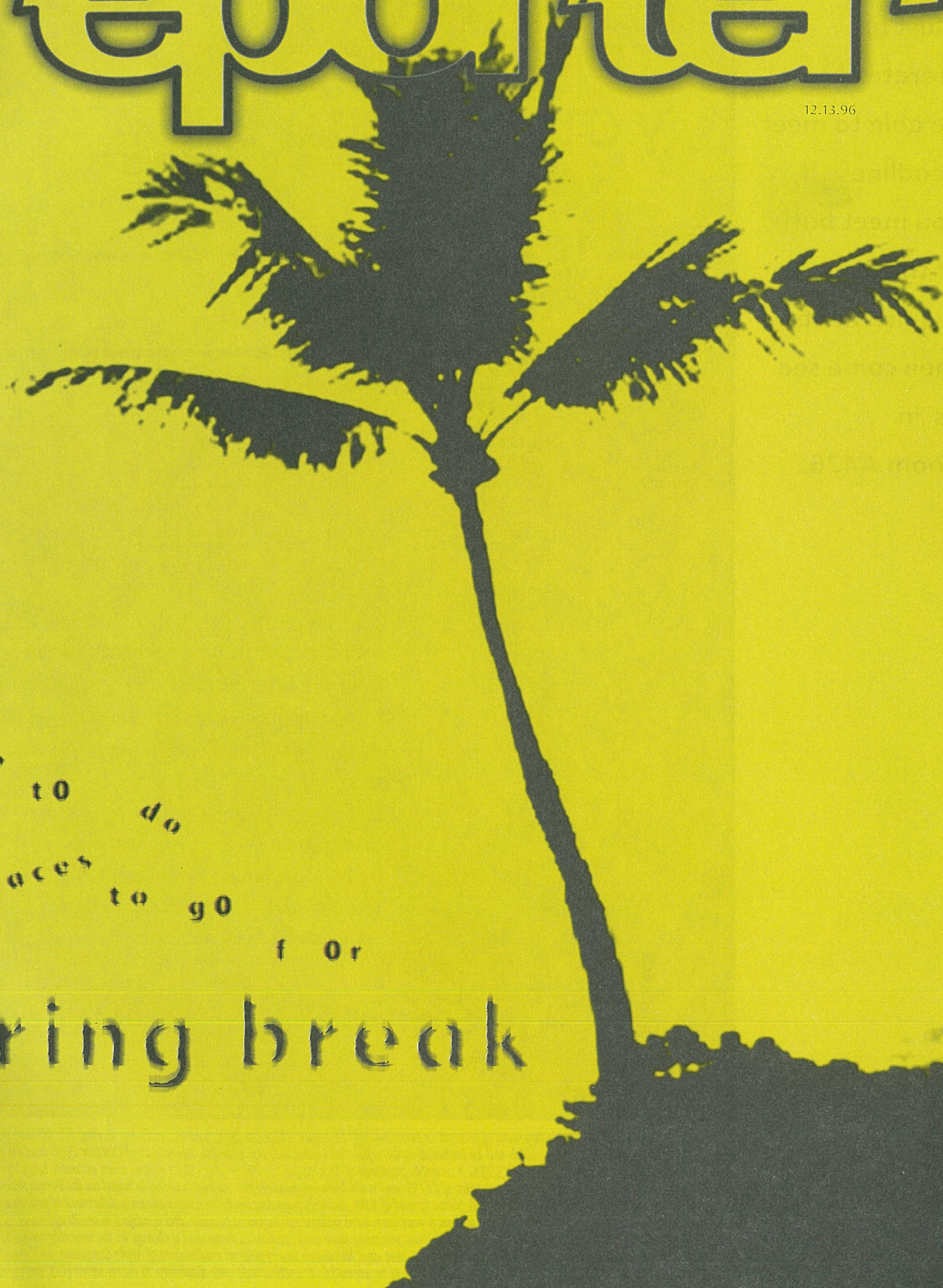


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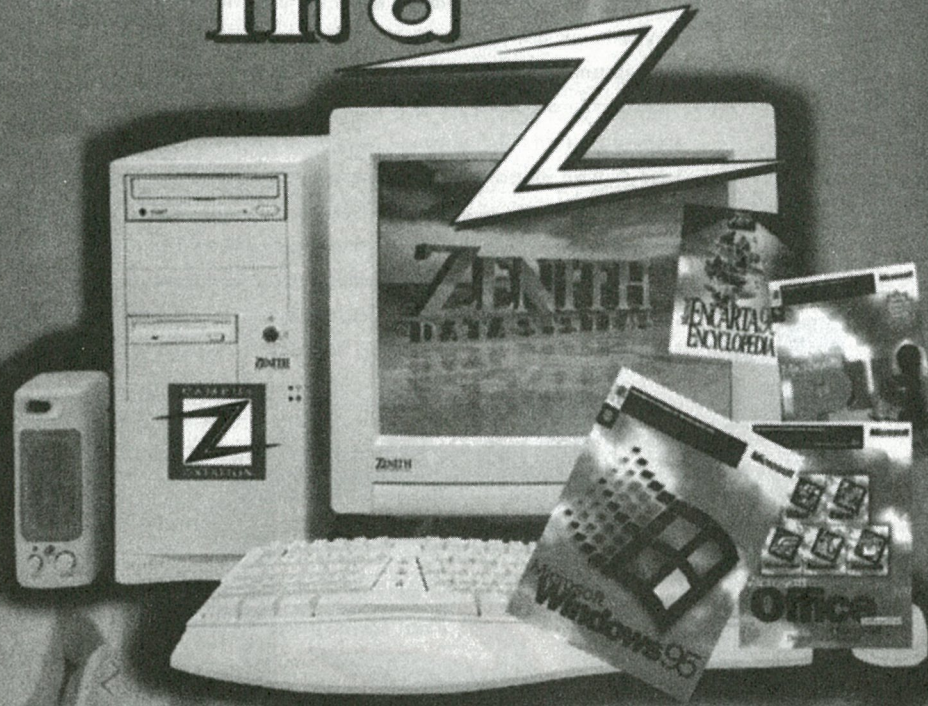
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Who's Name Is It

I recently received an E-Mail asking me if I was the Jason Curtis who was the Editor In Chief of the Reporter Magazine. At first I was a bit baffled by this question but it could have only meant the obvious, there was more than one of me on campus. After some research into the matter, I discovered that there is not only one of me but two. That is correct there are three Jason Curtis' at RIT. I have yet to meet these other fine gentlemen whom I share my tag with but I definitely would like to.

Not long after I made my great discovery I began to think of all the implications that go along with sharing a name with two other people. I wondered if the other two Curtis' had ever had any run-ins, I wondered what they looked like, what majors they were in, what year they were in, if I had ever passed by them on the quarter mile or stood next to them in line at the Ritz. I imagined what type of confusion could arise if the two, or three, of us were in the same class together by some quark of fate. As I delved into thought about the subject I realized that unless you happen to know one of us there are few things that set us apart. Aside from a social security number, a middle name or a birth date, we are easily confused. For example, the E-mail I received, since the person did not know who I was, needed to ask which one was the Editor of the Reporter. This person did not view us as separate people with separate lives, the person viewed us as a name and an E-mail address. To the person I am simply a name with a position that required an answer to a question. What I am getting at is that people should be identified with more than a name. It is what we do, what we think, and how we feel that makes us who and what we are. It is strange to think how much we rely on a few words that make up a name to comprise part of our identity. For me that name is part of me. I think that if my name was taken away I would feel a bit lost. I know that people change their names when they get married or use a different language and some don't even have a number. Even the thought of sharing that name with three other people makes me look at other ways I use to identify myself.



Jason Curtis



After an exhaustive search, NTID is welcoming their new vice president, Dr. Robert Davila. Davila was named the vice president for NTID on November 8. NTID Dean James DeCaro, as well as the NTID community as a whole, had put a lot of effort into searching for a deaf vice president of the institute since the spring of 1996.

Leading the induction, Dr. Simone expressed his happiness in having Dr. Davila as the new vice president for NTID. Simone acknowledged Dr. Davila's outstanding qualifications, citing honesty, dedication, and experience as the most notable. NTID's Dean James DeCaro, praised Dr. Davila as an individual who "challenges himself, stretches himself, demands the very best of himself, and an individual of excellence." He expressed his confidence in having Dr. Davila lead the NTID community into the year 2000.

Dr. Davila gave a remarkable speech in acceptance of the vice presidency. He started off by praising NTID's good academic performance, which made it possible for 95% of its graduates to work in fields related to their majors. He promised to maintain the credibility during his service to NTID. He stressed that communication and language skills were the most important assets which needed to be improved.

Davila was born in San Diego, California, the sixth child in a family of eight. His father passed away when he was young and his mother took care of all eight children. He became deaf after contracting spinal meningitis and attended California School for the Deaf. He got his college education from Gallaudet University, where he later held various teaching and administrative positions, including vice president and dean. From 1989-1993 he was an assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services of the U.S Department of Education, which was the highest government position to be held by a deaf individual. Dr. Davila's final words were "good education makes dreams come true." He is a living witness to this.

NTID CELEBRATES NEW VICE PRESIDENT

by Margaret Kangai

* A bomb exploded in a full Paris subway car recently, reigniting fears of terrorist attacks in the city. The bomb killed two people, critically wounded 35, and slightly hurt about 50 others. The bomb was reportedly formed from a 28-pound gas canister packed with nails. The bomb exploded at 6:05 p.m. at the Port-Royal station on the RER line, which transports thousands of people in and out of Paris. The bomb exploded just as the train was pulling into the station. Fears are flying of another full round of terrorist attacks, just like those in 1995, which killed eight people and wounded 160.

* 16 Japanese men were barred from ever entering the U.S. due to suspicion of involvement in Nazi persecution during World War II. The Justice Department took its first action against Japanese army veterans since it began a "watch list" in 1979, and it will continue to keep an eye on suspects. There are over 60,000 people on the list so far.

* A 12-year-old boy who was abducted the day before Thanksgiving was found safe in New York City by FBI agents and NYC police. The boy was dragged away from his family when two gunmen broke into his home and demanded money. The two men tied the boy's mother and 17-year-old sister up with packing tape before kidnapping the boy. No details were given on how the boy was found or if there were any possible suspects.

* Nynex has plans to offer customers a new service of listing their e-mail addresses and Web page addresses alongside their telephone numbers in the near future. Customers in California, New York, Quebec, and Ontario will be offered the option beginning in February. Nynex plans to focus on business listings first, before moving to residential ones.

World News

by Jeremy Perkins

Civil Rights Activist Mary Frances Berry to Speak on Campus

by Lynette Schmidt

The Commission for Promoting Pluralism announced that the famous civil rights activist, Mary Frances Berry, will speak at the 15th annual "Beyond the Dream" Martin Luther King celebration on January 10.

Mary Frances Berry currently serves as the chairperson of the United States Civil Rights Commission, after being appointed to the position by President Clinton. In addition, she also serves as the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to these appointments, Berry had served as assistant secretary for education in the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and had also worked on President Reagan's Commission on Civil Rights. Berry has received over 20 honorary degrees and several awards for her accomplishments, and in addition to her work as an activist, she is also an accomplished writer. In *The Politics of Parenthood*, her most recently published book, Berry challenges mothers, fathers, employers, and legislators to take responsibility for delivering quality child care to all children.

RIT Student Wins Princess Grace Award

by Stacy Speidel

George Nadeau, a film/video graduate student in the School for Photographic Arts and Sciences, walked away with top honors at this year's Princess Grace Awards, held at Chanel's in New York City on October 8. Nadeau was awarded the "Graduate Film Honorarium," which is the only award given for an animated film, for his movie, Nightlight. Nadeau also won second place for animation at the New York State Student Film and Video Festival for Nightlight held in September and has won film honors in four other competitions. The Princess Grace Award, which was created in the memory of Princess Grace of Monaco, grants awards in film, theater, and dance. Nadeau, who received his award from Isabella Rossellini, was surrounded by celebrities at the ceremony, including Tony Randall, Jennifer Grant and the Prince and Princess of Monaco. When asked to describe receiving his award, Nadeau told reporters, "It was incredible experience being there with all of those famous people...."

Icy Conditions take the Lives of Three Students

by Lynette Schmidt

Three students lost their lives in a tragic accident over the Thanksgiving break. Susan Willoughby, Lanette Moore and Cheryl Bulls were traveling home to Buffalo on November 20 when their car slid across the icy Thruway and into the path of a tractor trailer truck near the Batavia exit. Willoughby, Moore, and Bulls, all 21, were longtime friends and all were active at BACC. Susan Willoughby, a third year manufacturing engineering technology student, and Lanette Moore, a fourth year business student, worked at the Student Life Center and were roommates at Racquet Club. Cheryl Bulls, a second year social work major, lived nearby, also in Racquet Club. Last week, a memorial service was held by Unity House, where the three were also active, and the RIT community celebrated the lives and accomplishments of the women at the memorial service held on December 12 in the Student Union.

Share the Christmas Joy!

by Lynette Schmidt

The Marine Corp Reserves and the Center for Campus Life are asking that you help with the Marine's annual Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots program, which provides Christmas gifts to needy children, has made Christmas merrier for many underprivileged children for several years. The organizations are asking that you drop off a new, unwrapped toy in the lobby of the Student Union before the end of the day on December 13. All gifts are given to children in the Rochester area and more information can be obtained from Jean Griffin in the Center for Campus Life at x7685.



photo: Michael Dudnick

The Best Wings In Rochester

by Willis White

They're easy to prepare at home and are served at almost every eatery in the nation. Buffalo wings, as they're called, were introduced in their modern form in the late 60's to early 70's. But where in Rochester can the best wings be found? Asking around, one would find almost everyone has his favorite places. Four of the most recommended spots for wings were put to the test on our search for the best wings in Rochester.

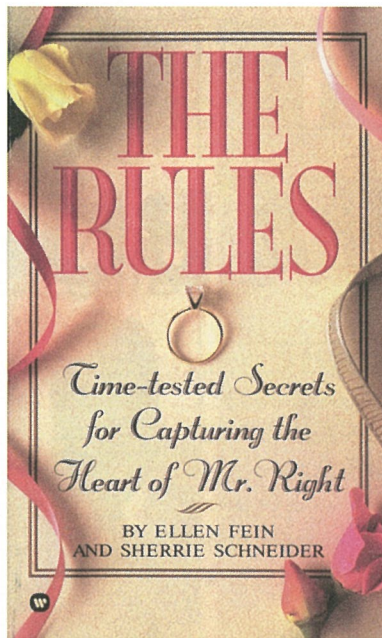
The first wings sampled were at **The Distillery** on Mt. Hope Ave. This sports bar/restaurant delivers a sophisticated yet relaxing atmosphere. The "Barrel," 2 lb of wings for \$7.25, amounts to quite a lot of eating. The wings at the Distillery are delicious and very juicy. They seem to slide right off the bone and melt scrumptiously in your mouth. If you're into hot and spicy wings, the **Distillery won the '93 Hottest Wing in Rochester Award**. They also won for best overall wings, and deservedly so.

The next place visited was Dribbles on Scottsville Rd. Dribbles seems to be a neighborhood, kind of a "know your name" type place. Arriving around 6:00 PM, the first batch of wings for the night were the ones I sampled. Perhaps, that may help explain the dry, "not too great taste," but I doubt it. The difference between these wings and the ones sampled earlier was like night and day. The taste was just average, like something you could get from the frozen food section at Wegmans.

Now it was on to the **Sports Page** on Monroe Ave. This sports bar seemed to welcome the newcomer, while still treating the regular customers like family. The wings at Sports Page were good. Definitely above the mediocrewings sampled at Dribbles; on the other hand, noticeably not as good as The Distillery. The wings were **plump, juicy, and came in nice portions**. You could tell they made a **real effort** in trying to make more than just satisfactory wings.

The last plate of wings I taste tested was from **Jerimah's Tavern** on Monroe Ave. Of all the places visited, Jerimah's was the most like a traditional restaurant (the least number of TV's). While **the wings here are very good**, what set them apart from the ones at the Sports Page or the Distillery was the **delicious homemade bleu cheese dressing**. Also unlike the other three places, the medium flavored wings weren't hot they were sort of sweet, which was nice for a change.

Of the places I tried, the **Distillery** was the clear winner with **Jerimah's** and the **Sports Page** following closely behind. Granted, there are a million other places to get wings in the city, but based on my experience I would bet most of them would fall within the range of these four: (1) Great, I can't live without another basket (2) Reality, the quite tasty little wings (3) Average [if that], those wings that fill your stomach, but that's about all (4) God, let's just drive to Buffalo and get some authentic Buffalo wings.



Dating By the Rules

Review by Stacy Speidel

Boys beware, dating is about to become a whole new ball game, and for the ladies who have always seemed to have gotten the short end of the dating stick, your time has come. The Rules are what they appear to be, a series of dating do's and don'ts (mind games and manipulative ploys), or should I say, "time tested secrets for capturing the heart of Mr. Right." Whichever you prefer, it comes just in time for all the ladies to claim the hearts of the man of their dreams before Valentine's Day.

The Rules are the inside secrets of women passed down from generation to generation, and finally put into print on how to get Prince Charming to marry you, specifically adapted for the 90's woman. The Rules is a short, often comical and commanding look at dating in the 90's and the common pitfalls encountered by most women. The Rules is easy to read, and you find yourself flying through the pages. It spells out everything for the dating novice and for the world traveler of bad relationships, illustrating why a woman should never pay on the first date or ever call a man. It even gives the special rules for college dating, such as not looking up his class schedule and stalking him around campus.

The Rules is a great gift to give or receive this holiday season and will only set you back about \$6. Remember, the only way to win the game is to play by the rules.

BAH HUM BUG

by Andy Gose

If the Kathy Lee Gifford Christmas Special isn't enough to dampen your holiday spirits, there's a movie in theaters now that is just as bad. Well, almost as bad. It is called Jingle all the Way. It's another attempt by Arnold Schwarzenegger to make some "cutesy," family entertainment... another failed attempt.

The story is something like this: Howard Langston (Arnold), the high ranking executive of his own company, always misses the special moments of his young son's life because of his

BAH HUM BUG

job. In an attempt to make amends with his son, Howard promises to get him a special Turboman doll for Christmas. The next day, Christmas Eve, Howard must scramble to purchase a Turboman, but all of the toy stores are sold out. He soon finds himself in a maddening chase around town against Myron Larabee (Sinbad), a down and out postal worker, to find a Turboman for sale. The chase leads them through a black market toy shop run by fake Santas, and then through a mall where a group of rabid mothers accuse Howard of being a pervert, and finally into a parade for the climax.

Jingle all the Way's comedy is flat. It has potential, but fails to surprise or entertain. Arnold's cuteness is annoying and Sinbad's antics are the same old thing. Besides, what's with the message here? If you don't have enough time to spend with your kid, buy him a prefabricated space doll for Christmas and everything will be okay. Christmas spirit? I don't think so.

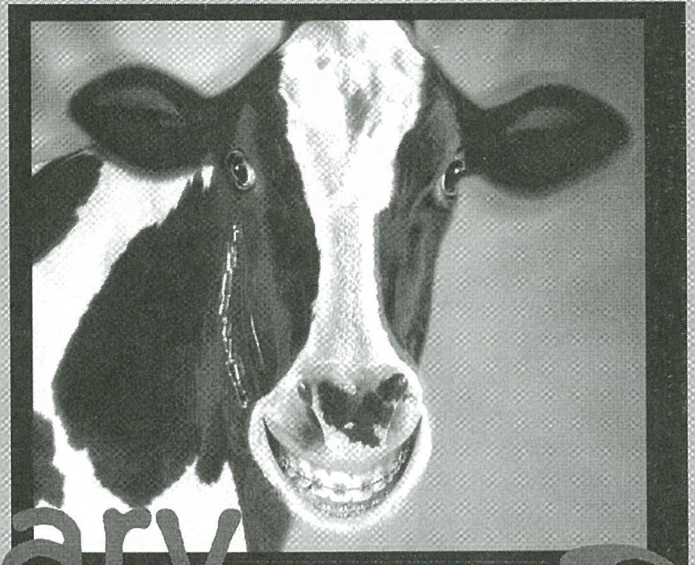
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I'm a fiercely practical gift giver. This year I got my girlfriend a blender. What better way to say "I Lust You" than with a blender, right?

Now wait girls, don't rush up here all at one time.

I'm taken.

The girl-friend wanted to make tomato paste or something. Something Mexican, I think. So, while I was home for break, I asked my friend Dominic to help me pick one out. Dom was staying at my place for Thanksgiving. I figured since he was Mexican and most blenders are made in Mexico now, he'd be the perfect helper.

It was Friday night. We were fast-forwarding *Showgirls*, searching for a plot (FYI, there isn't one).

"I need to get her a Christmas gift," I said, turning to D.

"A blender? You're going to get your woman a blender? Why not just buy her a vacuum cleaner while you're at it? White-trash, man."

"She wanted a blender, you sanctimonious prick. Who am I to deny the woman a blender? It's not like I'm buying her a bowling ball or fishing pole or...."

"Probably be more romantic."

"She wants a blender."

What could be more exciting? Two friends, best friends since the 6th grade, questing, searching together for the perfect gift. Two amigos, partners, friends.... Friendship and holiday cheer only goes so far, as I was to learn. Being a businessman, Dom saw the opening and exploited it. In exchange for Dominic's help (from here on to be referred to as the part of the first), Burda (from here on to be referred to as the part of the second) will drive the party of the first during the entire break around in his parent's BRAND NEW CAR! Hell, it was just like *The Price Is Right*.

Later that day, Dom would mumble something about "Always wanting to have a gringo chauffeur."

Dominic takes the back seat of my parent's maroon Blazer. He sits over my right shoulder, puts his feet up on the seat. The man had just graduated from the U of M business school and sits on his ass all day in some Chicago skyscraper.

(I hear Dom clear his throat as I pull out of the driveway).

"You realize I could buy and sell your ass five times over with

what I make in a year?"

"I believe you've mentioned the fact several times today."

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Dom found a sporty little model, about 40 bucks: glass top, ice crushing mode for the mixed drinks, cute little pulse button. Damn nice blender (See, I told you he'd find a good one).

I couldn't get it. There it stood, form and function in an "all under 50" spot, and I just couldn't bring myself to buy it. How domestic, how unromantic. It was like something my dad would buy my mom. I'm getting old. I'll be twent... well old, OK! I should get her candy, read her poetry, send her flowers... you know, shit that has a shelf life. Something that will die. If she hates, it will be gone soon anyways. Stuff she will forget about and not throw in your face the next time you have a fight! Literally!

"Maybe you're right Dom, maybe the blender is a bad idea."

"Get her the blender, man."

"You think?"

"Sure. You've been going out for how long?"

"Three months, I think."

"So she already knows your a cheap, unromantic bastard?"

"Good point, I'll get the blender."

As we walk back through the store, a pencil and paper in hand to copy the blender's purchase code,

"Hallelujah" by the Mormons' Tabernacle Choir is piped through the store.

Somehow, I knew I was making the right decision. Like it or not, we're all getting older. More conservative, set in our ways. Stability is something to strive for, not shun. Right?

And besides, I could always dump the girl and keep the blender for myself....

It's a damned nice blender.

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The Best Gifts under \$30

For the man in your life, whether it be your dad, your boyfriend, or your little brother, there are some great gifts just waiting to be discovered. Those over 21 might appreciate a useful carry-all such as a 6 pack cooler filled inside with a variety of speciality beers from Beers of the World, and for some added flair, you could throw in some unique, imported cigars from the smoke shop downtown, a true treat for the beer guzzling, cigar smoking man. Absolut Vodka has finally put together a coffee table book of all of their vodka ads. The hardcover, oversized collection will save your friends from buying every magazine in town and ripping out the ads to paste on the wall. It's also a good choice for your graduating friends so that when they get a real job, they won't have to redecorate when the boss comes over; instead they have a classy book to show off their alcoholic tendencies. Of course, you can't go wrong with tickets to a sporting event, and with the Amerks, Sabres, Bills, Nighthawks, Tigers and WWF all in town, you can't miss. Always a good idea are subscriptions to magazines, such as Details, Sports Illustrated or George, cd's, such as the new ones from Cake, Tool, and LL Cool J, and the gift that keeps on giving (if you buy the right one) cologne.

For the women, however, the choices are not so easy. Obviously, you shouldn't buy the same type of gift for mom as you would for your girlfriend or your girl-friend. Blenders or other small home appliance are not good choices for the budding love interest. For those just starting their romance, perfume preferably the new scents such as Curve, Gap's Om, or Calvin Klein's Be are all good choices. Cds such as Gloria Gaynor's "I will Survive", and the new releases from REM and Lucious Jackson make good stocking stuffers. Special scented lotion, potions, and candles are always great gifts, but poetry, framed pictures, sketches and other "from the heart" gifts are your best bets in shadow of the remake of Roemo and Juliet.

For the person who has everything, the one you wait until the last minute to buy the Pepperidge Farm cheese log for because you just couldn't think of what to get them, rest easy. One of the best gifts to buy these individuals is one of a kind artwork and with the students from the art school selling their stock in the union, you should be able to find some great gifts. Other sugges

tions are gift certificates and memberships which you can get in any dollar domination for evrything from AAA to the dessert of the month club.

The bookstore sells a bag of poetry magnents which are a bunch of magnents with simple words on them that you can arrange on your refridgerator to write notes or poems which is an entertaining gift. In addition, this is the season for soundtracks for the hard to buy for friend, the best choices being the Evita and the Mirror has Two Faces. Since you can find a book to appease every finiky interest, books are good choices especially with Letterman's Top 10 and the low up to the Celestine Prophecy, the 14th Insight out on the stands. Astrology readings for your off beat friends are hip as well. The last suggestion is a theme basket.

There are two ways to create a theme basket. You can either pick a color, such as red, and fill it with everything your friend likes in red. For example, red jellybeans, a red toothbrush, a red Elmo calendar, a pair of red mittens, etc. You get the idea. The other option is to grab a basket a fill it with everything that reminds you of your friend or everything they like. This is a great gift, however, it takes some thought and time hitting a lot of different stores.

In all, the gift giving season doesn't have to be a time a peril. Take some suggestions, ask friends for ideas, and pay attention to what your friends are subtly requesting. Most of all remember, Christmas should be a time of happiness, goodwill, and a much needed vacation. So if things get to crazy, drink some cocoa, play in the snow and hire a personal shopper to do the dirty work.

By Stacy Speidel

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The Spring Break HOT Zones

by Chris Conroy, Kelley Harsch, Amarita Sethi

It is about this time of year when college students beg and plead with parents for last-minute cash, hunt for quick money jobs or rampage through the dorms in search for any and all recyclables to turn in for cash. Why the incessant search for the fast dollar? Well, many RIT students yearn for a week away in paradise after a long quarter in the snow and to forget about the finals that they racked their brains out for. As many of us know, students aren't the richest class of people, so we are here to show you where to go for an affordable yet enjoyable spring break. Because, let's face it, as long as it's a change in scenery, we are happy.

on: Daytona Beach, Florida

One of the most common and least expensive places to travel for Spring Breakers is Florida. For most of us, Daytona Beach seems to stand out as THE PLACE TO GO! If you like to travel in style and comfort, a round - trip airline ticket will cost approximately \$250, if you buy it in advance. Of course waiting until the last minute is our tradition, so you'll end up paying anywhere from \$300-\$400 for a round trip ticket, even though our scheduled spring break is "off-season." Then there is the hotel hassle. If you are lucky enough to have a brilliant travel agent who can get you a decent hotel with some spring break action, consider yourself blessed. Because Daytona Beach is such an exclusive spot for college students and Harley Davidson Bikers, many tour companies reserve the hotels and buses years in advance, making it impossible for anyone else to make reservations.

Many companies advertise reasonable prices, but you know the saying: "you get what you pay for!" Breakaway

Tours advertises a trip that includes your

round - trip bus ticket and beach

front hotels for a low price of \$229. That is

for either a 7 night or 6 night stay,

depending on your personal choice. This means that there are 5 people per room and you're stuck on a smelly bus for 24 hours, but hey who cares?

At least the array of palm trees will brighten the day. It is possible to limit the number of people per

room, but you will end up paying an extra \$15 for a quad, \$50 for a triple and \$100 for a double. The

hotels are fairly nice for the price and many will have olympic - size pools, pool bars, restaurants, and the standard air conditioning, phone and cable television

(who has time for that?). When staying on the beachfront hotels, you can walk virtually anywhere and everywhere.

There are several fast food places, swimsuit/beach apparel shops and other various restaurants as well as over 10 different dance clubs and bars.

Many of these tour companies offer incentives in their packages. For example, Breakaway Tours offers a 24 - hour staff for your planning needs, wristbands that will earn you exclusive deals throughout the week, and hotel/pool parties. The best part of this deal is by far the wristbands. Most of the time, breakers will pay \$14-\$20 for a wristband but that can earn them a lot of discounts at different bars, clubs or on merchandise. As for the hotel parties, you will find many activities to suit everyone's interests. Whether it is the "Mr. and Mrs. Spring Break" contest, wet t-shirt or belly flop contests, you are sure to find your favorite hobby.

For those breakers of the legal drinking age, many of the hotels also offer discount liquor and keg parties and will often

times participate in the "Drain Game." For those of you not familiar with this game, I will explain. The name of the game is to consume as much as you can to drink without going to the bathroom. The cost of drinks will start at 25 cents a draft beer for the first hour, then 50 cents the next and so on and so off. The whole area is sectioned off so no one can enter or leave the premises. When someone breaks the seal, the game is over and drinks go back to their insane and outrageous prices.

If this isn't the spring break atmosphere you are looking for, there are hotels away from the "scene." You will often pay less money for the hotel, but costs will accumulate with transportation and other added travel costs. When you are only an hour or so away from Orlando, Walt Disney World is a big attraction. Not only can you see Mickey Mouse, but you can visit MGM Studios, Epcot Centre, Universal Studios, Planet Hollywood, and the ultimate, Pleasure Island.

Destination: Jamaica, Caribbean

Do you like waterfalls and a place for lovers to dream? Need some relaxation? Then live it up in Jamaica! The best time to travel to Jamaica is in the steamiest months of the year, May and June.

Nonetheless, anything is better than our weather here. Yet again, Student Adventure Packages are also available for this destination. There are many resort areas in Jamaica, such as Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Runaway Bay, Port Antonio, Negril, Mandeville, and Kingston, the capital of Jamaica.

Some attractions of this island are the waterfalls. You can go on a waterfall climbing expedition as the Spanish explorers once did, and the scuba diving is very popular with exotic marine life, fans, sponges, and underwater walls. Deep sea fishing is also offered as a package by many hotels which include full- or half-day charters. These charters include boat, captain, crew and equipment. If your cup of tea is horseback riding through the exotic forest trails on beautiful mountains, Jamaica can satisfy that need as well.

Outdoor activities include caving, camping and swimming with surfing, wind surfing and canoeing. Some things you may want to know before you go

are that you have to be sure to bring proof of citizenship and a ticket for onward destination. That is only valid if the visit does not to exceed six months. On the negative side, you can not bring any sort of fresh flowers, plants, honey, fruits or dangerous drugs, including marijuana.



Paradise? For many spring - breakers it will be. Yet another place to go to get away from this Rochester weather in February, is Cancun, Mexico. Some overall facts you may want to know about this southern hot spot:

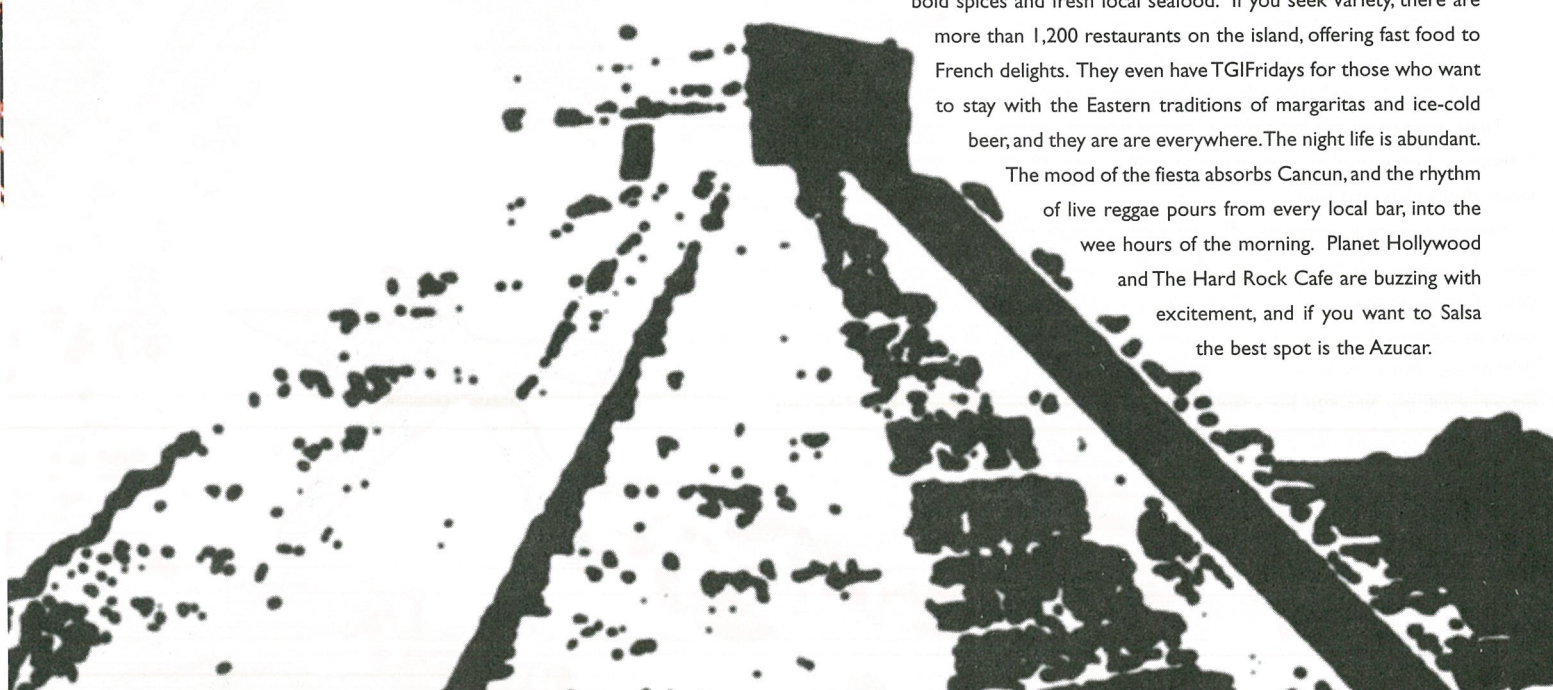
Cancun is blessed with warm and mostly sunny weather. The hottest days are during the dry season, which is from November through April, and is considered the most popular of spring break choices. The Student Adventure Travel has many great packages all including round-trip air transportation from numerous cities, 7 nights of lodging, a welcome reception with free cocktails, 5 free breakfasts, 2 free dinners, and a free party package including a beer bash at Fat Tuesdays, a local bar. (The number to call for more information would be 1-800-711-2604).

As for attractions, Cancun has its legendary beaches, the Nichupete Lagoon, home to 200 species of colorful, feathered creatures, and many other smaller islands such as Cozumel, which has colorful coral reefs with some of the world's best scuba-diving. You don't want to miss the bullfighting, which is every Wednesday at the Cancun bullring with entertainment before the show including Flamenco dancing. Cancun boasts a 250-acre ecological theme park which includes features such as an underground river for swimming, a dolphinarium, where visitors can join tame dolphins in the water. For those who "dig" Raiders of the Lost Ark, there is a tiny island called Coba. Coba has yet to be entirely excavated, so you can pretend you are an archaeologist through the vine-covered, crumbling buildings dating to 600 AD.

The more common activities which are most associated with Cancun are snorkeling and scuba diving, water-skiing and jet-skiing, parasailing, and golfing. Traditional cuisine from Cancun includes bold spices and fresh local seafood. If you seek variety, there are more than 1,200 restaurants on the island, offering fast food to French delights. They even have TGIFridays for those who want to stay with the Eastern traditions of margaritas and ice-cold beer, and they are everywhere. The night life is abundant.

The mood of the fiesta absorbs Cancun, and the rhythm of live reggae pours from every local bar, into the wee hours of the morning. Planet Hollywood and The Hard Rock Cafe are buzzing with excitement, and if you want to Salsa the best spot is the Azucar.

Destination: Cancun, Mexico





OK, so sitting on hot sunny beaches sipping a Sea Breeze isn't your idea of Spring Break? Well, we always like to cater to the needs of our readers, so we are including some outdoor adventures on our so - called "Hot Zones." Some common outdoor activities include alpine skiing, snow boarding, heli-skiing, winter camping, ice fishing, ice boating and even climbing frozen waterfalls.

So, where are the best places to go for these amazing attractions? Luckily, Colorado is packed full of destinations, including White River National Forest (907-945-2521). This forest is over 100 years old and has some of the most famous slopes, including Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Buttermilk, Copper Mountain, Keystone, Snowmass, and of course, Vail. As for the snow boarding "spots," many spring breakers have enjoyed the many of San Isbeal National Forest for over 55 years. Although it's not as popular as Vail, Monarch Ski Area has housed countless snow boarding advocates (719-539-3573).

As for ski/trip packages, you won't get away cheap with this destination. Most airline tickets will run around \$330 for a round-trip ticket, provided it is bought in reasonable time. Tour Travel Management advertises a package including round trip airline ticket, lodging at a standard two bedroom condo, and all taxes for \$795 per person. With this condominium, up to six people can snugly fit, lowering the price to \$640 per person. Of course, this doesn't include any of the necessary equipment for skiing, lift tickets or lessons, and transportation around the mountain or city.

Many of these resorts also offer "social events for various age groups, spa services and ski/snow boarding instructions." (Travel Weekly).

D e s t i n a t i o n : C o l o r a d o





Imagine a place where the air oozes relaxation and enjoyment. A place where you can taste the history in the air and smell the culture on the breeze. Add a healthy dose of good food and better music. Mix that all together and you get one of the most unique and famous cities in the United States: New Orleans, Louisiana.

For those who've been there, it is a place that can never be forgotten. For those many more people who wish to go there, it is a trip that comes highly recommended. There are a number of packages available from most travel agents that will

house you there in style and let you experience the best the city has to offer. One set of packages (from Liberty Travel) includes a three night stay in one of the many hotels and either a tour of the city or a night on the river, riding the world famous riverboat, the Natchez (there's even a model of it at Disney World in Florida).

Prices for these trips range from just over \$130 to just under \$500, not including air fare or other transportation out to the Isle d'Orleans (as Napoleon called this island city). Once your room is paid for, though, there's not much else to worry about. In New Orleans, most of the entertainment can be had for free.

The music that made this city famous can be heard floating out of many of the open doors of local bars and restaurants. But if you're looking for the real heat of the New Orleans jazz and soul, all you need to do is go to Jackson Square, the heart of the French Quarter. Here you will find a density and diversity of talented street musicians and performers, the likes of which you will find nowhere else. These are the people that help make the Crescent City one of the most musical places in the U.S.

Jackson square isn't the only place in the French Quarter that deserves to be mentioned. There's also the French Market, where those of you with a little money can buy any number of exotic items while listening to concerts that spontaneously appear out of nowhere.

If music isn't your thing, then how about history? The city of New Orleans holds within its limits some of the oldest historic homes and some of the most beautiful architecture in the country. The Vieux Carre', the Garden District, Esplanade Ridge, and the Uptown district are just a few of the 10 National Historical Districts, putting the city ahead of most others in the country. Many of these districts can trace their roots back to before New Orleans (and Louisiana) became American property.

The Crescent City (called such because of its shape) continues to grow and prosper as time goes on. Having a completely different attitude from the majority of other US cities, New Orleans had a very distinctive flavor. With its blend of French, Spanish, Native American, and American blood, plus the constant influx of ships to the port, there is nowhere that could claim to be more exotic within the U.S.

During the American Revolution, the city supported one of the largest free black populations in the country and boasted the rich culture of the slaves that were brought in to help build the city decades before. It is here, in the years following the Revolution, the roots of jazz, blues, and other distinctive forms of cultural music can be found.

Of course, New Orleans is also the home of American voodoo, also brought to the continent by the slaves. And if voodoo is your interest, there's no place better than some of the shops on the side streets of the city to take care of all your needs. From souvenir voodoo dolls to magical charms, you can find them all.

There are two more things that New Orleans is famous for. One is the food. There's nothing like a good helping of Cajun Catfish or a good meal of Red Beans and Rice to really get the feel for the city. Between the Cajun love of spices and the distinctive tastes of Creole cooking, the music of this city sings not only to the ears, but to the palate as well.

Overall, the thing that New Orleans is probably most famous for: Mardi Gras! This year the celebration comes to a head on February 20th, so most of us here at RIT won't be able to make it to the major festivities, but New Orleans is a place where there's always an excuse to party. When you add in the facts that it is one of two cities in the U.S. where there is no closing law (Las Vegas being the only other) and the lack of strict zoning laws when the city was built (you can find bars, churches, and shops all on the same block), it becomes one of the most famous party places on the planet.

It all comes down to this: If you haven't been there, get there. If you have been there, go back. Oh, and while you're there, try to remember that only tourists call the place "Noo Orleans." Locals are a bit more relaxed and let it ease out to be more akin to "Nawlins." After you visit, you'll see for yourself how easy it is to enjoy the Big Easy.

Although none of these destinations are going to be cheap, there are ways to save money no matter where you go. If you following some of the following traveling tips, we guarantee you'll save money!

- * Always book your airline tickets and hotel reservations in advance to avoid late fees or increases.
- * If you are lucky enough to have frequent flyer miles - USE THEM!
- * If you want to save money on food, get a room with a kitchenette area and go grocery shopping.
- * Take public transportation or walk, instead of renting a car.
- * Drink moderately before going out to a bar.
- * Take a limited amount of money with you and no credit cards when going to a bar. This avoids overspending.
- * Umm... Learn to Love Taco Bell!?

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The buzz among Greeks the past few months has been a controversy surrounding the dorm renovation project slated to begin next year. Residence Life official Jon Weas held a meeting on October 9 with representatives from the eight Greek organizations who currently have basement areas. These organizations included: Phi Sigma Kappa, Phi Kappa Tau, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Tau Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Alpha Xi Delta. At that meeting, the eight organizations were informed that there was not enough money allocated in the renovation budget to upgrade the basement areas to meet fire, safety, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) codes. The basement areas are used by the organizations to hold meetings, host social events and perform rituals, and as dining areas. The basements also include kitchen areas allowing the chapters to have their own meal plans. Residence Life's position was that because these areas are used solely by the eight organizations, it was not RIT's responsibility to renovate them. The average cost per organization to renovate these areas was estimated to be \$122,200. The renovation budget had approximately \$300,000 allocated for the renovations, but that amount was not enough to cover the almost 1 million dollar estimated cost. At that time the chapters were given two options: they could either pay for the costs of the renovations or give up use of the basement areas. They were asked to give their decisions to Residence Life by November 1, less than one month from the meeting date. The chapters were shocked.

The average chapter has a quarterly budget of roughly \$5,000, or \$15,000 a year. The \$122,200 was far beyond the monetary resources any of the chapters possessed. Some of these organizations had been using their basements for more than 25 years and had invested large amounts of time and money into them. Another meeting was held shortly thereafter, giving the organizations a chance to voice their concerns. Over the next month and a half several more meetings were also held. Key points from these meetings are as follows:

October 16: A question was raised by Greeks regarding the possibility of renovating areas in the Perkins apartment complex for these eight chapters to move into. Residence Life agreed to investigate the option and report back at the next meeting. Also discussed was the cost estimate presented at the last meeting. The Greeks felt it was very high and were upset that it was based on averages, not specifics. The chapters wanted house - by - house estimates, so each individual chapter could better assess its costs and resources.

Residence Life agreed this was a good idea and would pursue the request as soon as possible. There were also two new options

chapters had to consider. In addition to the original options (close the basements or pay the renovation costs) chapters now could opt to eliminate their kitchens leaving only the basement area. The kitchens, were responsible for a large portion of the renovation cost, and eliminating them would help reduce the overall cost. Also needed to be considered was the possibility of moving to Perkins, if it was feasible.

October 23: Residence Life announced that after talking with the Town of Henrietta it was possible to install only one ADA bathroom. The bathroom could be located centrally in the Greek tunnels and provide access to all the basement areas. This was great news for the chapters, because the ADA bathrooms were originally required to be in every basement and accounted for substantial portion of the initial \$122,200 estimate. Also, drawings of possible Perkins apartment configurations were to be performed in the next few weeks along with detailed basement examinations to get individual cost estimates. The time required for

Greek Speak: Basement Renovations

by Scott DiMariano

these actions made it necessary for the final decision date to be pushed back until November 17. Representatives from the various chapters drew Residence Life's attention to the fact that November 17 fell during finals week. Due to the deadline Residence Life had been given for submitting their final bid

4) We are not guaranteed housing at our current locations from one year to the next due to the new occupancy standards imposed last year. It makes no sense for us to make large monetary investments when we can lose our housing at any time.

5) The Greek community would make a dire mistake moving from our current locations at the heart of campus into apartment housing off campus.

6) The funding of ADA (Americans' with Disabilities Act) accessible bathrooms (included in the \$122,200) should not be the responsibility of anyone but RIT.

requirements, it was necessary to keep the decision date at November 17.

The eight organizations were very upset at the time constraints which had been imposed. The renovations were not going to take place for another year. They now had less than one month to decide the future of their organizations and didn't even have all the necessary information yet. Jacob Warhaftig, President of Alpha Epsilon Pi and former Greek Council President, felt that "to ask a few people to make a major decision about their thirty year old organization without all the facts and in such short time was wrong. It places a lot of pressure on the individuals involved."

November 6: Advisors from the various chapters reported they had met with RIT's finance department and learned RIT could loan chapters the money necessary to cover the renovations. New updated cost estimates for each individual chapter were distributed. The costs ranged from \$21,000 - \$55,000, huge reductions from the original estimates. The total cost estimate for the entire basement renovation project now stood at \$426,969, but it was still \$126,000 more than what was allocated in the renovation budget. The eight organizations voiced more concerns. If RIT owns the buildings, why should they be responsible for any code renovations? If an individual rents an apartment that individual is not responsible for any costs required to bring the apartment to code; the landlord is. Also addressed were the ramifications of the new occupancy policy on the chapter's decisions. Chapters are not guaranteed their current housing locations from one quarter to the next. Why would they want to invest huge amounts of money in their current locations? These were all issues brought up for discussion. Possible floor plans for the Perkins apartment complex were also distributed, with cost estimates to come at the next meeting.

The eight organizations still had to make a decision by November 17. The next meeting was to be held on November 13. That would mean the chapters would get cost estimates for the Perkins option only 4 days before their final decision had to be made. The decision process would require a considerable amount of time, and the chapters were concerned about finals. They also had many other concerns they felt needed to be resolved before an educated decision could be made. Representatives from the organizations decided to meet with the Barry Culhane, the campus Ombudsman. Mr. Culhane agreed that the organizations had valid concerns and suggested writing a letter to President Simone summarizing those concerns and to request a meeting to discuss them. The following is an excerpt from the letter outlining the Greeks concerns:

- 1) We feel it is not our responsibility to renovate buildings which are owned by RIT.
- 2) We feel that as students we are being placed under undue pressure by the deadline for our organizations decisions. November 17 falls during finals week and that time should be ours to concentrate on our studies. We would ask to be given more time to make our decisions.
- 3) None of our respective organizations possesses the capital or has the means to raise the capital needed to fund these renovations. Also, our alumni and national organizations would never fund renovations of such magnitude for buildings which we do not own.

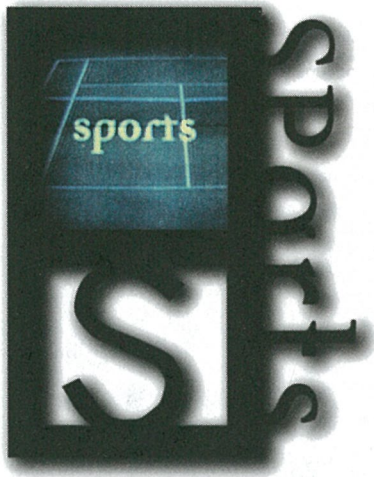
7) Due to the seemingly outrageous bid supplied by the Pike Company, we would like to exercise our rights as outlined in our basement agreements to seek outside contractors to do the necessary renovations for us. We feel we could save both RIT and the chapters involved a great deal of money.

The letter was sent to President Simone and shortly thereafter a meeting was set up for December 5.

November 13: The cost estimates per organization for Perkins apartments were announced. The costs ranged between \$150,000 and \$280,000. The costs were much higher than the chapters had estimated and the Perkins option was no longer feasible. Also announced were the new cost estimates for the basement areas. These were lower once again with costs ranging from \$16,000 - \$38,000 per basement. Jon Weas said a decision would not be necessary at this time because over Thanksgiving break Residence Life would re-examine the renovation budget and hopefully find all the necessary money for the code renovations. The Greeks went home for Thanksgiving with something to be truly thankful for.

The meeting with President Simone took place as scheduled on December 5. Simone emphasized his strong support for the Greek Community and empathized with the points presented in the letter. By the time the meeting was held, most of the issues addressed in the letter had been resolved, but President Simone still took the time to listen. Tom Golinski, President of Phi Sigma Kappa, attended the meeting and "...felt it was good to meet with President Simone and hear how he felt about Greek organizations and the problems we face." Simone is a Greek himself.

Golinski offered his thoughts on the entire two month process. "At the beginning I felt we were faced with an insurmountable task of raising \$122,000. However, now I think that Residence Life and the Greek organizations involved have been making great strides to a more feasible solution. There are some more issues which need to be resolved before the renovation issue is settled." As it stands now, Residence Life would like the Greeks to pay for all renovations necessary in the kitchen areas. The Greeks hope to have RIT pay for the code renovations in the kitchen area, leaving them the money to purchase new equipment.



RIT's wrestling team appears to be on the brink of an exceptional year. Early season ranking slated them 18th in the nation. However, after an impressive 4th place finish at the Ithaca College tournament on November 8-9, the Tigers were moved up to 9th out of approximately 106 teams in the country.

The team is extremely young. There are only four seniors, and the remaining 21 members are all sophomores and freshman. Last year was a huge growing year for the Tigers. After losing their first five matches, they finished strongly at the end of the season to improve their record to 2-6-1.

At last year's NCAA Championships, RIT finished 24th, therefore reaching a goal the team had set to end up among the top 25. Tim Tyler, Charlie Clarke, and Jay Jakubowski all qualified for the championships. Tyler (126 lbs.) finished 8th, and was named an All-American in his very first season with the Tigers. Junior Charlie Clarke (190 lbs.) placed 4th and was also named an All-American. Jakubowski did not place, but was voted an Academic All-American for the second year in a row.

Ron Gross has been with the Tigers for four years and begins his third year as head coach this season. Gross was an assistant coach at Ithaca College for one year and head coach at Wesleyan College in Connecticut for two years prior to coming to RIT. The two assistants, Joe Teleski and Jay Bovenzi, have a great deal of skill and experience to bring to the team. Teleski just graduated from SUNY Brockport, where he was a two-time All-American, and Boverzi is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, where he was a two-time National Champion.

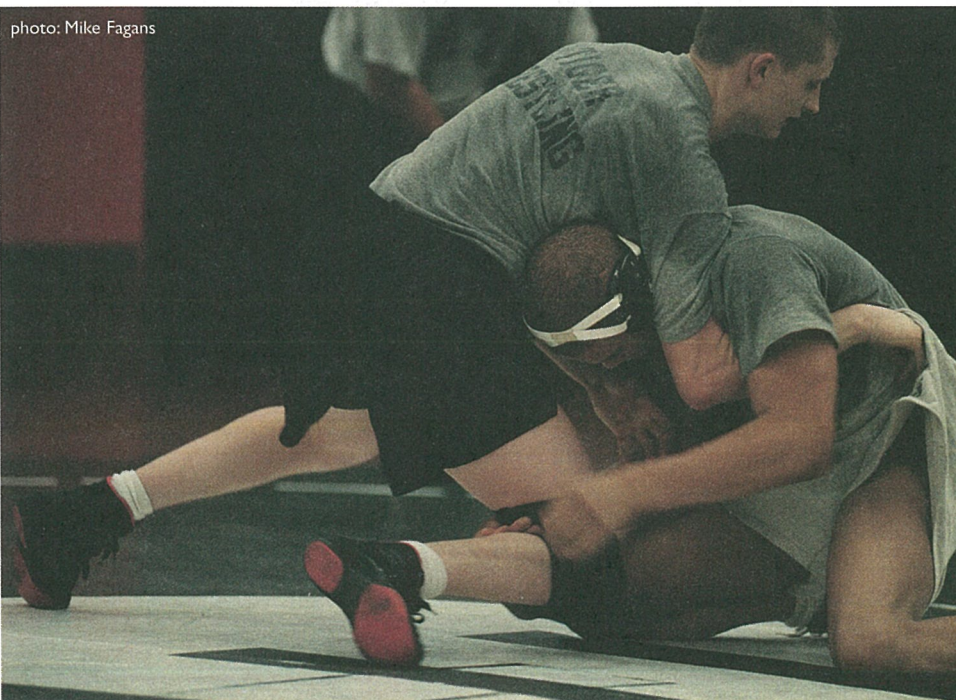
Gross stressed the importance of his athletes' academic responsibilities, as well as their commitment to the team. He explained that they start off slower in pre-season because of the way the quarter system is set up here at RIT. After winter break, they begin the upward climb to increase the intensity and the conditioning levels of practices. The overall GPA of last year's team was a 3.04, which proves this group of athletes is successful both in the classroom and in competition.

The Tigers were fortunate not to lose any members of their team last year, and are hoping to build on their past successes. Even at the end of this year, the team will only lose four seniors, so the future should prove to be very promising. Gross hopes to end up in the nation's top 15 at the end of the season, and with the strength of the team, this goal is definitely in their reach.

RIT Wrestling Ranked 9th in Nation

by Kate Pakenas

photo: Mike Fagans



Men's Basketball Wins Season Opener

by Julie Sterling

The RIT men's basketball team is picking up right where they left off last season. The Tigers opened their season with a 68-52 win over Hobart at home on December 3rd. Leading in scoring was newcomer Aaron Morrison with 19 points and 6 rebounds. Morrison is a junior transfer from Division I Southern Utah. "Aaron brings us experience," said coach Bob McVean. The other top scorer was Craig Jones with 17 points and 6 rebounds. Jones was the National

Division III Player of the Year, First

Team All-American, and the national leader in rebounds last season,

and is expected to

be one of the

team's strongest

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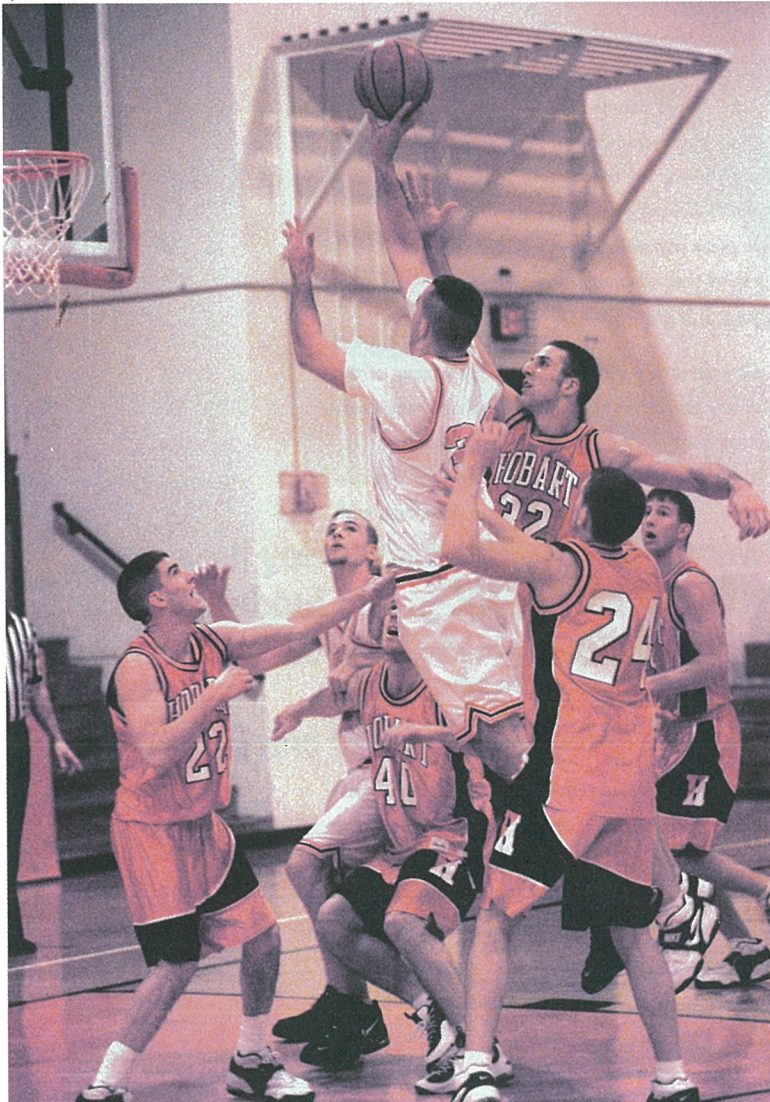
his personality and mental

approach to the game. One on

one, Craig is unstoppable."

Last season the Tigers went 22-4, which tied the RIT record for most wins. They were the top seed in the NCAA Division III East Region and EAA Champions. As the Tigers look towards this year's season, they do so with experience and determination.

"It is my last year and I hope to help the team accomplish as much as possible," said Jones. "We have the ability and drive to do whatever it takes; we will just have to take it day by day." Coach McVean seems to have a very positive outlook toward the season, but this veteran coach knows success is not a guarantee. "We have a great group of guys this year who all have the ability to do great things. Our offense is off to a slower start than our defense, but it will come together with time. Our squad has a large group of young and new players, but they are all working together very well so far."



Upcoming Events:

Friday, 12/13:

•Men's Hockey vs. Brockport
7:30 pm

Saturday, 12/14:

•Women's Basketball vs.
William Smith 12:00 pm

•Men's Wrestling vs. Oswego,
Binghamton 3:00 pm

Sports starts

Wrestling :

Ithaca Invitational

11/8 & 11/9 finished fourth

Men's Hockey

@ Platsburg Tournament

11/29 won 3-1 over

Norwich University

11/30 lost 5-3 to Platsburg

Women's Hockey

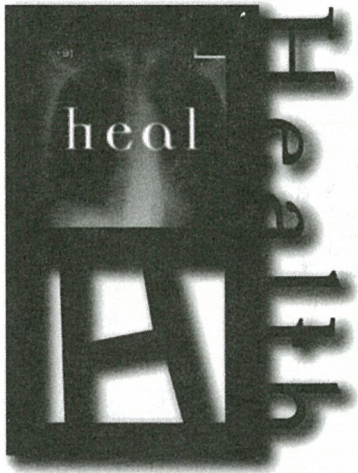
11/24 won 3-0 over Wesleyan

Women's Basketball

12/3 lost 57-29 to buffalo State

Men's Basketball

12/3 won 68-52 over Hobart



It is okay to experiment but with cigarettes it is very likely that addiction will occur. Every day 3,000 young people fall into the trap and become regular smokers. Of those thousands of addicted victims, 7 out of 10 regret starting at all. Every year 1.5 million people quit this habit, but 50 million keep performing the ritual.

People are always going to abuse their bodies; however, this is a very expensive and risky behavior. A pack-a-day smoker could save \$730 per year if he quit the habit. Financial health costs due to smoking

-related incidences have risen to \$65 billion per year. The

other cost is one of physical health. The number one cause of death for men is from smoke - related health problems. If a male smoker is over 35 years old, he is 10 times more likely to develop Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and 22 times more likely to die from lung cancer than those who do not

smoke. Females over age 35 are 10.5 times more likely to get Emphysema or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. They also greatly increase their chances of developing lung and breast cancer. In both sexes, smoking contributes to 30% of all heart disease deaths. Carbon monoxide causes the arteries to stiffen and this causes cholesterol clogging. Smoking also increases blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen demand, and the chance of

400,000 die every year

smoking. That equals 1 out of 6 deaths.

Of all of the people who smoke in this country, 80% started prior to age 21. This habit could have been started because of peer pressure or maybe just curiosity. It has also been found that if parents smoke, there is an increased possibility that their children will follow in their footsteps. Some people use cigarettes as a diet agent. Nicotine increases metabolism and many pick up a cigarette instead of a snack. The \$5 billion that is spent annually on advertising cigarettes is somewhat to blame for the increase in smoking in the United States. However, the reality is that the consumers are the ones that are making the final decision to inhale those carcinogens. People seem to have put a psychological block over the dangers of cigarette smoke whether it be first or secondhand.

blood clots. Cigarettes are the major cause of cancer of the lips, tongue, salivary glands, mouth, larynx, esophagus and pharynx. Even if you are not of the given age of 35, irreversible damage is done in the smoking process. Other unattractive features that go along with this habit are chronic coughing, shortness of breath, the lingering smell of stale smoke, bad breath, and the killing of others with secondhand smoke.

Next time you or your friend pick up that "cancer stick," remember how deadly it really is. It is not impossible to quit. Some can do it in an instant and for some it takes several trials or a gradual process. There is help available for those who need assistance. Counselors and physicians can assist you with a program or inform you of other appropriate techniques, such as the patch or acupuncture. If you have not started, don't. If you have, seriously think about the consequences.

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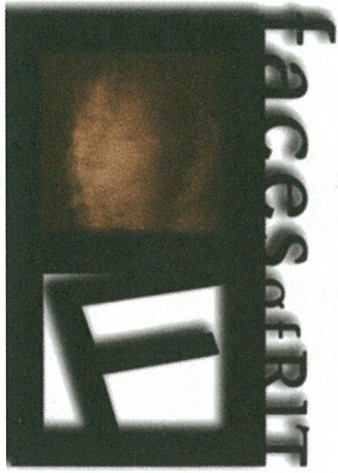
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I never understood what the phrase “Third World Country” meant, until I stepped onto the lands of Nepal. Nepal is a tiny country between India and China and among the poorest in the world, but Nepal is rich with the kindest people that ever walked the earth, giving everything they have and more. The country is bound by its culture uniting even the most remote villages to the city-dwellers. The post-modern dream - a place like no other- would change anyone’s perspective, and I knew that once my plane landed, I would never be the same.

I have read books, taken anthropology courses, even seen a few movies, but nothing captured the essence of a land so foreign to anything you have ever known. As I sat on the floor of a one-room dung house topped with a straw roof, surrounded by the sounds of the Nepali language, feeling a hundred curious eyes and smiles directed toward me, eating the food that was prepared and drinking homemade Nepalese wine at 9 am in the morning, I took the deepest breath and said, “thank you” in a smile-language. It was at this moment that I was eating, drinking, and breathing Nepal.

The ticket to Nepal cost me about \$1,500.00, but as far as the living expenses go, a person can stay

at a hotel for about \$1.50 a night, buy a thick, homemade yak-wool sweater for about ten dollars, a meal for two dollars, and a Coke for forty cents. I stayed primarily at a hotel owned by the uncle of RIT deaf student, Jagadish Dawadi, who is from Nepal. However, I also stayed with a Garung family from the British army. Although the hotel had electricity some of the time, it was unstable. Most people don’t have it in their homes because it has to be wired from India and is really expensive and most homes don’t have running water or a bathroom either so it was a big change for me, but a great experience I will never forget.

I came to Nepal to do my student teaching, so when I arrived at the school, they were expecting me. But after some brief introductions, handed me a piece of chalk and signed for me to “teach.” I nearly shit my sari. I had no idea what the students already knew, or what they needed or wanted to know. And they only knew that I was from America, and that I had come to teach them. But I was as much a student as a teacher, learning the culture and ways of the Nepalese people and the culture of the deaf people I was surrounded by.



The school I taught at in Pokhara was equipped with tables, benches, and boards painted black with a box of broken chalk in one of the rooms. The walls were bare, gray cinder block. The students had barely a pen to write with, but an eagerness to learn that put my country to shame. Every time I walked into a classroom, all of the students would stand in respect until I told them to sit. The students possessed the patience of saints and I had wished to bottle it and bring it home. If only people here had as much patience with foreigners as the Nepalese people had with me, our struggle with diversity would ring with a bit more harmony.

People often inquire about communication with the Nepalese people. They ask, “how on earth did you communicate? Do you know the Nepali language?” The answer is no. I barely know ten words. But that is one of the many beautiful things about sign language and Deaf Culture. If you know one sign language - and mind you they are not universal - then you know the theory per se, behind using gestures, facial expressions and body language to communicate. Understand that Nepali Sign Language is completely different than American Sign Language. But all it took was one day, and I had acquired the tools necessary to teach.

Traveling across the world to teach in a land completely different from what is familiar to me, gave me a chance to see things that could only be seen in Nepal. I acquired the true sense of what it feels like when cultures come together and try to understand each other. I also learned that economic and technological advancement does not always ensure that the best and most efficient methods are being used. And most importantly, I saw and felt how the virtues of patience, generosity and kindness can never carry a price tag.

Lisa Marie Chuinard

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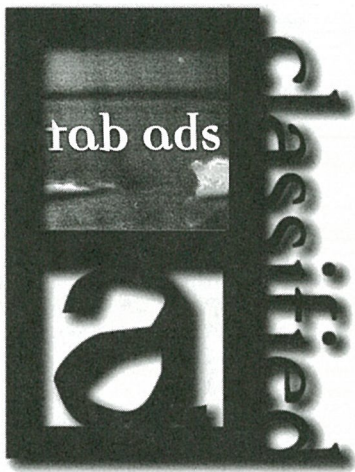
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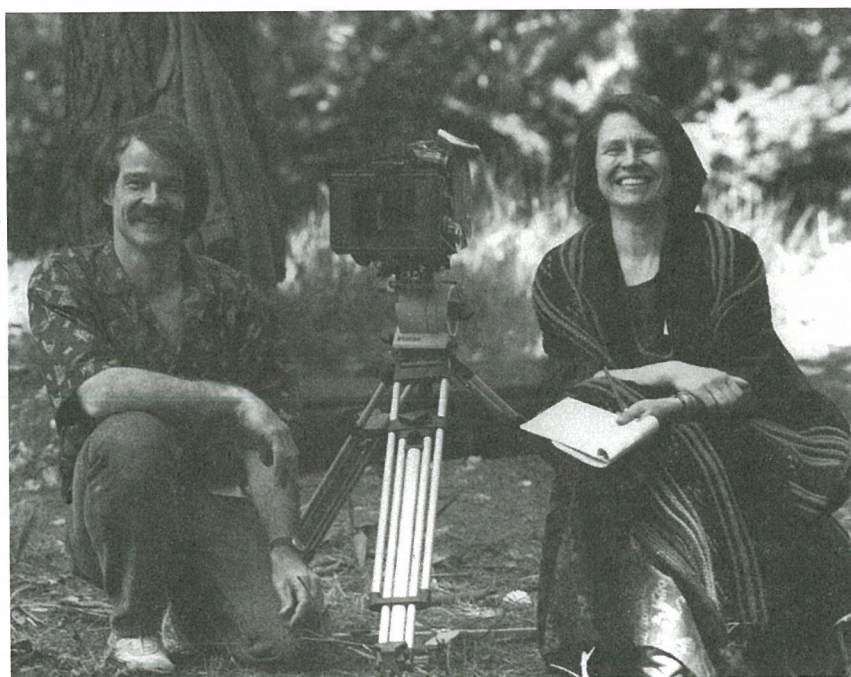
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