play like they are having a great time on the court, and when it's over, all that matters is that they had more points than their opponent.

On Wednesday night, January 8, the Tigers defeated Nazareth College 81-71, improving their flawless record to 5-0. The game was a hard fought battle between both teams. The Tigers came out very strong gaining a quick 14-2 lead. However, after the first half of play, Nazareth led RIT 39-37.

The Tigers knew they had to step it up, and in the second half they turned on the heat and played with a great deal of enthusiasm. "We played excellent team defense, and collectively shut down Nazareth's Zach Weim, one of the nations top scorers," commented senior captain, Sean Dale. Weim typically averages 28 points a game for Nazareth. The Tigers managed to hold him to 14 points, and even the baskets he did score were not a deciding factor in the game. The team's work, especially strong defense and 23 points on offense from Craig Jones, helped to put a stop to Nazareth.

Aaron Morrison highlighted the game, finishing with 29 points and 9 rebounds. After blocking a three point shot attempt by a Nazareth player, Morrison fled the length of the court to thrill the crowd with a double pump, two-handed slam dunk.

The Tigers walked away victorious, and one step closer to their goal of success in post season play. The team's desire to play well and play together is apparent just by watching them. It is easy to see that they strive to do their best for themselves, for their coach, and for each other.

By: Kate Pakenas



Female Athlete of the Week

RIT's Female Athlete of the Week is Maureen Halligan. She transferred to RIT this fall from Virginia University where she was an Atlantic 10 Conference swimming finalist.

Halligan performed extremely well for the Tigers swim team in meets on Wednesday, December 11 and Saturday, December 14. On Wednesday, the team suffered a loss to SUNY Brockport. However, Halligan won three events. She was victorious in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, and the 500-yard freestyle. She swam the 50 in 26.42 seconds, the 100 in 57.16, and the 500 in 5:41.36. Unfortunately, the Tigers also lost their December 14th meet against the University of Rochester. Yet Halligan was again successful winning the 200 freestyle in 1:59.53. This time broke an RIT record. Halligan is working to insure that she qualifies for the Division III meet. With her work ethic and early season success, this goal looks to be within her reach.

By: Kate Pakenas

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a single movie took the world by storm. Star Wars and its trilogy partners, the Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi, continue to be some of the most talked-about movies of all time. And now they're about to get even bigger.

For many, Star Wars has become more than just another movie. George Lucas' celebrated trilogy has inspired an array of action figures, calendars, posters, hats, and anything else you can imagine. Now, after twenty years of Star Wars mania, the world will be reunited with the story and characters that have fascinated us for so long.

The start of the new year marks the twentieth anniversary of the release of Star Wars, and in celebration, Lucas Films will be releasing the Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition. This will give audiences another chance to see the legend as it was meant to be seen — in theaters! Star Wars will arrive in U.S. theaters on January 31, The Empire Strikes Back on February 21, and Return of the Jedi on March 7.

When the Special Edition hits theaters, Star Wars fans will notice a few changes. Thanks to the wonderful world of computer technology, George Lucas has been given the opportunity to do to his films what could not be done in 1977. Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back, and Return of the Jedi will be better than ever. What changes should you expect? First, the Special Edition will include previously unreleased footage. New scenes show Han Solo meeting Jabba the Hutt; Jabba will be much more mobile in the Special Edition than in the original. Also, there are several more desert scenes and a shot of Darth Vader approaching the Star Destroyer. New digital special effects have improved the scenes we already know. The approach of the X-wings to the Death Star will now be seen in one long, continuous shot. In the Special Edition, the land speeders will really appear to be floating, and one of them will be shown from the perspective of a moving aerial shot. There will be new vehicles, new creatures, new droids, and a new computer-generated storm trooper. A digitally remastered soundtrack will make the movies that much more compelling.

New scenes, new creatures, new effects. That's enough to make any Star Wars buff go wild. But what about new movies? The Star Wars saga that George Lucas had in mind in the 70's was a story far longer than the one the movies tell. In fact, the movies are only the second of three trilogies. So when do we get another taste of the story?

Lucas Films is hard at work at producing the next three Star Wars movies. Or rather, the first three Star Wars movies. Lucas chose to make episodes IV, V, and VI first because he felt that the middle trilogy had the greatest potential for public acceptance. Now, overwhelming approval of his story has led him to film the first trilogy of his saga.

There have been many rumors and much speculation, but the cast of the new films is still a mystery. Younger versions of C3-P0 and R2-D2 will be featured, and fans of Yoda can look forward to seeing him walk in episodes I, II, and III. John Williams will write the score for the new movies. Each of the new films has a 50-70 million dollar budget. According to Lucas, the first movie will hit theaters in 1998.

Despite rumors that Mark Hamill will appear in episode IX, there are no plans yet for filming the third trilogy.

You can be sure Star Wars fans won't want to miss the Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition. The enhanced versions have scenes that were cut from the originals, new scenes, and graphics that were only dreamed of when Star Wars was first introduced. And, if you can stand the wait, just imagine the brand new films, and the continuing tale from George Lucas.

The Return of the Trilogy
By Elisabeth Horrell

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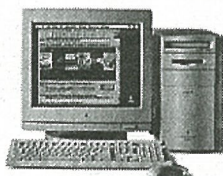
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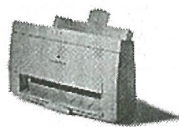
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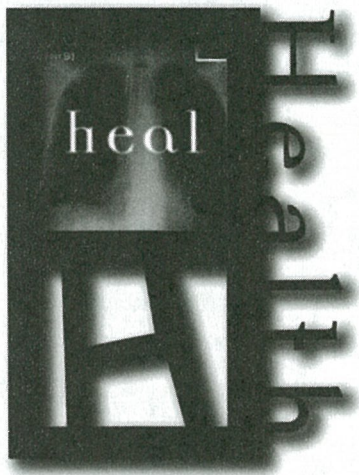
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THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE



In the past few weeks the media has brought out medical controversies. One of these these topics was of great issue on my trip to the West over break. This is the legalization of marijuana for medical use. On November 6, 1996, Proposition 215 in California and Proposition 200 in Arizona were passed by the voters of the states. The vote won in California 56% to 44% and in Arizona 65% to 35%. The major upset in these states is the fact that the Federal Government is overriding the vote. This is due to the fact that this action is illegal under Federal law, therefore they have the say.

Under proposition 215, marijuana is legal to prescribe for relief from cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spacity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine and any other illness determined by the doctor and patient that the drug gives relief to. Proposition 200 legalizes the perscription for glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, cancer, AIDS, loss of sight, loss of physical capacity and to greatly reduce the pain and suffering of the seriously and terminally ill. The issue that these states are trying to deal with is the quality of life.

The cost of imprisoning non-violent drug users is one issue that has pushed this legalization. Many feel that people are going to use the drug for relief and it is expensive to imprison these users. Durg education and rehabilitation when needed has been shown to be more effective at a more realistic cost. Arizona has shown that there is a 73% success rate and 1/8 the amount of dollars spent.

At this point there are groups pushing the Federal Government to provide grants and legalization for research for the effectiveness of marijuana on medical conditions. The Federation of American Scientists petitioned the government saying, "based

on much evidence from patients and doctors alike on the superior effectiveness and saftey of whole cannabis...we hereby petition the Executive Branch and the Congress to facilitate and expedite the reseaech necessary to determine whether this substance should be liscenced for medical use by seriously ill persons."

There are always going to be negative and possitive views on an issue. In this case some feel that if the drug is legalized for medical use it has the potential to be abused. On the otherhand, some feel that there are much more dangerous drugs on that are regualted in the same manner. At this point the controversy may not provide legalization for medical use but it is a start by bringing public awareness.

by Racheal Emerson

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With one in three women sexually assaulted in their lifetime, the chances are great that a majority of the population will know or be related to someone who has been assaulted, if they are not assaulted themselves. Studies have shown that the initial response of significant others and friends is critical to the victim's healing process. The first person they tell can make or break the recovery process. Here's how you can help.

Believe her. The greatest fear of date/acquaintance rape and attempted rape survivors is that they will not be believed.

Listen. Allow her to talk through the experience at her own pace. Reassure her that you want to hear her and will listen as long as she needs you to.

Comfort her. Do what you can to soothe her verbally. She may or may not want to be touched. Provide things that make her feel warm and safe — a blanket, a hot drink, a stuffed animal.

Reinforce that the assault was not her fault. Allow her to talk out her feelings or self-blame if she needs to, but help her see that the assailant caused the assault, not her.

Provide protection. See that she has a safe place to sleep that night and be available to her when she is again on her own.

Call a rape-crisis center or hotline whether it was a completed rape or an attempted rape. This is not a police report, a center or hotline can give a professional response to her concerns and yours. They are there to provide information and advocacy. In Rochester the number for Rape Crisis Services is 546-2777. The RIT on-campus sexual assault hotline is 275-7265. Help is free, confidential and available 24-hours.

Encourage her to preserve evidence. She should not take a shower prior to having a post-assault examination at a hospital. If she insists on changing clothes, bring all clothing from the assault to the hospital in a paper bag. This does not mean she has to press charges, but if she does decide to do so at some point, lost evidence cannot be brought back.

Treat her medical needs as soon as

T screamed at God, I would ask, 'Why did you do this to me? What did I do that was so bad?' I stopped going to church; I felt like God deserted me that night."

It was late summer in the early morning hours when Jennifer T. lost her faith and trust -she was sexually assaulted by a friend.

Jennifer had met Jon through a friend of hers that he was dating. She thought he was cute and saw him fairly often when he was over to visit her friend. According to Jennifer, she and her friend had been warned by another that "he was a 'dick' and to stay away from him," although the woman wouldn't say why. After Jennifer's friend and Jon broke up, Jennifer and Jon continued to be friendly when they ran into each other, but the friendship remained casual.

Once school was out Jennifer didn't see Jon and was surprised at the level of his enthusiasm when she ran into him at a party shortly after returning for the fall quarter.

"I don't know if he made up his mind to fuck me that night or what, but he stayed with me for the rest of the night," said Jennifer.

Looking back, Jennifer says she made decisions that night that weren't typical of her. She and Jon's ex agreed to leave the party they were at and moved on to a party at one of the fraternities. Once there, Jennifer and Jon continued to drink.

"He kept saying, 'C'mon, we have to go to the bar and get more beer.'"

Jennifer doesn't remember how much Jon drank, but she does remember that everytime she finished one drink he insisted that she get another.

"I don't know if he was drunk or not, but he had a choice (about what he did)," said Jennifer.

By this time the two were kissing and Jon kept telling Jennifer what a hot body she had and referring to a very visible "hard-on" and saying it was all because of Jennifer. When Jennifer's friend came to find her she asked if Jennifer wanted to go home with her, but Jennifer said she said she was okay.

"I wish she had asked one more time or said, 'You're trashed, he's horny, you're coming with me.'"

Jennifer doesn't remember how she got to Jon's room, but she remembers noticing that another man was sleeping on the top bunk. She laid down on the lower bunk thinking that things could only go so far with someone else in the room. According to Jennifer, when Jon returned from the bathroom, he immediately climbed on top of her and ripped off her clothes, but wasn't kissing her or making any of the gestures Jennifer associated with foreplay and mutual interest.

"I mean, you don't just do that. He kept pushing me into the bars at the top of the bed and my head kept getting stuck and I would tell him I couldn't move and he just kept telling me I was fine. The

only time he let me down was if I raised my voice."

"I told him, 'I'm drunk, please don't fuck me.'" "I clearly remember that I told him that several times." She also remembers disassociating herself from the experience, seeing it as if she were another person standing in the corner of the room.

Jennifer said that Jon ignored her pleas and held her down with his body weight, and proceeded to have sex with her.

"I didn't know what to do. I don't know why I didn't scream so they guy in the bed above me would hear and it would have been over in two seconds ... then I thought, 'what if he's awake and not doing anything.' I was really scared and pissed off at myself."

Jennifer said she remembers asking Jon to use protection if he was going to continue. "I just kept saying, 'This is wrong.'"

"He told me he had slept with 31 women and now it was 32." Jon took her home the next morning. "I was so sick I just stayed in bed all day."

Jennifer considered going to a hospital, but didn't because she didn't want to have to talk about what had happened. "I was really embarrassed and ashamed. I didn't think to go to the police, because I thought it was my fault and rape wasn't really in my vocabulary." Jennifer also didn't call a sexual assault hotline because she didn't know it existed.

When Jennifer told her friend what had happened, her friend responded, "Teaches you something about getting drunk and having sex."

After that, Jennifer decided not to tell anyone else. She did, however, confront Jon about two weeks later. He denied having much memory

possible. She should have thorough medical examination and treatment for injuries and possible sexually transmitted diseases, or pregnancy.

Help her organize her thoughts, but let her make decisions about how to proceed. You may advise her or share with her your thoughts and feelings about what she should do, but let her make the ultimate decisions. She needs to regain control of her life; she needs to do what she sees as best for her recovery.

Do not try to take the law into your own hands. Talking about revenge may add an extra burden to the survivor or rape. Putting energy into "getting back" at the perpetrator also focuses more on your feelings of revenge than her need for support.

If you are her lover, with her approval, use appropriate touching and language to help re-establish her feelings of worth. Hugging and touching may assure her that the bond between

you is not broken and that you don't consider her "dirty". It is especially important that you openly discuss what physical/sexual contact feels appropriate for her for the next several weeks and months.

Help her get psychological and legal help. She will need long-term counseling in order to work through the trauma of the rape or attempted rape. She will also need legal help if she decides to press charges.

Learn about rape trauma syndrome so that both she and you can understand and cope with the various emotional reactions she will be going through.

Get help for yourself. You may need to talk with someone else to deal with your feelings and thoughts. Take care of yourself also.

about the night. Jennifer said she was wanting to give him the benefit of the doubt, but when she asked him, "Do you remember that I said no," he turned away from her and said, "Really?" Jennifer said she was uncomfortable when he insisted on parting with a hug and a promise to do something sometime. "I couldn't believe he asked me out," she said.

Jennifer said she spent the following months living pretty much as though she were dead. It wasn't until the following spring that her roommate confronted her saying, "You haven't been yourself for awhile. What is wrong!?" When Jennifer told her, she said the friend's eyes got very large and she said, "Oh my God, there's a word for that when you say no and he does it anyway. Do you know what that word is?" Jennifer said it was then that it hit her. "I'd been crying by myself for six months, but I never called it rape."

Jennifer said her immediate reaction following the assault was embarrassment and self-loathing, but after she put the word rape on the experience she also felt sorrow, disappointment and rage.

"I went from a real bad taste in my mouth to a foaming hatred of him," she said.

Jennifer said she also decided to tell her parents. "I hadn't wanted to tell my mother at all, because I knew she would fault me for it and she did, but my father was wonderful. I'd been praying that she would bite her tongue just this once when it really mattered, (but) the shit she gave me was the shit that had been handed down to her and I knew that." Jennifer said what saved the situation was that for 20 years she had received unconditional love from her parents. She also said her mother later apologized and that her father

was a wonderful support for both her and her mother.

She tried dating again in the spring of that year, but found she really had to confront her fears about what had happened to her. She finally told the guy she couldn't be intimate and why. He was quick to ask if she wanted him to go kill Jon. "I said, 'No, if anybody's going to kill him it's going to be me,'" remembers Jennifer.

Jennifer still has thoughts about hunting Jon down, and when she sees his roommate on-campus she wants to talk to him. "I'm so afraid to ask him, 'Did you hear?'" said Jennifer, who wonders even if he had heard, would he have been willing to testify against Jon.

Since the assault, Jennifer says she has talked to many other women who have been sexually assaulted, but doesn't find the experience helpful. "They are in such pain I'm usually the one doing the consoling."

by Kathie Duprey

It's not just a rumor

Forcible rape is legally defined as sexual intercourse against the woman's will and without her consent. Included in the legal definition of sexual assault is sodomy (including oral) and sexual intercourse with minors. The exact definition varies from state to state.

Women do not falsely charge rape. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the national rate of false reporting is only 2%, the same as for other crimes.

1 out of every 3 American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime and 1 in 7 women will be raped by her husband.

In the United States, 1.3 women are raped every minute. That results in 78 rapes each hour, 1872 rapes each day, 56,160 rapes each month and 683,280 rapes each year. In over 90% of rape cases, the rapist and his victim are of the same race and socio-economic class.

The United States has the world's highest rape rate of the countries that publish such statistics—four times higher than Germany, 13 times higher than England, and 20 times higher than Japan.

1 in 4 of the women now in college have been attacked by a rapist and 1 in 7 of the women now in college have been raped.

71% of all single assailant assaults and 90% of all gang rapes are planned in advance.

More than 4 out of 5 rape victims know their attackers. The relationship between the rape survivor and the offender breaks down like this: Relatives 11%, Well-known 35%, Casual acquaintance 21%, Stranger 33%.

Rape locations were 37% at or near victim's home or lodging, 21% at or near friend/relative/neighbor home, 42% all other locations.

While 30-40% of acquaintance rapes are outside of a date or romantic setting, more than half of college rape victims are attacked by dates.

Late rape frequently takes place on the second or third date when the couple's social defenses are lower.

Women aged 16-24 have four times higher risk of being raped than any other popu

It's a college experience not listed in any glossy brochure or touted in the campus tour, but one in seven women will be raped while attending college—nearly all of them by someone they know. Only half of these women will tell someone about their experience and less than five percent will make a police report, according to national statistics.

At Rochester Institute of Technology, the 1996 Campus Safety Annual Report, states that there were 11 non-forcible sex offenses reported in 1993, and none for 1994-95. One incident of forcible rape was reported in 1994, however, campus officials agree that this isn't the entire story.

"We know there has to be more than that," said Geri Curwin, Chairperson of the RIT Advisory Committee on Campus Safety. Mike McCarthy, senior investigator with the RIT Campus Safety Department, holds the same view. "Stuff goes on that we don't hear about."

Why isn't rape reported more often? According to Anna Potter, Manager of Counseling at the Rape Crisis Service in Rochester, "If you came in with a broken arm after being mugged, you would talk freely...(but) rape automatically carries a stigma in our society because it involves private parts."

Potter states that rape isn't about sex, however, but about violence and power.

It's also about communication. "When you want to say no, say no and mean it," said Potter. "A girl may flirt and to him that's an invitation, but no means no and that's the law."

Ms. Potter also states that a woman can say no at any-time and if the man continues, it is rape. She also notes that even if the woman is incapable of giving consent, it's still rape. The bottom line for Potter - did she give consent? "Guys have to take responsibility - don't go on body language. Guys are just as responsible as she is for clear communication," said Potter.

Manizheh Eghbali, RIT Health Education Coordinator, also counsels students not to assume that silence means yes. "There are too many gray areas - you need to be as clear as you can possibly be," said Eghbali. She also believes that women need to think ahead to avoid putting themselves in danger. "As women we are leaving all the control with the men, (we say) he shouldn't have done this and no he shouldn't have, but we need to be aware."

Potter agrees that women need to be aware of potentially dangerous situations, but also points out that we are a very "victim-blaming" society. According to Potter, in our society, we often feel that we can't control the perpetrator, but we can control the victim.

"We deal with the aftermath, but the problem begins with the perpetrator. We need to understand them, that's where the answers lie," said Potter.

Part of the problem lies in myths that both men and women buy into, said Potter. In a University of Los Angeles study of young adults, 82 percent of respondents said there were never any circumstances in which using force to obtain sex was okay. The numbers changed, however, when specific situations were detailed.

Among men questioned, 39-54 percent agreed that rape was okay if the man spent money on the woman, if he were so turned on he couldn't stop, if she had slept with other men, if she were stoned or drunk, if she let him touch her above the waist, if she said she was going to have sex and then changed her mind, if they'd dated for a long time, if she flirted or "led" him on and if he became sexually aroused by her. The percentage of women who agreed ranged from 12 percent who said rape was okay if the man spent money on the woman to 42 percent who said rape was okay if the man became sexually excited by the woman.

In another study, 400 undergraduate students responded to a rape survey. 40 percent of the men believed that a woman should be responsible for preventing her victimization in the rape. Fifty-nine percent of the men believed women provoke rape by their appearance or behavior. Forty percent believed that in order to protect the male, it should be difficult to prove a rape has occurred. And fully one third believed it would do some women good to be

raped.

A study by members of the Duke University Sexual Assault Survivors Service states that present myths and attitudes stem in part from past laws. According to the study, those laws were developed from the English Common Law which in turn had its roots in the Bible.

In early recorded history, rape was a ritualistic way by which a wife could be obtained. "Bride Capture," as it was termed, occurred when a man raped a woman and then was able to take her for his wife. Rape was always defined in relation to marriage, and marriage was considered an exchange of property. In ancient Babylon, under Mosaic law, a ritual that was considered more "civilized" was adopted. Potential brides were given a price; however, their virginity had to be guaranteed or the price was lowered. Consequently, if a daughter was raped prior to her marriage, it was considered to be a crime against her father, who would now receive less money because his daughter's virginity had been "stolen." The compensation was to allow the father and brothers of the victim to rape the women in the rapist's family. Such reciprocal violence was considered an appropriate vengeance and retribution.

In sum, women were considered to pieces of property: they were first obtained by their fathers, and then by their husbands. Hebrew law has also contributed to the evolution of present misconceptions, according to Duke officials. In ancient times, cities were surrounded by walls. If a virgin was raped inside the city walls, both she and the rapist were stoned to death. She was considered deserving of death because it was believed that she could have escaped or screamed, if she had been so inclined. However, if a virgin was raped outside of the city walls, it was believed that she would have screamed for help, but no one heard her.

In this instance, the victim's father was compensated monetarily, and the victim and rapist were forced to marry. If the victim was promised to another man, the rapist was stoned to death and the woman sold at a lower price.

If the victim was married, it was considered adultery, she was considered damaged property and both she and the rapist were stoned to death.

Although present day laws are less extreme, many of the beliefs underlying ancient law still prevail. Some people still believe a woman cannot be raped. Consent is the oldest and most frequently used defense against the charge of rape.

Furthermore, rape is the only crime in which the victim is doubted, say Duke officials. In other words, when a woman is raped, it is not uncommon that some of the blame and responsibility for the rape is put on her. Duke officials believe this is one reason for the incredibly low conviction rate of rapists. Because the criminal justice system reflects the prevailing societal attitude that women are partially responsible for rape, juries are less likely to find a man charged with rape as guilty.

According to a Monroe County Sheriff's official, male jurors are more likely to convict than women, "because they know what men are capable of."

Potter said that women are less than sympathetic because, "if I believe rape doesn't happen, then mentally that's going to keep me safe; it gives them a false sense of security."

Curwin believes that RIT has developed a system that is more sympathetic to the victim. "I think we do a better job than the courts do at not revictimizing the victim," she said.

According to Curwin, RIT provides trained crisis counselors, advocates to help with the school judicial process, safe rooms, and crisis interpreters for the deaf community at RIT. Curwin states that the process also includes support for the accused.

According to McCarthy, RIT campus safety officers also receive specialized training for dealing with sexual assault cases. "We are aware of the sensitivity level of it," said McCarthy. Female officers are dispatched if available.

Although campus safety officers have no powers of arrest, McCarthy said they do serve as an investigative arm for the institution and also collaborate on cases with the New York State Police and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department when appropriate.

According to McCarthy, the first priority is the need for medical attention. Officers will also take information on the perpetrator(s). At the victim's request, rape crisis counselors are contacted as are outside law enforcement agencies. The victim has the option of having charges pressed only through the school judicial

lation group. Sixty-one percent of all rapes cases are victims less than 18 years old. 22% are between the ages of 18 and 24.

The average age of a rape victim is 18.5 years old, as is the average age of the perpetrator.

75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in date rape had been drinking or using drugs.

One study showed that 47% of college men have used verbal/emotional violence to get sex.

1 in 12 male students surveyed had committed acts that met the legal definition of rape.

84% of men who had committed acts that met the legal definition of rape, said that what they had done was definitely not rape.

16% of male students who had committed rape and 10% of those who attempted a rape took part in episodes with more than one attacker - gang rape.

33% of males surveyed said that they would commit rape if they definitely could escape detection.

25% of men surveyed believed that rape was acceptable if: the woman asks the man out; or the man pays for the date; or the woman goes back to the man's room after the date.

1 in 15 rape victims contracts a sexually transmitted disease as a result of being raped.

1 in 15 rape victims becomes pregnant as a result of being raped.

Only 27% of women whose sexual assaults met the legal definition of rape actually thought of themselves as being rape victims.

Less than 5% of college women report incidences of rape to the police

Only 7% of all rapes are reported to police. By comparison, the reporting rate for robbery is 53%; assault, 46%; and burglary, 52%.

In a survey of victims who did not report rape or attempted rape to the police, the following was found as to why no report was made: 43% thought nothing could be done, 27% felt it was a private matter, 12% were afraid of police response, and 12% felt it not important enough.

98% of all rapists are heterosexual men.

Persons with disabilities are ten times more likely to be assaulted than persons without disabilities.

Weapons: In rapes/attempted rapes/sexual assaults: 84% were unarmed, using body weight or psychological terror; six percent used a firearm, and 10% used an edged or blunt weapon. 83% of women who yell and scream get away.

In another study at Auburn University:

When questioned, only 3-4% of women answered yes when asked "had they ever been raped".

20% said yes when asked, "have you ever had sexual intercourse without your consent and against your will".

80% said they had been the victim of some sort of sexual violence, from unwanted fondling to battery.

Statistics taken from I Never Called It Rape by Robin Warsaw; The Prevention of Rape and Sexual Assault on Campus, Campus Crime Prevention Programs, Goshen, KY; Resources provided by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Acquaintance Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Training Manual by Andrea Parrot; Koss, M.P. (1988). Hidden Rape: Incidence, Prevalence and Descriptive Characteristics of Sexual Aggression and Victimization in a National Sample of College Students. In Burgess, A.W. (ed.) Sexual Assault. Vol. II. New York; Garland Publishing Co.; Malamuth, N.M. (1986) Predictors of Naturalistic Sexual Aggression. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 50, 953-962; Muehlenhard, C.L. Friedman, D.E. & Thomas, C.M. (1985) Is Date Rape Justifiable? Psychology of Women Quarterly, 9, 297-310; Koss, Woodruff, & Koss — A Criminological Study- August 1990 ; Crime in the United States - A Statistical Abstract, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

system or through both the school system and the courts.

Acknowledging the victim's right to choose the right course for herself, McCarthy believes that the rapist's behavior has to be legally answered for and that the process helps the victim resolve the issue.

Eghbali says, "Sexual assault isn't done with at that moment...people who are convicted have their lives altered forever."

Potter believes that rape is also a life altering experience for the survivor and said, "Crises are going to happen in your life and it does make you a more experienced, more knowledgeable person...(You need to ask yourself) what can I learn from this; what can I take from this experience?"

McCarthy advocates prevention noting that alcohol is often involved. "My advice is to use the buddy system. Ask someone to help you make sure clear judgments are made," he said, adding that the advice applies to men also. "There's a lot at risk for everyone."

by Kathie Duprey

Most Rapists Jump Out of the Buses and Other Myths

Myth : Rape is committed by insane, violent sex maniacs.

Fact: The majority of rapes are by "normal" friends and acquaintances.

Myth: Women who don't actually try to fight the man haven't been raped.

Fact: If a man forces a woman to have sex rape has occurred, whether or not she fights back.

Myth: If a man doesn't use a weapon, it's not rape.

Fact: A weapon isn't necessary for rape to occur ... fists, body weight, psychological pressure, the victim being stoned or drunk...all count as rape.

Myth: Rape is just a "misunderstanding".

Fact: Some "misunderstandings" are considered felony offenses under the law - rape is one of them.

Myth: Women usually lie about being raped, especially if they are accusing a date.

Fact: Only 2% of all rape charges are false. Most women do not lie about being raped - by even bringing charges the woman faces public embarrassment and humiliation.

Myth: If a man pays for dinner or a movie, the woman owes him sex, so rape has not occurred.

Fact: A woman doesn't owe a man anything as payment for a date.

Myth: When a woman says "no", she means "maybe".

Fact: Although some women have indeed given ambiguous message, the man should never assume that "no" means anything other than "no".

Myth: If a woman goes to a man's room and "makes out" with him it's because she wants sex.

Fact: Although petting and kissing are often a prelude to intercourse, it does not always mean that a woman wants to have intercourse.

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he drug is Rohypnol, or "Roofies" as it is being called on the street. It is also called "ruffies," "roche," "R-2," "rib," and "rope" and is reportedly becoming the "date rape drug." Easily added to beverages, the drug renders its victims unconscious, but unable to remember the preceding hours.

According to a University of Florida drug hotline, "Roofies" are often combined with alcohol, marijuana, or cocaine to produce a rapid and very dramatic "high". Even when used by itself, users can appear extremely intoxicated, with slurred speech, no coordination, swaying, and blood-shot eyes...with no odor of alcohol. The drug has been added to punch and other drinks at fraternity parties and college social gatherings, where it is reportedly given to female party participants in hopes of lowering inhibitions and facilitating potential sexual conquest. Police departments in several parts of the country say that after ingestion of "Roofies" that several young women have reported waking up in fraternity houses with no clothes on, finding themselves in unfamiliar surroundings with unfamiliar people, or having actually been sexually assaulted while under the influence of the drug.

Illegal use of roofies in this country was first noticed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Bob Nichols, a Florida assistant state prosecutor, said he was involved in five sexual-battery cases connected to roofies in the last five months. "The pattern with the rapes is that high school and college kids and gang members are slipping it into drinks at nightclubs and pick-up joints."

Rohypnol is a brand name for flunitrazepam (a benzodiazepine), a very potent tranquilizer similar in nature to valium (diazepam), but 10 times stronger. The drug produces a sedative effect, amnesia, muscle relaxation, and a slowing of psychomotor responses. Sedation occurs 20-30 minutes after administration and lasts for up to eight hours. The drug works its way out of the human system within 24 hours. The drug is odorless, colorless, and leaves only a slightly bitter taste when dissolved in liquid. It is effective even in water.

In October 1996, President Clinton signed a law making use of Rohypnol a federal drug offense. It is, however, produced and sold legally by prescription in Europe and Latin America. In some countries it is used as pre-op anesthesia for surgery. It is a small white pill with a "+" on one side.

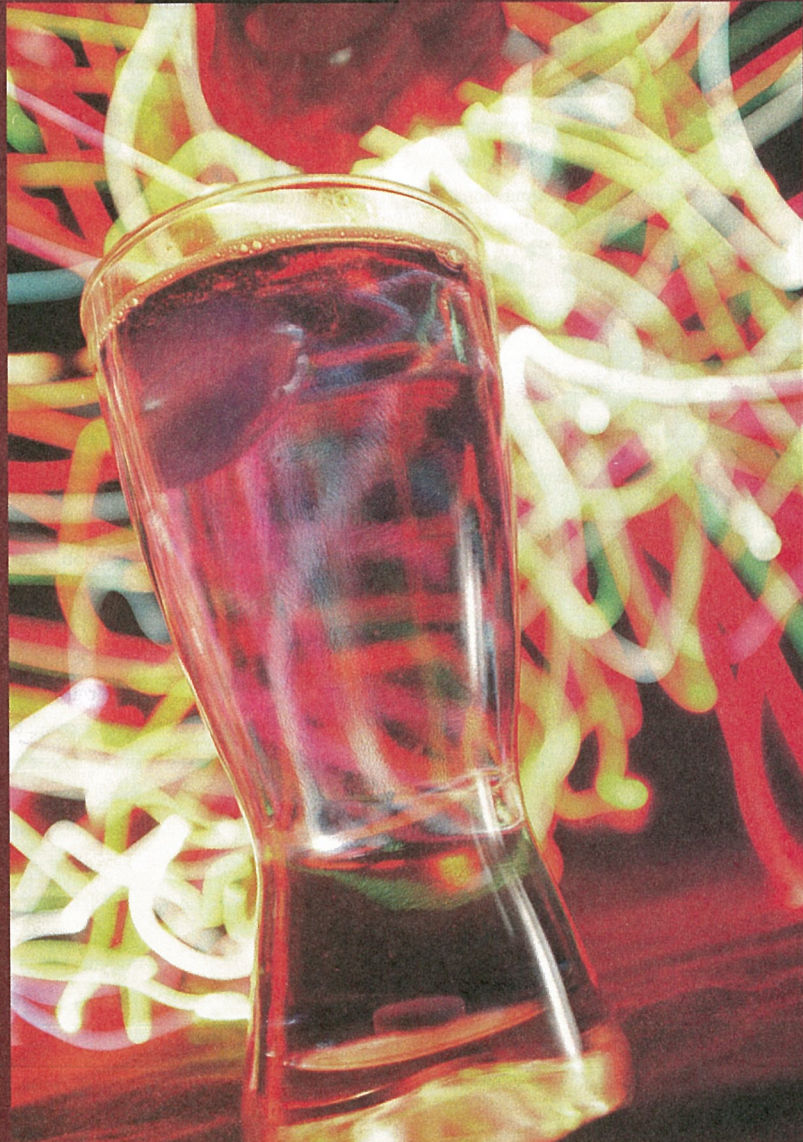
The drug usually is smuggled into and transported within the United States through the mail or delivery services.

Recent seizures and anecdotal reporting indicate that distribution and abuse of flunitrazepam are increasing domestically, especially in southern and southwestern States. Of particular concern is the drug's low cost, usually below \$5 per tablet, and its growing popularity among high school and college students. Reports have also been received of it being popular in "gay bars" in selected locations on both the East and West coasts.

According to law enforcement agencies and rape crisis centers, women should be cautious not to leave a drink unattended and should only accept a drink from an unopened container that they open themselves. Also recommended is the buddy system. Anyone suspecting they have consumed a roofie with alcohol should be driven to a hospital or 911 should be called for an ambulance.

Was it rape?

I don't
remember




An amnesia producing effect of "Roofies" may prevent users from remembering how or why they took the drug or even that they were given it by others. This makes investigation of sexually related or other offenses very difficult and may account for repeated reports of "date rapes" involving the use of the drug.

Besides worries of unprotected sex, Rohypnol, particularly when mixed with alcohol or other drugs may lead to respiratory depression, aspiration, and even death. When taken repeatedly, it can lead to physical and psychic dependence, which is thought to increase with both dose and duration of use.

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Walking into Gracie's, I wonder on which side of the cafeteria should I sit. Scanning the room, I don't see anyone I know. Unable to understand sign and too mentally drained from decoding my profs all day, I find an isolated spot and I sit alone. I am existing in a sort of non-dimension where I can visualize what is going on, but don't really participate. When hearing people recognize my deafness, a change in their attitude and demeanor soon follows. Deaf people call me hearing or hard-of-hearing. While different, these labels have the same effect, both hold me at arms length and keep me separate. So there I sit alone. I am not Deaf, but I'm not hearing. I am one of those people who is slowly losing her hearing. Most people have this perception that you are either born Deaf or you become hard of hearing when you get older, but that is just not true.

I ask myself all of the time if my parents knew as I was growing up that I would eventually lose my hearing. I have always been a deep sleeper and not much of a morning person. I can still recall my morning wake-up procedure for high school, someone would be shaking my shoulder... "Hey! What the hell? It's cold!" I'd blindly grope for the covers, but they'd already be gone. Prying my eyes open, I'd always seem to find my displeased father.

"You are going to be late for school," he'd say.

"Well, why didn't you get me up sooner?"

"I have been calling you for the past two hours!" he'd shout, leaving the room. My mother informed me later, when I asked her what his problem was, that he had been calling for me to get up and announcing the time every 15 minutes or so for the past two hours. He finally gave up and came upstairs to yank my covers off. Well, I am a deep sleeper, you know. I guess I'm lucky it wasn't a bucket of ice water.

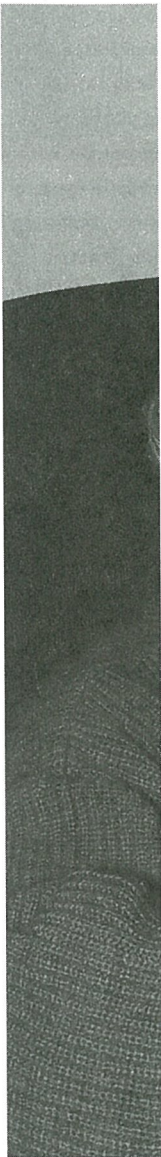
Deaf: Since When?

I can hear you if I can see you. My parents noticed something at the age of 2 or so. I would respond if they looked at me and said something, but I wouldn't come when they called from another room. My mother thought I was perhaps a "selective listener". At the age of 4, my parents took me to the audiologist. She moved her hand and twisted the knob. "Yes, I hear it." I was a bright child and a great at playing games. I loved games and I loved winning. I knew I was supposed to "hear" something when the lady turned the knobs. So when I saw her hand reach for and twist a knob, I would respond "Yes" in short order. I hate to admit it, but I still occasionally find myself 'bluffing' in certain circumstances. The audiologist must have caught on because she told my parents to bring me back when I was a little older so that the testing could be more reliable. I started school, sat in front, and did well. Any concerns were sort of put to the side. I was doing okay in school, so I couldn't be deaf, or maybe this was just the thinking at the time. As an adolescent, experiencing headaches and tinnitus, I had another audiogram. It showed moderate hearing loss and the doctor advised hearing aids. No way! At that time in my life, I would not even wear my glasses, let alone a hearing aid. I had never even seen anyone wearing those before except a couple old people walking around the mall. Trying to fit into the "in" crowd at that time in my life was hard enough. I wouldn't be caught dead wearing those ugly hearing aids. I really can't recall when I went from 'hearing' talk to having to see a person's face to 'hear' what they are saying. It was natural and something I think I have always done. I sat up front in my small high school classes and did well. In fact, I was a bit of a bookworm. The one class I got C's in was French. One can not lip-read a foreign language. I began college at Kent State University after high school graduation. I ended up with low grades and some withdrawals. I

couldn't understand it! I must be stupid. I sat through the huge freshman lecture classes watching the professor speak into the microphone and hearing a few 'things,' but not making much sense out of it. When the tests came back, I did okay on the material that could be found in the texts, but I completely bombed the lecture portion. I didn't know what was wrong with me. I just have to be dense or stupid. I got depressed, began to party heavily, and dropped out. Later, on a routine visit to my doctor for sinus trouble, I mentioned

again that I had continual ringing in my ears and occasionally dizziness and nausea. He did a thorough check-up and insisted on an audio-logical evaluation. My hearing had gone downhill. It had progressed to a severe/profound reverse sloping loss. With some prodding from the audiologist and financial assistance from my family, I purchased my first pair of hearing aids. I do hear some things, but it's different now, at least different than I remember the sounds to be. It took about two years before I would really wear the aids. Without the aids on, my problem is invisible to Joe Schmoe on the street. With the aids, people sometimes noticed and commented. It was just something else to further separate me from everyone else.

Perhaps for a Deaf person, the meaning of hearing loss to a someone who could hear could be explained by comparing the meaning of vision loss to someone who is Deaf. Think what the loss of sign language (and the associated expressions and/or speech reading) would mean for communication and relationships. Imagine the anger, grief, and frustration that would accompany such a loss. Consider the enormous cost in time, thought, and energy of learning new skills to cope as a Deaf person who can no longer see sign. No longer can you just watch the signs and get involved in the conversation. Consider how frustrating and disheartening it would be to try to adapt, things that were once so easy and effortless would now be a considerable effort.



bitch." I let it go at the moment but later I was plagued by nagging questions: Why would she call me a bitch? Does she really think that of me? Am I? What did I do or say wrong? What else must she think of me? If I had asked her over to talk the next day, the anger and hurt may have gone unresolved. She explained she just said it sarcastically, in jest—What's the big deal? My friends still forget that I do not hear! The invisible disability is a continual obstacle.

The other things you lose

My hearing aids are still on from class and I'm in the kitchen waiting for the water to boil for my Folger's instant. What...I look to my right...no light flashing—Hmm—I touch the top of my phone and feel its vibration. AH—a phone call! All students eagerly look forward to phone calls from home.

"Hello." I say into the receiver.
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"What?" I make sure my hearing aids are all the way up and my phone amplifier is also at full volume.

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 "I'm sorry...I can't hear you... Call me back through the relay."
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"Call me back please." I hang up completely deflated. I wait staring at the flasher to my roommates TTY for about 30 minutes. Then, force myself to drudge off to class.

Later that night, I received a call from my mother. Her piercing tone was inquiring about my day. I can just make out her words due to the high pitch of her voice, but my Dad is pretty much lost to me. She mentioned that my brother had called me so that I could hear his daughter say her first "Da-da". He told my Mom he didn't know anything about the relay and it defeated the purpose of the call anyway. I cut the conversation with my mother short, uncomfortable, but uncertain really why. Maybe if she was loud enough or high-pitched enough I would have heard her. Maybe I will have to see her face to

"hear" her say "Da-da". I just felt like I lost something I can not get back. It is unexplainable.

I am continually exhausted. With the deterioration of my hearing, my survival mode has been activated and I am in a state of continual alertness. My mind and body feel as though I am in a constant state of adrenaline rush. My eyes are constantly darting, scanning my environment and taking in information as I begin to get used to the environment I can no longer hear.

A roller-blader zoomed past me the other day on campus. I nearly had a heart attack! I didn't hear him coming and was totally unexpected. Funny, I still expect to hear buses, people, and cars as they approach. Walking into K-Mart, a car came up behind me and nearly hit me. He probably thought I'd ease over to the side. I was so surprised! I didn't hear it coming. I still think I should/will hear it coming. I can hear it if I can see it. I guess I am a good lip-reader because I can not really remember when I could hear a person without looking at their face. It is the only reason I have done as well as I have. I stare intently at the face of whomever is speaking to me, at times to their discomfort.

More so, I find it easier to just avoid people. Sometimes the effort is too great or the frustrations and difficulties of following the conversation just overshadows everything. It's easier to just not bother. Or so I once thought, but this can be very lonely. I

now know I have to adapt and move on. I need to learn sign language so I can quit the quessing, straining, and game-playing. Yet, I also remember what a bird sounds like in my mind and am surprised to walk outside on a nice day and look up to see birds that do not sing.



I CAN IMAGINE...

Hearing people say, "I can imagine what it must be like..." Can they? I no longer hear tone or inflection, so if something is said in jest or sarcastically, I may not realize it. One of my long-time friends was with me one evening when I got a call from a male friend. As I was hanging up, she looked at me and said, "You



RIT To Host Chase Bank Scholarship Tournament

by Stacy Speidel

RIT has been chosen as the site of this year's 31st annual Chase Bank Scholarship Tournament January 16-18. RIT will host seven area colleges for three days of basketball. After the first round of games at Nazareth and Brockport, the tournament moves to RIT the with men's second round games in Clark Gym at 1:30, 3:30, 6:30 and 8:30 pm on Friday, January 17. The women's third place game is slated for 1pm on Saturday, January 18, to be followed by the women's final contest at 5:30 pm. The men's third place contest is scheduled for 3 pm with the finals slated for 8 pm.

After a phenomenal season thus far, the men's basketball team is one of the tournament's favorites. RIT's men's team won the championship in 1995 and placed third last year. This year they seek to face defending champions, the University of Rochester.

This is the second appearance for the RIT's women's basketball team in the tournament. Defending champions in women's basketball are William Smith. Brockport, Geneseo, Hobart, Nazareth, Roberts Wesleyan and St. John Fisher will all be participating in the tournament this year.

Statistics

Men's Basketball

1/10/97

RIT 72 Clarkson 38

Top Scorers: Craig Jones 17 points and 14 rebounds,

Matt Wahn 12 points, Aaron Morrison 13 points,

Eric Wyse 11 points

Women's Basketball

1/10/97

Clarkson 56 RIT 46

Top Scorer: Kim Jamison 12 points and 11 rebounds

Men's Hockey

1/10/97

Plattsburgh 5 RIT 3

Goals: Scott Jones (two), Pat Staerker

Wrestling

1/10/97

RIT 26 Ohio Northern 16

RIT 28 Oswego 15

Laurus 21 RIT 15

The Tigers Fall to Plattsburgh

by Lynette Schmidt

The men's hockey team met the Plattsburgh Cardinals on home ice January 10. RIT, ranked in the number one spot of the NCAA Division III East poll after defeating Middlebury over break, fell to seventh ranked Plattsburgh for the second time this season with a 5-3 score.

The Tigers came on strong in the first with freshman, Scott Jones scoring two goals and Pat Staerker, also a freshman, kicking in the third before the half. Plattsburgh kept the pressure on by tying the score in the second. It was a night of rough hockey as both sides played aggressively, yet RIT seem to be missing the passes which put them at a disadvantage. The Tigers seemed to be playing a little slower than normal as if they were saving up their energy for some big finale, but that opportunity did not come. In the last quarter, Plattsburgh's Steve Moffat scored, breaking the tie. In the last minutes of play, Coach Hoffberg pulled Morris from the net opting for an additional attackman. However, RIT was not able to keep the action at the Cardinal's net and Plattsburgh's L.A. Ross sent it in with 21 seconds on the clock.

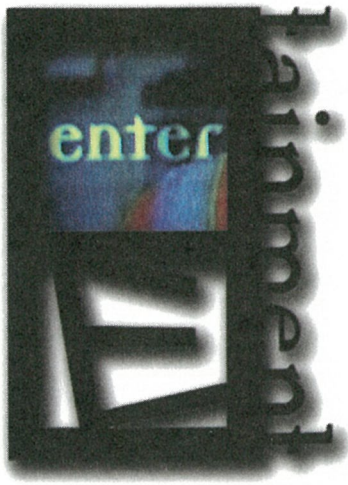
Despite this loss, RIT standing in the conference remains strong as they leave this game 9-2-2. Although a quiet night for co-captain Steve Toll, he leads Division III scoring with 38 points in eleven games and with 42 points overall in twelve games, Toll is on fire as he looks to beat the RIT season record held by Hall of Famer Scott Brown of 74 points.

Male Athlete of the Week

Steve Toll has been named RIT's Male Athlete of the Week for the third time already this season. Toll, a member of the men's hockey team, played two outstanding games, as RIT beat defending national champion Middlebury in both games.

Toll tallied 2 goals and 1 assist in each game. During the Saturday, January 4th game, Toll scored the winning goal to give the Tigers the overtime win 5-4. Coach Eric Hoffberg stated, "I thought all four goals in both games were critical. Both goals in the second period helped us fight off momentum that Middlebury was taking away from us. For the amount of time Steve was on the ice, I was impressed with the way he maintained his work ethic."

Toll is in his third season playing with the Tigers, and this year he stepped up as one of the team's assistant captains. He is a driving force behind the team and one of the key players in their success so far this season. The Tigers are currently 9-1-2 overall and they are currently ranked first in the east.



Don't Do Beavis and

Butthead By David Ozelpay

For those of you who have been living in a cave and are unfamiliar with the infamous characters of Beavis and Butthead, prepare as they are on a quest to "do America." MTV's hit cartoon series featuring the two dim witted Generation Xer's known for their satirical portrayals of the typical teenager have hit the big screen in the ninety-minute flick, "Beavis and Butthead Do America."

The plot is what you are expecting, a long version of the half-hour show on MTV with a few, predictable twists. The basic premise is that when Beavis and Butthead's TV is stolen, apparently right out from under their noses, they go on a nationwide search to reclaim their lost possession. They eventually find themselves searching for their TV by checking for it in unlocked motel rooms. The last room that they come to has a large, drunken man in it who confuses Beavis and Butthead for two hitmen. The man offers the boys a large amount of money to do (kill) his wife. "Uh huh huh, he wants us to do his wife," Beavis utters to Butthead. Under these false pretenses the boys travel around America looking for their TV and this man's wife, all the while continually hoping they will finally score with a "chick."

Despite the original creativity, humor, and success of the long running cartoon, the movie never comes through. It takes a certain sense of humor to understand the perverted jokes that these boys constantly dish out, but even if you have that you still leave with the feeling that you sat through an extended version of the TV show and paid seven dollars to do it. The show's creator, Mike Judd, who also provides the voices for the two main characters, could have developed more original material, but instead created a spinoff of a combination of their five minute skits. The movie was predictable and unoriginal, making you long for the days of the Beavis and Butthead commentary which only lasted thirty minutes and was broken up by a million of commercials. Save your money- this movie rates a 4.

After a false start, and a couple of months of trials, the Beggars Banquet web site is up and running. Beggars Banquet is actually a very obscure, independent record label started in the 70's to promote the then popular English punk scene. I reached the Beggars Banquet home page and was disappointed to find, to put it nicely, not a whole lot. There are, however, three links that go to the latest releases, news, reviews, artists, and catalogue.

So out of curiosity, I checked these out too. Unfortunately, there were no pictures to look at and no design extras. There was just some basic text on some very uninteresting, biographical information. Most of the biographies were about Beggars Banquet and its offspring label, Mantra Recordings. I also found a listing of albums and a few of the artists the label carries, such as The Cult, Dick Dale, The Charlatans, The Go Betweens, Love and Rockets, and Buffalo Tom.

So if you're looking for some boring and altogether needless information to waste your time and money on, or you really are into the indie record scene, you can go the Beggars Banquet web site @ WWW: <http://www.beggars.com>.

By Anna the Web



What is the square root...of fly?

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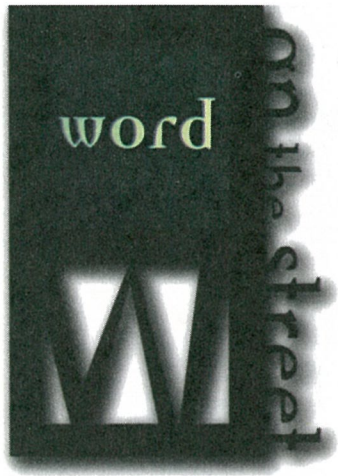
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Deadline for applications is Friday, February 21 1997.

Applications are available from the Student-Alumni Union Information Desk, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, SAU. Rm. 2410, and the Circulation Desk at the Wallace Memorial Library.



"Forcible domination"

Norman Fizz, 2nd year Grad Student, Industrial Design

"Undesired sexual assault"

Alexei Baskakoe, 4th yr Hotel Management

"Having sex with a woman against her own will"

Charles Clemens 1st yr Marketing

"I would define rape as a violation of intention, of self. It's whatever a person feels is part of themselves - any violation of that."

Mike Bayrbus, 2nd yr Photojournalism



"When you don't have permission, or if she says no and you don't stop, then it's rape."

Jerome Williams, 3rd yr Graphic design

"Forced sex"

Jennifer Gelarden, 4th yr Industrial design

"When anyone has sex against their will"

John Neild, 1st year Computer Science

"When you forcefully take advantage of somebody-male or female."

Rita Sheh, 1st yr International Business, MBA

"When someone forces themselves on another person."

Jack Turner, 2nd yr Computer Science



"Nonconsensual sexual contact"

John Paulhess, 4th year Information Tech

"Having sex against a person's will; each person has a soul right to their own self. It is a crime, and the wrong way of doing things."

Byron Hampton, 3rd year Civil Engineering NTID



"New York State taxes!"

Margaret Slinker, 2nd year Ceramics

"Taking advantage of someone sexually without their consent. It's a horrible thing and anyone who does it should be severely punished."

Desere Gamaldi, 1st year Woodworking



"When either a guy or a girl forces themselves on the opposite sex in any form they don't want."

Neil Webber, 3rd yr Film/ Video

"Coerced intimacy"

Tami Tolpa, 1st year Medical Illustration

"How do you define rape?"



photo: meg kuryla

He has been referred to as RIT's secret weapon, and from the stands you can hear the chatter of the crowd asking, "Who is that kid?" From across the court he is number 34, a 6'7 powerhouse of speed and skill, but from across the couch where we sit, he is the polite and soft spoken son of a Baptist minister, Aaron Morrison.

Aaron has recently been recognized for his outstanding performance with the basketball team in games against some of RIT's toughest competition. In the game against Nazareth, Aaron had the crowd jumping to their feet as he stole the ball away and fled down the court to dunk it and worked with the rest of the team to secure the team's current outstanding record. When asked about the dynamics of the team and any potential competition between himself and hoop star Craig Jones, he replied that they all have the same goal in mind, winning the game and not the spotlight. Aaron cites his involvement in basketball camps where he played with other members of the RIT's men's basketball team as helping that relationship and says that he and Craig had talked about what they wanted for themselves and the team prior to the start of the season. He believes this cooperation and their determination to see RIT into the finals is what has led to the cohesiveness of the team.

Aaron, a junior transfer student from division one Southern Utah, chose to return home for his last year of eligibility. He chose RIT because of his relationship with coach Bob McVean, who recruited Morrison while in high school at Irondequoit. Morrison said he wanted more court time and an opportunity to see RIT through to win the finals.

Aaron, a communications major, would like to play basketball in Europe upon graduation, but if that were to not work out, will seek a position as a sports information director or in broadcasting or technical writing. Aaron presently lives at home in Honeoye Falls and commutes to RIT everyday for classes and practice. When asked what he liked best about being back to the area he responded, "Chicken wings." Apparently, chicken wings are a precious commodity in Utah since aren't as popular there as they are here in New York. Unfortunately for the female population on campus, Aaron is taken. The twenty two year old met his girlfriend, Hillary, while in

Utah and she returned with him to Rochester while he finishes school. There is a lot more to Aaron Morrison than some tall boy in basketball jersey shooting hoops and scoring points, he is the epitome of determination, drive and spirit. And I guarantee we will be hearing his name, both on and off the court, for a long time to come.



Faces of RIT:

Aaron Morrison

by Stacy Speidel

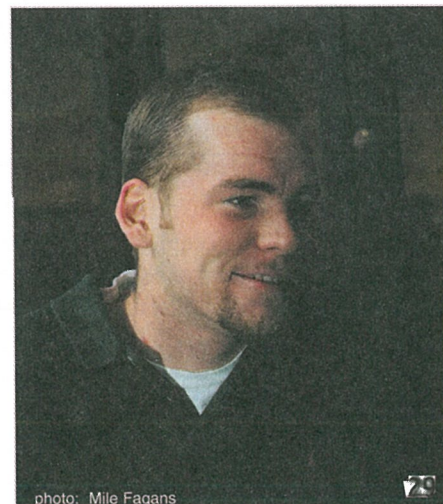
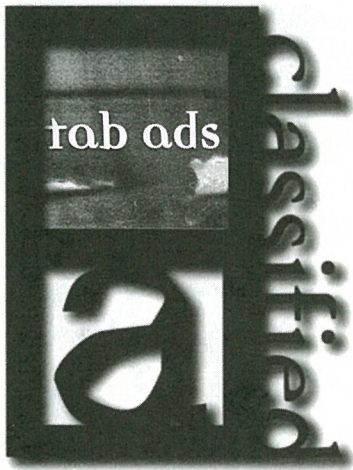


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- Devon-Congratulations! You are doing a great job as pres. I miss you roomie! Xi love and mine-Steph
- Reno & Odie Thanks for a great dinner Love Alpha Xi Delta
- Alpha Xi Delta Always the best! Accept no other Xi love
- Chance made us friends, Zeta made us sisters!!! I love you all..ZLAM, Mo
- To my little Teresa, Thanks so much for all you do for me. You are the sunshine in my life! You're the best! Zlam, YBS Boose
- Patty, Jules, Kelly...To the piggy family...I love your all! Zlam #138
- Billy - Happy 23 months. I love you. Love always, Amy
- Happy Holidays and a joyous new year Zeta Tau

Alpha. Love (ZMLAM) Buddha PS. Puh to Geneva and Meghan-M. Girafee.

•Suzette tulip-suzette tulip-suzette tulip-suzette tulip-suzette tulip You rule Xi love YLS & Tanya too!

•The New York Eta chapter of Phi Delta Theta participated in this year's Kazoofest for camp good days and special times. Twenty brothers actively persuaded shoppers to make a \$1 donation per kazoo. Every sales technique was used to rally a \$900 total during the three hour span beating our record from last year. All funds raised will benefit terminally ill children diagnosed with cancer as well as their families.

•To my big sister Boose, you're the best. Thank you for always being there for me. I love you. ZLAM, YLS.

•Buddha—there are no words to describe how great of a friend you are. Thank for always making me feel better when I need it the most. Love, Buzzlight year.

•To all of the guys at Phi Sigma Kappa—Thank for all the great times. You know who you are. Love, Teresa

Schedule of Events:

Friday, January 17

Talisman Movie: *House of Bamboo* in Ingle Aud.; 7 & 9:15pm. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1.

Men's Hockey: Cortland visits RIT for a 7:30pm game in the Ritter Ice Rink.

RIT Basketball: *Chase Tournament* at RIT game times to be announced.

TGIF: *Johnny Vegas* in the Ritskeller from 6-8pm \$1 at the door.

Saturday, January 18

Sabor Picante: A dance presented by LASA in the 1829 rm. in the SAU. Adm. \$3 and open to the public.

Anime Festival: All shows in Ingle Aud.; Patlabor 1 at 5, Patlabor 2 at 7, & Ghost in the Shell at 9pm. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1.

Women's Hockey: RIT faces-off against Rensselaer at 5:30pm in the Ritter Ice Rink.

Sunday, January 19

Beat the Clock Comedy Gameshow: One lucky RIT student will WIN a *TRIP for TWO* to the *Bahamas*. From 6:30-8:30pm @ The Commons. FREE

Monday, January 20

RIT Basketball: Keuka comes to RIT. Women start at 6pm men start 8pm in the Clark Gym.

Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, January 21

RIT Swimming: Nazareth comes to RIT. Meet starts at 6pm.

Thursday, January 23

Coffeehouse Entertainer: *Miche Fambre* acoustic guitar/jazz & classical. 6-8pm @ the Commons. FREE

Friday, January 24

Men's Hockey: RIT plays Oswego at 7:30 @ the Ritter Ice Rink.

Late Night TGIF: *Yolk and Johnny Boomslang* perform while you meet the RIT hockey teams. 10pm-1am in the Ritskeller.

Talisman Movie: *Sleepers* in Ingle Aud.; 7 & 10pm. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1. Also showing Saturday, Jan. 25. Closed captioned 7pm Sat. only.

Emerging Artist Concert Series: *The Rod Blueman Jazz Trio* at 8pm in the Ingle Aud.; RIT students \$4, faculty/staff/off-campus students \$8, Gen. Pub. \$12 call 475-2586 to order by phone on Visa or MC.

On-Going Events

Bevier Gallery: Exhibit featuring one-of-a-kind metal furniture and sculpture presented by four second generation artists. Exhibit runs through Jan 22.

To publicize your event to the entire campus, send the name, date, location, time, contact person, phone number, and any other pertinent information to CalendaRIT, Center for Campus Life, SAU, Room 2130, by 4:30 p.m. fourteen working days before the issue in which you would like it published.

Events subject to change.



IMPORTANT DATES

Remember:

There's a Senate meeting every Tuesday, 12:00 –12:30 room 1420 in the SAU. During these meeting we will be discussing issues that concern you the student.

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