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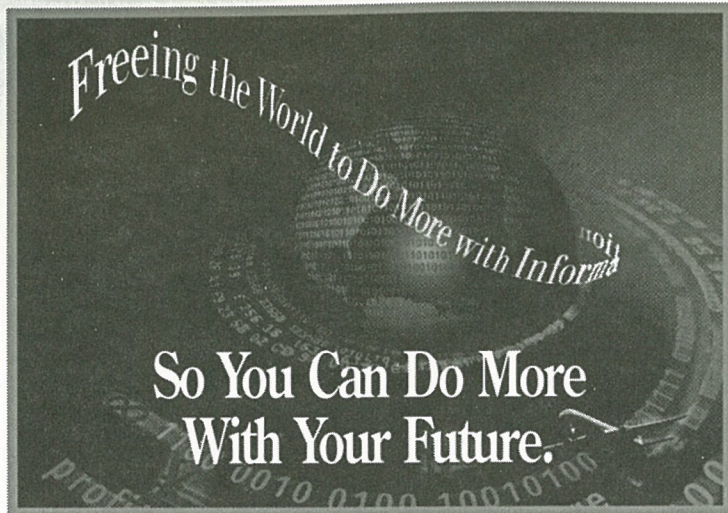
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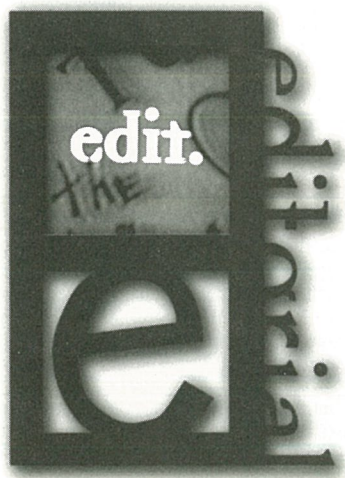
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With exception to the freshmen, there is nothing new about being financially raped when it comes to buying books for class. Initially, everyone wants to blame the book store, however I feel that we should investigate a bit further past Campus Connections. 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.

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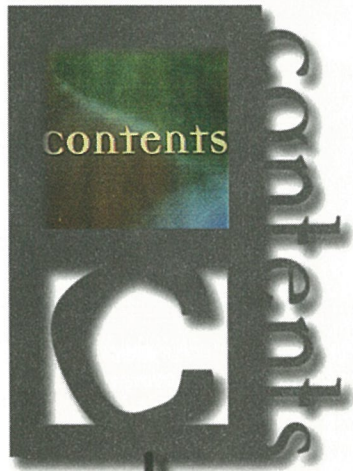
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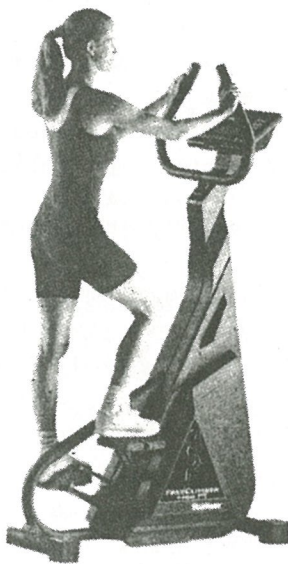
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Bill Batcheller, Director of Business Services,

As a first step to help alleviate the problem the Candy Counter will be accepting debit "as soon as possible," although Batcheller is not sure of the effect it will have on its \$145,000 a year sales.

Batcheller took his concerns to Student Government where he received mixed reactions. Student Government decided to survey the students to determine whether they would have objections to the removal of the Candy Counter, or what changes the students would like to see.

There are more factors to consider in addition to monetary concerns. Some feel the Candy Counter is vital to the atmosphere of the Student Alumni Union (SAU), while others may simply argue that it is an RIT tradition. Batcheller assured that if the students want the Candy Counter, then it will stay.

By Eric Higbee



photo: Kelly Frank

# A future for the candy counter?

## Big Shot gives a silver stadium farewell . . . . .

RIT's famous "flashers" will bid a bright good-bye on Oct. 9 to Rochester's slated-for-closure Silver Stadium. This event is the 10th "Big Shot," a night-time photograph lit solely by hundreds of hand-held electronic camera flashes.

Using nine uniforms loaned from the management, the "players" will huddle on the field and remain still during the shoot. The "flashers" will move around for the two-minute exposures. They must keep moving while flashing to prevent "ghosts" in the picture. Anyone can come and watch, or bring hand-held flashes and join in.

People are to assemble in the parking lot on Norton Street at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Shooting around 7:30, every flasher who signs in will each receive a print of the Silver Stadium "Big Shot."

The large format camera used for Big Shot will shoot from the "couch potato" hut perched above the right field fence. Professor William Dubois, who originated and coordinates the yearly event with Michael Peres, Chair of Biomedical Photographic Communications, will operate the camera with his wife Dawn Tower-Dubois, also a SPAS faculty member.

"Big Shot" makes a significant nighttime photograph of a different building or challenging area each year. The nine previous "Big Shots" have each drawn from 75 to 200 flashers (student volunteers and photography buffs) who move about on command, synchronizing flashes with film exposure.

Following the shoot, the student production team develops the film and makes copies of the photograph. They also typeset the caption noting the film type, weather and settings.

The Dec. 13, 1995 "Big Shot" of Mount Hope Cemetery won the Award of Excellence in the *General Illustrative* category of the Biological Photographic Association's annual Professional Exhibition this year.

Prior "Big Shot" subjects include the Rochester Museum and Science Center, George Eastman House, Rundel Library, Park Ridge Hospital, Highland Hospital, RIT's own campus, the Frank E. Gannet Building and Nazareth College's glass-fronted library.

Eric Higbee



# World

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## News

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# cutting and combining

During last year's juggling and cutting of departments due to Managed Attrition, a decision to combine Greek Affairs and Residence Life was reached. The Student Affairs department was assigned a 20% cut in funding, with most of the cuts assigned in Campus Life.

In reviewing Greek matters handled by both Campus Life and Residence Life the duplication of several duties was discovered. Residence Life Director John Weis, who is in charge of the Greek organizations, as well as advisor to Gamma Sigma Alpha said, "It became clear to me that it would be better to choose one of the two offices to handle Greek affairs." This model of administration is the same used at many other universities, including nearby University of Rochester.

The combination appears to have occurred smoothly according to area coordinator, Bernadette Dimaggio. Most of the new responsibility in the combination of the two departments has fallen on the shoulders of Dimaggio and Assistant Area Coordinator Jim Madison. These new responsibilities range from Greek insurance issues to allocating funds for Greek Affairs, all of the Greek governing bodies, and student groups. "This is new to myself, Jim, and Residence Life. We are trying to do our best. We are looking forward to a good year, just please have patience."

According to Dimaggio, the administration believes that the transition has gone smoothly, as does Jamieson Gill, member of Tau Epsilon Phi. "I think it was a good idea. It saves the administration money," said Gill, "However, I don't think it benefited the Greek houses, or hindered them in any way."

Unfortunately, a large number of Greeks are unhappy with Student Affairs in general. "I would like to see them [SA] make an organization that would work with the Greeks and not against them. We have very little input in most of the decisions made here," said Gill. This was readily agreed upon by several nearby Greeks from different houses. The issue appears not to be whether the new system is working as well as the old system, but rather can the new system be improved over the old to benefit both the administration and the Greek organizations.

By Matt Kozlowski

- Fighting in the West Bank has erupted again, ending a three-year old peace accord. The recent conflicts arose after Israel completed the construction of an archaeological tunnel at Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Both Muslims and Jews consider it a holy site and Muslim leaders fear this tunnel will endanger two mosques built on land above the construction. Gunfire broke out as Palestinians were protesting the Israeli government's completion of the passage. As of the deadline, Israel was on full alert.

- President Clinton signed a treaty banning nuclear test explosions in a move supported by the United Nations. This move ends an era of 51 years of nuclear testing in the United States.

- The recovered wreckage from the continuing investigation of TWA flight 800, which crashed off the coast of Long Island nearly three months ago, was opened to the media for the first time. Many vital pieces of information, including the reason for the explosion, are still missing. Divers continue to search the ocean floor for additional plane sections and information.

- Pan Am returned to business following a five year absence. The airline went bankrupt in 1991 after the bombing and crash of Flight 103 over Scotland. Also, Valujet resumes service which had been discontinued following June's crash over the Florida Everglades.

- A six year old boy in Lexington, North Carolina was accused of sexual harassment by his school principal. The boy had kissed a girl on the cheek, apparently at her request. Although his mother asserts that he is simply experiencing his youthfulness and doesn't recognize his actions as wrong, school officials believe otherwise. Representatives have stated that, as sexual awareness seems to come at an earlier age, children need to be taught social expectations as soon as possible.

- The space shuttle Atlantis returned, bringing astronaut Shannon Lucid back to Earth after 188 days in space. Lucid's lengthy stay on the Russian space station Mir is a record for both women and American astronauts. Upon her return, President Clinton called to welcome her and to discover whether or not she had received the 10 pounds of M&M's he had sent.

- A rare gene, CRK5, which serves as a natural defense against AIDS, has been identified. This link helps explain why some people do not get infected even after repeated, unprotected exposure to the disease, as well as some who test HIV-positive and never develop any symptoms.

- Richard Jewell remains a suspect in the Olympic bombing this summer in Atlanta although no evidence has been found directly linking him to the crime and no charges have been filed. No other suspects have been found in the case. While the investigation continues, Jewell cannot continue a normal life and is unable to work. His family exists off of the support raised through a telephone hotline which expresses his innocence and hope for a resolution in the case.

- Russian leader Boris Yeltsin, in need of heart bypass surgery, will wait another six to ten weeks before the operation is performed. This means that his recuperation period following the procedure will last well into the new year, prolonging the amount of time he has spent away from public appearances. The wait will increase Yeltsin's chances of survival from 80% to nearly 100%.

- The cost of college tuition is expected to rise beyond the rate of inflation again this year. This means that more students will join the already high numbers of students who borrow to finance their education. Although various forms of financial aid have increased, most of the currently available \$50.3 million has been in the form of student loans.

- Following a study by the Environmental Working Group, a Washington, D.C. based research organization, the Genesee River was found to be New York states most polluted river. The group blames the legal pollution by local industries, with Kodak listed as the major contributor. A spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation denies that the River is polluted.

by Julia Carr

As the 1996 Presidential Campaign rhetoric begins to increase, the "War on Drugs" has become the new battleground. Both President Clinton and Bob Dole have run television ads that seek to portray the other as "soft" on drugs. This article will outline the two campaign positions and then begin to evaluate something that is missing from both: logic.

Presidential hopeful Bob Dole brought the issue to light when the statistics for teen-age drug use were recently published. Last year 10.9% of children between the ages of 12 and 17 admitted to taking drugs, excluding alcohol and tobacco, up from 5.3% of children in 1992, wrote the *Economist*.

Last week, Bob Dole aired ads that stated "He [Clinton] has done nothing and drug abuse has skyrocketed." On September 10, Bob Dole asked, "Where have you been Mr. President?" Mr. Dole then furthered the Republican litany of "Just say no" when he provided his solution to drug use, repeatedly uttering "Just don't do it," on national television. Clinton fought back with an ad that targeted the Republican Congress and Bob Dole's leadership of the Senate. His ad argues that "The Republican Congress has approved cuts in drug interdiction money."

What is the truth? Bob Dole is attempting to make an issue about the problems of a President who does not set an example, particularly since Clinton once smoked marijuana. Meanwhile, President Clinton counters by illustrating Bob Dole's role in the budget cutting and the need for these funds in the fight against drugs.

The *Christian Science Monitor* presented an article in August that examined America's overall drug policy. It found that the US allocates 70 % of our federal dollars

to interdiction, enforcement and crop eradication, what they called "supply-side," and 30 % to prevention and treatment, or the "demand side." Furthermore, the article's author, Beau G. Kilmer, a program associate in the Preventive

Diplomacy Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, argued that "simple economics dictate[s] that where there is a demand, there will always be a supply." Research performed by the University of Michigan found that teenagers' perception of the dangers of smoking marijuana started to rise in the late 1970's. This increase they argued was in connection to high abuse rates, and this perception of danger in turn helped decrease abuse rates. In the early 1990's the perception of danger decreased, when 79% of teenagers thought smoking marijuana was risky, compared to last year, when 61% thought

it dangerous. The numbers would seem to support the study because the percentage of teens abusing marijuana doubled between 1992 and 1995.

There has also been a decrease in anti-drug commercials. The *Economist* found that anti-drug messages or commercials paid for by private groups has declined by 30% since 1991. In 1989, the networks provided 849 minutes of news time to drug related issues, last year it totaled only 163 minutes. This information, when couple with the Michigan study would seem to help explain

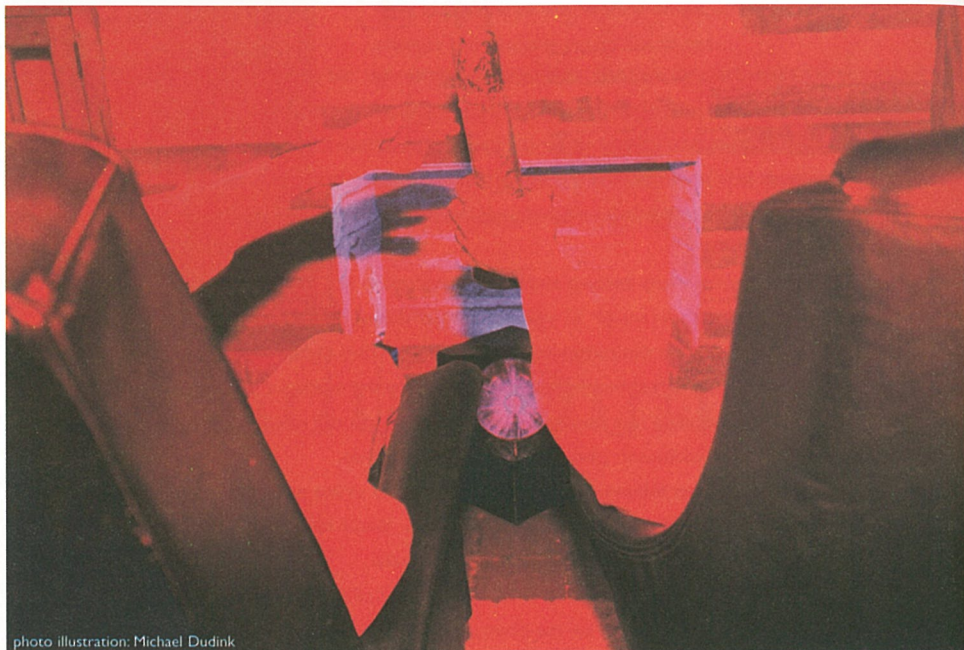
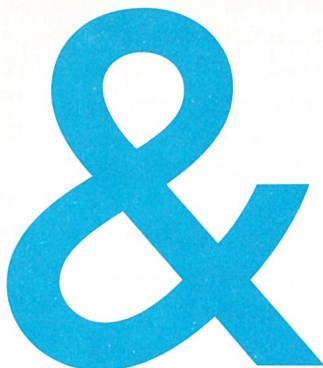


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# Campaign



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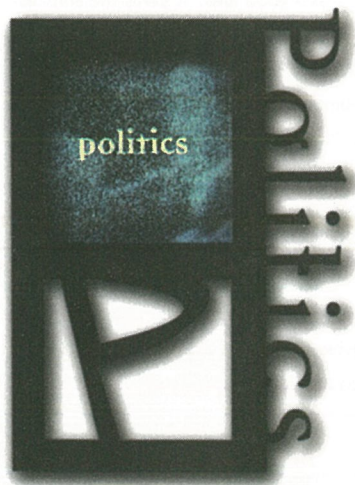
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the jump in drug use, as well as the cyclical nature of its use. On a more practical level, Bob Dole's charge that the President has not talked about the problem is patently false. In fact, the President referred to the problems of drugs in his last State-of-the-Union Address. The President also held a conference on teenage drug abuse at the White House this March. The President has also nominated, and Congress confirmed, a tough new "drug tsar" that the Republican Congress admire. President Clinton has also made the "drug tsar" a Cabinet level position, a first for the country. One area currently being debated in the media is the drug interdiction program. The drug interdiction program under President Bush was \$2 billion, and is currently funded with \$1.3 billion. While conservatives and Bob Dole might point to this

# The War on

number as a sign of the President's weakness on this issue, the *Economist* and the *Christian Science Monitor* are both skeptical of the effectiveness of the interdiction policy.

The *Economist* reports that President Bush's interdiction policy reportedly increased the percentage of seized drugs from 20% to 25%. A professor at the University of Maryland calculated that this increase affected the street price of cocaine by roughly 1.5%. The *Christian Science Monitor* argues that the





# The Road to Political Victory:

## The Democrats or the Republicans

### Part I: The Democrats

demand-side programs are more effective because rehabilitation and prevention programs decrease the demand for drugs.

As citizens we need to do more than chant "Just don't do it" or "Just say no." There are some who would argue for the legalization of drugs, both the *Economist* and *Christian Science Monitor* discussed this. The *Economist*, a very conservative magazine by most college student's standards, even advocates it. Yet before people can enter this "debate," they need to know what the discussion is about, and neither Bob Dole or President Clinton have done much to educate the electorate.

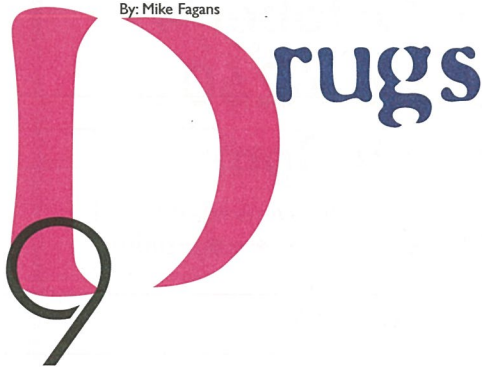
First and foremost, it is the duty of the press to analyze the election, particularly the nuances (or lack thereof), of the campaigns. On this issue, a fairly straightforward subject, there are many studies, articles and opinions. There are also facts that need to be presented. Also, if campaigns are not examined in this fashion, people will continue to be either fooled by the rhetoric or they will tune out the feeble debate. These issues are important to the future of this country and they need to be addressed.

So what does an analysis of this issue bring? Bob Dole is correct in his argument that the President has been president while there has been an increase in teen-age drug use. It can be argued very strongly that drug use is cyclical in nature and a serious study by the prestigious University of Michigan supports this argument.

Bill Clinton counters that Bob Dole was a party to the budget cuts, \$7 billion if you were reading carefully. The Senate under Bob Dole's leadership also confirmed the new "drug tsar" and supported the placing of the "tsar" at the cabinet level, usually the sign of a President taking something seriously.

Overall, no one is really debating the drug policy of the United States and this, perhaps, is the crime. Neither politician is discussing the effectiveness of interdiction, the usefulness of drug awareness programs and the possibility of legalizing certain drugs. We, as a country, are planning to spend \$15 billion dollars on the complete War on Drugs, but no one seems to know why we spend this much or how effective these initiatives really are. Perhaps the next time we listen to the candidates' speeches or watch a debate, we should question what they are saying and what they are not.

By: Mike Fagans



Have you ever stopped and thought of the power you have as a citizen of the United States of America? Did you ever stop and think how you could influence the government? As citizens we must uphold the law and commit to what our mayors, governors, senators and president decree upon us. But when Harrison Ford was asked, "Who is the president's boss?" in the movie *Clear and Present Danger*, the response given: "The American people."

This piece is the first of two informative articles that will be presented to you, the potential voter, about the ideas and issues that the Democratic and Republican parties are shouting. *The Reporter* does not present any opinion with these articles, but provides them so you will be better informed and equipped when making the vote. The basic outline these two articles will follow is what the candidate has done with certain issues and what he is planning to do in the future.

We begin with the Democrats because they won the coin toss to decide who would go first. The issues that will be presented are not the full platforms the parties propose, simply because it would take six *Reporter* editions to cover them adequately. Instead, the focus is on issues the college student will be interested in. "Just did it" means the candidate has completed or is in the process of completing an action. "Really wants to Do It" means the candidate is proposing this issue because he will actively pursue it once he is elected president.

## President Bill Clinton

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- Work Study - managed to expand funding for work study programs. Most of RIT's working students have a work study grant.
- Scholarships - provided \$1000 dollar scholarships for high school graduates that were in the top 5% of their class.
- "V-Chip" - started the mandatory installation of the V-chip in new television sets that will enable parents to control the amount of violence their kids will watch on television.
- Federal Aid - enabled educational institutions greater flexibility for using financial aid. This allows RIT's Financial Aid office to disperse loan refunds quickly or transfer them into for use in another quarter.
- Police - Put 100,000 new police officers on the street.
- Death Penalty - expanded death penalty to include drug kingpins, cop killers and other felons.
- Environment - made our air cleaner by issuing new standards to cut toxic pollution.
- Bureaucracy - eliminated 16,000 pages of unnecessary government regulations.

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by: Amotz Zakai

Really want to Do It?

# Politics Continued

- College - will propose the Hope scholarship in order to make college available for everyone. This will be done by issuing a \$1,500 refundable tax credit for attending the first year of college and then if the student fails a class. Beverage and do not use drugs and the \$1,500 for the following year.
- University - strengthening the research universities and colleges in order to produce more and better skilled graduates.
- Workplace - challenge businesses to incorporate work ethics that would allow the workers to be productive as well as allowing them time for their family members and children.
- Abortion - the decision to have an abortion should be a woman's choice alone, advised by her doctor. Commitment and belief is needed to counter any legislation that violates this guarantee.
- Gun Laws - Ban the manufacturing of Teflon coated "cop killer" bullets which really have no other use than harming people. These bullets are not used for hunting or target shooting.
- AIDS - establish a national goal to reduce the number of HIV infections, treat and find cures to those already suffering from the disease.
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located in the business district of Rochester, *o'Bagelo's* is a great place for lunch. Their clientele consists of many hard working and hungry people. Fortunately for these individuals, *o'Bagelo's* offers great lunch platters and sandwiches, as well as great tasting midday snacks. When I arrived, twelve o' clock noon, better known as lunch time by the *o'Bagelo's* staff, there was a large influx of customers which continued throughout the hour.

The atmosphere is fresh and fun, just like the food. There are concert T-shirts and stickers hung along side a complete collection of Dr. Sues' work. Also, the colorful paintings on the wall add to this already decorative image. The layout and imagery allows for a comfortable setting, in which the customers feel free to

converse freely amongst themselves.

The establishment is clean and allows the food and service to speak for themselves. Finally, seating is provided, both inside and out, which gives you the option to take in a few fresh breathes of air while enjoying your bagel of choice.

The service is impeccable. When I arrived, the place was packed with hungry people, but it only took about five minutes for me to order and receive my lunch. Additionally, the employees were friendly, efficient and glad to strike up a conversation. This made the experience very pleasant.

"Now that's a Bagel," was the first thought I had when I was handed my plate, as well as being the thought that entered my mind when I took my first bite. There was no skimping on the toppings, and they threw in a pickle spear and ornamental pasta salad as well. Most important of all, the freshest and crispest tomatoes and onions came complimentary with the bagel. This is not the standard style of a bagel shop. Usually one must ask for all of the extras and then subsequently pay additional for them. The quality of the food and the broad selection offered makes me have to say, "Watch out Bruggers." *o'Bagelo's* seems to be a step ahead, offering everything a bagel shop should: egg sandwiches for breakfast, deli style bagel sandwiches for lunch and huge \$1 cookies that match any in town. Finally, they offer all your favorite drinks, with especially good coffee for those who may need a jolt.

*o'Bagelo's* is located at 165 State Street, just before the 390 overpass in downtown and is open Mon. - Fri. from 6:30 - 3:12, Sat. 8 - 3. Unfortunately they are closed on Sundays for their weekly round of golf.

Eric Shaffer

Gothic is the first word that came screaming out of my head as I listened to the opening sounds of the first cut. This is not to put down the music, it's just another genre of music that the general pop public isn't all too familiar with. I'm just saying, if you had a period in your life when groups like the Cure, Siouxsie & the Banshees, or the early Dead Can Dance reigned supreme, you just might like *Rasputina*. Or if you're into the experimental versions of off-kilter classical music with foreboding undertones, you might find them quite intriguing.

The basic feel of the music off "Transylvanian Concubine," *Rasputina's* latest release, reminds me of soundtracks to old B-rated vampire movies. Aside from the vocals, there's a violin, a cello and some other sounds I can't quite place (perhaps an accordion). The tracks I listened to (all

three of them on the vinyl release), mimicked an ancient contraption with pulleys, gears and bellows of laborious breathing, which sounded like they were trying to entice you to come closer. It definitely set a mood, I felt like I was in a dusty junk filled attic with heavy velvet curtains over the windows and a kerosene lamp, lost in a reverie, listening to old records on a phonograph. The fact that it was on vinyl added to the overall

# Rasputina

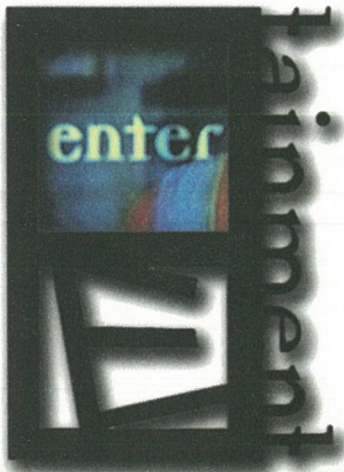
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effect of the music, it just wouldn't have seemed right in a slick CD case, although you can buy it that way.

The vocals don't really seem to fit either. They're all slow and distorted, barely discernible, which is probably for the best. They sound as if they were dubbed over the rest of the music, only at a slower speed and backwards like a record played at 33RPM's, when it should be played at 45.

Experimental and eccentric are the best words to describe *Rasputina's* sound. It's obviously that they are out there somewhere by "normal" standards, but relatively tame when compared to other musicians in the genre. If they didn't try to get so dark and deep in their lyrics, they might better blend into the new music scene.

*Rasputina* is currently on tour with Bob Mould, playing the Albany area this weekend for those of us who missed them on campus two weeks ago. And if you're into the dark, vampy, chamber style music, they just might peak your interest.



If people were wondering whether or not

# Howie Mandel: Live in Henrietta

Howie still has the goods, be assured, he does. Howie Mandel was his quirky, madcap, shoot-from-the-cuff, bizarre, hilarious, profane, and entertaining usual self.

The opening act was just a warm-up. Unfortunately, the first comedian had few variations on the coming home drunk comedy; although his hypothesis on the invention of tai chi was perhaps the highlight of his act. His other notable line was that he is a graduate and therefore, if he dies, he will be an angel on work-study. Fortunately, this reviewer (like the capacity crowd), was there for Howie.

To say that Mandel is eclectic only describes one facet of his comedy. When he is not dancing around the stage, grabbing his crotch, or fencing with the crowd like a master comedian, he provides his own offbeat, insightful comedy. The highlight of the evening was the interplay between Howie and his interpreter. She had the quick comebacks that proved to be the equal of Mandel's humor. Repeatedly, he would watch the translation of his act and then attempt his own energetic equivalent. His own animated style was adeptly translated. Many times he would incorporate the signs into his act, providing for a loose, maniacal variation on his act using his own signs. The interpreter proved to be as energetic and entertaining as Mandel. Often she would take a dramatic drink of water, use a prop dolphin, sign "dirty words" and generally kept up with his frantic pace. In general, interpreters on campus are incredibly talented people who provide translations of professors' and instructors' lectures. To interpret lectures is one thing, but to provide a running interpretation of a hyperactive Mandel is a gift: one part flair, the other genius and entertainer.

If anything, being married has not mellowed Mandel. One could argue that it has given him fresh material to incorporate. After much goading, he performed his Bobbie voice, informing the audience that he could get three paychecks for one voice: Bobbie, the Muppet Babies and "Gizmo" in Gremlins.

One could say that no one else can do a penis joke like Mandel. Sigmund Freud would have had a field day with Howie's masturbation section, particularly his request for his interpreter to show him some of the more vulgar signs which she supplied quite happily. The crowd particularly enjoyed his vast range of variations, especially on contemplating his reproductive organs. No one is safe from his biting wit: men in restrooms, hecklers, interpreters, children, his wife, and even doctors are equally skewered. Perhaps that is his greatest talent. He sees the inane and brings it to the stage, laughing at himself, as well as setting up others to do so. To say that Howie Mandel keeps nothing sacred is to under-describe him. If anything, he is a rude Robin Williams, Jerry Lewis, and Richard Pryor all rolled into one tripping on acid. His humor, while occasionally risqué, is a good laugh.

In the end, the show proved to be an entertaining evening. Thumbs up to Howie Mandel and the CAB for bringing him to campus.

- by Michael Fagans



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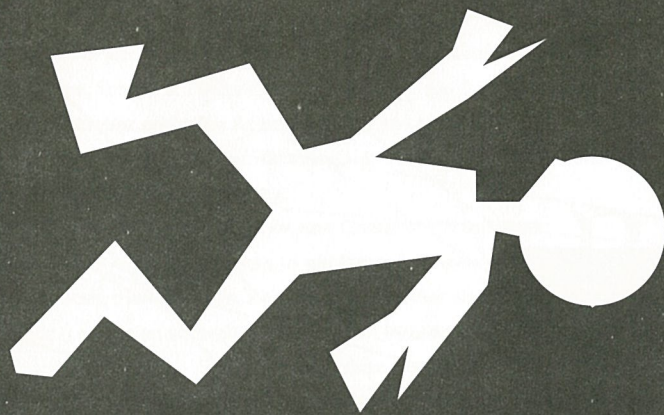
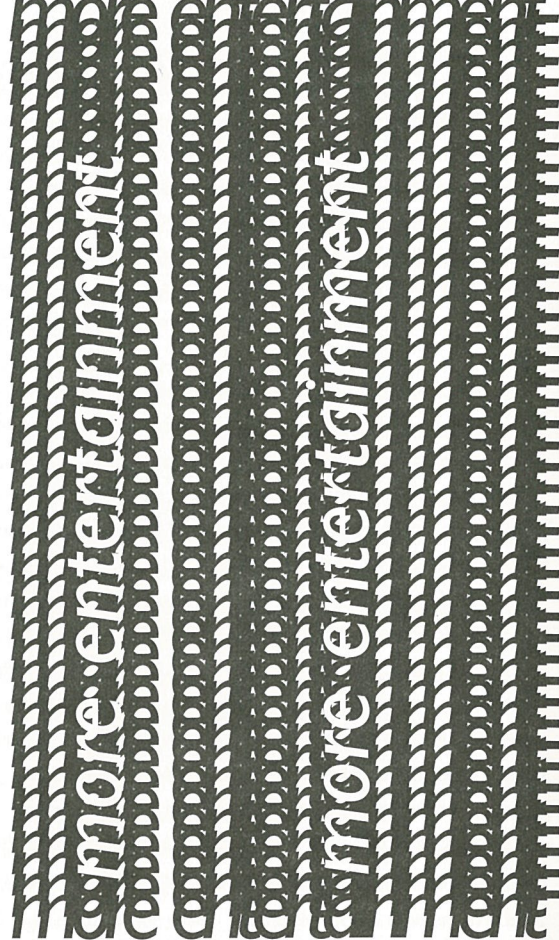
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# 2 hours in the theater

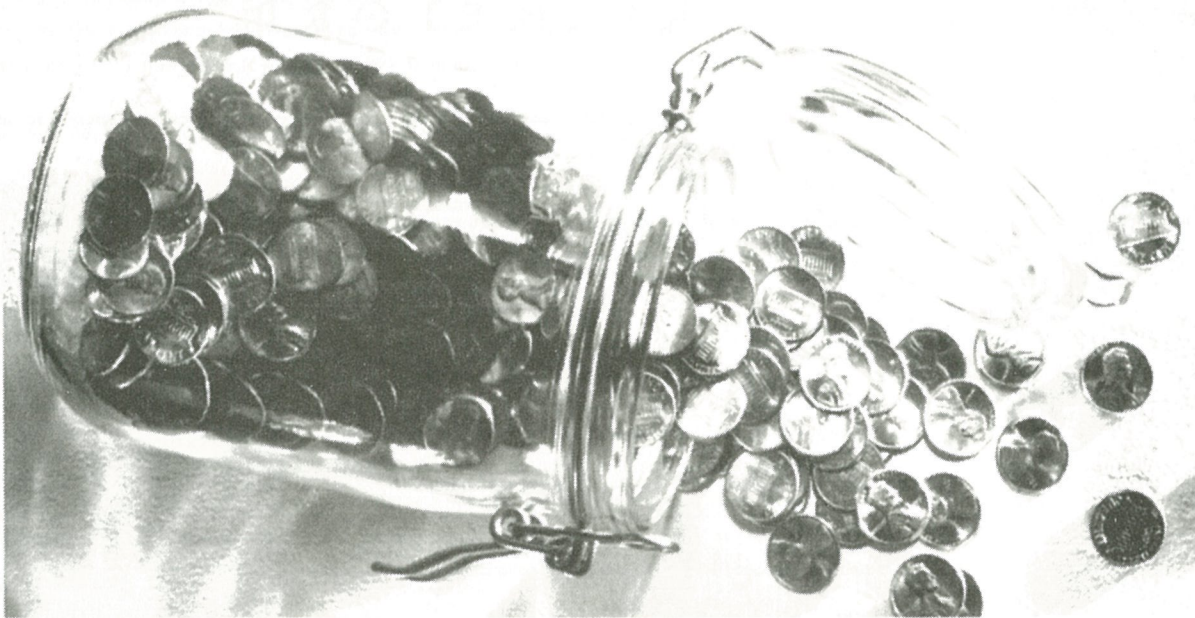
by: Andy Gose

We've seen it before, but that's okay. *Two Days in the Valley*, directed by John Hersfeld, has been hyped as the film that will put the "pulp back in *Pulp Fiction*," but all it really does is borrow some pulp from *Pulp Fiction* and mimic the plot structure of Robert Altman's *Short Cuts*.

The storyline is fairly complex and interweaves several episodic stories into a larger, more cohesive plot, much like-- you guessed it-- *Pulp Fiction*. The story breaks down into that of a washed up hit-man, Dosmo Pizzo (Danny Aiello), who is apparently given another chance when he is hired by Lee Wood (James Spader) to help carry out a murder. It turns out that Dosmo was set up to take the fall for Wood. After escaping a bullet in the gut and a substantial car explosion, Dosmo winds up in a rich art dealer's home. From there the plot unfolds into a complex labyrinth of stories, hence the comparisons to *Short Cuts*.

*Two Days* offers a diverse array of characters played by a notable ensemble, including Spader, Aiello, and Eric Stoltz as Wes Taylor, the vice cop with the heart of gold. Other notables include Jeff Daniels and Terry Hatcher in smaller, supporting roles. The cast works well, Spader being most memorable as the playfully bizarre Wood.

Overall, *Two Days* is fair escapism paired with a luke-warm, watered-down message of hope. The plot's interconnectedness is often questionable and obviously contrived. There are some interesting surprises in the film, but for the most part the story is predictable, with the cracks where the story-blocks fit together showing obviously throughout. The film is not particularly good, but it's not particularly bad either. It's a decent escape from homework with a discount pass, or better yet, well worth a \$2 Wegman's video rental in a couple of months (4 out of 10).



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# WELFARE REFORM ?

Suppose you are the president and CEO of a major philanthropic organization. Its purpose is to reduce poverty across America. After three decades and expenditures of trillions of dollars, nothing changes. In fact, poverty gets worse in the country as a whole. Your organization is labeled as a failure and you are forced to make drastic cuts and changes. Now you know what it would be like to have to run the US welfare system for the last 30 years.

It's true. The central reality of our modern society is the welfare state. First developed in Germany and Great Britain during the past century, state social programs have arisen and expanded in every industrialized nation. However, the term "welfare" today means much more than just handouts to the poor. It accounts for one of the largest and fastest growing shares of government spending around the world, immensely contributing to our rapidly expanding federal budget deficit.

It all started when President Lyndon B. Johnson launched his "war on poverty" back in 1965. Since then, U.S. taxpayers have spent huge sums of money, \$5.4 trillion in total, providing cash, food, social services, medical care and housing to poor and low-income Americans. In constant dollars, total welfare expenditures have increased ninefold within three decades.

Americans generally aren't as shocked at the monstrous costs of welfare as they are at the failure of the welfare system to achieve results. Not only has the welfare system failed, it has actually created a "culture of poverty" in which crime, drug use, child neglect and joblessness are commonplace.

Recognizing the welfare system's failure, U.S. senators and representatives recently joined forces with President Clinton to make major reforms. Two years ago, Clinton proposed the Work and Responsibility Act of 1994. Logic dictates that a welfare system that works will get disadvantaged persons into the work force as quickly as possible. That is why the chief purposes of this legislation are to encourage the transition from welfare to paid work, to instill a feeling of shared responsibility in previous welfare recipients by providing support services and work opportunities, and to teach adolescents not to become parents until they are able to provide for and nurture their children. The bill also imposes a 2-year maximum lifetime limit for cash assistance, forcing recipients to use the aid wisely during bad times when it is absolutely essential.

Another part of the Work and Responsibility Act is enhancement of the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) program to help move welfare collectors quickly to work. Those who can't find a job after two years will be required to accept a subsidized job from the WORK program as a provision from the government. The bill also accounts for prevention of teen pregnancy and the revamping of today's child support system. These are all good things, but the Congress was nowhere near satisfied with this bill alone. Major changes in the system needed to be made.

On June 27th of this year, House Representative Kasich introduced H.R. 3734, the newest and most thorough welfare

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reform act since the 1960's. H.R. 3734, commonly known as the Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act of 1996, or simply the Welfare Reform Act, abolishes AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and creates TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families). This action is a result of the AFDC program's 30 percent growth since 1989. In 1994, this federal-state program cost \$23 billion, plus \$2.7 billion in administrative costs. The Welfare Reform Act eliminates the guarantee of assistance for poor children and won't provide cash benefits for persons convicted of drug crimes unless states adopt different policies. This will be a major motivational factor for the estimated 70% of homeless in America who abuse drugs and alcohol to kick their habits. It cuts \$23.3 billion from food stamps and \$23.9 billion from legal immigrants between now and 2002.

H.R. 3734 also mandates that states may provide cash benefits to unmarried mothers under 18 years of age only if they stay in school or live with a responsible adult. For adults who are qualified under current law, the bill provides Medicaid benefits and even guarantees the benefits for one year after a person leaves welfare. The bill also strengthens provisions for child care. For example, states cannot penalize mothers unable to work because they can't find day care for their children who are under 6 years old.

One thing H.R. 3734 does not seem to provide, however, is adequate funding for job creation and training. It attempts to help welfare recipients get jobs by besting corporate America with sizable "incentives" to hire people off of welfare. Charles Sennott, in the Boston Globe, points out, "The \$150 billion for corporate subsidies and tax benefits eclipses the annual budget deficit of \$130 billion. It's more than the \$145 billion paid out annually for the core programs of the social welfare state... A growing number of voices from both ends of the political spectrum question whether it is fair to provide such help to businesses while cutting back on aid to poor people - questions which at a minimum seek to frame corporate assistance as the missing piece of the national debate on welfare reform." This has obviously been a topic of serious debate regarding the welfare reform bill: what good is it to push those currently relying on the welfare system into job-ready situations when jobs are not necessarily available?"

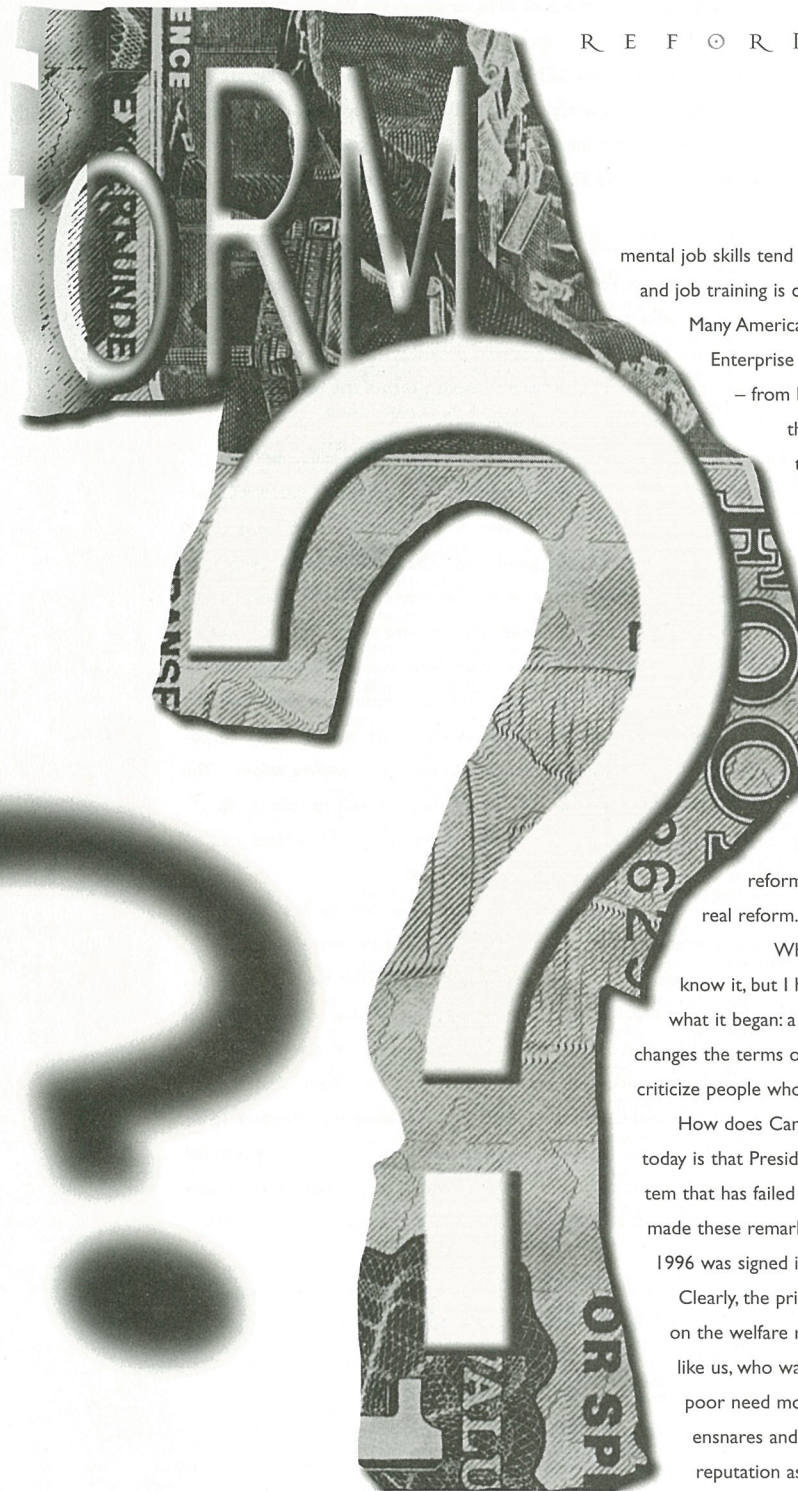
A.M. Rosenthal provided an answer to this question in the *New York Times*: "The way out of the cycle is indeed work. But before we take sustenance away from children we should make sure that jobs are reasonably available for their parents... This 'welfare plan' does not. It is not a plan at all but a giant cop-out—turning over responsibilities to states that have no plans themselves. It is a voyage into the wilderness, the unknown, which we have no right to take for others." According to statistics from the National Coalition for the Homeless, labor market trends indicate that the number of jobs for low-skilled workers is rapidly decreasing. Jobs for these workers are projected to drop 13% by the end of the decade. Workers without skills and education will be increasingly trapped in low-paying jobs with little room for advancement.

It certainly isn't as easy as it may seem to get the homeless and welfare-collecting people back to work. The H.R. 4 bill passed in March 1995 will undoubtedly motivate more of these people to find jobs. It requires welfare recipients to work within two years of receiving benefits and denies welfare checks after five years. Although this provision has widespread support from the Senate and from President Clinton, movement of the homeless and welfare recipients into the work force depends on elements that cannot be legislated. Congress may write laws that incite some people to work, but, as the International Union for Gospel Missions points out, their jobs might be temporary and the pay insufficient to move them out of poverty or off of welfare. The task is even more challenging for others - especially those who lack skills, job experience, education and religious faith. Just ask Mark, a homeless man under care of a homeless outreach organization. "I'd like to get a job, but how? When you're in the street, you've got one set of clothes, two if you're lucky, and they're always dirty. No place to shave, shower, clean up. And any job that's decent will ask you for an address, phone number, a driver's

license. It's hard to break out of the cycle."

In addition, the government may put welfare recipients into mandatory work positions, but it cannot mandate that businesses hire under-skilled and undereducated homeless and low income people. For those who have been out of the workplace for long periods of time, funda-





mental job skills tend to dry up. Creation of real opportunities for employment, education and job training is crucial to curing the syndrome of chronic homelessness and poverty.

Many Americans agree with Douglas Besharov, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, who believes that "after you get done with all the rhetoric – from both sides – this [welfare reform] bill hardly forces states to do anything. States that want to 'end welfare as we know it' now have the tools to do so, but states that want to continue the status quo can do that, too. Real welfare reform is now up to the states." He makes the point that in order to see real results, more action must be taken to ensure that the new welfare plans are implemented properly.

As far as welfare reform being a major issue in campaign debates goes, it seems as though it may not be such a hot issue. President Clinton joined Presidential Nominee Robert Dole in signing the Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act of 1996, and because both candidates agree that it is the best for our country right now, there probably won't be much debate over it. Many believe that any debate that does occur on the topic of welfare reform will only be political posturing instead of attempting to achieve real reform.

Where does President Clinton stand? "We are ending welfare as we know it, but I hope this day will be remembered not for what it ended, but for what it began: a new day that offers hope, honors responsibility, rewards work, and changes the terms of the debate so that no one in America ever feels again the need to criticize people who are poor or on welfare."

How does Candidate Bob Dole feel about Clinton's position? "My only regret today is that President Clinton did not join with us sooner in helping end a welfare system that has failed the taxpayers and those it was designed to serve." Both candidates made these remarks on August 22, the date the Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act of 1996 was signed into law.

Clearly, the primary goal of welfare reform is reduction of the number of people on the welfare rolls. Our country's leaders and legislators need input from people like us, who watch taxes slice chunks out of our paychecks every week. What the poor need more than anything else today is liberation from a system which ensnares and enfeebles them. The only way the United States can maintain its reputation as a compassionate nation is if its citizens work together in their own communities to help the less fortunate. This kind of mutual help and voluntary service would be the backbone of a prosperous nation, one that collectively fights and overcomes traditional problems like drug abuse, alcoholism and even personal debt. These are often the cause of homelessness and poverty.

Obviously we are not finished with the welfare reform process. It will be a long haul before the resurrection of a welfare system that works efficiently, if we ever get to that point. U.S. Senator William Roth of Delaware stresses the fundamental cause of the majority of our country's poverty: disregard for individual responsibility and accountability. He explains, "Welfare reform is about helping families find the freedom and independence we take so much for granted... This legislation clearly points the way to that independence. But the road to independence does not begin or end in Washington. Independence begins with living up to one's responsibilities."

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## Dealing with Stress, Part I

For many students, college life is a primary cause of stress. The college environment offers an exciting array of new opportunities, but with them comes pressures to succeed academically, socially and, for many, financially as well. New freedoms, chances to experiment and absences of daily parental supervision demand that you deal with many difficult and stressful situations. Some students cope with the stresses of college with ease. Some are driven to anxiety, depression, and even suicide. Others experience burnout - the hopeless, helpless feeling that results in emotional and physical exhaustion. Burnout is one of the most common reasons students list for leaving school before earning their degrees. As many as 25 percent of today's college students may suffer from enough stress to make them consider dropping out. Many of those who don't drop out rely on alcohol or other drugs to numb their pain.

If you become a victim of stress, it can affect your behavior and, ultimately, your health. Your ability to cope with stress and maintain control of your life is fundamental to college success. You can learn to handle stress effectively and minimize its damaging effects. It is possible to channel pressure into productive force and use stress as motivation for positive action. Such techniques, known as stress management, can be a valuable asset for you throughout college and can contribute to your future career and personal success.

Every student will encounter stress; it is a part of life. It is merely your physical, emotional, and mental response to change, regardless of whether the change is good or bad. In some instances stress can be helpful, it can be a short term, physiological tensing and added mental alertness that subsides when the challenge has been met, letting you relax and carry on normal activities. It can become a problem when you can't make the stress subside, and you can't get back to a relaxed state. This can take its toll, leading to mental and physical exhaustion and illness.

While college can provide potential stressful situations, it can give you a chance to evaluate and change the ways you manage stress. Everyone has been dealing with stress since they were children. But the old techniques such as letting others make decisions for you, skipping school, or overeating aren't effective while in college. For this very reason RIT has a counseling center to assist students with coping with their problems. Since everyone encounters difficult and confusing situations in life the Counseling Center is available. The center offers professional help for RIT students that is free of charge and completely confidential.

When you'd like to use the services of the Counseling Center you can stop in or call for an appointment. If you have an urgent concern, a counselor will see you right away. On your first visit to the Center, you will meet with a professional counselor who will talk with you in order to understand your questions or concerns. By the end of your first session with the counselor you'll decide on your next plan of action together. The centers' objective is to address your special needs and concerns, and any plan your counselor recommends will be based on your preferences.

There are many different services which can be utilized, such as:

- **Personal/Psychological Counseling:** This is an individual and group counseling session for those who could benefit from meeting with a counselor to explore, for example, more effective ways of dealing with conflict and stress, managing feelings and emotions, developing satisfying relationships, communicating with others, and coping with personal crisis.
- **Career Counseling:** Here counselors can assist students in making thorough

appraisals of their interests, abilities, and personality traits so that they can use this information in developing educational and vocational plans. Tests of aptitude, interest and personality may be used in this assessment process.

- **Career Resource Center** contains the occupational information on a variety of careers, vocational and educational reference books, and college catalogues on microfiche.
- **Career Walk-In Center** provides walk-in assistance to students with informational needs related to occupations, colleges, graduate schools, and selection of RIT course/majors.
- **Discover** is a career guidance system which uses a computer to help users learn more about the career-planning and decision-making process, themselves, their interests, abilities, and work-related values and careers that may be appropriate.
- **The Support Group for Gay/Lesbian Students** is available for students who are having difficulty with any aspects of life regarding their expressed or repressed sexuality.
- **The General Counseling Group** provides an opportunity to explore a broad range of personal and interpersonal concerns in a safe and supportive setting. Issues may include, but aren't limited to self image, self esteem, relationships and intimacy, emotional awareness, and expression and assertiveness. All groups require screening prior to your attendance. Call or stop by the Counseling Center to arrange a screening appointment.

Academic achievement and preparation for a career after college are two of the central purposes of your college experience. The capacity to cope with academic stress may prove critical to achieving your academic goals. Sources of academic stress include fulfilling the expectations of your professors and parents, meeting your own goals, dealing with your school's academic system, peer pressure, and all the decisions that you must make for yourself. Academic stress is pressure. You have substantial work assigned, but limited time to complete it. Passing grades are prerequisite to earning a degree, and competition for top grades is intense. Recognizing the constancy of such stress is the first step in coping.

Making choices about courses and majors and careers will be less stressful if you consult your academic advisors. Your first year advisor can help you select your initial courses. Though your choice of courses may be mostly limited to general curriculum requirements, you do have some control over your schedule. Your major advisor can provide valuable advice once you declare your major. He or she can help you plan a program that meets requirements and satisfies

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other interest. He or she can also write recommendations for graduate schools and jobs that interest you.

To ease the stress of studying and making it more efficient, don't hesitate to seek help. If you're having difficulty with a particular course, talk with the instructor. Also check out the college tutorial programs which can help you. The Learning Development Center offers classes and workshops that will show you valuable study strategies. You can also use the Math and Writing Labs to develop your skills. These services are free to matriculate RIT students, faculty and staff. Advanced sign-up for workshops is advised, but not required. The LDC is a perfect opportunity to get a essay or assignment looked over before turning it in to a professor in order to insure that your work is the best that it can be.

Remember too, that prevention is the best medicine. Try to recognize the symptoms of stress before it gets to the point where you need counseling. The best way to prevent stress is to set goals and practice time management. By setting goals for yourself, you will have a mental picture of what you need to be doing and how to do it. Managing your time depends on a strong set of goals. Decide what your main objective at college is, and what you want to have accomplished by the end of a quarter or academic year.

Be certain that you set clear, specific, and realistic goals. You need to evaluate your capabilities and ascertain what you can accomplish. It is alright to choose activities and classes that will challenge you intellectually and socially, but make sure they won't completely overwhelm you. Sometimes unrealistic career goals are counterproductive. Ask yourself, "Is staying up every night until one in the morning doing physics problems to become an engineer really worth it? Do I enjoy this type of work?" Maybe you'd be better off with another major more suited to your liking that could provide you with an education that is equally or even more rewarding. With whatever goals you choose, make sure there's a balance between your academic and social life. Academics is the first and foremost reason you're attending college, but you do need outlets to get away from studying periodically.

Once you have your goals set up you need to have time management skills to reinforce them and to make sure you achieve them. You need to identify how you use your time and what you need to do in order to utilize it efficiently. A time management program will reduce academic stress and open up time to do activities that you couldn't previously fit into your schedule. Begin by creating a master schedule with your most important and reoccurring events. This master schedule can then be duplicated and updated each week for other activities that revolve around these main blocks. And remember: don't let time management become another source of stress. You can always monitor your progress, reevaluate your goals, and modify your program.

## Dealing With Stress Part II

Some views of what stress is point directly to alternative ways of dealing with it. If you look in any bookstore, usually in the New Age section, you can find any number of books that present their own views of what stress is and how to deal with it.

For an example we can quickly look at James Redfield's *Celestine Prophecy*. He points to the energy that we all need to survive as the source of all stress. He claims that we are constantly fighting each other for possession of what we believe is a limited amount of energy. How does he suggest we deal with such things? Simply realize and believe that the supply of energy is limitless and the struggle vanishes.

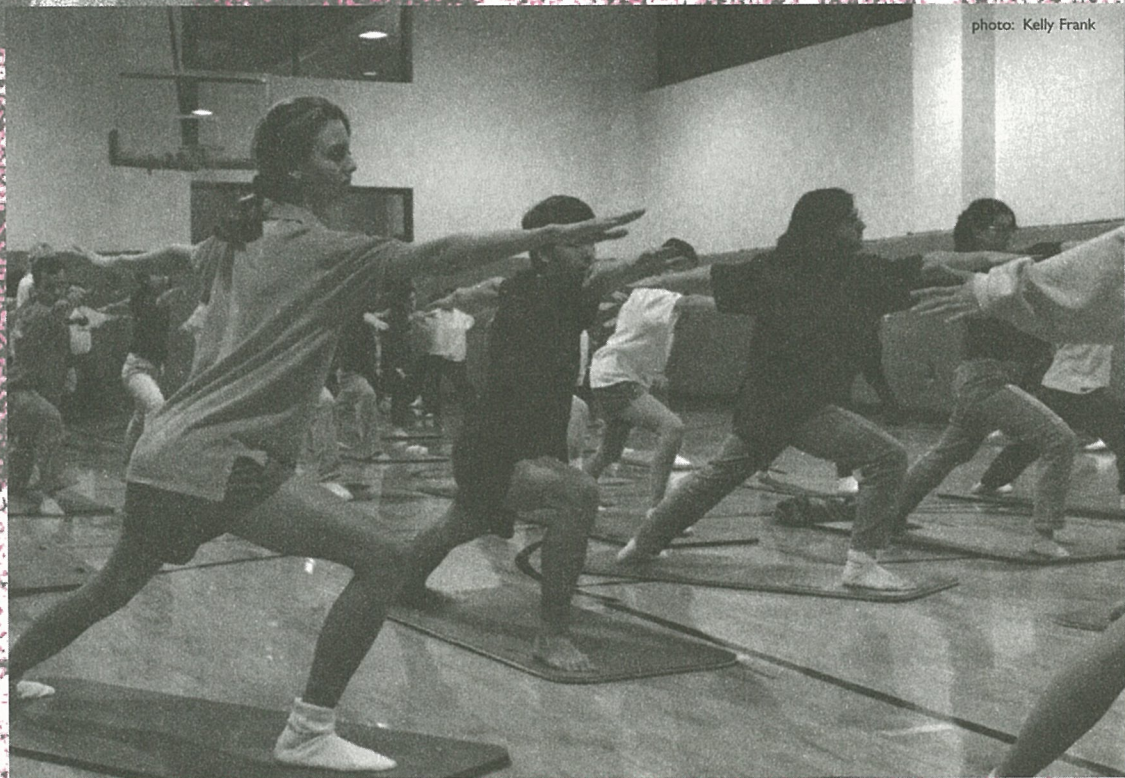


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Of course, that's not a very useful point of view when dealing with stress on an intrapersonal level, like when academics, social obligations, job hours, and a personal life are getting us caught between rocks and hard places. In situations like that, you have to look for other ways of relieving stress.

What are those ways? Once again a trip to the bookstore can prove to be amazingly helpful. Take for example Dan Millman's *Peaceful Warrior* series of books. In the three volumes that comprise this series (*Way of the Peaceful Warrior* and *Sacred Journey of the Peaceful Warrior*) he puts forward not just one exercise to relieve a certain kind of stress, but an entire program of both physical and mental/emotional fitness that will let people lead more productive lives with a reduced stress level. Millman, who's views are heavily based in oriental philosophy, also sees stress as an issue of energy flow. He recommends a regular exercise program, including eating healthy, to help keep the body in good working condition. Exercises include stretches and deep breathing along with some of your staples of every exercise program: a little running, some push ups, sit ups, and other general fitness activities. Being trained in gymnastics and a little bit of the martial arts, Millman highly recommends

# Stress

either of these activities to anyone really interested in staying in shape and staying healthy.

And then there is the mental part, which is of course, equally important to stress reduction. In his books he tells his own story of finding the peace and tranquillity that life can hold. His companion book to the *Peaceful Warrior* series, *No Ordinary Moments*, goes more in depth about exercises that can be performed in order to better deal with mental stress.

Throughout this guidebook to life in the real world, Millman takes readers step by step through a series of personal improvement exercises that point out destructive behaviors that increase the stress in our lives and bad habits that make us hold on to stress from past situations.

An entire section of this book is dedicated to the things that can cause the most stress in our lives: the internal views we have of ourselves. In this section he focuses on the ideas of positive thought and positive visualization. Both of these perspectives are put forward by many other people as well, and have been seen to work in the past. They allow us to get past the negative taunting of others and let ourselves know that we can do it

Ok, ok, so now you're saying "That's all fine and good, but I have a test coming up in five minutes and I don't have time to examine my entire life in order to get rid of all my stress!" Once again you can return to the bookstore, this time to the Sports section. Look around and pick up a book about the martial arts, more specifically something along the lines of Tai Chi or Aikido. Both of these martial arts deal a lot with control over your own body and very focused concentration.

Tai Chi, the national exercise program of China, consists of very slow, controlled movements of the arms and legs coupled with deep breathing. This stimulates the energy flow of the body and allows us to focus on one thing, thereby leaving no room in our heads for stress.

Aikido follows similar principles. The main tenants of this martial art are the concepts of One Point, Balance, and the Positive Mind. So what are these things and what do they have to do with stress?

Balance is one of the steps on the way to One Point. In the context of the martial arts, this usually refers to actual physical balance. But when applied in real life, it pertains more to a mental and physical state. This can be achieved in a few ways. First and foremost, get enough rest, not just sleep, but real rest. Relax before you go to sleep, take some time to wind down from the day. If you're encountering stress right before a test, a few deep breaths will help balance things out for you relatively quickly. Good nutrition is also an important part of balance in one's life. One other thing to remember concerning balance is that getting worked up (in any way shape or form)

before a potentially stress inducing situation is a bad thing. Always remain balanced and achieving One Point will be only a step away

The Positive Mind is a concept that we've all heard about before. If we think we can or we can't than we are right. That's an old saying that is as true as it can be. We can sabotage ourselves by not believing we can do well at things. Until doubt enters our minds, we can keep the balance we have achieved previously. Once we lose our positive mind, our balance will follow if we do not reclaim it quickly. As long as the Positive Mind is held, the other facets will stay in place with little effort.

One Point is the key Aikido concept and can be maintained as long as the other two parts are in place. It deals with focusing on the specific point, usually around your solar plexus (about midway between your sternum and your navel), where all of your vital energy is stored. This allows you to block out negative influences from outside (noises in the hallway, the clack of the person's nails behind you as they tap on their desk) and from inside (those negative thoughts of how poorly you're going to do and how badly you just want to leave) of your body and mind. It allows you to clear your mind of all the trash that's running around in there and focus on the situation at hand. Focusing on the moment, nothing else matters and your mind can work more clearly, efficiently, and quickly.

Aside from the martial arts and the other books that were mentioned earlier, there is one other way to accomplish similar stress management. That is through simple relaxation techniques.

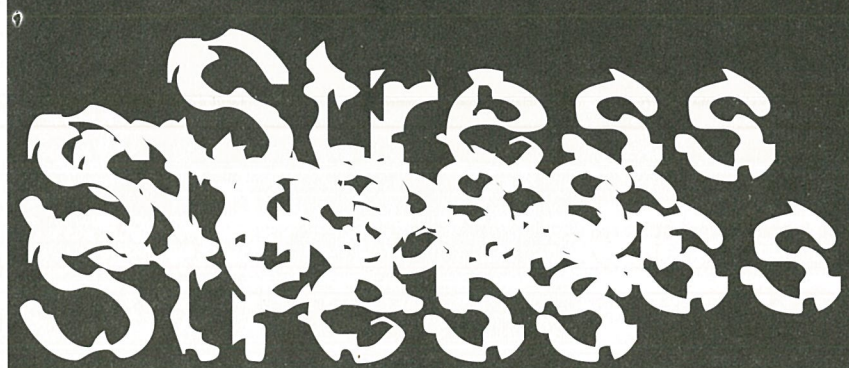
These can vary greatly from person to person, but once you find the one that works for you, it should become easier to use each time. In some ways, relaxation techniques can be considered preludes to meditation techniques (which can do all sorts of other neat things to reduce your stress level and improve your life).

Once again, we can see the principle of focus come into play. In order to begin most relaxation techniques, you sit comfortably and close your eyes. Then, focus on your breathing or some other rhythmic sound. You breathe slowly and deeply from the abdomen (not from the chest as many people do). This causes your mind to pay a great deal of attention to your body and gets the two working together. Once you feel comfortable with the breathing, you can introduce an image that you find relaxing into your mind. Once you have created this location in your mind, you can go there any time to briefly escape the troubles of life. If you really want a hand ridding yourself of stress, feel free to drop your problems, one by one down a well or into a river as you make your way to that mental paradise.

This type of relaxation can take place just about anywhere once you are practiced at it. It can take anywhere from a couple of minutes to an hour, depending on what you decide to do with it and how much time you actually have. If you are really intrigued by it, go to the bookstore or library and pick up a book on meditation techniques for many more examples of what can be done and ideas on how it can help you.

Stress is a problem that we all have to deal with if we plan on living a productive life in our culture. Some of the best advice: Be like water and flow over and around things. You will get nowhere fast trying to go through them. Kind of Zen, but very true. If we let everything become a major issue on our lives, we will find our lives controlled by the issues. A deep breath can go a long way in taking a potentially disastrous situation and making it into a tolerable, if not pleasant and productive, experience.

by Sherrie Fields and Chris Conroy





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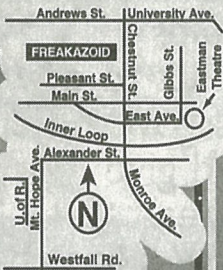
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Michelle Danzer has been named Female Athlete of the Week for her performance on the women's tennis team. Danzer defeated SUNY Geneseo's Ginger Nestler 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday. She then rallied to win over SUNY Brockport's Zenabu Dyer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday. Playing with new doubles partner Patty West, Danzer then helped in the 8-4 win over Geneseo, and the 8-0 win over Brockport. "She is a dedicated member of the team. We hope to combine energies to make this a memorable climax to a fine collegiate career," said coach Ann Nealon.

By: Julie Sterling

## of the week

Brandon Mauks has been named RIT's Male Athlete of the Week for his performance on the men's soccer team. Mauks, a junior midfielder, had outstanding performances in both games the Tigers played this past week. In the Tiger's 2-1 loss to Hobart, Mauks was instrumental in keeping the team together and in the game. In the 1-1 overtime tie with Ithaca, he played a key defensive role. "Brandon played 120 minutes. He worked hard to win 50-50 balls and he had some strong tackles," said coach Bill Garno. "We needed that element, and he brought it to our game."

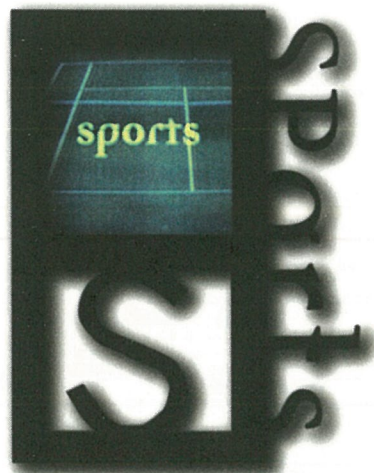
By: Julie Sterling

## Women's Rugby Tramples Over First Two Opponents

The women's rugby team has started off their season with two impressive wins. They beat St. John Fisher 15-5 in their first match, and conquered William Smith with a solid score of 22-0. Kelly Fogarty lead in scoring with three tries, followed by Becky Cross with one try, and a two-point conversion kick by Marla Pinsky. The Cockless Roaches are looking forward to another successful season this fall. They will take on SUNY Geneseo this Saturday, October 5, on the Rugby pitch (located on the east side of NTID). Come out and support the team!



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# Men's Soccer holds at 2-2-1

photo: Mike Fagans

The men's soccer team went 1-1 this week, beating cross town rival University of Rochester on Wednesday, September 25, and losing to number one ranked Fredonia on Saturday, September 28. Against the U of R, Sean Spencer had a rocket shot into the upper left hand corner of the net to put the Tigers up 1-0. Then in the second half, a scramble in the box lead to another goal for the Tigers, when a U of R defender accidentally put the ball passed his own keeper. Adam Lehmann led the defense with eight saves.

On Saturday, the Tigers lost a hard fought battle to Fredonia 3-0. The Tigers are currently 2-2-1.

By: Julie Sterling

## Women's Soccer: 1-1 for the week

The women's soccer team suffered another heartbreaking loss on Wednesday, September 25 as they fell to the University of Rochester by a score of 1-0. The Tigers played the game at U of R under the lights on their fast paced turf. It was an extremely exciting game, and both teams had a number of opportunities to score. RIT's failure to capitalize on a break away left the score tied 0-0 at the half. Shortly into the second half, a U of R player struck a ball on the endline, attempting to cross it to her other players. Almost mysteriously, the ball hit the corner of the cross bar and fell into the goal. The Tigers fought hard, but couldn't manage to put one in the net, which left U of R as the victors.

On Saturday, September 28, the Tigers defeated Elmira by a score of 3-2. The rain and mud were definitely a factor, but the Tigers didn't let it control the game.

RIT scored early after Amy Luther assisted Megan Kuryla in the first ten minutes of the game. Elmira then came back to score two goals and take over the lead. With fifteen minutes left in the first half, Amy Luther nailed a ball into the corner of the net to tie the game at 2-2.

Overtime was a struggle for both teams as the condition of the field continued to get worse. Finally in the first overtime period, Michelle Lewis' shot got caught up in a puddle directly in front of the goal. Three RIT players crashed on to the ball and Jenny Day-Baker managed to put it in the net.

The win moves the Tigers' record up to 4-3-1 overall.

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By: Kate Pakenas



# Busy Week for Women's Volleyball

The RIT women's volleyball team lost to Ithaca in the semifinals at the University of Rochester Tournament on Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21. In their first match against Brockport, the Tigers won the first three games by scores of 15-2, 15-10, and 15-1. Krissy Caton had eight kills and setter, Ushi Patel, had 22 assists. RIT defeated Clarkson in the second match by scores of 15-3, 15-4, and 15-7. Tracy Wilt had six kills and Patel had 15 assists. In their third match against St. John Fisher, the Tigers won the first, third, and fifth of the five games played with scores of 15-8, 15-4, and 15-11. Wilt had 19 kills while Caton had 17, and Patel had 45 assists. Ithaca defeated RIT in their fourth matchup of the tournament. In the three games, Wilt had 11 kills and Patel had 33 assists.

On Tuesday, September 24, the Tigers defeated the University of Rochester winning the second, third, and fifth games of the match by scores of 15-13, 15-11, and 15-11. Wilt racked in 44 of the team's 88 kills, and Patel made 83 assists. According to Coach Tim Cowie, "It was an intense match. We started out slow, but we ended up outplaying U of R down the stretch."

RIT defeated St. John Fisher on Thursday, September 26, in the first three games with scores of 16-14, 16-14, and 15-12. Caton walked away with 25 kills while Wilt had 15. Patel racked up 48 assists.

As for the season, the Tigers have a current record of 10-5, and Cowie commented, "We're off to a good start. The girls are very competitive and they are constantly pushing to get better and learn more. They have a great deal of inner drive, and the future looks bright with the young team that we have." Wilt has accumulated 171 kills for the season while Caton has accrued 143, and Patel has 354 assists.

By: Erica Muse

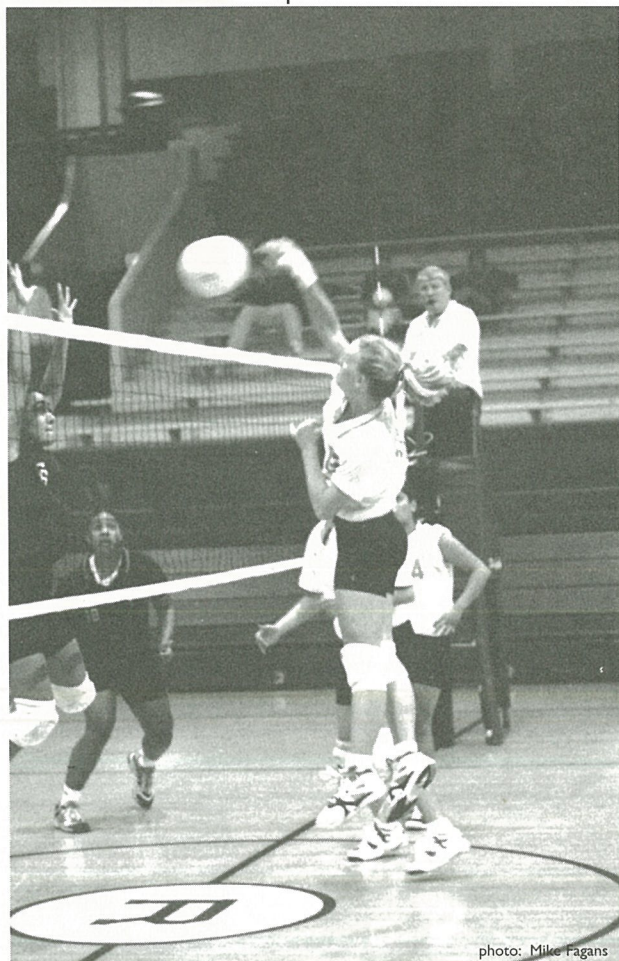


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# Women's Tennis Picks up One Win and One Loss

The RIT women's tennis team went one and one this week bringing their season record to 2-4. On Saturday, September 21, the Tigers had a disappointing loss to Brockport with a final score of 6-3. In singles action, Michelle Danzer defeated her opponent in the last two of three sets with scores of 6-3 and 6-4. Patty West conquered her match in the first two sets with scores of 6-2 and 7-6. Defeating their counterparts by a score of 8-0, Danzer and West won their doubles contest as well.

The Tiger's number one player, senior and CO-captain Kate Ochal, has been injured and out of play, which has resulted in changes to the team's number one and two doubles partners and starting lineup. According to Coach Ann Nealon, "Due to the changes, the girls were not used to playing with each other and they needed time to mold as a team. Although we lost, I was pleased with the way the women performed. They played to win, and all of their games moved up to another level."

The Tigers defeated Elmira on Monday, September 23, with a final score of 7-2. In singles play, West defeated her opponent in two sets both by scores of 6-3. Becky Galinski took her match in two sets of 6-4 and 6-0. In doubles action, RIT won all three matches. Danzer and West were victorious with a score of 8-2, Elena Loya and Amy Zapiec at 8-6, and Danielle Robitelle and Galinski at 8-4. Nealon commented, "We were stronger than Elmira and we continue to play with confidence and determination."

By: Erica Muse

## Upcoming Home Sporting Events:

**Saturday 10/5:**

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**1** "I don't go to it."

**Adriane Barnes, 2nd year Film/Video**

"I never really go there. It's pretty useless to me."

**John Hellriegel, 2nd year Film/Video**

**2** "I am completely indifferent to the candy counter. I never buy anything there. Why should they keep it open if they're not making enough money. It's a business. We got to have logical reason to carry on a business. They shouldn't run it for charity."

**Pat Morrissey, 2nd year Illustration**

"There's people who need the candy counter. Actually I've never been there and bought anything myself."

**Julio-Andre Piedra-Santa, 2nd year Printing Management**

**3** "It's useful. It's just some place for people to stop to get a snack. I think it would be bad if it closed."

**Jeff Bauer, 3rd year Criminal Justice**

**4** "They should have like donuts and pastries."

**Odin Wright, 3rd year Industrial Design**

"I think it's great!!! I'll loose my job (if it closes). It would be too unfriendly. They want to put just vending machines. It's going to be too impersonal."

**Mike Pallone, 4th year Printing and Candy Counter employee**

"It serves my purposes. Human contact is much nicer."

**Arwen Jewell, 3rd year Photography**

**5** "Sometimes I like to stop there and buy candy on the way to class."

**Stephanie Otto, 3rd year Medical Technology**

"It's very convenient. Usually on the way to lunch I'll stop there to get a newspaper. Seems like a lot of things on campus are going away that were convenient."

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"I never have cash with me but I think it should definitely stay because they are thinking of getting rid of it. I liked it a lot better when they had sesame sticks."

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"It's pretty useful. It's very convenient for the people who are walking around here."

**6** **Watsaraponj Trurattanapkam, 1st year Graduate Industrial Design**

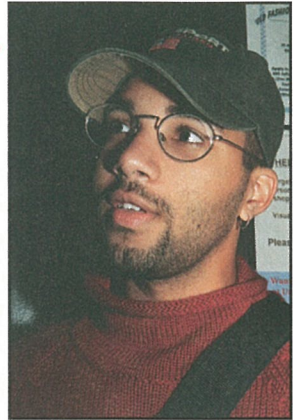
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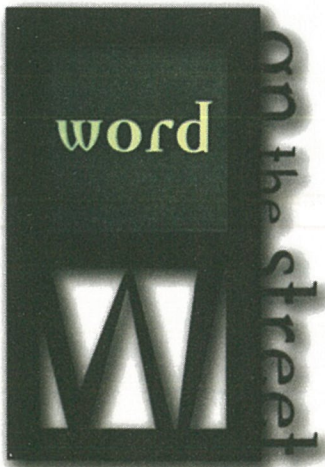
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I get out my last piece of Trident.

Chris sees the pack and opens his hands to ask for a piece. I close the pack and put it in his hands. Chris unwraps it, sees that it's empty, looks at me, wads up the wrapper and throws it into "Dick Tease's" coat.

It's 7 pm. We're all attending a monthly meeting of a local artist group, discussing the future of artists and the arts in the greater Rochester community. I'm there to help set up an artist's web page. We break from the auditorium into small groups in different rooms.

Bad ties. Bad ties as far as the eye can see.

I don't know what they're talking about. I don't think the people speaking know what they are talking about. They go on about ways for getting funding for their various pet projects, ways to justify expenditures to local patrons and financiers.

Then some lady says IT.

She says the one thing that always seems to set me off.

"What about getting these technologies to the children?"

The children.

Yes, what about "the children?"

You know, if I hear anymore bullshit about "the children" from some half-assed, granola-eating Picasso, I'll defecate modern art

the colors of Lucky Charms.

I'm an optimist. OK, so I try to be an optimist. I want to believe that these people, these "artists," these frustrated, underpaid "artists" really give a dick. Give a dick about "the children", about Tiny Tim and Little Orphan Annie.

I also want to believe that my hair will grow back one day in long, black dread-locks.

But when you stack bullshit on bullshit

high enough, you just can't ignore the smell. Just being in a room of self important, poorly dressed people who want to be artists, trying to get money for their own pet projects makes me ill. Most of them would be better off working the line for Chrysler down in Mexico.

And then using "the children" to justify their banter and greed is sick. They are no better than a used car salesman. They don't care about "the children", the poor or the old, anymore than GM or Up John do. They'd all trample over their asses if it served their purpose. The people in that room want money, the cash to do what they want to do. Capitalism in it's truest sense.

Not that I'm any better. I admit, I'm a fiscal conservative and not a great lover of children.

I mean, after all, what are "the children" doing for us? Sure, filling our lives with love and joy and special moments... but so does cable! In the meantime they pick their noses, eat dirt, bring back homeless animals... weird stuff.

Children may be the future, but until then they're just dependents.

But for all of my faults, I've never used "the children" to justify my actions. I've never profited by playing off the sympathies of others about "the children" or tried to push my own self interests on the backs of "the children".

"The children" are like patriotism: Only cowards and scoundrels hide behind them.

People, the artists in this room, are in it for themselves. For their own egos. And then to push their views off as being alternative, anti-establishment and artistic? It's a sin.

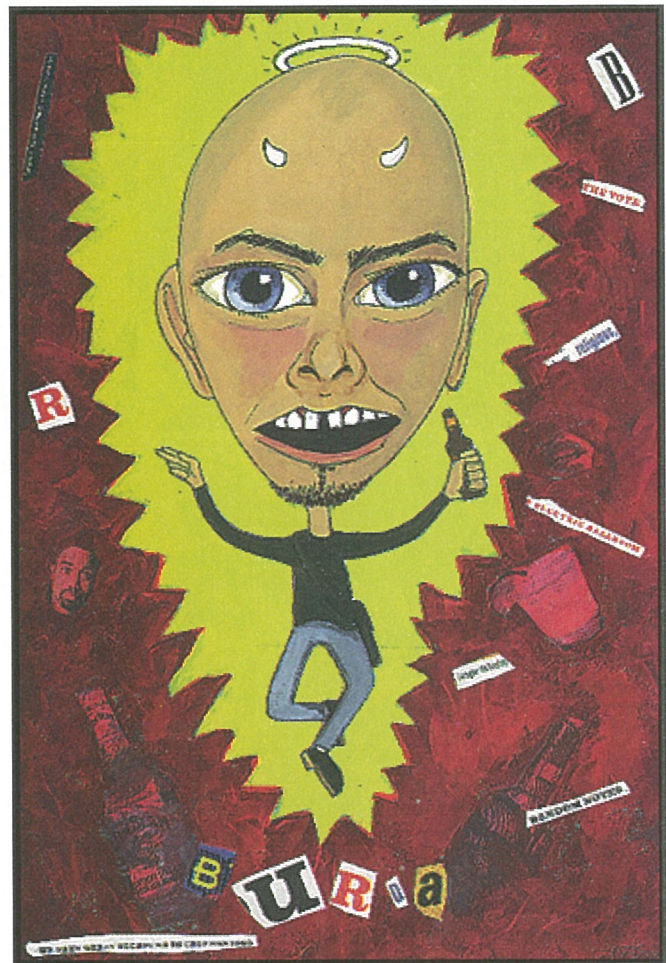
It's now around 9 pm. We move back into the large auditorium that is still under renovation. I'm working on the article, Chris and "Dick Tease" are on either side of me. The coffee is tar black and smells like rotting death. The callous on my index finger hurts from pressing too hard down on my pen.

"I see my name on that paper, Burda," Chris says as he pushes my arm. "I'm suing."

"Fine, lets settle now. Half of everything I've got?"

I pull out the gum in my mouth, bit off half and try to give it to him. He politely tells me to "Be fruitful and multiply."

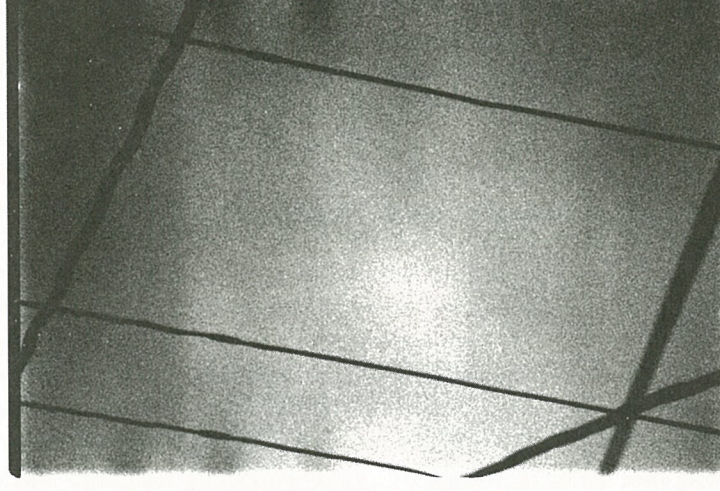
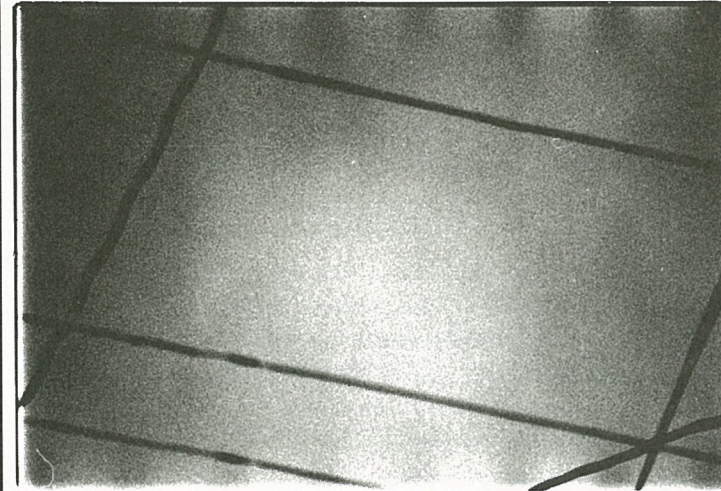
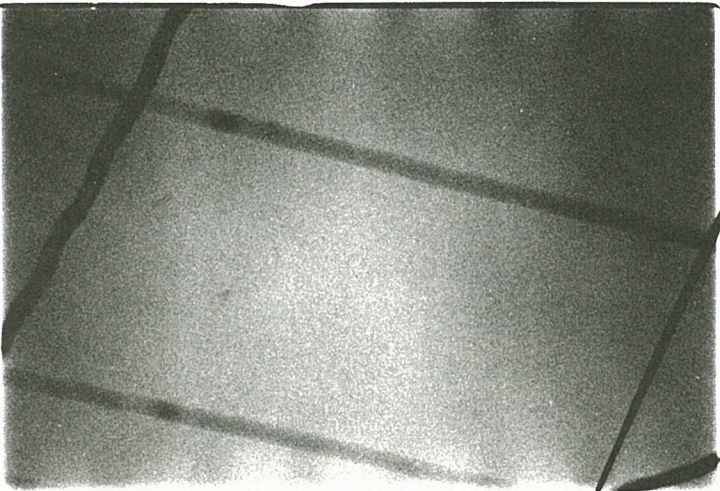
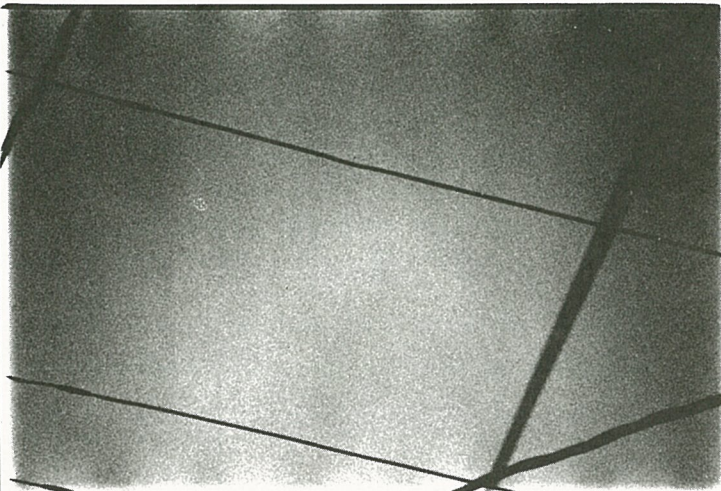
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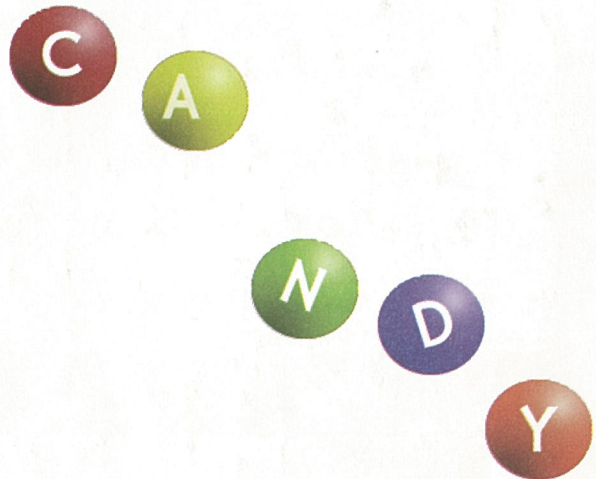
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## is all gone?

Last year the SAU Candy Counter lost over \$20,000. This called for an evaluation of the service. After considering many possibilities, Bill Batcheller from RIT Business Services and John Roman from Campus Connections came to speak with Student Government. They wanted to involve their student customers in the decision about the Candy Counter's future. Batcheller described the situation and possible courses of action. His primary suggestion was to move the products that are offered at the Candy Counter into Campus Connections and install vending machines near the Candy Counter's current position.

After his information session, Batcheller asked for the students' input. The students at the meeting agreed that the Candy Counter was an important part of the SAU. They felt it helped to create a more personal atmosphere than vending machines. Batcheller and Roman agreed to let Student Government have time to consider their recommendation and get more information from students. Student Government will be taking a survey within the next month to gather student opinions about the Candy Counter, possible new products, and alternate solutions to the problem.

