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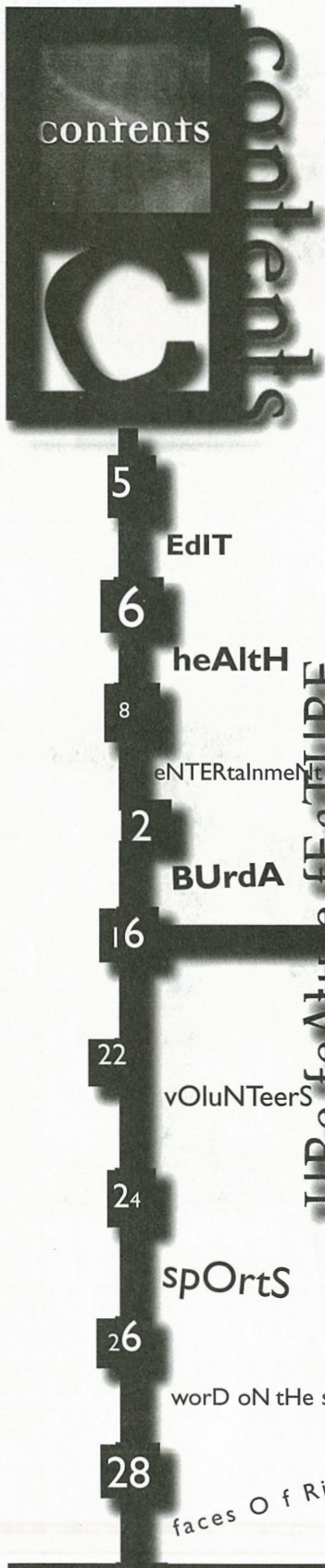
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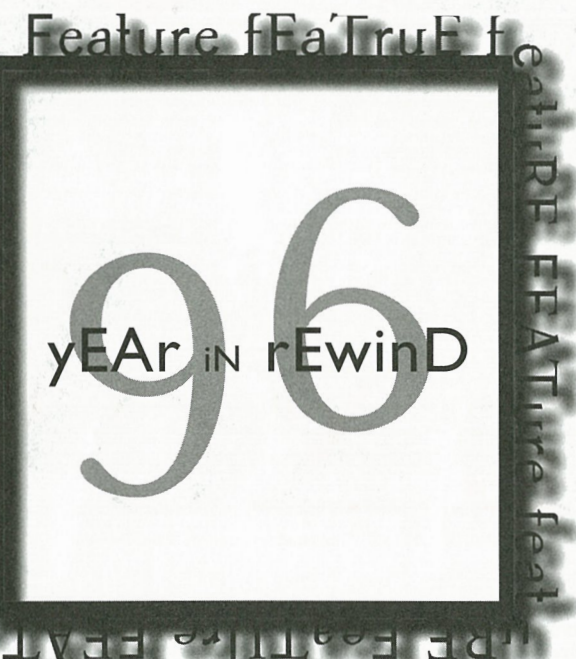
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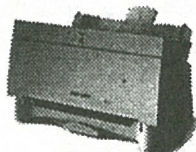
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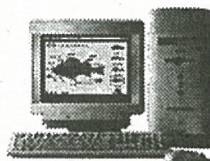
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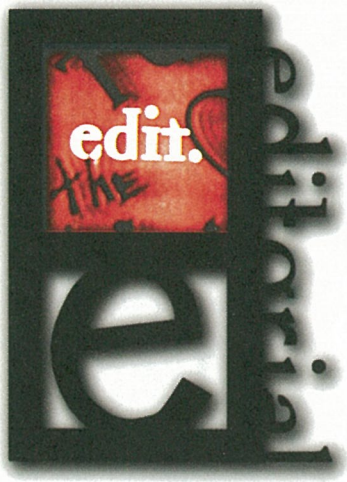
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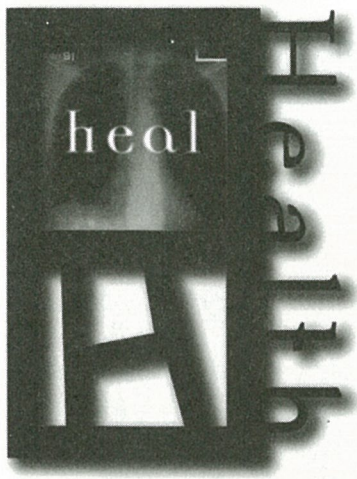


Resolutions

As the new year approaches, I find myself, as many of you will, looking back on what has happened in the last three hundred and sixty-five days. It seems like a waste of time to think about the past, but for me it is a chance to study my history so that I can find areas for improvement. It is known we study history as sort of a window into the future. It has also been said that history often repeats itself. Looking back at this time of year is often referred to as a New Year's Resolution, when most of us think about things that we would like to change about ourselves. Reflecting on the past is a very healthy thing to do. I personally can think of a list a mile long of things that need improvement or change in my life. The only problem with this whole process is sticking to it. Many people set resolutions, but they let them fall by the wayside. It could become redundant, but perhaps we need to resolve that we will carry through with our resolutions.

Another thing that I feel needs a New Year's resolution is the Reporter. At the Reporter we are often entangled in the moment, and this unfortunately leaves us with little time to look back at what has been done in the previous weeks. I'm sure that if you read us at all, you have seen many changes over the past year. You have seen the change to color, a few design changes, and many shifts in the content. These changes have come with many problems, but we are doing our best to iron those out. We are aware of them, and it will be our resolution to see to it that they are reduced each week. We will most likely never be able to fix them all, but we are willing to give it our best shot to give you the best possible magazine. For those of you who send letters, email, or messages on Notes—keep it up (I'm sure you will); we know that you're out there and we hear you. It is also our resolution to not forget about these promises we have made, so hold us accountable. No one should expect that the Reporter will be perfect, but you can expect to see improvement. With that said, I wish every one of you a happy new year and good luck with your resolutions.

Jason Curtis



Influenza

Well, it is that time of year again for flu season. It seems that many returned to school after break with terrible coughs. Between December and April it is very common to see and experience the flu. Influenza is a viral disease is that characterized by a fever, runny nose, cough, headache and malaise. This virus is very contagious and contracted through air-born droplets. For 48 hours after exposure, the virus replicates and spreads throughout the body. The first symptoms of fever and chills show up rapidly. Muscle aches and a headache are the next symptoms to follow. Later, the throat, lungs, nose, and eyes become affected, and a severe cough may develop. These symptoms may last for two to three days or up to two weeks. Symptoms should be watched carefully because there is a tendency that they can develop into pneumonia.

Although it is important to watch the developing symptoms carefully, there is no real way to cure it. There are only ways to ease the symptoms. Exercise, rest, and a good diet are important in preventing illness, but it is a fact that many of us are going to contract it this year. One way to try to prevent contracting the flu is through a yearly vaccination. It has been strongly advised that several different groups receive a flu shot. Those groups include people who have cancer, diabetes, heart disease, Hodgkin's Disease, HIV, kidney disease, lung disease, asthma, emphysema, or are over the age of 65. It is also suggested that anyone who is on immunosuppressive drugs or has a weakened immune system consider the vaccine. It may also be a good idea to consider the vaccination if you are typically around people who are at risk of contracting the virus. Two examples would be someone who works in the health field or lives with an elderly person. The vaccine has also been recommended for typically healthy individuals. Students should consider it if the illness would cause the individual a major upset in daily activities.

The influenza vaccine contains viruses that are the same or similar to those thought to be the most likely present in the United States this year. After the patient receives the weakened virus by

injection, his immune system is stimulated to produce antibodies that are geared to destroy the virus before a clinical illness can occur. Because there are so many different strains of the virus, it is very difficult to pinpoint the exact strains to be seen in the given year. Therefore, the vaccine is not 100% reliable.

Almost all the people who receive the vaccination have no serious problems. However, they can occur, and the individual should consult the healthcare official on possible problems that he may encounter. It is suggested that the doctor or professional giving the vaccination should be informed if the patient ever had a serious reaction or other problems after receiving the flu vaccination, was ever paralyzed by Guillain-Barre Syndrome, has a serious allergy to eggs, is pregnant or think she is pregnant, or have a moderate or serious illness at the time. If a problem does occur after the vaccination, it is advised that a doctor be notified or seen at once. The doctor, nurse, or health department should be asked to file a Vaccine Adverse Report form.

An influenza vaccination is not for everyone, but many may want to consider it. If you are one of those who is thinking about receiving one you can contact your doctor or the Student Health Center for further information. Remember, your daily lifestyle will also contribute to your susceptibility to the virus. And just like we were all taught in kindergarten, cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and wash your hands frequently. It really does cut down on the spread of germs.

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Oh, what a year it's been

by Elisabeth Horrell

As 1996 winds to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the year we are leaving behind. But rather than letting your mind drift to the crash of TWA flight 800, or the bombing at the Summer Olympics, or how we have somehow managed to suspend a grade-school child for "sexual harassment," why not think about the good things. I'm talking about something that makes everyone happy. I'm talking about the year's many new movies, CD's, books, television programs, and Broadway shows. I'm talking about entertainment.

Nineteen ninety-six brought us new albums from Sting, R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Phish, Harry Connick, Jr., Tori Amos, and the Dave Matthews Band. Beatles fans rushed to the stores as Anthology 3 was released. Jagged Little Pill remained on the charts, making Alanis Morissette the only female artist ever to have such a successful album. No Doubt emerged as one of the best and most popular new groups. Donna Lewis's "I Love You Always Forever" was one of the biggest hits of the year, but not big enough to surpass the Macarena, which took over and maintained the number one spot on the Billboard charts in late August.

Television was reformed in early summer as Rosie O'Donnell took to the airwaves with what has predominately been described as a "nice" talk-show, rivaling the "trash" talk-shows such as Ricki Lake, Jerry Springier, and Jenny Jones. The Rosie O'Donnell Show has become remarkably popular, and even Newsweek has credited O'Donnell with "cleaning up" daytime television. The fall of 1996 brought with it another season of the Friends media blitz and, sure enough, the sitcom and its fellow NBC "Must See TV" shows topped the ratings charts yet again. Fans of NBC's ER said good-bye to Dr. Susan Lewis, played by Sherry Stringfield, in Stringfield's final episode which aired on November 21. (No, I'm not kidding.)

For Broadway, 1996 was a year of revivals. The Bob Fosse musical Chicago returned this year with stars Bebe Neuirth, Anne Ranking, and Joel Grey. Also, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum made a huge comeback, starring Nathan Lane. The prevailing hit of Broadway in 1996, however, was the musical Rent, which stars Adam Pascal, Anthony Rapp, and Daphne Rubin-Vega. Rent, the story of twenty-something aspiring artists in New York

City, has been called the "Hair of the nineties."

On the big screen, aliens invaded and made Jeff Goldblum a mega-celebrity with Independence Day. Tom Cruise starred in the movie version of the TV hit, Mission: Impossible, and the First Wives' Club was the must-see movie of the late summer/early fall. It was a great year for actor Tom Hanks, who wrote, directed, and starred in That Thing You Do, and whose hit movie Toy Story came out on video. Also on video in 1996 was the 25th Anniversary edition of the classic children's favorite Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Leonardo DiCaprio (of Growing Pains) brought a marvelous rendition of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet with Claire Danes to the screen. Disney released a new animated motion picture, the Hunchback of Notre Dame, as well as a new version of 101 Dalmatians, minus the puppy talk. Lastly, Trainspotting brought us to the world of Scottish heroin addicts.

Speaking of heroin addicts, actor Robert Downey, Jr. was arrested on drug charges last summer, and sentenced on November 6 to three years probation. The judge also ordered Downey to spend at least three months at a drug treatment center. The lead singer of Stone Temple Pilots also entered a rehab. clinic, forcing the band to awkwardly tour without him. In other celebrity news, Denzel Washington received the coveted title of People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive. Hollywood legend George Burns passed away and Topaz (Tupac) Shakur was gunned down.

In baby news, Singer Harry Connick, Jr. and his wife, former Victoria's Secret model Jill Goodacre, had their first child. Madonna, always in the spotlight, gave birth to a baby girl, Lourdes Maria, in the fall. Also in mid-November, pop star Michael Jackson tied the knot with long-time pal Debbie Rowe, who is expecting his child.

Topping the best-seller list this year were such books as Primary Colors, by the evasive Anonymous, Dennis Rodman's controversial Bad As I Wanna Be, Michael Crichton's Airframe, and Scott Adams' The Dilbert Principle. Plus, talk show host Jay Leno introduced a new compilation of memoirs titled Leading With My Nose.

Clearly this year has brought us a vast array of entertainment. When are we going to have another flick like Independence Day, which rolled adventure, science fiction, romance, and comedy all into one? Where is there an artist, as controversial as Madonna, whose child we will await with as much anticipation? After Hair, we had to wait decades for Rent, so how long will we wait for another musical of this caliber? When will there be another dance craze like the Macarena? Okay, I guess we don't really want a repeat of that one.

They also Might Suck

By Angela Jernejcic

They Might Be Giants **are trying** too hard...or **maybe** they've just played themselves out. The silliness and quirkiness that **used to define** their music isn't quite there in their latest release, *Factory Showroom*. As a long-standing fan of They Might Be Giants (TMBG), listening to this disc left me feeling kind of gypped. The **energy and silliness** is still there, but yet somehow the dead-on accounts of life's little ironies, like in "Don't Let's Start," were missing. It sounded like silly, crazy, and off-beat were goals of this album, instead of just doing what they usually do.

The songs run the gamut of different genres, from an attempt at a sort of ballad to the current **single "S-E-X-X-Y"**, which makes me think of the soundtrack from *Mission Impossible* for some **inexplicable** reason. But all of the songs sound drawn-out and too planned. There is nothing nearly as catchy or bizarre as "Particle Man" or "Birdhouse in Your Soul".

TMBG are known for their eclectic choice of instruments and sounds, but they don't quite hit the mark on the new album. The worst offender was the supremely cheesy synth/vibraphone **samples in "Your Own Worst Enemy"** that got rather annoying halfway into the song. Everything just sounded too formulaic.

If you're a relatively new TMBG fan, you might find some amusement in this disc. If you're more into their **older (vintage!)** stuff, you're probably **better** off saving your money and just getting tickets for their upcoming show at the Water Street Music Hall on December 29, and enjoying them live.



photo: Michael Dudnick



Good Eatin' at Tapas

by Angela Jernejcic

Whoa! It's only 11:30 on a Saturday night, and here we are at Tapas, ready to start dancing on the bar. Tapas is **one of the latest** places to **open in** Rochester, and by far one of the best. It's located at 177 St. Paul Street, almost right next to where Club Zei used to be (and where the new club called The Grind currently exists). The word 'tapas' means appetizers in Spanish, **and a traditional** tapas bar is a place **where** you would go to eat appetizers at the bar, drink, and socialize (if you want to know more, check your Spanish dictionary!). This Tapas is based on this concept. Only a few months old, and it's already the talk of the town.

I cheated a bit on this review. I went on a stealth mission Tuesday night before we went for our full experience on a Saturday, just to check the **place out** and get a feel for it, have a few drinks, etc. Wow. I couldn't wait to come back on Saturday night for dinner and the full experience.)

The adventure began around 10:00 on a Saturday night, and all you could see through **the steamed-up** windows were people. Lots of animated people talking, mingling, drinking, and dancing; and you noticed that every single person in there was thoroughly and genuinely enjoying themselves. You got to the door, and Phillippe, one of the owners, opened the door, took your **coat, and welcomed** you (in his exotic French accent) to Tapas. Nifty! After spending a few minutes **upstairs checking out** everything-- the interior of the place, all of the people, the wonderful Spanish music and the enticing menu-- we headed downstairs for dinner.

The decisions were tough, but we ended up sampling the herb-roasted chicken with ground mustard smashed **potatoes, the warm** venison sauce with cumin & banana pepper onion rings, and the low country bouillabaisse with alligator, littleneck clams, blue mussels, oysters, **and baby clams in garlic** herb tomato broth. YUM. If you're well-versed in cuisine, you'll realize that this is leaning more towards French cuisine rather than Spanish (but in a tapas bar?! go figure!). Regardless, the food was exquisite.

Everything in the place is eclectic, drawing on French and Spanish culture, yet **mixes perfectly to create a wonderful** ambiance that's loose and energetic. With its dynamic Mediterranean atmosphere, it's definitely a place to go back to again and again, either to try everything on the menu or to meet up again with new **friends**.

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SWING LOW

by Andy Goes

Tired of the dreary, Rochester winter already? Then take a fun-loving trip to L.A. with the guys from the surprise film festival darling, *Swingers*. This film is a hip, lovable romp through the life of Mike, played by John Favreau (who also wrote the script), a down and out aspiring actor who just fled from New York to L.A. on the heels of a six-year relationship that he still isn't over. Among the Hollywood hills and the Rat-Pack clubs, Mike's buddy, Trent (Vince Vaughn), tries to get "money to swing with the babies" (to get out and meet some other women). Mike, however, isn't quite game to this lifestyle. Hence, much of the content of the film: hilarious failed encounters between hardened L.A. ladies and the soft-hearted Mikey. Intersperse this with some scenes of Mikey and the boys giving "noogies" and playing Sega hockey and you've got what might appear to be a likable, but apparently insignificant film. Wrong.

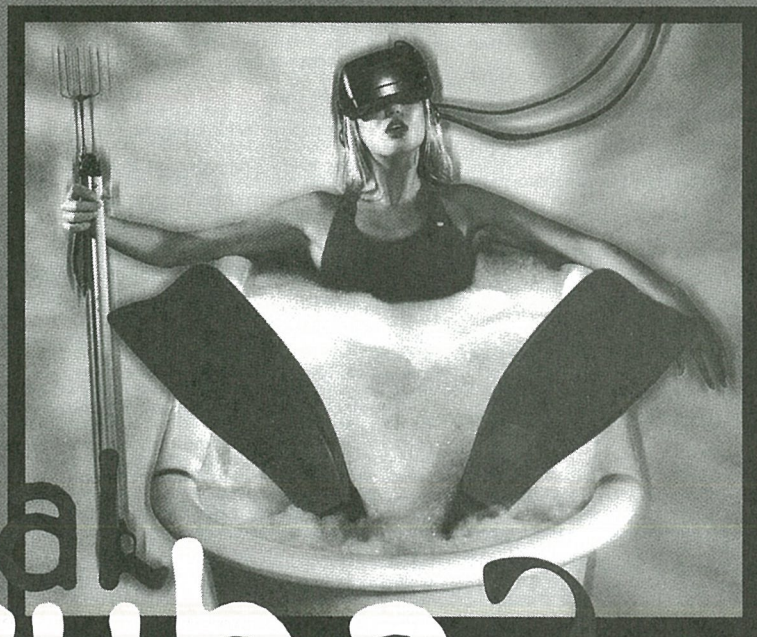
Enter here the defining element of *Swingers*: style. The strength of this film is its witty style and fast-paced, L.A. -jargon-filled dialogue. In the tradition of *Clerks*, Favreau brings an art to *Swinger's* BS. Except this time, these guys are fasttalking like modern wannabe rat packers. This all makes for great fun and exposes a truth about the game of American social life that no one can deny having participated in at some point.

Swingers is a film that everyone can enjoy. This film blends the 50's rat pack mentality with the modern "gen-x" sense of style and humor in a unique and entertaining way. Don't miss it.

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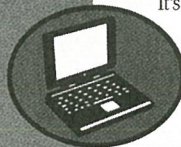
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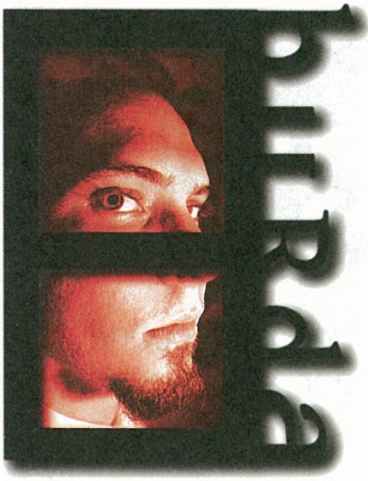
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Shooting Blanks

The great and wily hunter, Time, has brought down the year of the rat like the icy steel jaws of an **Acme** trap. And like most rats, 1996 was a pungent, tacky, and vicious creature that will be swept to the side of the road for no clean animal to touch. Let's reminisce, shall we?

Bill Clinton became the first two-time Democratic president since Roosevelt, though many Democrats in-between were two-timers in their own way. **Mad-Cow disease proved** something that us Americans have suspected for years: The British are plain crazy. And then there was Zack, the eighty pound baby.
1996.

A rat that now belongs to the ages.

Thank God.

Like most Americans, I don't care about anyone else.

"What will the rat of 1996 mean to history?"

Now, what about me? No, don't give a rip what George Stephanopoulos will do after he leaves the White House.

No, I don't care. Me, what about me? What happened to me last year? What does the future hold for me? Not the American empire, not OJ, not those pathetic parents that can't find a "Tickle Me Elmo" **doll for their kids**. I already know those kids are going to hate you forever. I want to know about me!

I don't have an end of the year rap-up show on MTV or 60 minutes. And quite frankly, most of '96 was just a blur to me anyhow. So I enlisted the help of an expert. What's more, a friend. A "Psychic Friend."

No, not Dion. Lets face it folks, Mrs. Warwick lost the magic when she split with Bert Backerac in that ancient time called the 70's. And I didn't go to Billy-Dee for my life served up with a tall cool one of Colt 45. I settled on a local physic, Mrs. Smith, a half-crazy, **crippled lady with a genuine** crystal plated ball.

"Who was I in a past life?"

Everyone always starts out on the future. Will I marry so-and-so? Will I get rich off the backs of the proletariat masses or will I flip burgers until I'm 57? Will my kids be as stupid as I am? I thought I'd try a different approach and go right for the past. Was I Napoleon in

another life? Did I think I was **Napoleon in another life**? Karmically, which would be worst? Am i going to be a meal-worm next time around because I was as a Republican in my past life? Important stuff.

She looked at the ceiling and let her hands hover over the crystal ball.

In another life I was an Ethiopian warrior (or chef, her speech was a little impaired). Then she said I might have been Jamaican. Easy to get those **two nations confused**, what with their relative closeness to the equator (certainly not each other).

Later on in my karma trip down history, I was a German statesman in the yearly part of the 20th century. A lawyer and politician, a man of wealth and taste. You know, a Nazi. Oh, she didn't say that, per se, but look at the job description. Not too many Libertarian German statesmen running around at that point in history. Now, I don't want to say that a person's physical apperance **in this life might affect what the psychic** perceptions of what your past identity might have been. But just a little hint for all you bald guys out there, the next time you go to your psychic friend, if you're wondering "Hmmm, natural or toupee?", take the rug.

"But what of the future?"

My future... not too bright.

Never married (fear of commitment).

No kids (shooting blanks).

(And I'm paying this woman twenty dollars to tell me this shit, can you believe it? Really, lie. Lie to me. I won't know the difference anyway. Just lie me.)

I can take some solace in dying with all of my original teeth. Orthodontically, my future is sound. Death comes to Burda on a bright, sunny day in late October. Yes, under the molting heat of an ozone-free environment, I **shuffle off this mortal coil** in the year 2055 at the ripe old age of 81. Three days before I can start collecting Medicare through the federal governments "early" retirement program.

And while my future may not be all I hoped it might be, I still have some faith in my fellow man for 1997. After all, if an Ethiopian **cook** and an Aryan demigod can peacefully coexist in one body, maybe we **can all** get along.

Probably not, though.

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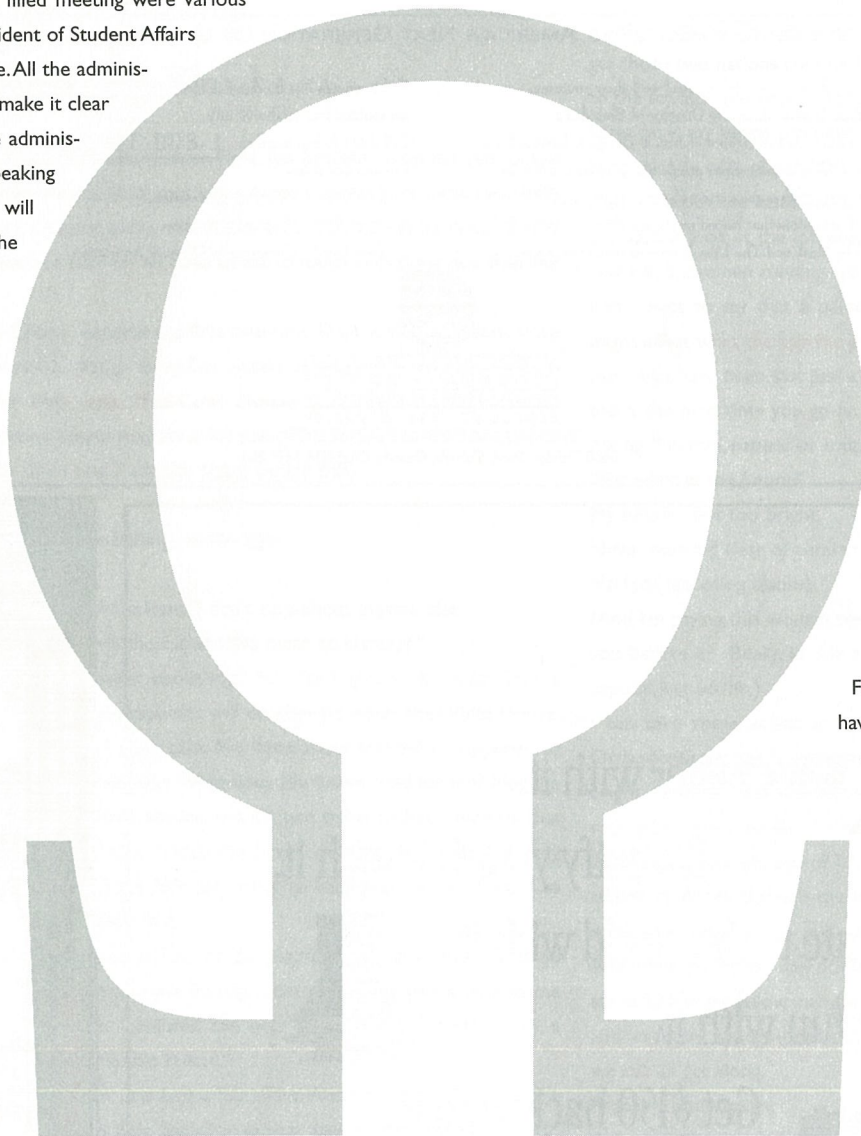
Basement Buzz....

Remember all those cool parties in the basements of the fraternities on campus? Well, don't plan on going to any more this year. For many RIT students and fraternity/sorority members, the use of their basements played an integral part in their social life on campus.

At a meeting held on December 12, 1996, many Greek leaders were informed by members of Residence Life of the impending closure of the basements under the direction of New York State and the town of Henrietta. According to the Director of Residence Life, John Weas, "This is the most difficult meeting in my life. This is a very difficult time for you and your chapters."

Also in attendance at the tension filled meeting were various members of Residence Life, Vice-President of Student Affairs Linda Kuk, and Provost Stan McKenzie. All the administration representatives attempted to make it clear to the students the intentions of the administration. According to the Provost, speaking on behalf of President Simone, "This will not result in incremental costs to the Greeks."

This meeting was precipitated by recent inspections of the basements. According to John Weas, these walk-throughs were prompted by "more fraternity fires across the nation." The Fire Marshal of Henrietta was finally able to obtain a 1968 Code Book to determine if the buildings were originally built to



conform to state law.

In his letter to RIT, the Henrietta Fire Marshal, R.H. Derrick, wrote "I have reviewed the above findings with our Town Attorney and it is his opinion that due to the nature of the items of non compliance the Town should order the cellar areas of assembly, kitchens, recreation rooms, and ritual rooms be hereby closed until such time that compliance to applicable New Your State Building Codes is achieved." As of right now, the houses have limited access to the basements between 9 AM and 6 PM

and then Campus Safety locks the basements. They become officially "condemned" and closed on December 19, 1996.

For those of you who don't know, many of the RIT dorms and tunnels were built in the time period between 1968 and 1970. Part of the \$50 million dollar renovation plan was to correct and improve state and city code violations that currently exist in all the buildings.

Some of the building code violations for the cellar areas include: cellar areas should be protected with fire sprinklers, interior wall finishes should be class A or B flame spread, insufficient number of fire exits from public spaces, improper wiring methods, ventilation not provided, non-compliant ceiling height and corridor width, piping in tunnels not covered, and construction of American Disabilities Act restroom facilities.

According to Linda Kuk, referring to the above violations, "Even though we knew there were issues, we had no idea of the magnitude or graveness." In a rebuttal, one of the Phi Sigma Kappa advisors questioned whether the Greek community was being "victimized by their [Town of Henrietta Fire Marshal] incompetence."

The results of the action will affect over 200 students, in regard to meal plans, loss of meeting and ritual space, and possible long term housing problems. Residence Life has indicated that they will attempt to mitigate any further costs to the affected students.

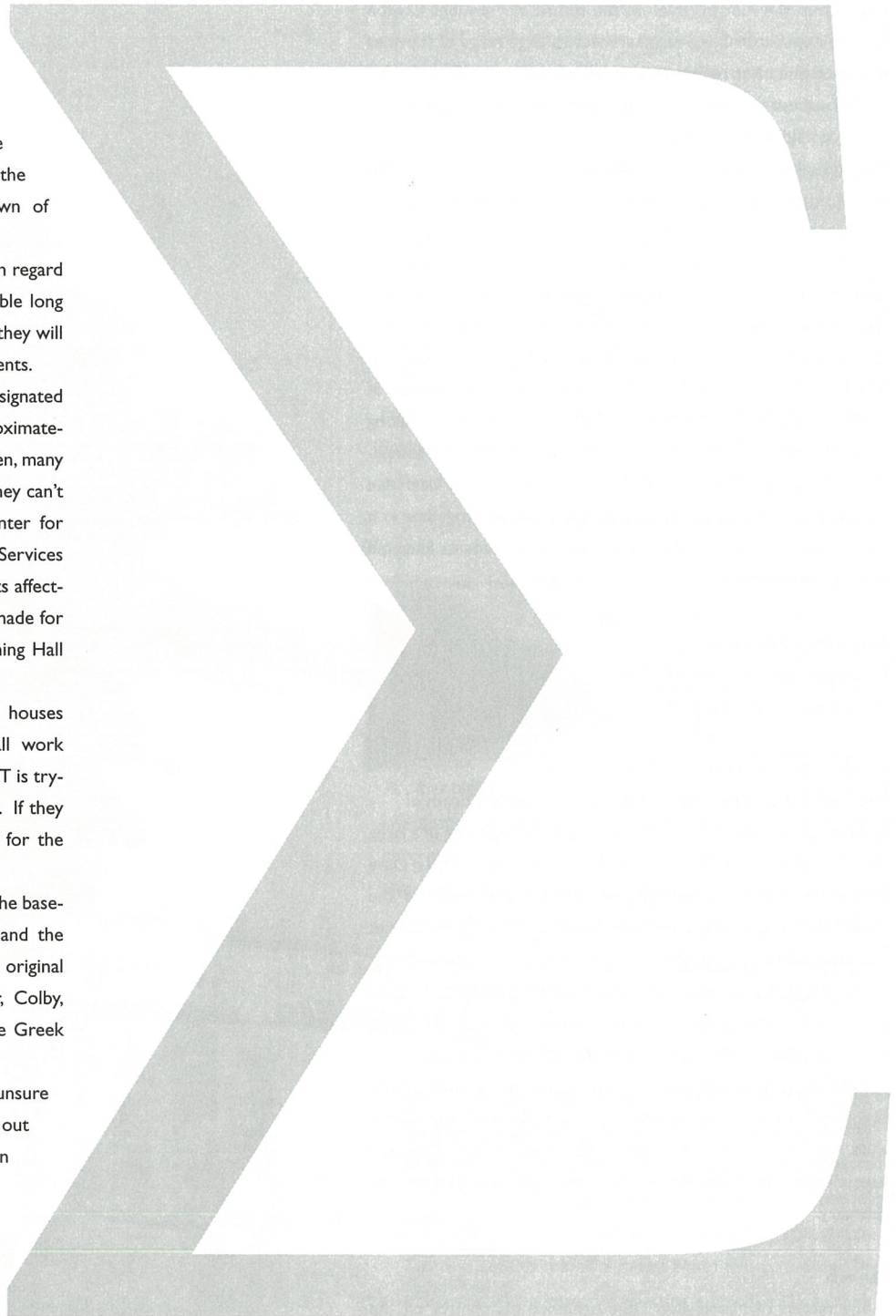
Since many fraternities/sororities are on their own designated meal plans through their organizations, they can save approximately \$400 dollars per quarter. Without the use of the kitchen, many fear they will not be able to live in their houses because they can't afford the RIT meal plan. According to Weas, "the Center for Residence Life is working with the Department of Food Services to develop an alternative meal plan for the Greek residents affected by the mandate. In addition, arrangements have been made for residents to eat, free of charge, in the Grace Watson Dining Hall between December 19th and December 21st."

Kuk also stated that they "will work with individual houses regarding ritual space, meeting space, and hopes to all work together." With regards to some of the code violations, RIT is trying to gain variances for ceiling height and corridor width. If they cannot obtain this exemption from the state, the future for the Greek basements is in doubt.

The biggest question on everyone's mind is: When will the basements renovations begin? When we asked John Weas and the other administrators, "they were still working on it." The original renovations were to begin this summer in the Baker, Colby, Gleason area, but now they are hoping to begin with the Greek housing and tunnels.

To make matters more complicated, Residence Life is unsure if they can get architectural and engineering designs to put out to bid, in time for this summer. A related question is, can renovations take place just in the basements without affecting future plans? They are concerned that construction workers will be unable to finish 8 buildings, top to bottom, in a ten week period.

Written By: Kelley Harsch and Staff



Memories...

As we prepare for several large celebrations toward the end of this year, it is time to reflect the activities we endured in this past year. From the Riot in Israel on the return of President Clinton and the Republican Congress, there were a large range of activities that each one of us remembers with fondness and sadness.

Throughout the year, we have experienced a large surge of consumer confidence, with the unemployment level at a 7 1/2 low, and sales increasing at a steady pace. Our personal debt this year is smaller than the last, even while the banks start pushing the platinum credit card in our face.

While we were more confident as consumers, we as RIT students went through several interesting phases. We crammed the Clark Gym as we watched our sport teams and famous speakers like Johnnie Cochran and Howie Mandel making their mark at RIT. We experienced Managed Attrition, and protested the cutbacks in CIAS; we watched as CIMS opened its door to the public, along with the ground-breaking for a new expansion building to compliment the science building. NTID welcomed the first deaf vice president, as the Institute faced a budget crisis, and together as a community we mourned the loss of our fellow students and staff that had passed away.

January/February

In January and February of 1996 — there was a massive food crisis in North Korea, as The Red Cross, with Elizabeth Dole at the helm, stepped up their efforts to feed the hungry. The first death of an American soldier in Bosnia did not mark the beginning of a large devastating trend similar to Somalia as many had feared. Dave Schultz, an Olympic wrestling gold medalist and coach of the United States wrestling team, was found dead, and John duPont was arrested for the murder.

The long brewing controversy in the Greek community became a firestorm as RIT proposed to set a quota system on fraternity row, in an effort to fill the dorms to the maximum capacity.

RIT's men's basketball team roared through its opponents, winning game after game, as many polls set them in the top ten nationwide. RIT hockey team also made their mark as both male and female teams set a winning record in the months of January and February.

March

In the month of March, Bob Dole tightened his control on the Republican presidential ticket, and the nation's employment rate was declared at 5.5%. Dr. Jack Kevorkian gave the nightly shows plenty to talk about as he was acquitted of physician assisted suicide. The Palestinian group Hamas sent a wave of terror throughout Israel with innumerable suicide bombing attacks, as President Clinton voiced his support for the re-election of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. In other related notes, Yigal Amir was sentenced to life for the murder of former Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin.





This month also marked controversy in fraternity/RIT disagreements as Triangle Fraternity was suspended two quarters for violating the alcohol policy. Meanwhile, RIT declared that all Greek housing was to have an occupancy rate of 80% beginning the Fall of '96, and concluding with 90% occupancy by Fall of '97.

The RIT men's hockey team thrilled the fans as they reached the Final Four, eventually falling short of the national championship by one goal. They were supported by the bold leader Art Thomas, who was recovering from Hodgkin's disease at the time. Unfortunately for the men's basketball team, their season ended as in the year before, with a first-round loss to Geneseo in the NCAA tournament. Coach McVean vowed to "learn from our mistakes [next year]," while Junior captain Craig Jones was honored as the Player of the Year.

Oliver Stone lectured to RIT as a speaker for "Making Movies Matter."

Two tragic deaths marred RIT, as Anita Van Doren, a criminal justice major, died in a mid-air plane crash and Erin Goodwin, a first year electrical engineering student at NTID, was found dead in her dorm room. The death was attributed to natural causes.

April

April shower brings May flowers as we enter into the Spring quarter. Being a cow is not healthy in England, as public outcries over the "Mad Cow Disease" in Europe led to a ban on England's bovine industry. Taiwan re-elected President Lee Teng-hui, despite massive anti-election actions by China.

The tragic death of US Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and 32 other high-ranking executives in a plane crash in Croatia led to an investigation of the Air Force's safety standards, which were cited as being much lower than private airlines. President Clinton appointed Mickey Kantor to replace Brown as Secretary of Commerce.

In a further effort to ignore the starving masses, North Korea made several threatening moves toward the demilitarized zone, causing South Korea to place their military on its highest alert in 15 years. Striking auto-workers caused the unemployment rate to increase by .1%.

The Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski was apprehended, as the trial on the Oklahoma City bombing began to pick up steam.

Bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols appeared in a federal court in Denver for a motions hearing. The defense sought classified government information on worldwide terrorist groups.

Trial was set this month for Aum Shinri Kyo cult leader Shoko Asahara. He was accused of directing a March 1995 subway gas attack that killed 12 people in Tokyo. The proceedings were dominated by reading of the names of more than 3,000 people sickened or killed in the attack.

Seven-year old pilot Jessica Dubroff and her father died in a plane crash, as she attempted to become the youngest pilot to fly across America. As an effort to prevent further attempts, FAA established several rules which would prohibit children from being a pilot until a set age.

It was also a very active month on RIT, as power failure caused an unique cancellation of half of a day worth of classes in the north-west part of the academic side. The 6th annual World Deaf Magician Festival was held at NTID, hosting 50 magicians from 19 different countries as well as the Asian Spring Fest. RIT also appointed Steven Loar as a new director for the School of Art and Design and the School for American Crafts.

The Student Government elections this month led to a victory by Praveen Tamvada as SG President, with April Brooks as Vice President. Also at NTID, Elizabeth Stone and Cal Balogun were elected as President and Vice President, respectively, for the NTID Student Congress.

A death at nearby University of Rochester led to a large lawsuit against U of R. Hoiyan Wan died in a research accident, leading her parents to file a 100 million dollars lawsuit asking that the research facilities require parental consent for people under 21 years of age in order to participate in a study.

RIT men's soccer coach Doug May left RIT after sixteen years, to continue his coaching career at Nazareth, RIT's rival.

Meanwhile, a tiny voice became a fury against President Simone, as his past history as a President of the University of Hawaii was exposed by his assistant David Yount. CIAS found itself in a massive protest when the budget was slated for being cut. Many students were outraged at the possibility of losing their majors and for some, years of sacrifice and hard work. In the end, they were able to replace the dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Margaret Lucas.

May

In the month of May, Nynex and Bell Atlantic decided to merge to form the second largest telephone company in the US, behind AT&T.

Ford Motor Company decided to recall 8.7 million cars, to repair faulty ignition switches, found to cause fire on some occasions.

Despite past events, RIT's Greek Community hosted week long events for their 1996 Annual Greek Week tradition. Events ranged from a "Senior Citizen Prom" to a philanthropic event called Jello Wrestling and a parade down the quartermile. They lived the theme that, "Together We are Strong."

Nationally, a bomb plot aimed at the Olympics Games in Atlanta was foiled by Federal agents with arrests of several Georgia militia group members.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's fortune was worth at least \$34.5 million dollars as an auction sold her properties, from her BMW to the President's rocking chair.

Trial began in The Hague for Dusan Tadic, the first person to be tried by an international war crimes tribunal since the 1946 Nazi

trials in Nuremberg. He faced 132 counts related to a rape, several murders, and incidents of torture before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The US Postal Inspection Service held a news conference this month to discuss Project Special Delivery, a nationwide undercover investigation into the "largest known commercial distributor of child pornography in the US." Their investigation resulted in several arrests.

There was the tragic crash of the ValuJet flight 592, which crashed in Florida's Everglades. There were no survivors.

Colorado enacted a 75-mph speed limit, while locally the AMC decided to initialize plans to build a 30 screen multiplex movie theater off I-390 in Greece.

Hong Kong made a stand against China in rejecting their request for assistance in replacing the colony's elected legislature with an appointed one. The United Nation found itself in debt, and once again requested the United States help pay their \$1.5 billion dollar debt.

RIT appointed Nathan J. Robfogel as a new vice-president for Development and Government Relations at RIT. The College of Science was witness to a lecture by two most distinguished female scientists, Gertrude B. Elion and Rosalyn Yalow. RIT Engineering House got first place at "Hexagon Havoc," an event at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center, beating out 74 other teams; they were honored at a White House Rose Garden reception with President Clinton.

Roger Dykes decided to retire from Director of Sport Information, after 24 years of hard work and dedication to the RIT staff and athletes. RIT men's lacrosse team ended its season at 9-3. Other teams were quite respectable in their efforts as well.

Summer

As the spring quarter entered the summer, a large majority of RIT students and staff set their sights elsewhere. One of the most notable was Stacy Babcock, an interpreter for RIT, who was called by the Pentagon to assist the local National Guard troops in Bosnia.

Iraq decided to wreak havoc with the Kurds in northern Iraq, resulting in a bombing by the United States in southern Iraq.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole resigned after 35 years on Capitol Hill. Kansas Lieutenant Governor Shelia Frahm took the oath of office, replacing Dole.

Boris Yelstin won the Presidential election in Russia, and soon thereafter revealed that he had heart disease. Later in the year, he underwent a successful bypass surgery.

Suspected Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was indicted in Sacramento, California in the case of two people killed by package bombs blamed on the elusive serial bomber.

Sun Microsystems and Cisco Systems sponsored NetDay '96, a

one-day conference aimed at helping schools in dozens of states be wired for Internet access.

The 1996 Summer Olympics were held in Atlanta, and many witnessed the bombing in Centennial Park. A suspect was quickly named, Richard Jewell, a security guard. Later in the year, he was cleared as a suspect, and the FBI developed an internal investigation of the bombing.

Ironically, before the bombing, Members of the International Olympic Committee participated in a memorial service and commemorative sculpture dedication to the 11 athletes and coaches killed by Palestinian terrorists at the 1972 Olympic Games.

Meanwhile, we saw Michael Johnson obliterate the world record in the 200 yard dash, along with successes by women's teams from the United States, giving more focus on women's sports in the country.

Another tragic accident occurred off Long Island, as TWA Flight 800 mysteriously exploded and crashed into the ocean. Several civilian boaters witnessed the accident and immediately aided the scene, until the Coast Guard could respond. Speculation of a terrorist attack in the form of a bomb or a missile, as well as malfunctioning parts, were some of the potential reasons for the cause of the crash.

Scientists had declared a remarkable discovery of several microscopic organisms on a Mars asteroid. This discovery brings proof that there are indeed other life forms on other planets in the universe.

Meanwhile, at RIT, the construction and expansion to the science building was commenced, causing disturbances to the summer students as the noisy back-hoes scraped and dug through the soil. RIT also began bringing the Internet to the dorms with its Ethernet project. This project, recently completed, focused on wiring all the residential dorms to enable anyone with an ethernet card to connect to the internet. Finally, RIT completed the construction of Margaret's House, a child-care center open to RIT students, faculty, and the local community.

Colleen Kent, a deaf student at RIT, was found dead in her campus apartment in August.

September

In the world news for the month of September, United States troops were deployed to Kuwait, after a series of snafu by the Pentagon, including the failure of informing the Kuwait government that the troops were on its way to the country. Meanwhile, the Pentagon began its investigation on the Gulf War Syndrome. However, the Defense Department still denies that any chemical weapons were the cause of the syndrome.

Congress decided to set an example for the United States, by undertaking a voluntarily drug screening. Maybe they should screen for Internet addiction, as research provided that Internet abuse is on the rise, worldwide.

President Bill Clinton held a double digit lead over Bob Dole, among other candidates, in his effort to hold on to the Presidency for another four years. Spiro Agnew, former Vice President, died at age 77.

The civil trial in the O.J. Simpson case began with the jury selection.

Abortion crawled back to the headlines as the House of Representatives overrode a veto by President Clinton concerning a bill restricting late-term abortion. Meanwhile, RU 486, the abortion pill, passed major FDA inspections, and was slated to be approved.

RIT welcomed 1,774 freshmen students, the largest freshmen class yet, which helped offset the decline of transfer students, counted at 990. To lure more students, RIT established, for the first time nationwide, a new major in Software Engineering. With its efforts in education, RIT was honored for the 10th year in a row as one of the leading universities in the nation, especially in its undergraduate engineering program. However, in its further plans

at gaining managed budget cuts, RIT stepped up its efforts to sell the City Center building. One possible candidate to buy this building could be Monroe County, using the location for its variety of agencies.

Star Trek celebrated its 30th anniversary this month, with a celebration between the original cast members and NASA astronauts, among other Trekkies.

There was a calm in the storm between RIT and Greeks, as Phi Sigma Kappa earned themselves an Outstanding Chapter Award, handed out by its National Headquarters.

Greg Louganis, former Olympic medalist, was the major guest speaker of the month, paying RIT a visit to speak under the theme: "Triumph over Tragedy." He struggled to beat the odds and reveal his homosexuality along with his fight with AIDS.

October

Sexual harassment was redefined in the month of October, as a six-year old boy, Johnathan Prevette, was suspended for kissing a classmate on the cheek. Also in New York City, school officials repealed a 5 day suspension for a 7 year old boy, which was handed down for kissing his classmate. In Antioch, California, a jury awarded \$500,000 to a girl complaining of sexual harassment and death threats by her sixth-grade classmate.

Astronaut Shannon Lucid broke the world record for being in space the longest. Remarkably, she was able to easily adjust to Earth's gravity in a short time and was able to disprove some theories regarding the longevity of the body in space and its adverse effects.

On a flight to Chile, a Boeing 757 crashed over Lima, Peru. No survivors were found, while malfunctioning parts were blamed for the accident.

Peace talks are just that, talk, in the Middle East, with more protesting by the Muslim Fundamentals against the re-opening of an archaeological tunnel nearby several Holy destinations.

Ralph Nader, a candidate for the Green Party, paid the University of Rochester a visit.

A fire alarm turns out to be an actual fire at 245 Perkins Green, attributed by Campus Safety to an unattended lit candle.

One resident was treated at a local hospital. The mystery of the disappearing cars on RIT parking lots was curtailed as Campus Safety placed a warrant on a person ordering several tow trucks to tow cars to several specific locations where cars were stolen.

RIT started to crack down on the Greek football, furthering the conflict between RIT and Greeks. As a compensation for the absence of Greek full contact football, Sonu Abhishekh requested the creation of a Full Contact Football club to begin this spring.

The 10th Big Shot was held at the Silver Stadium, in a farewell bid.

NTID gained a slight budget relief as the Federal Government established a regional center for the deaf with a five million dollar grant. Sensitivity to deaf issues was provided by a meeting focusing on deaf issues at a Student Government's Senate meeting. This marked a trend on understanding and interacting with deaf students at RIT.

November

In the month of November, we witnessed President Clinton regain control of the White House for another four years. He was greeted by a Republican Congress, who gained control for the first time since the 40's. In a series of political moves, both sides spoke of working together, with the word "compromise" dotting both sides' speeches.

Camelot, a farmhouse once witness to the wedding of Jackie Kennedy Onassis and John F. Kennedy, was put up for sale for \$7.95 million.

A success and a failure in the re-definition of "Mars Attacks," NASA successfully launched the PathFinder rocket toward Mars. However, Russia's booster rockets carrying the spacecraft 'Mars '96' failed to ignite, sending the spacecraft back into the Earth's atmosphere, where it disintegrated with no significant harm to the atmosphere or the population.

Heavy raining on the Pacific coast caused major flooding and property damages. President Clinton declared several counties in Oregon and Washington a disaster area, activating the National Guard to commence the recovery of the area. Island residents and tourists, including a group of fully-equipped scuba divers, saved 52

of 175 passengers aboard Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961. Some managed to swim to shore only 500 yards (455 meters) away, while others treaded in the shallow waters waiting for help.

RIT decided to continue its opposition toward the use of skateboard, rollerblades, and bikes in buildings across campus, along with several restricted areas. An increase in child care costs at Margaret's house caused an outcry from many parents who had children in the center. With a limited budget, they argued, they can not afford to pay for the increasing costs of Margaret's House.

RIT also conducted an installation of Robert Davila as Vice President of NTID this month. Robert Davila was the first deaf person to hold this position, replacing Dean DeCaro, currently the President of NTID.

RIT women's soccer team finished with the best record in six years, with a record of 6-5-3. Congratulations to the Lady Tigers.

A tragic accident involving three RIT students occurred on I-90 this past Thanksgiving. Susan Willoughby, Lnette Moore, and Cheryl Bulls, long-time friends, died as their car slid across an icy and snow-filled thruway into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer truck. Tears filled the Ingle Auditorium, as friends and families attended a memorial service on behalf of the deceased.

December

In December, a cancellation of the election in Serbia caused massive protests against the President Slobodon Milosevic. The protesters demanded his resignation and restoration of the election results, in which the opposing party won mostly. Although people were arrested, it only paused the demonstrations.

RIT confirmed that former President George Bush will be the key note speaker at the 1997 graduation commencement ceremony. Former President Bush, Vice President to Ronald Reagan for two terms, took office and then became President in 1988 for one term.

Although this past year has been full of tragic events locally and world wide, we can only look forward and hope to see the treasures that 1997 can bring to all of us.

Written By: T.J. Griesenbrock III



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Together we can do it

by Chris Conroy

The holiday season is upon us. Beneath all the bills and wrapping paper that accumulate, there is an underlying idea that permeates all of the holiday hubbub. That is the idea that we should all go out of our way just a little bit to make life a little easier for someone else. For some people, this feeling only pokes out during the holiday season. For many others, however, it is a day to day thing.

On this campus alone, there are hundreds of people who could not imagine a life without helping others. Not a happy life, at least. Many of the student organizations do some form of volunteer work throughout the year. Some of these groups even dedicate themselves totally to helping others. Add to these students the number of faculty and staff that belong to outside organizations dealing in community service and you have quite a sizable population involved in helping others.

Now the questions begin to flow. From those who have been involved with service organizations before: What groups are there around here? What do they do? How do I get involved? And from those who haven't regularly served others: Why would anyone want to do all that work for nothing? Isn't community service an alternative to a prison sentence? What difference does it make anyway, I can't help everyone?

Almost anyone who has been involved in community service in the past will smile when they hear that second set of questions. Many have heard them uttered many times before, possibly themselves. Here are some of the answers that you may find to that second set of questions.

Why would anyone want to do all that work for nothing?

First and foremost, there is no such thing as doing "all that work for nothing." If that was the case, there would most assuredly be fewer people so eager to help others out. So what do they get for helping out? Well, it is nothing that can be measured like an amount of money, but what most people describe as the pay back for helping others is that "warm fuzzy" feeling deep down inside.

"Every time you see the fruits of your labor, be it a new playground or a renovated park," Paul Lindars of the Kappa Delta Rho (KDR) fraternity says, "you feel good about yourself and want to do more to keep this good feeling."

For Lori Scanlon, from Alpha Phi Omega (APO) National Service co-ed Fraternity, delivering a Christmas tree to Hillside Children's Center last year produced a similar feeling of accomplishment. "It was really great to see the kids in the holiday spirit. The kids at Hillside have had some pretty rough times and it was great to see them happy."

At Community Service Club House (CSCH) one of the seven special interest houses on campus, Joe Slomka, a second year member, keeps serving because "it lets me affect the world around me. Besides, I like the people I get to work with."

It seems that friendship is another one of those things that comes from serving others. Magdalena Chimielski has volunteered at many different places, including a camp for deaf children. "It is an opportunity and a chance for you to learn new things, meet new people, and learn something while you are doing it."

So now we begin to see many different reasons to volunteer. There's that feeling of personal accomplishment, the education that you can get, the friends you can make, and the difference you can make. It would seem that the "working for nothing" idea really only refers to money, not all the other benefits that can be acquired along the way.

Isn't community service an alternative to a prison sentence?

Well, in some cases, yes. But there must be a reason that it is that way. Let's see, the crimes that usually carry a community service term with them are those that initially take away from the community. Littering, vandalism, and other crimes that are predominantly committed by minors or young adults seem to be the most common that carry this "punishment." But the question still remains, why community service?

Looking at what one can learn from volunteering, it wouldn't be that outlandish to think that the lawmakers of this country would want those who thoughtlessly take away from the community to learn what it feels like to give back. The feelings of pride in accomplishment and that you, as an individual, have made a difference in the world can do wonders for a kid who normally feels like the world is out to get them.

What difference does it make anyway, I can't help everyone?

The simple answer to that is no. None of us as individuals can ever help everyone, no matter how hard we may try. But when groups of people begin to volunteer together, mountains can be moved.

For a graphic example of this, one can look toward the Habitat for Humanity program. This organization gathers volunteers from all walks of life to give people "a hand-up, not a hand-out." Through the combined efforts of many volunteers, along with the people being helped, an affordable house is constructed. Alone, none of the individuals involved would have been able to come to the final result. Together, however, everything became possible.

Looking more locally, there are any number of events that are brought into being, mainly by volunteer efforts. Aids Rochester puts on Dining for Dollars, an annual fund-raiser for AIDS research and treatment (and also one of the biggest parties in Rochester), only with the help of many volunteers, some from the RIT campus.

RIT students also play an important role in many events that Hillside Children's center holds. Every year students rush out to participate in the Hillside cleanup. And every Halloween RIT students (most notably this year CSCH, KDR, Sigma Alpha Mu, Art House, and others) put the majority of work into the Center's Haunted Hayride, one of the events most anticipated by the kids there. Not to mention the Trick-or-Treating for canned foods, done by most of the fraternities and sororities on campus.

Overall, no one can help everyone, but the more volunteers

Overall, no one can help everyone, but the more volunteers that there are, the more work that can get done. So in that respect, just one more volunteer to help out can make the difference between an event going smoothly or it being a fight all the way to the end.

A story to learn from: Making a Difference

One day a man was walking along the beach at low tide. Looking around he saw hundreds of starfish upon the still damp sand, slowly baking to death in the sun. A little further down the shore, he saw a young boy kneeling in the sand. As he got closer, he could see that the boy was picking up starfish from around himself and throwing them back into the water.

"What are you doing that for?" the man asked when he was close enough.

"If they stay out here, they'll die," the boy answered simply.

"But you can't possibly save all of them. What difference does it make?"

The boy smiled, picked up another starfish, threw it back into the water, and replied, "It made a difference for that one."

Changing gears

Now that everyone has a feel for the reasons behind volunteering, we can take a look deeper into the details of the subject.

What groups are there around here and what do they do?

Locally

In the Rochester area, there are a large number of groups that can use your help, especially in the holiday season. The Salvation Army is always looking for donations of food and clothing, as well as volunteers to distribute and sort through the donations. Soup kitchens and shelters, like Saint Joseph's in Rochester, are also constantly in need of supplies and volunteers to help out. Ronald McDonald House, which houses families who have a member undergoing treatment for a critical injury or illness, regularly seeks volunteers to cook meals for the families that it houses.

Rochester Toy Library (RTL) is also usually in need of help and donations. RTL is a place where children can go and "take out" a toy, much like a library lends out books. This is another place that gets by mainly on volunteer work. Sojourner House is an organization that serves abused women and their children in the Rochester area; they usually look for people to help with child care during meetings, seminars, and dinners.

Kids Adjusting Through Support (KATS) and Hillside Children's Center are two organizations that deal mostly with children. KATS focuses on placing children with foster families and assisting families in dealing with losses (either of jobs, loved ones, or property). Hillside helps kids with problems learn to deal with them better through a group living environment and a supportive atmosphere.

On campus, you can look into volunteer opportunities by checking in at the Center for Campus Life (in the RITreat section of the SAU) or by getting in touch with any of the organizations

(such as CSCH or APO) that specialize in community service. Even the RIT Ambulance is held together by a volunteer effort. These places may not be able to set you up with a volunteer engagement, but they can definitely provide you with a number of places to contact.

Nationally

On the national level, there are even more opportunities to volunteer, and the best thing is that many of the national organizations have local branches right in Rochester.

Just by quickly browsing the Internet (the World Wide Web, in particular) anyone can find a plethora of service opportunities. While not all of them are really viable during school time, for summers or after graduation some can really set you up well for the future.

For example, AmeriCorps is a relatively young organization that offers money for education based on the time that you serve with them. Each year that you spend with AmeriCorps will allow you to receive a voucher for \$4,725 that can go to either pay for future education or to pay back student loans. Since the programs range from roughly ten to twelve months, this program isn't the best for full time students.

If you're looking for something with a little more history than the AmeriCorps, then there's the Peace Corps. This organization has been around for thirty five years, and, as their slogan says, is "the toughest job you'll ever love." If you're looking for international travel and major learning experience, then the Peace Corps could be for you.

OK, those are things to look into the future for. More immediate opportunities can be found with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army (mentioned before), and some of the business organizations that also serve the community. Among these are the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions clubs as well as the Elks Lodge. All of these groups of business people also offer their services to the communities in which they are based.

Another thing to look at with these business organizations is that most of them sponsor community service groups in high schools and colleges. Rotary sponsors Interact clubs in high schools, and Rotaract clubs in colleges (CSCH is a Rotaract club, sponsored by the Rochester Rotary Club). Kiwanis clubs sponsor Key (Kiwanis encourages Youth) clubs in high schools and Circle K clubs in colleges. Lions Clubs host Leo clubs for those eighteen to twenty-eight years old. Many of these international groups also have annual themes that spawn any number of service projects. Overall, a won



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Stats

Wrestling at RIT Invitational
12/7
finished- 8th place

Men's Swimming vs. Brockport
12/11
win 121-93

Women's Swimming vs.
Brockport 12/11
lost 124-85

Men's Hockey vs. Mercyhurst
12/10
win 6-3

Women's Hockey vs. Colgate
12/8
win 6-0

Men's Basketball vs. Houghton
12/12
win 80-57

Women's Basketball vs.
Houghton 12/12
win 60-21



Female Athlete of the Week

by Julie Sterling

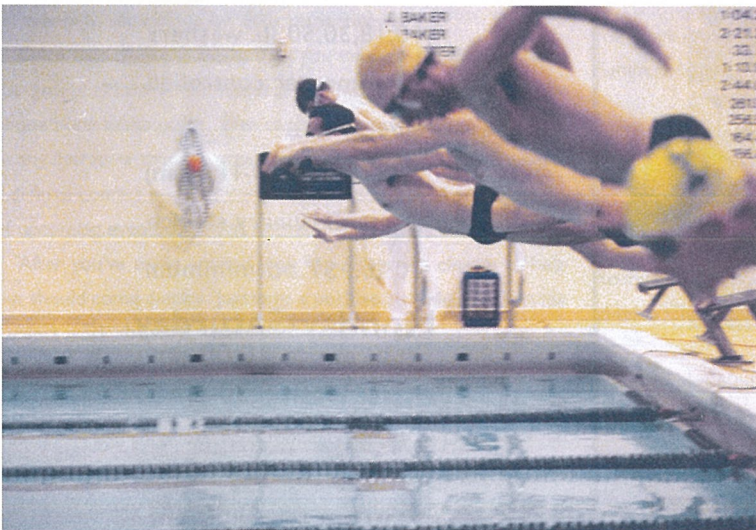
Amy Thompson has been named RIT Female Athlete of the Week for her performance on the women's hockey team. Thompson lead the Tigers to victory over Hamilton College on Saturday, December 7, and Colgate College on Sunday, December 8. She had a goal and an assist against Hamilton, and then had an assist as the Tigers defeated Colgate. Thompson set a record with 22 assists last season and is currently the team's leading scorer this year with 3 goals and 2 assists. "Amy was a key player for us both offensively and defensively against Hamilton," said coach Rich Filighera. "She has provided great leadership this season to help bring together a team with a lot of new players." The Tigers are currently 3-0 and looking to repeat last year's successful season.

Male Athlete of the Week

by Julie Sterling

Matt Hamill has been named RIT's Male Athlete of the Week for his performance on the wrestling team. On December 7, Hamill won the 167-pound wrestling championship in the RIT Invitational, which raised his match record to 9-0. In the tournament he pinned two opponents, and won by decision and default against the other two. "Matt has dominated wrestlers, even from Division I and II," said coach Ron Gross. "He hasn't even been taken down once yet this season."

Before transferring to RIT this year, Hamill attended Purdue University where he was a starter on their wrestling team as a freshman. Prior to college, his high school career was also full of successes. He placed twice in the Ohio State high school tournament and he was a three-time Junior National All-American.



Men's Basketball

The talent on RIT's men's basketball team has exploded onto the court, as they remain undefeated at 3-0 thus far. Leaders for the team in points include: Craig Jones (62), Aaron Morrison (54), and Paul Blake (25). The Tigers have home games coming up against Clarkson on Friday 1/10/97, at 8:00 pm, and vs. St. Lawrence on Saturday 1/11/97.

Women's Basketball

After three games, the RIT women's basketball team struggles with a record of 1-2. They have many new players this year and are concentrating on coming together as a team. After returning from winter break, the Tigers hope to add a few victories to their record. On Friday, 1/10/97 the women play Clarkson at home at 6:00 and on Saturday, 1/11/97 they play at home against St. Lawrence at 6:00.

Men's Hockey

RIT Men's Hockey is off to a dynamic start as they begin their season with a 6-1-2 record. Leaders for the Tigers include Steve Toll with 31 points, and Cheyne Lazar with 23. The Tigers face Plattsburgh at home on Friday 1/10/97 at 7:30, and Potsdam at home on Saturday, 1/11/97 at 7:30. Their success seems to be carrying on from last year, where they finished second at the National Division III Tournament.

Women's Hockey

The Women's Hockey team has been skating circles around their opponents by winning their first three games of the season. Amy Thompson leads the team with 5 points after tallying three goals and two assists. The women's next home game is on Saturday 1/18/97 vs. Rensselaer at 5:30.

Wrestling

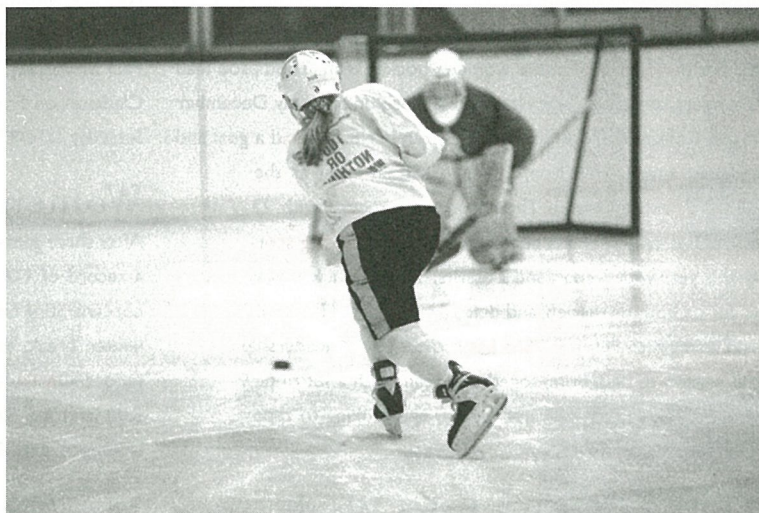
RIT's Wrestling team started off their season by placing fourth in the Ithaca Tournament, and 8th in RIT's Invitational. Their hard work paid off and moved them up to 9th in the NCAA Division III rankings. With a number of new team members and some excellent returners from last year, the Tigers should have an outstanding season. Their next home match is against Brockport on Tuesday, 1/14/97 at 7:00.

Men's Swimming

The RIT men's swim team is 1-0 so far after their victory over Brockport. They have much to look forward to this season with a number of strong swimmers on the squad. Their next home meet will be Tuesday, 1/21/97 at 6:00 vs. Nazareth.

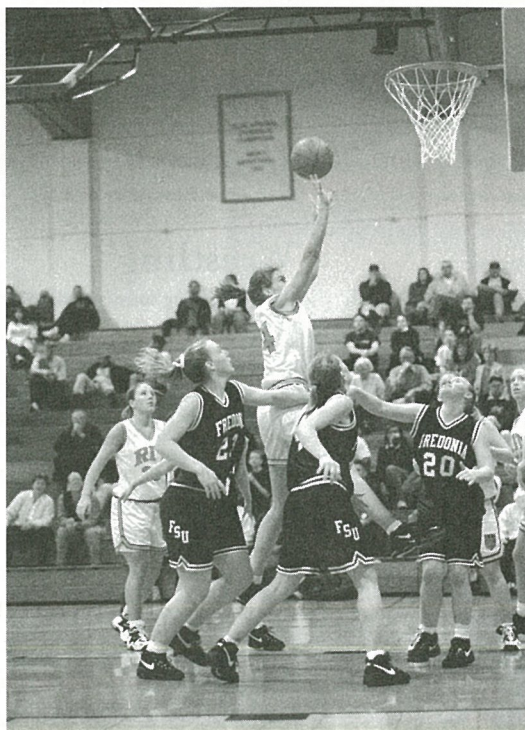
Women's Swimming

The women's swim team has started off with two disappointing losses. However, they are looking for success in their upcoming meet against Nazareth at home on 1/21/97 at 6:00.



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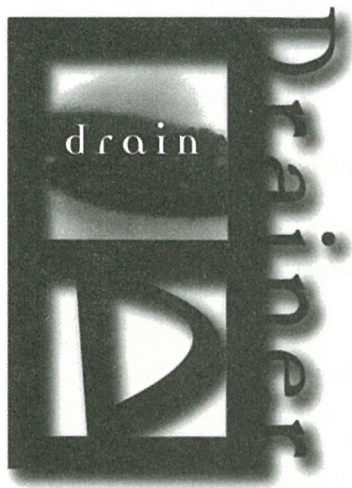
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derful place for contacts in the service community.

There are also church groups that shine when it comes to community service. On this campus there are people involved in Younglife, a Christian Organization that educates the youth of the area on a voluntary basis. Many other churches and synagogues have similar groups that serve the community, the volunteers gained from their congregations.

How do I get involved?

Getting involved is the easy part. All that needs to be done is for you to decide what kind of volunteer work you would be interested in doing. Do you enjoy working with children? Then the RTL, Sojourner House, or KATS may be the place for you. Would you rather work outside? Then contact one of the many scout camps or Rotary's Sunshine camp and ask if they're having any work days at their location. Perhaps you like to organize events. If this is the case, then any number of groups would be happy to let you help out with many of their events. The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and the American Heart Association often put on events to raise funds for their respective causes.

Once that choice is made, then you need to get in touch with the group. Most of the national organizations are listed in the phone book white pages. Even more handy is if you can get a hold of any literature that the group may put out. This would give you a definite contact number, along with an address, and possibly a list of upcoming events and even a specific person to contact.

After you've made contact with the group, the chance to help out should come quickly. Just keep a positive attitude and even the hardest work should become a chance to have fun.

If you're looking for something on campus, ask around about the different groups here that do community service. All of the Greek fraternities and sororities do community service, APO is specifically dedicated to it. The special interest houses, especially CSCH also does community service on a regular basis. Many of the other clubs on campus also go out of their way to provide some sort of service to the community.

The first step here is to either go directly to the group (most are always looking for people to stop by or join) or go to the Center for Campus Life and let them know that you're interested in volunteer opportunities on campus. Either way, you'll soon enough be helping put a smile on someone's face.

The end product

In the end it all comes down to one thing. Making a difference in the world. Yes, that can be done by becoming the head of a multi-national corporation and then just buying the world everything that it needs. But let's face it, that's a highly unlikely thing to happen to most of us, many students here are lucky to just barely afford tuition.

And even of those who can afford tuition, many more are in debt from the loans that they had to take out to get here. Even so, all of us here are better off than many people in the Rochester area. At night in Rochester you can see the homeless huddled in the corners, trying to gather as much warmth as possible. When Christmas rolls around, there are many children who do not get a visit from Santa, some never will. There are people here who suffer from currently incurable diseases who are just lucky to be alive to see New Year's Day. And that is just in Rochester. Imagine the conditions in other parts of the country. Then remember that America is one of the richest countries in the world, and imagine how the conditions are in other places.

We can all do something about these things. The time we spend watching television or out drinking or sleeping late can all be put toward changing the world for the better. Thirty five years ago, John F. Kennedy gave his inauguration speech. In it he called for a new attitude from the people of the country.

"The world is very different now, for man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life. And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe . . . the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God. We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution."

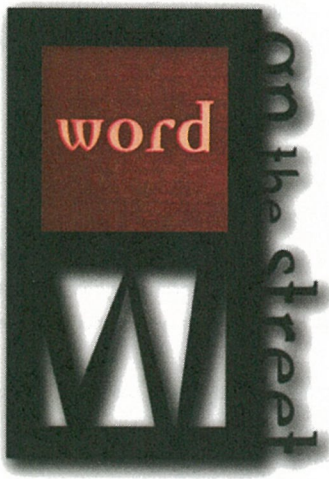
Even so long after these words were uttered, they still ring true. And there is still work to be done. As the future leaders of this country, we can all make these dreams come true. The homeless can be sheltered until they can help build a house. The children can all believe in some kind of Santa when they find presents under their trees. Money can be raised for research and treatment of diseases like cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy, allowing the people with these disease's to see the New Year in a new light. And even better, we can all grow stronger by these actions.

Everyone can make a difference in the world. Even if it is only one person at a time. All that you have to do is take action, and it will be done.

For more information on local opportunities in public service, check the phone book. Here are a few numbers to start you off:

American Heart Association	426-4050
American Red Cross, Volunteer Office	241-4490
Saint Joseph's Neighborhood Center	325-5260
Salvation Army	987-9500
Rochester Toy Library	546-6220
Hillside Children's Center, Volunteers	256-7500

For even more info on volunteering on campus, contact the center for campus life. Located on the second floor of the RITreat in the Student Alumni Union.



What Band do you think CAB should bring for Spring Fest?

"Phish!"

John Planty, 3rd yr Computer Science

"They should bring in Poe."

Sophia Stecyk, 1st yr Fine Art Photo

"Bring in No Doubt."

Becky Cross, 2nd yr Undeclared Business

1. "It's gotta be Pearl Jam."

Joe Foster, 3rd yr Industrial Eng.

"Dave Matthew's Band and... I'm not sure...there's so many!"

Dories Brewer, 1st yr Accounting

2. "I think they should invite local bands; that would be the best. It's a support kind of thing, ya know?"

John Jewel, 2nd yr Mechanical Engineering

"Local bands, they should get local bands so they'll get more publicity"

Donna Korss, 1st yr Graphic Design

3. "Jesus, because this campus needs to be saved."

Gustilien Gastard, 2nd yr Advertising Photography

"They Might Be Giants, their new album is really kickin' "

Jarrod Needle, 4th yr Photo Tech

4. "Rusted Root"

Leslie Wickham, 1st yr Biology

"If it was me, I would choose something a little easier, like Black Crows, not grunge- We have too much of that. Something classical, a little more mellow, that would draw my crowd."

Greg Meritzis, 2nd yr Bio Medical Computing

"I like Hip Hop. I think they should bring The Fujis, they're a good band."

Valentino Mcleod, 2nd yr Computer Science

"Jethro Tull or Pink Floyd"

Ben Kosse, 2nd Computer Science

5. "I love Bare Naked Ladies and the Goo Goo Dolls, those two would be pretty awesome."

Tina Aiello, 1st yr Accounting

"PHISH! PHISH! PHISH! All the way, Phish."

Mark Funderburk, 3rd yr Marketing

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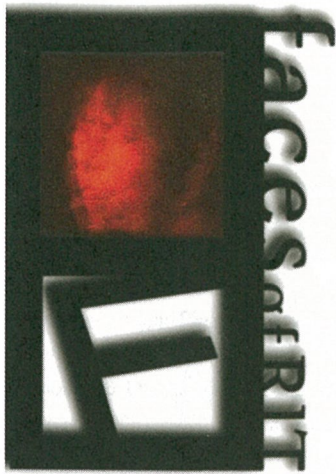
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Steve Toll

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Nope.

It's hockey.

Hockey?!?!

If you're Steve Toll.

Who?!

Exactly- how else to describe how the right-wing assistant captain of the RIT Tigers **Hockey Team feels about his** favorite sport? Steve Toll has become one of RIT's premier hockey players. Just recently, he broke the record for individual goals in a game- four goals in a row. For those without the hockey know-how, imagine running through **a gauntlet of big** bruisers toting huge wooden sticks, all out for your blood, if not for your neck. Well, Steve Toll has done that four times within just eighty minutes of playing time.

However, Steve is quick to credit his team and his coach for his exemplary performances on the hockey team. Team spirit obviously matters a lot to him. "They're great guys. It's just a great team of twenty great players." **And great** they are- R.I.T. is the defending 1996 Eastern College Athletic Conference Champions and NCAA Division III runner-up. Under the guidance of long-time coach Eric Hoffberg, Steve and the Tigers continually improve their performances with each passing **week. The sky** is the limit for all of these talented players. And for Steve Toll, one of the most promising RIT **athletes**, the opportunities are endless as he is to be featured in an upcoming issue of Sports Illustrated magazine for his outstanding play.



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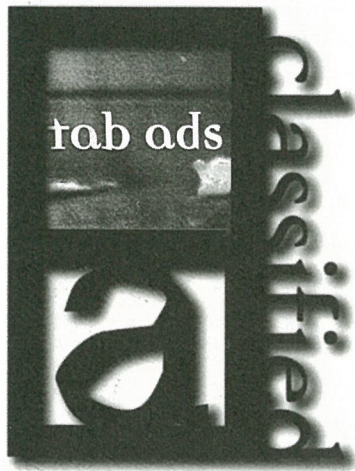
Playing **hockey ever** since he began at the tender young age of six, his enthusiasm for the game **increases** only with his age. In fact, he also played football and lacrosse in Lakeport Secondary [High] School in St. Catharine's, Ontario. Even then, he was proving himself as a big league player. He won the scoring title in the Golden Horseshoe with season total of 131 points. **Americans beware!** **In case you didn't know**, the Golden Horseshoe is a large area of southern Ontario that extends from Niagara Falls around Lake Ontario to Montreal and holds over one-third of the Canadian population. For his pre-collegiate performances, Steve credits his parents and his family. "My dad [Steve Sr.] never really pushed me; he encouraged me, but he **let me do what I wanted to do.**" His mom, Linda, and sister, Tammy, also went to his games to support and cheer him on. With his hard work and endless determination, this is one guy who does his parents proud.

Working hard to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, **he is now** in his third year, just beginning his first co-op this quarter. That's typical of Rochester Institute of Technology: all work and no play, right? "Well..." he says. "That's one of the major reasons I decided in my senior year to come to R.I.T.- the academics. We've got a really good academic program."

What does he want to do after graduation? Steve just shrugs. Definitely keep playing hockey. He'll probably put his degree to work and run a hotel, maybe a hotel that caters to the sports elite, such as on a golf course **or somewhere** near a major sports venue. Naturally, RIT alumni, staff, faculty and students can stay for free, right? "Hmmm..."

Ha! When he isn't hanging out at the home he shares with his teammates or at work, he goes to the ice rink and practices. And you can go, too. The Tigers have home games in the Frank Ritter Ice Arena. Face-off is at 7:30 pm on most Fridays and **Saturdays** during this January and February. You cannot resist and soon you are addicted to the high-intensity atmosphere of the hockey game.

6'0", **quiet, and** polite, he's just another guy. Meet him along the quarter mile and he doesn't stand out from among the **thousand** faces of R.I.T., but step into the rink and see even the ice shiver. Steve Toll is here.



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- Welcome Back ALPHA SIG hope everyone had a great holiday!
- The New York ETA Chapter of Phi Delta Theta participated in this year's kazoo fest for camp good days and special times. Twenty brothers actively persuaded shoppers to make a \$1 donation per kazoo. Every sales technique was used to rally a \$900 total during the three hour span, beating our record from last year. All funds raised will benefit terminally ill children diagnosed with cancer as well as their families.
- Congrats to Nicole, Phyllis, and Britta the newest SISTERS of ASA.
- Happy Holidays and a joyous new year Zeta Tau Alpha. Love (ZLAM) Buddha PS. Puh to Geneva and Meghan.—M.Girafee.
- Billy—Happy 22 months and I can't wait 'til next week. Merry 2nd Christmas.
- Buddha, you're a great friend. Thanks for always being there whenever I need to talk, or just when I need a laugh. Have a great Christmas and happy new year. Love, elmo
- Hey Queen bee, what do ya say to you, me and a lot of after Xmas sales! Sounds like a plan to me!!!! Hope you had a great holiday;
- I missed you! love the princess
- To my roomie Le-Le, you're the best. I am so glad that we got together. I love you. Love Te!!
 - Johnson, Vooch, Jeff, Piere, and Billy. You guys are great. I'm glad that I got to know you guys better. Have a great holiday. Love teresa
 - To my big sis Amy, your the best. Love YLS.
 - To those of you who tried to lock in THE BOMB we know who you are and we will not forget! HAHahaha
 - My precious Nickel, I wouldn't spend you on anything! Love YBS
 - Jen and Jenny: I have one word for you gals Brandani's. I think you get the picture. Anna



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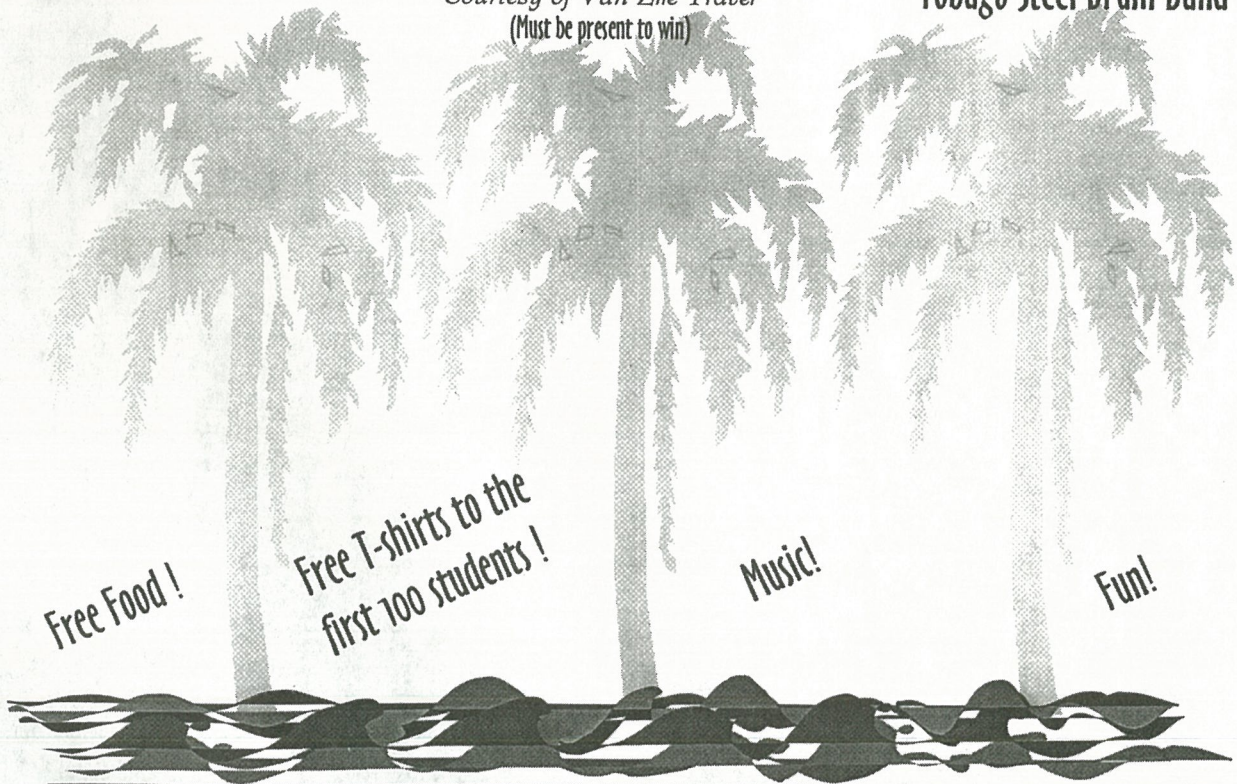
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