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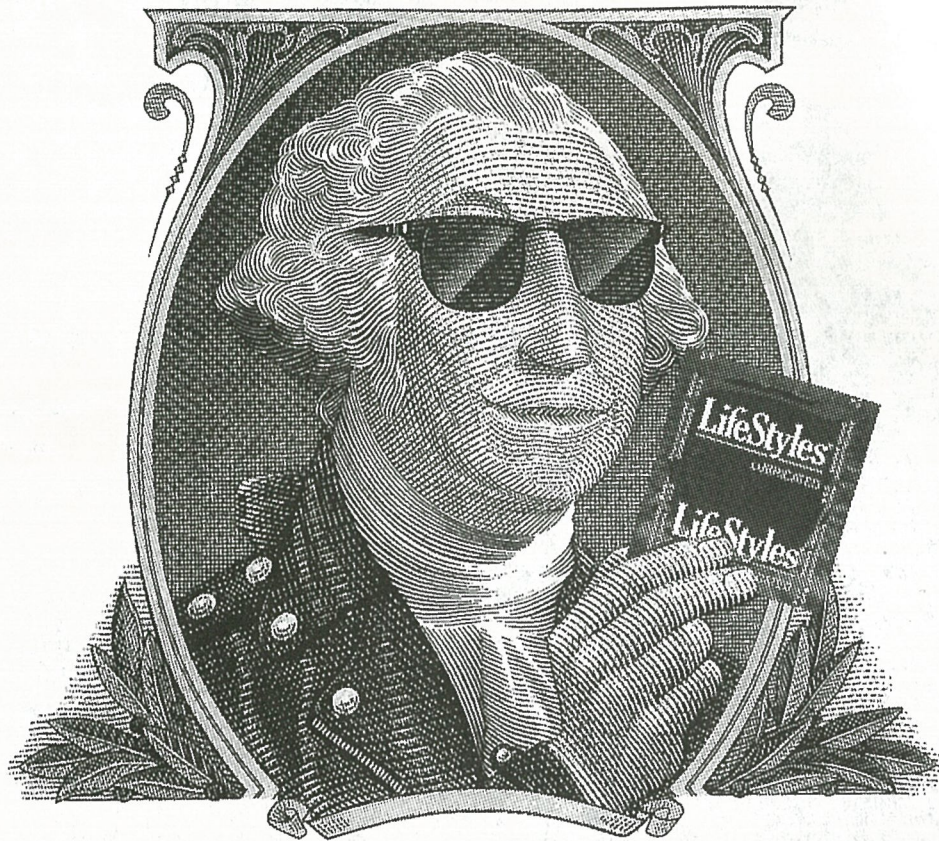
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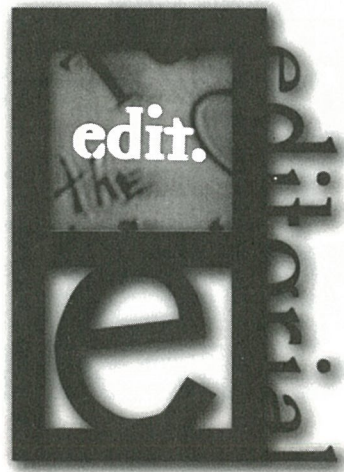
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With exception to the freshmen, there is nothing new about being financially raped when it comes to buying books for class. Initially, everyone wants to blame the book store, however I feel that we should investigate a bit further past Campus Connections. I know that many Editors have raised the book price issue before, but I have a different take on it.

After I left campus I went home to begin my quarterly studies. As I stared at my four very expensive books before me I tried to fathom the \$245 worth. All four of them were nicely stitched and bound into a hard cover, something that did not change the information which laid waiting for my captivated mind. Next, I noticed a heavy opaque stock, resembling that which the Reporter is printed on (mind you, ours is kindly donated). Nothing about this paper was a donation. As my thoughts wandered on I considered other factors like, what would the cost of shipping be for these hardcover books as opposed to a soft cover with the same words and information printed in it? My guess is that it would be a bit less. Although each cover had what someone considers to be a beautiful graphic representation of what was inside, I found it to be more than I needed to receive the knowledge from the book. I could think of many different steps the creators of this particular book could have taken to save me some precious green, but you get the Idea.

I don't know about you, but I can come up with a myriad of products that I would rather spend my money on rather than expensive bindings and well-thought-out cover art. I know that for many of us there are things that we need to spend that money on to survive. I wonder if the publisher ever thought of that when he/she decided to go all out for me. If that is so they would be best advised to think again.

Jason Curtis



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RIT looking to \$ell City Center

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RIT has been looking to sell its City Center Campus for quite some time, and it's possible that Monroe County agencies might be the ones to fill the space.

County officials are examining a proposal from Spoleta Construction and Development Corp. of Rochester, who would buy the building and lease office space to the county. RIT has said that they already have an agreement to sell the property to a private developer, but has not named Spoleta or given any specifics.

The move would be important for Monroe County because many of its agencies are scattered throughout the city, including some in the Lola Complex in Brighton, which the county owns. The deal would also enable the county to collect taxes on the property which is now primarily tax exempt because of RIT's status as an educational institution. The property is assessed at approximately \$6 million.

Any agreement would maintain certain rights for the few tenants now in the building. Some of those include Jefferson Middle School's Science, Technology and Society magnet program and the Challenger Learning Center of Greater Rochester, which teaches children about space travel.

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¶ American troops were deployed to Kuwait under an official mission for training Kuwaiti troops.

Joining 1200 American soldiers already stationed in Kuwait, the soldiers can be called to fight if action becomes necessary.

¶ The Pentagon has begun responding to the complaints of the many Gulf War veterans affected by mysterious illnesses since their service in the Persian Gulf in 1991. As many as 5000 soldiers may have been exposed to chemical weapons during an explosion of an Iraqi weapons depot. This number is much higher than the previously announced estimate of 1100. However, the Defense Department has yet to make any definite statements linking veterans' individual complaints to specific causes.

¶ Spirow Agnew died from undiagnosed Leukemia on September 17 at the age of 77. Agnew was elected Vice President under Nixon for two terms, although he resigned from the position after a scandal in 1973. Ending his political career, Agnew pleaded guilty to charges of income tax evasion.

¶ O.J. Simpson's civil trial began with the start of the jury selection process. One hundred potential jurors will be screened until the panel can be selected. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki has turned down nearly half of the potential jurors' hardship requests for exemption from the trial. Unlike jurors in the first trial, those selected for the civil trial will not be sequestered. Artists will be allowed to sketch the proceedings, although drawings of the jury members will not be permitted.

¶ Twenty-four year old Todd Hall, accused of nine counts of involuntary manslaughter following an incident at an Ohio fireworks store, has been found incompetent to stand trial. On July 3 of this year, Hall was coaxed by companions into lighting a box of fireworks while inside the store. The resultant blaze killed nine people and injured several others. After the fire, Hall showed little comprehension concerning the impact of his actions. Hall was severely brain damaged in a skateboarding accident, and later underwent a partial lobotomy. He will receive treatment at a mental health facility. No action has yet been taken against the companions who urged him to light the fire.

¶ The abortion controversy has regained political attention. The House of Representatives voted to override a Presidential veto on a bill which would limit certain late-term abortions. This bill would be the first to ban any type of abortion in the years following the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. The ban focuses on third trimester, partial birth abortions, which are already illegal in many states more rarely performed in the U.S.. Clinton's veto of the bill this April concerned the lack of provisions within the bill for exemptions where the health of the mother is at stake.

¶ RU 486, also known as the abortion pill, has passed major FDA inspections and should be on the U.S. market by early 1997. This non-surgical abortion procedure has been available in France since 1988, but approval in the U.S. has been slow, owing both to the lengthy drug-approval process of the FDA and the often heated abortion debate.

¶ President Clinton declared a 1.7 million acre tract in Utah a federal landmark, naming it the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. With this decision, President Clinton placed preservation ahead of economics. In addition to its remarkable and distinctive land formations, this area contains nearly a trillion dollars worth of coal beneath its surface.

¶ Astronaut Shannon Lucid, who has been living on the Russian space station Mir for the past six months, is preparing for her return home. Atlantis and its crew arrived to transport her back to Earth after her record stay in space. Lucid has now spent more time in space than any other American.

¶ Congress members showed support for mandatory drug testing by voluntarily undergoing drug screening. Texas Representative Joe Barton sponsored "Member Testing Day" in an effort to prove Congress' willingness to set a positive example.

Mending Their Ways

Despite last year's trouble stemming from an altercation with the hockey team, the Tetarton Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at RIT has restructured its goals and in the process earned the Outstanding Chapter Award from its national fraternity. The national fraternity compared the chapter to others of its size based on members initiated, philanthropic events, on-campus participation and academic standards, and presented the award to the Tetarton Chapter. The chapter received the award at its annual leadership meeting on July 27 in Indianapolis.

After being placed on deferred suspension last year, Phi Sigma Kappa sought a stronger relationship with RIT administration. The fraternity worked to form an advisory group including Jackie Reynolds of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Kathy Carcaci and Geri Curwin of Personnel; and John Whitley from the Office of University Research. This advisory group granted the chapter with an ally that "knows the system here at RIT", said chapter president Thomas Golinski.

"This has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had on campus," says Carcaci, who initiated the idea of the faculty advisory group. "This chapter could have just folded. But instead they set a goal for themselves to earn this award."

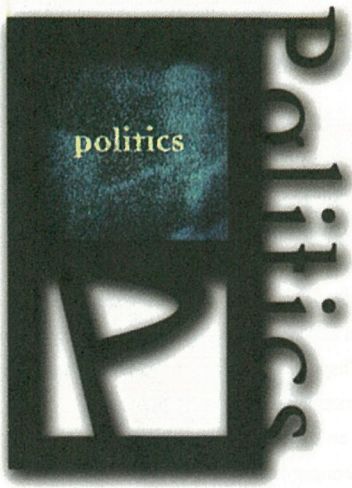
The previous year's community service events added greatly in the bid for the award including fund raising for the United Cerebral Palsy Association. The group was involved with therapeutic horseback riding wherein brothers served roles as helpers and served to provide safety assistance. The chapter's other activities included the annual Santa Project, Lucky Strike and Cow Bingo which raised 2,000.00 dollars for the Monroe County Special Olympics and helped maintain the Hillside Children's Center.

"Our ideals are to promote brotherhood, stimulate scholarship, and develop character," says Golinski, "These are the principles we were founded on, and these are the principles our brothers live up to every day."

"It took a lot of hard work and cooperation within the brotherhood," said second year accounting major and brother, Robert Pelletier.

During this year's rush Phi Sigma Kappa is looking to recruit members who will actively participate in community service and also maintain a good G.P.A.. It is these standards which made this chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa stand out from the rest in the nation.

By: Matthew Kozlowski



President George Bush was on his way to victory by means of a second term. He carried with him many achievements accomplished during his administration, such as starting to heal the national deficit and his decisions to actively pursue peace in the Middle East during the Gulf War. In 1992, he grouped together some of the most promising communication and election campaigners with national level experience and set forth for his re-nomination.

Although George Bush received a five minute standing ovation in the senate after the completion of Operation Desert Storm (Gulf War), the American public thought differently and turned away from the Republican platform because of the recession in the United States at that time. The public was discouraged and tired of losing jobs and they chose Bill Clinton as president instead.

George Bush was the incumbent during the last election in which he was defeated by now President Bill Clinton. In this election, it is President Clinton who is the incumbent and facing the same challenges of his predecessor. The incumbent plays an important role in the election process and, but contrary to what people believe, it is not always at an advantage in an election. The incumbent must deal with two important issues: maintaining an operating government and fulfilling the objectives of the campaign plan.

Maintaining a stable and working government may seem easy for an experienced president, but is not always so. Take for instance the Clinton Presidential train tour that was conducted in August. Instead of comfortably speaking to the people, President Clinton had to allocate time in order to be informed and make important decisions regarding the rising tension in Iraq.

Fulfilling the demands of a campaign plan can be both physical and mentally exhaustive. This means commuting by car, train or plane to many regions of America in order to meet and speak to the people at universities, institutions and work plants. Speeches must be written and delivered. The national conventions demand a profound appearance and presence. Debates and hour long speeches must be carried out on television.

Providing a smooth transition for another party member is also a critical task. This involves persuading the people to believe

not only in the new candidate but also in the party's platforms, ideas and concerns. Usually the best way to deal with this issue is to offer the vice-president as the new candidate such as Ronald Reagan managed to do with then vice-president George Bush in the 1988 elections.

In addition, the incumbent must deal with the past history of their administration. In order to be reelected, the incumbent must prove to the public that the goals and visions of the past campaign were reached. A recent example includes President Bill Clinton's quick and indecisive signing of the welfare reform bill he promised in the 1992 elections. He obviously executed this move in order to fulfill his 1992 campaign objectives. Another example that is easily understood by college students involves Ronald Reagan's campaign when he actively promoted the idea to "get the government off the people's back" in order to defeat then incumbent Jimmy Carter. He even used this issue again when he ran as the incumbent against Walter Mondale, and was successfully elected for another term.

There are twelve factors we can use to possibly determine if the incumbent will be elected for another term (taken from Allan Lichtman, "The Keys to the White House", 1996). If six or more of the following statements are false, the incumbent will most likely not be reelected.

- Party Mandate: More seats are held by the incumbent's party in the US House of Representatives after midterm elections than the previous midterm elections.
- Contest: A serious contender for the presidency does not exist
- Incumbency: The incumbent is running for a second term.
- Third Party: A serious contender does not exist.
- Short term Economy: Economy not in recession.
- Long term Economy: Per-capita economic growth exceeds previous two terms.
- Policy Change: Major national policies are changed by the incumbent.
- Social Unrest: Social unrest does not exist.
- Scandal: Incumbent is untainted by major scandal.
- Foreign/military failure: Incumbent has no major failure in foreign or military affairs.
- Foreign/military success: Incumbent has major success in foreign or military affairs.
- Incumbent Charisma: The incumbent is charismatic or a national hero.

The competing candidate takes on a much different perspective in that there is no national political track record to be considered except with the case of Grover Cleveland who was elected for the presidency in 1884. He lost in 1888 to Benjamin Harrison and then was reelected in 1892 defeating Benjamin Harrison. The new candidate will thus be able to choose from a variety of tactics to govern his campaign with out any national record on them. Attacking the running administration is an obvious choice, especially when bad decisions have been made. Posing new issues and ideas demands a reaction from the incumbent and may promote the candidates campaign. Other issues may include using the incumbent's track record against him. An example of this tactic used unsuccessfully was seen in the 1972 George McGovern campaign when he quoted then incumbent Richard M. Nixon as saying "Those who have had a chance for four years and could not produce peace [in Vietnam] should not be given another chance." Nonetheless, Nixon was reelected for another term.

President Clinton is the incumbent in the 1996 elections. He is reminding the public that he has managed to increase the gross product of America and has the economy moving forward. He is signing new amendments and providing extensions to others such as an addition to the Bradley Bill. He is telling the public that he will fund a tax deductible expense to enable people to pay for two years of college.

President Clinton even displayed military power when he ordered 27 Tomahawk cruise missiles to be fired into Iraq, a safe move that guaranteed no lost lives and showed the American public that he can still flex America's military muscle. It is now up to the public to decide based on the incumbent's track record, the new candidate's proposals, and third party's ideas who will be the next president.

BY AMOTZ ZAKAI

Dole's campaign has stated that California is a high priority and that Jack Kemp will focus much of his energy on that State. One might ask then, why did Bob Dole not select Governor Pete Wilson of California as his running mate?

If you remember back to High School, the President of the United States is elected by the Electoral College. You and I, when we vote for our candidate, actually select the electoral voters for our state. California, being the most populous state, has many electoral votes and is considered a "swing" state by both parties. This means that California could go to the Republican or Democratic candidate, and could mean the difference between winning and losing the election. What does all this

mean? If Bob Dole is serious about winning California, why did he not select a running-mate from the West?

What is the role of the Vice-President of the United States of America? Many would say that the Vice-President is the President's right hand man, ready to assume the weighty duties of Commander-in-Chief if the President is unable to do so. But is there more to the job than being the understudy to the president? More often than not, the Vice-Presidential nomination is where the machinations of party politics can be publicly glimpsed.

Officially, the Constitution provides that the President and Vice-President "must be elected." The Vice-President is selected by the Presidential nominee of each party and then by citizens in the general election in November. What is wrong with that you might ask?

Many studies have concluded that the V-P is selected for reasons that have nothing to do directly with succession. A recent article in Presidential Studies Quarterly stated that "it is difficult to find even one Vice-President nomination that was not made primarily from the standpoint of its utility in carrying a doubtful state or region, or in satisfying a disgruntled faction of the party." For further clarity of this statement, let us evaluate the V-P candidates for the 1996 Election.

As you may know, Bob Dole selected and the Republican Party confirmed Jack Kemp as the Vice-Presidential candidate. Dole's selection is ironic since he and Kemp have argued publicly in the past on fiscal policy. Most notably, the fact that Jack Kemp supported Steve Forbes in the New York Primary. However, an argument can be made that Jack Kemp was the lesser of all evils of those Dole considered for the position, someone who is nationally known and who could broaden his ticket appeal.

So, why did candidate Dole select Kemp? The first reason is that Jack Kemp is an authority on "supply-side" economics, a major part of Dole's 15% tax cut proposal. Kemp therefore, lends credence to Dole's economic platform. Secondly, Jack Kemp brings a balance to Dole in that he is younger and popular across the country. And, Jack Kemp is a stronger candidate than President George Bush's Vice-President, Dan Quayle, which helped Bush win the election in 1992.

On the other side of the electoral coin is Al Gore. The Christian Science Monitor reported that the current V-P balances President Clinton's economic shoot-from-the-mouth approach with a reality check. Formerly overshadowed by his wife Tipper, Al Gore has traveled extensively on behalf of President Clinton; an approach hardly used before by past presidents. Vice-President Gore has also worked on supporting NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and the National Performance Review (ie. reducing Federal employees).

When former Senator Bob Dole announced that Jack Kemp would be his running-mate, he received a jump in the polls. Kemp provides a stronger message to the general population that both he and Dole should be considered compassionate and moderate Republicans. This surge continued with momentum gained from the convention.

It is this momentum which can be seen on every step in the campaign trail. During the campaign, the V-P Candidate often travels separately from his running mate to "work" the States. Bob

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I sat in the hall way.

Elliot was on the phone with his mother.

Julie was down putting their clothes in the dryer. All of the medical students had a set of lab cloths that reeked of Formaldehyde. It was a sickly-sweet pickled smell. Julie even had her dissecting underwear. Because, as she put it, "Everything smells."

RIT (Rochester in general), can feel like a prison at times. Just like Michigan could, now that I think about it. School doesn't ease this feeling, especially if you're just beginning four years of bills and bodies. The med students were just starting to go through gross anatomy. Every night they studied a part of the human body. The next morning they cut up cadavers, studying that part of the body from the night before.

Elliot wanted to get out of town for a few hours. I said I knew how to get to the beach and we decided on that for the warm Sunday evening. Julie almost bailed because she wanted to study. Elliot wouldn't hear of it, of course. There is something wickedly evil about studying on a beautifully warm Sunday night only one week into classes. Elliot got Kim and her little 10 year-old cousin visiting from home to come along too.

It's funny how you fall into the same old circumstances. Elliot and myself going out on the town with two very smart, very attractive and very different Asian women. We could have been back in high school in Michigan at Cafe Laita on a Saturday night, but instead, we're here in Rochester. Elliot is in med school now, and I plan to settle on a major sometime before the end of the century.

We pulled into the parking lot on the left side of Abbott's Custard, facing Lake Ontario. The old brick armory stood like a black wall holding back the water. Julie ran towards it, flailing her arms in a surreal kabuki-like interlude. The rest of us watched and made fun of her. Nice, clean family fun. No crowds, no drunks. I even had to watch my language because there was a kid around.

"I'm not into this kind of shit," I comment to Julie. She laughed and expressed a similar feeling. We walked along while she periodically made jokes about class and the human body that I really didn't want to hear.

As we walked out on to the pier, I kept asking Kim's cousin if he ever watched gladiator films. Elliot whacked me in back of the head.

We get back to the dorm around 12.

I walked out of Elliot's room and kneeled in the hallway. He was taking care of business on the phone. Julie went to take their lab coats out of the dryer. Kim sat down in front of me

"Funny, the way they talk about it. The whole dissecting thing. Julie seems to use humor to deal with it."

"The other day we had a minister come in to class and talk about... well, you know," Kim said. "See, I hadn't been sleeping well since we started. And I usually sleep really good, like a rock. I didn't realize that the dissections had been bothering me so much. It's not like cutting up a frog. It's like cutting up yourself."

"Cutting up something scarred (to use the old Catholic line). It's not like dissecting an animal."

"Yea."

She went on and told me that Elliot had talked to her after the first lab about it. He was one of the few med. students that didn't really joke about the cadavers. "Elliot doesn't use humor like that. I think we all deal with it differently."

We all moved to the study lounge. Julie brought back another 1st year. He and Elliot talked about the lack of dating possibilities in the class. Most were married, had steady boyfriends or were just undesirable. On top of that they were both Jewish. Jewish doctors? Christ, imagine that! They talked about setting up a Jewish medical association for all the Jewish boys to meet perspective Jewish girls in order to "socialize." I swear, it must be the horniest medical classes ever.

"See, that's funny. I only half two Asian friends and their both Chinese, and I'm Korean," Julie commented to Elliot.

"See, last year I lived in an apartment where half the people were Jews and the other half were Irish..."

"...which means half of you were alcoholics and the other half were guilty about it." I love finishing other peoples' sentences. (Besides, it was like slow pitch on that one).

They started to talk about class, making obscure anatomy jokes so a medical thesaurus is needed to decipher. Kim's cousin waddled into the doorway, and leaned against the wall. He asked her what she was

doing the next day.

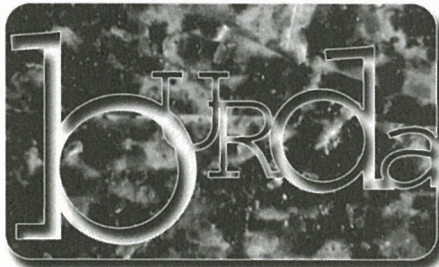
"Dissecting"

"What are you dissecting?" He asked.

She was silent, moving her eyes to look at me. I looked back, totally at a loss for words. How do you tell an 11 year old boy that you cut up dead people?

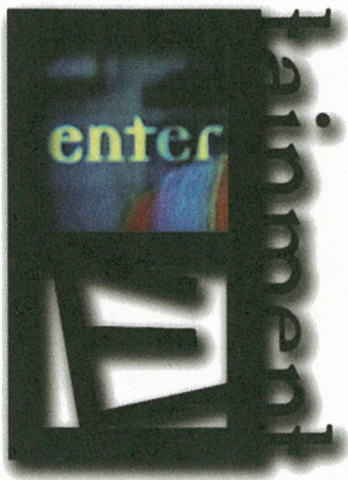
We both looked at him and back at each other a couple of times, unable to formulate an answer. I think boy could tell he hit a sore nerve.

Kim finally found a response. "Cadavers. We dissect cadavers."



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On the Net

The internet has a tremendously diverse array of abilities. Those new to the internet will be surprised by what they can do, and the experienced surfer will already know the potential. One of the places where it all begins, especially for those interested in using multimedia on the internet is "www.Macromedia.com". This site is probably one of the most interactive ones currently on the net. Maybe I should define interactive, it goes beyond just clicking a button and visiting a new site, or page. "Interactivity" requires the feeling of being a part of what the computer screen is doing. "Interactivity" can range from playing games numbering in the thousands, to sites where just navigating through them demands the user's participation. These sites are created by using *Director* and then added to the internet using a combination of *Afterburner* and *Shockwave*. These applications allow the user to become a part of the internet, with quick response time and fast action. In order to obtain this "interactivity", the user must visit the *Macromedia* site in order to obtain the *Shockwave* plug-in. Once the plug-in is downloaded and filed in the plug-ins folder via *Netscape*, or another Web browser, you have become interactive. Note: you may have to restart your computer in order for it to recognize the plug-in.

Now that you are interactive, you can take advantage of *Macromedia's* site. Since *Macromedia* is so intent on selling their *Director/Shockwave* idea, they give you a number of different ways to use *Shockwave*. There is so much to do on the *Macromedia* site that you could stay for hours and come back for more. This includes companies using *Shockwave* for business, entertainment, and also for the novice. If you are not sure whether you can click on it, click on it anyway. Virtually everything is interactive on the site. One last reminder, it takes time to download the files, and some of the features are still being experimented on, so be patient. The wait will be worth it.



Rochester offers many places to indulge an evening of eating and drinking, however, not many offer the same positive environment that Zebbs does. If you are looking for an evening of fun with friends, then you should probably take a drive down to 1890 S. Clinton Ave. There you will find Zebbs, standing out from the rest of the center's dull and lifeless stores. The warm glow produced from the restaurant's interior, previews the comfortable and intoxicating experience to come.

It's plain and simple: Zebbs is a fun place, which "promises" a positive experience for all of its guests. For those times when you just want to suck down a few beers and perhaps munch on some bar type appetizers, there is a huge bar offering plenty of selections. Also, for your entertainment there is a plethora of games provided. Video games and darts seem to be the rave of this restaurant.

Service? Well, I couldn't ask for better. The waiters and waitresses are quick and friendly. Important as well, is the fact that they are willing to take the time to break things down for you. They offer explanations on any menu item and give a detailed description with suggestions on specials of the day.

All of the food here is great and one might even say it's like home made. Zebbs offers all of the usual grill and bar food including the traditional dinner plates, such as opened faced sandwiches for the hearty eater, and huge salad "meals" like chicken Caesar salad. If at all possible, do not gorge yourself during dinner, because if you do, you will miss out on the best part: dessert. That's right, Zebbs offers a wide range of desserts, from tasty pies and cakes, to traditional sundaes with all of the trimmings. If any of this sounds good to you, then you should note that they are open seven days a week for both lunch and dinner.

FUN LOVIN' CRIMINALS



If you are the type of person who likes to drive around with the bass turned so high that yours and every other car on the road is shaking, or if you are a pre-adolescent, who's major objective is to drive your parents insane, then Fun Lovin' Criminals' "Come Find Yourself" is for you. Otherwise, don't waste your time.

The opening track of "Come Find Yourself" begins with a few bars of potentially enjoyable acoustic guitar. I was less than impressed, however, when the song (and the rest of the CD) went on to introduce what can only be described as a new form of rap, which will actually leave you longing for the old one.

What differentiates this CD from others? The bands' determination to make bad music worse, by throwing in cheesy extras, like whispering lines and "Pulp Fiction" excerpts, which did nothing to improve the CD.

Musically, "Come Find Yourself" does have a couple of redeeming qualities. The occasional guitar solo is worth hearing. Also, there is one gem (I use this word in comparison to the rest of the CD) on the album, a song titled, "We Have All the Time in the World." This song seems vastly out of place on this CD and although it does not make up for the rest of the album, mainly due to the singer's voice, it does offer a little encouragement for any future ventures into the music world by the Fun Lovin' Criminals.

One feature of "Come Find Yourself" did leave a positive impact on me: the liner notes. Despite the fact that the lyrics are not printed (My personal theory is that most of the songs have no actual lyrics, just mumbles and grunts.), the liner notes struck me as quite original. Fortunately, a variety of photos make this CD more enjoyable visually than audibly.

Overall, "Come Find Yourself" is one CD that I would not hesitate to pass over. So, if you're like me, don't bother trying to find yourself in the lyrics of this album.



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If the Rochester winter never comes soon enough for you, or if you thrive on the bleak winter landscape and the accompanying winter doldrums, then maybe Feeling Minnesota is for you. Let me amend that. You also need to be a huge Tarantino fan, yet not mind that Steven Baigelman borrows from the pulp style.

Minnesota stars Keanu Reeves, as a small time criminal, named Jjaks, who, at his mother's urging, reluctantly returns to his home town of Minnesota for his brother Sam's (Vincent D'Onofrio) wedding. There, Reeves promptly hits it off with the reluctant bride Freddy (Cameron Diaz), who dreams of being a Vegas showgirl but has been sentenced to marry the no-good Sam by a local crime boss. Of course, Jjacks and Freddy run off together for Vegas, further deepening the rift between Jjacks and Sam. The story unfolds into a tale of grim hope and the search for a new life.

This would all be fine and dandy, if the film had some shades of originality and didn't depend on ridiculous violence to anchor it. This one doesn't hide the fact that it wants to be a Quentin movie. It even goes so far as to involve a scene with an ear removal. Not to mention that the soundtrack has such a similar feel to that of Pulp Fiction and Reservoir Dogs. I actually thought that Marcellus Wallace and Mr. Pink might walk into some of the action. The film also makes small, unsuccessful attempts to revive the comic Minnesota accent of Fargo, but like so much else in this movie, it's been done before.

A bright spot of the film is Vincent D'Onofrio, who is superior in the double-edged quirkiness of Sam. Also of interest, Courtney Love plays the role of Rhonda the waitress (nothing all that impressive, just something to be watching for).

Overall, Minnesota feels stale. Sitting through it brought on my first bout of cabin fever and it's only September. (four out of ten).



GREG LOUGANUS

The 1996 - '97 Horton Distinguished Speaking Series blasted off this past Thursday, the 19th, with an emotional and heart warming lecture by Greg Louganus. The evening began with a synopsis of the lecture to come. Alfreda Brooks, the coordinator of the Committee to Promote Pluralism, explained that Louganus would be speaking on his life's accomplishments and struggles. Describing him as a "Champion and an exceptional human being."

Louganus has received respect and admiration for the past two decades, in light of his outstanding diving career. These accomplishments include an Olympic silver medal in the platform at age sixteen, two Olympic gold's at the age of 24 and the exceptional feat of back to back double gold's at the following Olympics. Furthermore, he was appointed the Maxwell House athlete award, meaning that he displayed the most Olympic spirit, courage and contributions to his sport. His diving career can be summarized by this quote from a sports reporter, "There are two categories of divers, those with magnificent skill, grace, beauty and courage, then there is Louganus." However, even with all of this triumph, most of Louganus' life has been tragic, which is the interesting twist that the lecture took. This made the lecture fun, exciting and full of emotion, because the subject allowed for great openness, which lead to quite a worthwhile experience. Everyone who had something to say just wanted to commend Louganus' ability to be so open, about subjects like his sexuality, his past and hopes for the future.

Louganus opened his speech with this message, "Believe in yourself enough to protect yourself." This is because he is upset with the current way many deal with their sexuality, stating that, "We know how to prevent H.I.V. and AIDS, but many times the problem lies in the area of self-esteem." From that point, the lecture turned to the topic of "Coming Out", and it was here that we learned of Greg's struggle with his own sexuality. His brief review of how he discovered his own sexuality and how he dealt with it during his time at U. of Miami, was received with loud applause from the entire audience. Fortunately for Louganus, his mother took the news as well as his audience did that night. Louganus stated that she was overly accepting of her son's sexual orientation and went on to explain that she finds his friends and way of life fun and exciting.

However, Louganus would hide this secret from the public eye for years to come. Louganus explained that, "[He] wanted his diving to speak for itself." Finally, able to better deal with the truth, Louganus decided to enter the Gay Games, thinking that this would send out a message to the general public that he is gay. However, his plan back fired. After the Gay Games, while receiving an award from the U.S. Olympic Committee, he opened his remarks by thanking the committee for awarding an openly gay athlete. Well surprise, surprise, the general public missed the airing of the gay games and more importantly, was shocked and astonished by his remarks. At this point, he began to realize that not everyone would be as accepting as his own mother was. Now, in 1996, Louganus feels that it is his job to try to change peoples perceptions with the backing of his championship status.

He is proud to say, "I'm gay and I'm proud."

As the lecture moved on, the audience became more and more attentive and the emotional pace quickened, as Louganus began talking about the next transformation his life took, H.I.V. status. In '88, after his lover was diagnosed with Pneumocystic Phenomena and full blown AIDS, he found out that he tested positive for the virus. After finding out the results, he wanted to lock himself in his room and wait to die. Fortunately, his doctor, who also happens to be his cousin, stated, "Were going to treat this seriously... and go for the gold" by working as a team and combining heavy medication with training. This combination, as Louganus and the rest of the world would soon find out, would work to win him his second dual gold's. However, the tough regiment left him crawling to the bathtub nightly, in order to relax his muscles.

Next came the "87 Olympics and along with them, grave tragedy. This is the everlasting moment in the publics' eye, when Louganus hit his head during competition. Even though he went on to win dual gold's for the second Olympics in a row, Louganus was terrified. He didn't fully understand what his responsibilities should have been with respect to his H.I.V. status. However, he soon found comfort in the words of his friend and doctor, who rushed to his aid at that time. The Doctor stated that, "He took every precaution possible and wasn't even concerned with the situation."

After accepting his new life and the hardships he would have to endure into the future, Louganus was able to move on, dealing with his situation in many different ways. At this time Louganus realized that, "The truth shall set you free" and began his crusade with an auto biography, which will soon be made into an HBO movie. He has also opened the arena to acting, which has been a love of his life since his college days. He starred in a play called Jeffrey, in which he played the part of Darius, a gay man, who is out and loud about his lifestyle. The play ends in tragedy, when Darius dies from Aids, delivering the message, "Hate aids not life." Louganus said that this experience allowed him to better cope with his own problems and begin to move on with his life.

The final theme of the lecture is Louganus overcoming tragedy. This is where he began to explain some of the things that gave him the ability to cope with his complex life and to fight against his clinical depression. Upon being referred to a new therapist, Louganus' life took a major turn for the better. For the first time in his life, Louganus was made aware of the root of his problems: depression. It was at this time that he became aware of his own personal and positive qualities and realized that he didn't deserve abuse from lovers, which he now realizes he did not deserve. Considering the tragedies that Louganus experienced in his life, one can imagine how depression could easily set in. However, Louganus states that after realizing quality of life is the most important factor in happiness, he was able to easily move past it. His autobiography acted as another factor in his fight over depression. After reading it three times, he began to realize that it described the, "Experiences of a survivor, who had to use his intelligence to overcome."

Louganus mentioned that all of this lead up to a cathartic experience, which allowed him to finally see the beauty in his own dives. Now Louganus is touring the country, giving lectures and doing book signings. Truly Louganus has become the role model of the 90's, receiving such comments as, "Your book saved my life," "I'm fighting the same battle as you," and "Thanks for being there." One thoroughly impressed mother went on to tell Louganus that she appreciated the time he spent with her son, commenting that he couldn't stop raving about Louganus.

What does the future hold for Greg Louganus? Well, he is looking forward to continue acting, in both t.v. and film, which could lead to continued success. Finally, for those of you that are itching to get his book signed, send your copy, along with a self addressed envelop, to P.O. Box 4130, Malibu California, 90264.

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Free stuff. Perhaps two of the sweetest

words in the English language, and for many the only motivation necessary to sign up for a credit card. There is no denying the fact that hordes of credit card companies converge on college campuses every fall in the hopes of signing up hundreds of students who have discovered new found freedom. Anyone who has walked near the SAU or Grace Watson Hall can attest to the presence of aggressive card peddlers enticing passers-by with promises of big candy bars, mugs, pens, and multi-colored generic Slinkies. Many sign up for these credit cards without giving it a second thought but there are many reasons why signing up for a credit card should take serious thought on the specifics of ownership.

Used effectively and wisely credit cards can be a very convenient financial tool. Credit cards allow users the freedom to purchase goods in a variety of ways without having to use cash or checks. Unlike checks and cash, some credit cards can offer insurance protection

to purchase goods, and can be used around the world. There are many propositions, however, that can make credit card ownership a very expensive convenience. Expenses such as: annual fees, annual percentage rates (APR), and missed payment fines can easily add up to put the owner in serious financial trouble. A January '96 issue of Consumer Reports stated that 2.4 billion credit card offers were mailed to US households last year and 460 million cards are in circulation. Judith Stevens of Consumer Credit Counseling (CCC), a non-profit national organization, revealed the startling statistic that total credit card debt in this nation is 5,000 dollars for every person 18 and over. Without reading the fine print on credit card applications, it is easy to see while college students are particularly prone to credit card debt.

Students at RIT are certainly not exempt in the growing of this large credit debt. Photo student, Kim Batkowski, is no stranger to the woes of credit cards. "I'm an adult now, I guess I'll get a credit," is the attitude that she and many other students have when starting their college careers. Judith of the CCC stated that 65% of college freshmen have credit cards by their second year. Last year Kim acquired the RIT, Mastercard and Citibank cards. After she missed one payment on her Citibank card the interest rate was raised from 6.7 to 9.7 and a 20 dollar fee was applied on all future activity. After a few months of paying the minimum payments on her Mastercard, Kim had 50 dollars added to her bill. She currently is 2,000 dollars in debt, after using her card exclusively to purchase photo supplies. Kim also stated that only the RIT card had "fairly low rates."

Why do credit card companies target perhaps one of the poorest segments of the American population? The answer is simple. The fact that credit card companies make their money from people in debt is undeniable. So despite the fact that many college students have little or no income, the same student who has eaten only Ramen noodles for a week is eligible for many of the pre-approved cards offered. A Credit card company's best customer is one who maintains a monthly balance. So students, those who have poor payment records, and even people who have declared bankruptcy can still easily obtain credit. Credit card companies are especially attracted to students because many parents are willing to co-sign, and therefore bail their kids out of their first financial trouble. Judith Stevens of Consumer Credit Counseling expressed concern towards the current trend of the credit targeting of students, "A decade ago, a

26 year-old in bankruptcy was unheard of, today it is quite common." She also understands the lure of the credit cards and said, "It starts off with students buying necessities and things like bookshelves, and the next thing they know they have a new stereo and are 2,000 dollars in debt." Many students tend to have a "seize the day" type of attitude and that they can worry about payments after they graduate and get a job. Credit card companies often lure students with the promise of no annual fees. Although this certainly is a beneficial feature, card companies such as Citibank, which highly solicits college campuses, has an interest rate as high as 17 to 18 percent.

The January '96 Consumer Reports published many tactics which credit card companies use to increase the balances of its customers. Hidden in all the fine print which plasters all credit card applications are often agreements which allow the card company to jack up your APR after learning that you have debt with other companies. Offers for many pre-approved credit cards contain enticing APR's of 6.7 or 8 percent are often only valid for a few months when the rate could increase to as much as 18 percent. An anonymous friend of a Reporter staffer received an APR of 20% after failing to pay credit card bills for 3 months. After going on co-op and paying off a large amount of debt he said that he now owes \$600 on another credit card because "You buy a few things, and in a couple of months it catches up with you." He also has a 23 year-old friend who is \$14,000 in debt mainly because of cash advances on credit cards. Cash advances are encouraged by card companies and usually are not covered under low "teaser rates." Cash advances also often contain a fee of 4 percent added on. Not even hidden in the fine print, the card company First USA has a clause where even if you paid the previous month's bill they can assess new interest charges based on what you once owed. Cardholders are also graciously offered to "skip a payment," on which the card company gets to charge interest on top of previous interest. Consumer Reports also revealed that card companies often jack up the price by increasing the APR of those who have a high balance, but have not been making many new charges. Card companies also have switched customers who have paid in full each month to a card with no grace period that begins charging interest from the day of purchase. Bank of America card holders are even required to sign away their rights to take the Bank to court over a dispute. And remember since card companies stay in business because of debt, those users who don't use their cards often and always pay their bills can find their accounts mysteriously canceled.

What can you do?

Judith Stevens of Consumer Credit Counseling suggests that college students not even acquire credit cards. She said, "When friends know a friend has a credit card they are inclined to suggest putting things like dinner tabs on a credit card." Stevens expressed that "This just one of the many ways students get into trouble." For those who insist on having credit cards, she suggests using them for emergency purposes

only. Stevens also suggests paying more than 2 percent on a credit balance because, "If you pay only 6 dollars out of 20 then you still have \$14 just as interest." Perhaps the most valuable information for those who currently have a credit card is the fact that you can usually get your interest rate lowered just by calling your credit card company and asking. Judith suggests that students read all off the fine print and ask themselves why they want a credit card before ever acquiring one.

If you are wondering what to look for in a credit

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card, there are basic things which are critical to an intelligent choice.

1. As stated by Consumer Reports, be sure to read the fine print for hidden clauses which could cause you to have serious financial problems.
2. Is to avoid an annual fee because even if you pay off your bill every month and do not have to worry about interest this expense would remain.
3. Shop around for the best rates because the APR will make a huge difference if you plan to have balances from month to month.

Unfortunately card companies which are offering low APRs are often picky about whom they allow as cardholders and turn down people who would benefit most from low rates (such as those with substantial credit card debt).

Beyond the novelty items there are some credit card perks which are quite useful and others which are simply worthless, all again as ranked by Consumer Reports. Although in the future for most students, cards which offer rental car collision damage insurance are very worthwhile. Airline frequent-flier miles is a worthwhile perk if you plan on using your card often. This deal works by that every dollar you spend with that credit card earns credit towards bonus miles. If the deal requires you to carry a monthly balance or if there is a high annual fee then the deal is probably not worth it. Travel accident insurance when buying a plane ticket is also a safe bet, and card companies are quick to offer it because of the long odds of a plane disaster. Many perks may simply not be worth it however. Offers for cash back rebates on every dollar often require a 500 dollar charge in order to receive a full percent refund. Buyer protection to insure new purchases against theft and extend war-

ranties beyond that of the manufacturers often need to be registered first. There are also offers for legal services for 10 dollars a month, but you are charged for something more than very simple legal matters. Some banks also offer interest payment refunds, but for a "100%" rebate by Mellon Bank you have to wait 20 years. Credit card companies are also making a lot of money off of insurance deals which promise to pay your credit card if you become unable to work. Not many of those who pay a few dollars for this perk ever use it and when they do only the minimum payment is made.

For those of you who are already in credit card debt the best thing to do according to Judith Stevens at Consumer Credit Counseling is to "Immediately get rid of all your cards. It can lead to only one thing: more debt." If possible, you should try to get financial support from family or friends to try to pay off this debt. If not, substantial debt will plague your credit record and make it difficult to receive necessary loans. The Monroe county branch IRS approved non-profit organization Credit Counseling Centers of America offers private counseling to help people get out of serious debt. If you qualify for their program they will establish a repayment program to get you out of debt in 3-4 years. They suggest that the worst thing you could do is file bankruptcy and recommend doing anything possible not to resort to that.

The issue of privacy is another concern you should consider before applying for a credit card. Consumer Reports revealed that card companies use services which teach them how to determine information about your "income, your age, what you buy and where, where you travel to, your leisure activities, the magazines you buy and even the type of birth control you use." Companies can then sell your demographics for a hefty profit to the highest bidder leaving a flood of junk mail in your mail box. And the government has no restrictions on these practices. There are some card companies



Consumer Credit Counseling Service 546-3440

Credit Counseling Centers of America 554-3790
(If in serious debt)

however which have made ethical decisions concerning the distribution of this information. *American Express* will not reveal purchasing information and gives customers the option of having their name taken off of mailing lists. *Chase Manhattan Bank* won't sell information about its cardholders, but will give it to business partners such as *British Airways*.

An immediate affect on the privacy of any cardholder will be felt through phone solicitation and payment reminders. If you miss a payment be prepared to get numerous calls, many of which will mislead by saying you don't have to pay right away or in full. If you let your debt get the point where an individual collection agency is hired to obtain the money for the businesses which are owed, expect a relentless amount of calls and hassle. The credit card companies will continue to benefit from your interest, so it is unlikely they will threaten you with anything but payment fines. Card companies are certainly not prone to mistakes. Mark Bray, the RA on the first floor of NRH, had *American Express* call his house in Maryland and claim that he owed them \$808 when he didn't even have an *American Express* card! After weeks of being harassed by *American Express*, they found out it was a case of mistaken identity his parents had to change their number listing. He then had to labor through hours on the phone with the credit bureau to fix his credit rating. This is just a case of how information can easily be mixed up and suddenly leave you with unforeseen problems.

The two major brand names of cards, *Visa* and *Mastercard*, account for more than 85 percent of all US. charges. It is the thousands of companies which issue these cards which determine the interest rate and fees that are charged. Despite competition among companies the average interest rate is 17.98 percent. The reason for this as suspected by *Consumer Reports* is that people do not shop around for a good interest rate the way they do on a mortgage. It is critical to be educated on the high risk involving the owning of a credit card to avoid fate of debt and bad credit. Too many students are lured by the feeling getting anything you want by the magic sweep of card. For those of you who now have twenty cards because you couldn't resist all the free stuff, think of those offers as a game of skeeball. Sure the fluorescent walkman for 5,000 points is cool, but after sinking forty bucks into the game you could have bought four walkmans, and now all you have is another plastic whistle.

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One of the most commonly shared anxieties about college is whether or not you are going to get along with your roommate. Will your roommate be a nerd, will they be messy, will you have clashing personalities, or will you be friends? With over 3,000 students living in the residence halls there are many instances where roommates are caught in unbearable situations. Residence Life deals with nearly 1,000 room changes per year due to privacy, noise, and visitation problems. Because of the enormous amount of complaints, it is impossible to honor every request for a room change, so most students are left to tough it out with their roommate.

Each year you can ask anyone walking down the Quarter Mile and they will have a roommate horror story to share. One of the biggest problems for the majority of roommates is when sexual partners become an addition to the room.

"My roommate would have her boyfriend spend the night every night, he practically lived with us. What really bothered me the most was that I was awakened in the middle of the night to them having sex. I felt that this invaded my privacy and I lost a lot of respect for her." - J.B

"I'm just not the roommate type of person so I didn't enjoy having a roommate, but what made my experience even worse was when I woke up to the sounds of them panting and moaning in the dark. I did not know what to do so I just laid there holding my breath."- S.J

If it is not an issue of privacy, it is usually an issue of personal hygiene which leaves roommates in opposite corners. There are times when it goes beyond the dirty socks left on the floor to become piles of unwashed laundry that fills up the room. This can put you on bad terms with not just your roommate, but your friends that want to come and visit.

"I roomed with a kid that was the dirtiest kid you will ever meet. We used to call him Dirty Chris. He did not take showers, he did not do laundry, he did not change or wash his sheets, and the worst part of all is that he worked at McDonald's and would come home every night smelling like a rotten cheeseburger, and would not take a shower. It got so bad that the whole room stunk. Even my clothes would start to smell like him. My friends refused to come and visit me in my room because they could not stand the smell."- D.B

"It was my freshmen year at RIT and I was roommates with this guy, who if you saw you would know what I was talking about. He has this weirdo reputation. He had this thing about sealing up the room.. He just would not let any fresh air circulate through the room. He kept the windows sealed all

the time and put towels underneath door. I'm not going to lie and say that I didn't leave dirty socks around the room but this guy was just funky. People didn't want to come into our room anymore, none of my friends would come near the room. Pretty soon our room was nicknamed the Funk Pit." - J.G

"I'm a transfer student, but my second year at this other school I had a roommate who would never change his sheets. And when I say never I mean he didn't change his sheets for a whole semester, which last about 4 1/2 months. His sheets went from beige to black, they gave off the worst odor." - S.M.

"One night my roommate and I got into a fight over the mess that he always makes in our room. He got very upset with me and was yelling and screaming. He ran over to the phone to call someone, and instead decided to hit me in the face with the receiver. Well this erupted into a fist fight and once we were both bloody, he decided to move to his fraternity house."- J.L.

In contrast to the messy roommates, there are roommates who are overly obsessed with neatness and are constantly cleaning up after themselves and you, making you feel like you are not up to their standard of cleanliness. This has caused many roommate problems too. For instance: "One night I decided to drag myself out of bed and go take a shower. After I finished showering I walked back to my room half asleep and groggy. When I got to my room I opened the door and let it fall closed behind me, but before it closed someone knocked on it. I turned around and it was my roommate, Junior, with a devil mask on. I was so scared I let a high pitched scream and dropped my towel to the floor. I still get teased about this." - F.P.

In addition to having to deal with a messy roommate and his bad habits, sharing a room can be difficult. It can be rough if you've never shared a bunk bed with someone before. It's just not the same as you're king size bed at home where you have room to stretch out and shift around. "When I moved I was the one who wound up at the top bunk. Every night I would have fears that would fall out of bed. And one night I did just that. I fell out of my bunk and hit my head on a chair and let out a loud scream. My roommate was a minister so he already had some doubts about me, but I know what really made me seem bizarre was the next day when I called Physical Plant and had them install a rail on the side of my bunk to keep me in."- G.H.

Another problem a lot of people have with roommates is drug and alcohol use. Roommates have their friends over at night to party, but it may be right while you are trying to study or sleep. This has been cited by most roommates as one of the biggest problems for roommates in the dorms and apartments alike.

"Last year I was stuck with a roommate that was a drug addict. He would be in the room every night all night with his friends doing drugs and drinking. This really upset me because for 1) what they were doing was illegal, and for 2) I could never go to sleep or study in my own room -D.K

"My roommate was pledging to a fraternity, so he was out a lot with his pledge brothers. One night I was asleep and he came home drunk. He crawled into bed with me and tried to cuddle. At first I didn't know what was going on, but when I figured it out I started pushing him away from me. Next thing I know he

was puking on me!
As you can probably figure out for yourself, we do not speak anymore."-R.K.

"It was my 1st day and I had already moved in. My roommate arrived at about 2pm and began moving in. I left to go out and eat dinner, and got back to my room at about 6pm. My roommate had our room filled with people smoking pot. I just stood there shocked for about a minute then I told her she couldn't be doing all that in my room. She apologized and said she was just excited about being away from home for the first time." - J.M.

Everyone experiences troubles with a roommate at one time or another. If you are new at R.I.T and are having trouble, don't get down on yourself. Try to work it out with each other. If your problems are so severe that it seems to be a lost cause, then talk to someone., whether it's a member of Residence Life, a professor, or a neutral third party. Sometimes what seems as an insurmountable problem is easily resolved when you open the lines of communication.

Take Responsibility for the Future, Vote!

You may have noticed a proliferation of political ads on television lately. Perhaps your favorite show has been preempted by one of these older men in suits talking about things like the national debt or health care. If you haven't heard it before (or figured it out from the signs up all over) this is an election year. What does that mean to you? It means that pretty soon people will be making decisions that will effect the rest of our lives, the same decisions you should be a part of making.

Some people on the RIT campus think that the upcoming election is important. If you've been through Gracie's or Hettie's during the week you've probably noticed some people sitting behind tables with stacks of forms and signs that say something about taking responsibility for our future. These are some of the people on campus that think the upcoming vote is an important one. They're the members of Hillel (RIT's Jewish Community), Student Government and Community Service Club House (CSCH).

These three student organizations have gotten together to give everyone else who comes through this campus a chance to let their voice be heard, not only in the upcoming election, but in all elections that follow it as well. Their goal is to get as many people registered and ready to vote as possible.

Why the big push this year, you ask? Well, aside from it being a presidential election year, this is also the first year that generic forms have been available for registration. For the first time, students can register using their on campus address and then vote locally, in this district. The thing that students choosing this option should keep in mind, however, is that once they register here, they cannot vote elsewhere without once again changing their registration.

Other options open to students include sending in the new generic registration form to their home board of elections and forms for absentee ballot acquisition. The first option would allow someone who is not already registered to vote the ability to register in his or her hometown, giving them the right to vote in the same elections and on the same issues as their parents. The second option is for students who are registered outside of the Rochester area and would like to receive an absentee ballot. This would also be a handy form to pick up if you were to register as an out of state voter.

How did all of this come about? Just ask Ron Goldberg, a student involved with Hillel. He went to their national convention at the end of August and found out about the initiative similar groups around the country were taking. All he

did was step up and express his interest, and he was handed an information packet and told who to get in touch with. Working hard to get everything set up in time to meet the deadlines of most states' voter registration (some are as early as October), he contacted people here at RIT and got permission to set up tables in the lobbies in order to register students to vote. Almost immediately he came across two groups very willing to help his organization, Student Government and the Community Service Clubhouse. The purpose of these these organizations' campaign is to make it easier for you to register to vote and let your voice be heard

Why vote? Because it can make a difference. Any number of elections and decisions could have turned out differently if less (or more) people had felt the need to express themselves. If, in 1776, one person had decided it wasn't worth it to vote, English and German would have tied for the official language of the United States. One hundred years later, the same margin allowed the French to break the monarchy and change their country into a republic.

In the 1988 presidential election, only 36.2% of college age people voted. Not even half of the future leaders of the country cared enough to let everyone know who they thought would be right for the Presidency of the United States. Who knows how differently the election would have turned out if these young Americans had set an example for their parents and peers.

In the '92 election the numbers were much better, coming in at 42.8%. Still not half, but a few percent more than four years earlier.

In the 1994 election, the number of young voters again dropped considerably, to between 20% and 30%.

This year there is no excuse why you shouldn't vote if you are eligible to. The members of three RIT organizations are trying to make it easier for you to register or obtain an absentee ballot. Both candidates have web sites and information on where each candidate stands on the issues can be seen in most newspapers and magazines. If all else fails, there is no shortage of opinions on who would be best for the position of president. Just ask anyone who turned on the TV expecting to see their favorite sitcom and found Ross Perot, Bill Clinton, or Bob Dole talking about what needed to be done with this country in order to make it better for our children instead.

Our children. To some of us that seems like an odd concept. Why would we even bother with something so far off? How could something as simple as checking off a box or two on a piece of paper and dropping it in the mail effect our children, years from now? Ask yourselves these questions, and then think. Our parents were told the same thing. Are you happy with all the decisions they made? If you aren't, then now is your chance to do something about it. If you are, then this will be something you can point to when your child is being difficult. You can point to a line in a magazine or a newspaper and say, "I was part of that decision. This is what I did to make the world what it is now."

If for some reason you missed the tables, forms can still be obtained at the Interfaith Center or from the Monroe County Board of Elections. Take responsibility for your future and vote this November.

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Rough Week for Women's Tennis

The RIT women's tennis team had a tough week as their record moved to 1-3 for the season.

On Sunday, September 15, Nazareth College defeated the Tigers by a final score of 6-3. In singles matches, sophomore Becky Galinski defeated her opponent with a score of 8-5, and senior Elena Loya won her match by default. In doubles action, Galinski and Robitelle, took their match by a score of 9-7.

The Tigers lost at home to SUNY Geneseo on Tuesday, September 17, by a final score of 6-3. In singles play, senior Michelle Danzer defeated her opponent, playing three sets with scores of 5-7, 6-2, and 6-3. Senior Patty West took her match with scores of 7-6 and 6-0. In doubles action, Danzer and West defeated their counterparts by a score of 8-4.

By: Erica Muse

Upcoming Home

Sporting Events:

Saturday 9/28:

Women's Soccer vs. Elmira 2:00

Wednesday 10/2:

Men's Soccer vs. Alfred 4:00



Men's and Women's crew has now been added as a varsity sport here at RIT. Jim Bodenstedt, who coached men's and women's crew as club sports since the fall of 1993, has been hired as the full-time varsity coach for both programs. Louis W. Spiotti, Director of Athletics, believes the new programs will bring many benefits to RIT. "We are pleased for a number of reasons. We were able to respond in a positive way to student initiative, and the whole department regards crew as a valuable physical and educational experience." The Tiger rowers will make their varsity debut as they co-host the Stonehurt Capital Invitational Regatta with the University of Rochester. The competition will take place on Sunday, October 13, on the Genesee river.

Crew Added as New Varsity Sport

By: Julie Sterling

Nicole Lewis has been named Co-Female Athlete of the Week for her outstanding defensive performance on RIT's women's soccer team. She led the Tigers to a 2-0 week as they defeated both Buffalo State and Alfred University. Coach Tom Natalie commented, "Nikki really came through in both games. She had some stops that were really key, and she marked the key players on the other teams." Her efforts have helped the Tigers immensely, and they look for her continued strong performance as the season continues.

Christy Palma of the women's volleyball team shares the title of Athlete of the Week with Lewis. Palma was integral in the Tigers' third place finish at the Brockport Volleyball Invitational. Palma excelled at both setter and outside hitter, as the Tigers won four out of five matches. In just four of the matches, Palma totaled 31 digs and 24 kills. Coach Tim Cowie stated that Christy, "has gone above and beyond the call of duty- she's had to do double duty." Her versatility as a player will certainly help the team throughout the season.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

RIT named John Dimiceli, a member of the men's soccer team, Male Athlete of the Week for his impressive performance in the Tigers' season opener on Saturday, September 14. Dimiceli tallied three goals in the game as the Tigers crushed Buffalo State 5-0. Coach Bill Garno explained that the goals were great, "but what was so impressive for him was his running off the ball. He was active up front and he made things happen."

A Tough Week for Men's Soccer

RIT men's soccer had a tough week losing to Hobart and tying Ithaca College. After three games their record stands at 1-1-1. At Hobart, Joshua Haines scored the lone goal for the Tigers to end the first half in a tie. In spite of hard play and tenacious defense, Hobart scored in the second half to win the game 2-1.

On Saturday, September 21, the Tigers faced Ithaca College. Josh Haines scored four minutes into the game to give RIT the early 1-0 lead. The Tigers held onto that lead until Ithaca scored with fourteen minutes left in the game. The Tigers tried to rally in the double overtime periods, but the game ended up a 1-1 tie.

By: Julie Sterling

CO-FEMALE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Men's Cross Country Places First at Invitational

The RIT men's cross country team placed first at the Lebanon Valley Invitational on Saturday, September 14.

In individual results, senior and captain Tony Fraij, finished first with a time of 24:05. Junior Russ Warren finished sixth at 24:41. Coming in at eighth, freshman Rick Neiley had a time of 25:02, and at ninth, sophomore Derrick Jones crossed the line at 25:12.

As of September 8, RIT is ranked number one in the New York State Men's Division III Cross Country Poll and fourth in the NCAA Men's Division III poll.

By: Erica Muse

A Disappointing Week for Women's Soccer

William Smith handed the women's soccer team their first loss on Wednesday, September 18, as they beat the Tigers 3-0. William Smith scored the first goal early after RIT's defensive break down on a corner kick allowed for an open shot on goal. The Tigers gave it their all for the rest of the game, but the mistakes they did make led to two more goals by William Smith. Senior Amy Luther commented, "It was disheartening to go out and be scored on so early in the game, but we've come back to win games where we've been losing before. We just didn't seem to have the overall team drive to win that we've shown in the past."

RIT suffered a second disappointing loss to Ithaca on Saturday, September 21. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. Hot and tired, the Tigers came out with even more intensity in overtime. The two teams were neck and neck until the 120th minute when an Ithaca player popped a header in the goal just under the cross bar. After the game, coach Tom Natalie said, "We played hard, with a lot of heart. Sometimes the win doesn't go to the team that deserves it the most. We deserved to win that game." The loss drops the Tigers to 3-2-1.

By: Kate Pakenas



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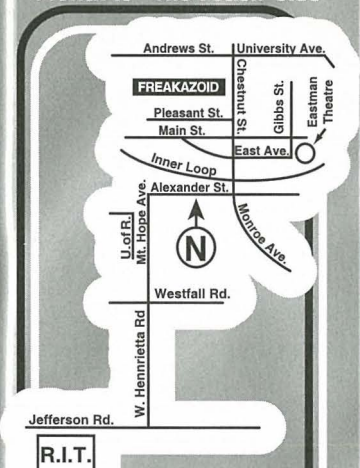
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Bob Jones, 1st year Information Technology

"My roommate? What didn't she do while I was in the room?"

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Jane Jones, 2nd year Photo-Journalism

"Me and my roommate were stuck in this elevator with a transvestite."

Scott Weaver, 1st Undeclared Engineering

"He just argues and argues and complains about everything."

Nick Holden, 1st year Mechanical Engineering

"My roommate, first quarter last year, was my worst enemy on school. I hated her and she's gone now, thank God. She was just the most horrible person on earth."

Becki Chernoff, 2nd year Mechanical Engineering

"My freshman roommate had a girlfriend, rather short and rather large, who liked to dress in fishnet stockings every time she went to bed. It was not an attractive site."

Erin McCarthy, 4th year Business Information

"Well, he had a party and they decided to wear Depends so that they wouldn't have to get up and go to the bathroom. The Depends didn't have quite a good seal so they ended up urinating all over his bed and it stank like urine for a while. I moved out."

Jamie McLean, 3rd year Printing

"My roommate my freshman year had these shoes that smelled so bad."

Jarrod M Needle, 4th year PhotoTechnology/Bio-Medical Photography

"Anal retentiveness is not a good trait to have as a roommate."

Bert Feranzia, 2nd year Photography

"I lived with three guys that I totally did not get along with. Two of them were Indian, one from India and one from the U.S., they completely argued about who was a better Indian."

Nykia Perez, 3rd year Fine Art Photography

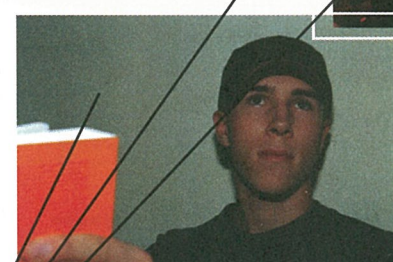
"Probably the one who called the police on me every time I came. She just didn't want me there. She threatened to beat me up, so I had to move into the Hotel Aloha, downtown, for a week."

Carmel France, 4th year Fine Art Photography

"She used to clip her toe nails and put the toe nail clippings in my bed. Also, her laundry used to get infested with bugs. She had a whole ecosystem going on in the closet."

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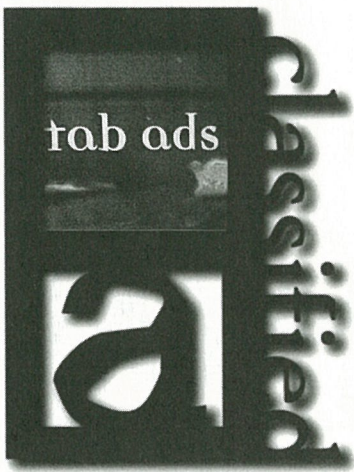
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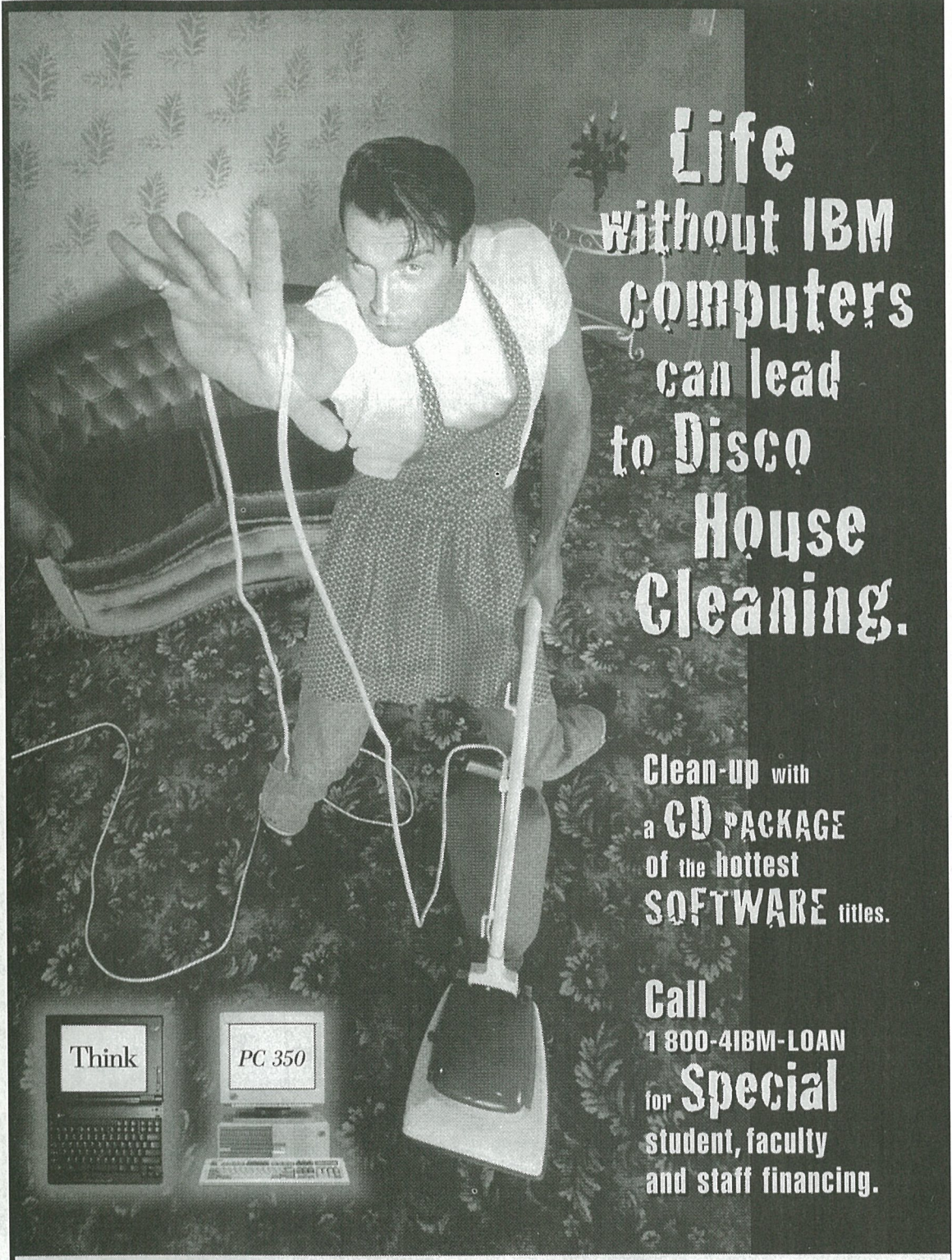
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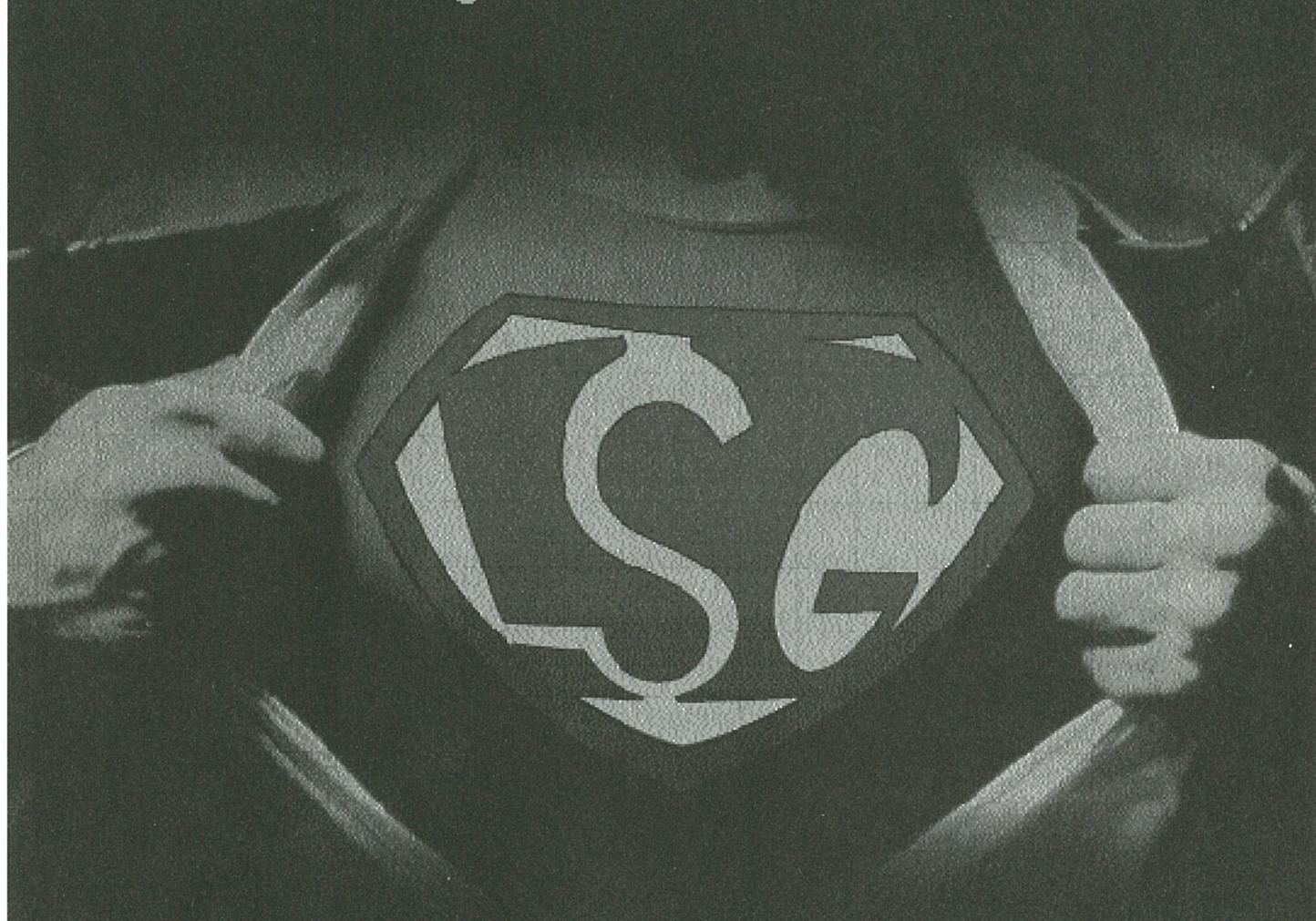
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