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The biggest complaint I've heard in the three years that I've been here is that there is nothing to do at RIT. Students think there is no

spirit, no great partying atmosphere and that the administration neither cares nor wishes to fix the problem. RIT may be lacking a party atmosphere, but that's the only true statement listed above. I often ask those people what is keeping them here if they hate it so much. Could it be the cheap tuition?

Despite the absence of a social life (or perhaps because of it), I have involved myself in a number of clubs and activities: the volleyball team, Greek life, Air Force ROTC (believe it or not), Signatures Magazine, the Reporter Magazine, and several on-campus jobs - just to name a few. Those activities kept me involved and were ultimately rewarding experiences.

RIT has taken several steps to increase student involvement and improve school spirit around our campus, such as the development of the Student Government Spirit Committee, the Major Weekend Planning Committee and the addition of the "EMANON" festival, sponsored by College Activities Board. All of these committees attempt to promote a positive, fun atmosphere and to provide students with greater opportunities to enjoy their experience at RIT.

If any of these appeal to you, read on. I thought it would be a good idea to outline the many different student organizations, clubs, special interest houses, Greek-letter organizations, varsity, club and intramural sports that RIT offers—in case you weren't aware.

If you haven't enjoyed your experience at RIT yet, maybe it's time to get involved in one or more of the clubs—maybe even start your own?

Kelley M. Harsch
Editor in Chief

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Faces of RIT: Al Simone

Dr. Albert J. Simone, President of the Rochester Institute of Technology. That is a name and title that deserves respect. President Simone came to RIT after serving as President of the University of Hawaii for a total of eight and a half years, one of those as Interim President. Some might ask why President Simone left the sunny climate of Hawaii for the overly dark climate of Rochester, New York? On the personal side, President Simone moved to be closer to his friends and family and to experience the four seasons again. Professionally, he had a desire to serve a private university which is more strongly committed to teaching than the typical research university. President Simone also wanted to move away from Division 1 athletics, due to the tendency of athletics to overtake academics as priority.

Since President Simone took office in 1992, he, with the help of many others, has accomplished many objectives. A culture of shared governance has been developed, priorities and standards of the university have been set, and a firm financial foundation has been established to allow the university to develop further and move forward. Just recently, RIT successfully completed the Middlestates Ten-year re-accreditation review. Since his inauguration, RIT has been making strides at becoming a more student-centered university.

Currently, President Simone and RIT are attempting to expand and develop the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies and the Center for Imaging Science. At this point, other interdisciplinary programs are in development, such as the new programs in software engineering, manufacturing leadership, and psychology. Soon President Simone will be recruiting a new dean for the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, as well as RIT's first Chief Information Officer. At this point, efforts are being taken towards successfully completing a major capitol campaign, such as those in NTID and the Colleges of Science, Engineering, and Business.

President Simone has personal goals, as well as goals for RIT. He would like to see a stronger sense of community among faculty, staff, and students. He would also like to see a stronger spirit and sense of pride develop among the student body. There are plans to increase the international reputation of RIT, and programs that are consistent with RIT's career discover goal, as described in the strategic plan. President Simone also wants to explore the possibility of adding a second doctorate program to the curriculum of the Institute. He hopes to significantly upgrade the computer information and telecommunication infrastructure throughout RIT. Approximately \$25 million has been committed to the project over the next three years. The residence halls will be renovated over the next few years and there are plans in the works to possibly increase the apartment capacity by erecting a new complex. Most importantly, President Simone plans on increasing the overall diversity of the student body, faculty, and staff of RIT.

When asked to give a statement to the RIT community, President Simone had the following to say. "As I meet with other university Presidents, facul-



ty, staff, and students, and read reports of activities at other universities, I am more and more impressed with the high quality and relevance of our academic and support programs, and with the quality and dedication of our students, faculty, staff, trustees, and alumni. We should all be very proud of our RIT."

by Alex Lewis

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How RIT Came To Be

The Rochester Institute of Technology is steeped in traditions and history.

Col. Nathaniel Rochester, a revolutionary war veteran and the city's namesake, became the President of the Rochester Athenaeum on June 12, 1829. The Athenaeum's membership included prominent members of the Rochester business community. The main goals of the Athenaeum were to foster education and create an educational society that could bring together men of different religions and political views. Throughout its early years, the Athenaeum absorbed or formed a partnership with many similar organizations. This allowed the Athenaeum to survive in times when similar organizations ran into problems with membership and shifting interests. The Athenaeum offered free intellectual lectures to its dues-paying members. For a five dollar annual fee members had the opportunity to hear lectures from some of America's best-known orators. These included Oliver Wendell Holmes, Horace Greeley, and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Due to the lack of skilled labor following the Civil War and the decline of apprenticeship, Henry Lomb and a group of Rochester businessmen founded the Mechanics Institute in September 1885. Henry Lomb modeled the Institute after educational institutions in Europe, but allowed it to develop and change to fit the needs of the American work force. The Mechanics Institute was designed to allow workers to be trained with skills in mechanical drawing, freehand drawing, and industrial design. Evening classes were offered for free to students to allow them to work during the day and study during the evening. Students were shuttled through a two year program and ended up receiving a certificate of completion.

While the Mechanics Institute was prospering, the Athenaeum was in a state of virtual non-existence. For a number of years the Athenaeum was falling away from Rochester's mainstream society. Funding started to fall off, the library was unable to be updated due to the lack of funds, and membership decreased further. In order to pay off debts, the Athenaeum had to sell off the entire library. These books are what formed to a large part of the Rochester Public Library. A combination of downfalls left the Athenaeum with its founding charter, a few thousand dollars, and a name. This is how the Athenaeum remained until the Mechanics Institute came along.

Many of those that were involved with the Athenaeum were also involved with the Mechanics Institute. These members saw an opportunity to reinstate the Athenaeum at the same time that it would give the Mechanics Institute a higher accreditation within the state due to the charter. On March 30, 1891 the board of directors adopted the name Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute (RAMI).

The Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute offered a comprehensive instruction in mechanical subjects. As industry and society changed and developed over the years, RAMI changed with it. As a result of this

development an annually increasing number of graduates entered the work force with a strong working knowledge of current technology.

At the turn of the century, there were 2,817 full and part time enrolled students. Oddly enough, more than fifty percent of those enrolled were women. This was because RAMI offered more than just a technology based curriculum. Captain Henry Lomb, the President of the Board of Directors, felt that it was important for an educational institution to offer courses that teach skills that can be used in everyday life. For example, RAMI offered courses such as "How to kindle a fire," "How to make a dress," and "How to concoct fancy desserts and plain dishes." Courses like these offered a diverse education for both men and women.

George Eastman, along with many other philanthropists and benefactors, is part of the reason why RIT is what it is today. As the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute was developing a strong financial backing for itself, George Eastman was there the entire way. For example, he donated five thousand dollars, with one condition: that nine other people would do the same. In 1900, George



photo: Shannon Taggart

Eastman made a donation of land on the corner of Plymouth Ave. and Broad St., worth over two hundred thousand dollars. At this point, the Institute was in dire need of space and this fit the bill. A little over a year later, the building was completed and aptly named the George Eastman building.

George Eastman was not the only person to give a large gift to RAMI around the turn of the century. Mrs. Susan Bevier, an art collector and strong supporter of art education, bequeathed her estate to the Institute at the time of her death. The sum of the gift totaled \$300,000. She specifically wanted the money to be used to foster interests in the arts, as well as to construct a building that would house a gallery, classrooms, workshops, and an auditorium. This generous gift was greatly appreciated, but it left a few questions unanswered.

At that point the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute's main goal was to teach students skills that could be applied in the "real world." As a result, the range of available courses was extremely diverse. This was a problem when related to the gift of Mrs. Bevier. At that point there were not any degrees offered, in the common sense of the word. As a result, the administration

was forced to organize the Institute into departments in order to create a sense of order in the academic programs and courses available. These departments were Industrial Arts, Mechanic Arts and Sciences, Manual Training, Domestic Science and Art, and the department of Fine Arts. It would turn out that this was only a sign of things to come.

Carleton B. Gibson, the Institute's first president, was appointed in 1910. He had bright plans for the future of the Institute. Unfortunately, due to World War One, he was unable to see these projects to fruition. President Herbert Hoover invited Pres. Gibson to help the war effort as an administrator of relief in Belgium. Shortly thereafter he resigned from the position.

The Mechanics Institute's second president, James F. Barker, was appointed in 1916 to fill the vacancy left by President Gibson. Sadly, President Barker treated the Institute more as a technical high school than an institute of higher learning. Many of the programs were left to stagnate while other programs virtually disappeared in order to train military cadets. After serving a total of three years, President Barker resigned his position to accept a new one with the Rochester city school district. The vacancy was then filled by Royal B. Farnum, the Institute's superintendent of the Department of Applied and Fine Arts. After two uneventful years of declining quality, he too resigned the position of President.

The seemingly constant change in the top administrative position is one of the reasons why the Institute began a slow downward spiral in quality and enrollment. The administration was not offered the opportunity to adjust to the needs of the Institute, the students, and the Rochester community. Slowly but surely the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute was barely meeting the goals that it was created for. While numerous other educational institutions were adapting to the needs of the aforementioned groups, the Institute stood still with virtually no self-improvements.

The fourth President in twelve years, John A. Randall, was faced with a major problem to deal with: improve the Institute or face the possibility of closing it down. In the next few years a committee was commissioned to do a study of the Institute and determine what options were available, and which would be the best course of action. As a direct result of the study, the Institute had a specific purpose outline for the first time in at least twenty years. In short, it foresaw a bright future for RAMI, but not without some prices to pay. President Randall served many productive years where he oversaw the direction of the Institute until his retirement in 1936.

Dr. Mark Ellingson, a RAMI veteran of ten years, was appointed President in 1936, in the position that he would hold until 1968. During the thirty-two years of his Presidency, Dr. Ellingson created much of the foundation that RIT stands on today. At the time of his inauguration the endowment fund stood at \$1.5 million, and when he retired it was a total of \$20.8 million. The significant increase is mainly due to Dr. Ellingson's ideas and inner strength. Dr. Ellingson invented a system called the training contract, which allowed companies to donate corporate funds to educational institutions without any problems from the IRS. In 1937, Dr. Ellingson, along with the New York State Publishers' Association, moved the Empire School of Printing to the campus and integrated it into the curriculum.

In 1943 Dr. Ellingson presented a postwar planning report to the Board of Directors. This plan of action outlined an increase in the fields of photography, printing, and electronics. It also included plans for a gymnasium, additional housing, and a renovations plan for the older buildings on campus. This preparation for the end of the war allowed the Institute to be two steps ahead of most of the technical institutions available.

By this time, after evaluating the curriculum available for students, courses were trimmed and new ones created in order to stay focused with the changes of technology. In 1945, the administration did not feel that the name Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute properly represented everything that the

Institute had to offer. As a result, the name Rochester Institute of Technology was suggested and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

In 1954, RIT petitioned the New York State Board of Regents to be granted permission to offer the Bachelor of Science degree, as well as, the degree of Associates of Arts. As a result of the new degrees available to students the enrollment increased by thirty eight percent in the first year alone. There was, however, concern over the new degrees available. Many Rochester businesses had gotten used to having trained, skilled graduates from the Mechanics Institute and RIT. They were afraid that the new degrees would change the type of graduate available for hire. In the past, there were large numbers of skilled workers that enter the work force.

After maintaining residence for over sixty years, RIT was notified in 1960 that it would have to relocate by 1970. New York State was planning on connecting the inner loop to the thruway and the proposed location was going directly through the downtown campus. At that point, there were two options available for the Institute: Attempt to procure land surrounding what would remain of the downtown campus or purchase land in an outlying part of Rochester. Unfortunately, the land that was available at that time was too sparse and extremely expensive.

Many of the problems that loomed in the near future could all be solved by having a stronger endowment fund. This particular problem was partially solved by Mrs. Grace Watson, a former student of the Mechanics Institute that had little or no contact with RIT after she left. At the time of her death, Mrs. Watson bequeathed the remainder of her estate to RIT. The gift totaled \$3.27 million dollars. The Board of Trustees, formerly the Board of Directors, decided that the money could be best used to fund the construction of a new campus.

After a few possible locations fell through, there remained two viable options for the location of the new campus. The primary choice was in 1,300 acres of farmland in Henrietta, while the secondary choice was to purchase new building to replace those that were being destroyed by the inner loop. August 16, 1961 was the date chosen to publicly release the plans that RIT would have to sort through before any commitments were made. Overall, faculty, staff, and students were highly supportive of the move to Henrietta. The sentiment was not shared by all though. At a town hearing called to discuss the issue, some residents of Henrietta voiced their opinions. The feeling that emanated from their discussion was that they didn't want to have to deal with "a lot of damned students." This, however, was not the consensus from the town officials, they supported the move one-hundred percent.

The proposed campus was to have dormitories that would accommodate 4,000 students, parking for their cars, a closed-circuit television station, and enough classroom and auditorium space for upwards of 50,000 students! A mock-up of the new campus was constructed and displayed at the downtown campus for all to see. A large fundraising campaign was implemented to try and gather the \$18.8 million dollars necessary to construct the Henrietta campus. The campaign was completed in 1965, no small feat in those days.

Over the next three years the campus was erected, but not without its collection of pitfalls. A large portion of the land chosen for the new campus happened to be located in a flood plain. Due to this problem, the buildings needed to be constructed on areas of higher elevation. Unfortunately, the two main areas of higher elevation happened to be spread apart from each other. The quarter-mile, the path connecting the two distinct sides of campus, was aptly named after the distance that one must travel to get to the academic side from the residential side. The multiple architects hired by RIT had a difficult time coming to agreements for the layout and design of the new campus. This slightly delayed construction of the Henrietta campus.

While the new campus was being built students, faculty, and staff still had to deal with the old campus. This proved to be a time of strong student involvement, prosperous enrollment, and a fostering of school spir

it. A group of Photography students released a device comprised of helium balloons, a camera, and a parachute. As students followed its flight through downtown Rochester they also jammed up traffic around them. In the spring of 1963 a short-lived tradition of one particular sophomoric prank began. A group of men living in the all male Kate Gleason Hall saw it fit to attempt to enter the all female Nathaniel Rochester Hall and partake in a panty raid. The reason that it was short lived is that members of administration blocked the doors and prevented the Gleasoners from entering NRH. That same year, Alpha Phi Omega purchased a tiger cub named Spirit to act as the school mascot. He visited sporting events and traveled around campus until he was too old to be in the public. He was then retired to Seneca Park Zoo, where he lived until his death. Currently, Spirit resides in the RIT archives in a distinguished cardboard box. Students also formed the Student Court, a student run judicial board that was given the right judge fellow students and if necessary, expel them, but only with Presidential approval.

On June 8, 1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a law, which later became known as the National Institute for the Deaf Act. This law was drafted to create an educational institution to teach deaf students technical skills that could be used in the work force. This was to answer to a high level of unemployment and underemployment among deaf Americans. Mrs. Hettie Shumway, while in Washington D.C. overheard a discussion about the new law. On her return she informed RIT about the plans that the government has in mind. Dr. Ellingson then sent Prof. Harold Kentner to Chicago to attend an informational meeting and report the chances of RIT being appointed as the university to host such an institute.

After completing the formal application, RIT was entered into a pool along with twenty-six other institutes of higher learning. After researching all the possible choices RIT was determined to be the most logical choice. Some of the reason why RIT was more appealing than the others was RIT's previous involvement with the Rochester School for the Deaf, the fact that RIT just moved, which meant that NTID wouldn't get stuck in an old, refurbished building, and the strong ties that had been developed with the Rochester business community.

During the sixties, enrollment skyrocketed when the baby boomers reached college age. To meet changing needs in the work force and maintain a high standard of courses, the curriculum was streamlined and refurbished again. At this time much effort was put into the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering programs due to an expected visit from the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. These improvements led to the change of name from College of Applied Science to College of Engineering.

As RIT was moving into its new Henrietta campus, its President of thirty-three years was moving out. After an illustrious forty-three year career with both RAMI and RIT President Mark Ellingson felt that it was time to step down. Mark Ellingson one of many influential people who served RIT during its development. RIT would not be what it is today if it were not for his dedication, personal strengths, and desire to help the students.

Paul Miller, RIT's sixth President, came into office at a time of major transition. The Institute had just transferred over to the Henrietta campus and was just beginning to "stretch out its paws." There were many problems that developed that were not expected to occur. Due to the cost of the construction and the loan that RIT took out with the NYS Dormitory Authority, RIT was facing its first budgetary deficit in over thirty years. To add to that problem, the enrollment was not meeting expectation, which means that there was a lack of expected funding. President Miller reintroduced a plan utilized by his predecessor: "Don't spend the money if you don't have it." In short, the budget was reevaluated to see where money could be cut from the current budget [at the time] in an effort to balance the budget. This plan, coupled with constant additional

support from outside industries allowed for the deficit to be dissolved within three years time.

When RIT was located in downtown Rochester, the building had an old fashioned style that made you feel at home. As soon as students transferred over to the Henrietta campus they felt that they had been put into prison. The dormitories at in Henrietta were solid brick, steel, and glass buildings that best represented detail-less cubes. The dorms had a quality that lent themselves towards sitting your room instead of venturing out and enjoying the company of friends. Not to mention the fact that the dorms have problems with electricity and plumbing. Trying to send a message, the students living in the dorms turned to vandalism and destruction of Institute property. To try and understand the problems that the students were conveying President and Mrs. Miller spent many nights in the dorms. They were able to experience the anger, frustration, and sense of abandonment that the students were expressing. He determined that part of the problem is that workers were afraid of the angry students and did not want to enter the dorms because of it.

Dr. M. Richard Rose took office in 1979, replacing Paul Miller as President of RIT after he retired. While serving as President he helped to organize a major fundraising campaign to build new buildings on campus. Among these include the Carlson Center for Imaging Science, the Student Life Center, the Bausch & Lomb building, the Microelectronic Engineering building, the Interfaith Center, the Bookstore addition, the addition to the Wallace Memorial Library. Despite the fact that he was no longer serving as President when they were constructed, Dr. Rose was instrumental in developing the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) and the addition to the Science building. President Rose was known for touring the campus and talking with students and faculty about relevant issues. One very popular move (with the students, at least) the Pres. Rose made was during the summer session on year he called a snowday. Yes, an snowday in July. He justified it by saying that it was too nice a day to be stuck inside non-airconditioned classrooms.

In 1991, allegations about President Rose's involvement with the CIA were brought to light. The basic problem that students, faculty, and staff had at the time was that they were doing secret without notifying the Institute or anyone involved with it. As a result of public outcry and student pressure, President Rose retired in 1992.

Dr. Albert J. Simone, former President of the University of Hawaii, was named as Dr. Rose's replacement. Since arriving on campus a few years ago President Simone has worked on accomplishing many goals. Among these is a more student-oriented educational experience. He has also worked on strengthening the financial foundation that RIT runs all of its programs from.

This is not all of the history of RIT. This has been a revised, shortened version so that you can actually sit down over a cup of coffee and brush up on how RIT got to where it is today. If you are interested in finding out any more information, make a trip to the RIT Archives and Special Collections, located on the third floor of the Wallace Memorial Library. You may also look for a book entitled Rochester Institute of Technology: Industrial Development and Educational Innovation in an American City Written by Dane R. Gordon. That is the text was used to research this article.

By Alex Lewis

RIT Facts and Stuff

Student Faculty Ratio 13:1

95% of classes have less than 40 students

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There are over 2,600 student co-ops per year.

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More than 4,500 co-ops and permanent jobs are listed on campus.

Over 400 employers visit campus per year.

More than 6,000 RIT students are interviewed by these employers.

The current campus was opened in 1968. Next year (1998) marks its 30th birthday.

There are more than 190 darkrooms available for developing film.

There is an animal care facility to which RIT students have access.

There are 15 computer centers and labs on campus.

In the fall, there are three women's athletic teams (Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball) and only two men's (Cross Country and Soccer).

In the winter, there are an equal number of men's and women's sports offered (not counting Wrestling, which is not specified as either in the RIT prospectus). The teams are: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Ice Hockey, Women's Ice Hockey, Men's Swimming and Diving, Women's Swimming and Diving, Men's Indoor Track, Women's Indoor Track, and Wrestling.

In the spring, half of the sports are not divided into gender classifications in the RIT prospectus. The teams are Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Men's Tennis, Men's Track and Field, and Women's Track and Field.

RIT has ten club sports, including Bowling.

Inner tube water polo is an RIT intramural sport.

For the past decade, RIT has been recognized for academic excellence.

According to your Residence Life Housing Contract, you are allowed to have fish as pets, but no piranha.

RIT is one of the largest brick structures in the world.

Over the past four years, Ellingson Hall has had the most fire alarms. (The theory is that people just like to see all the strobed rooms go off.)

If the SAU did not stick out into the view, you could look from the sundial (on the residence side) to the Infinity Loop (on the academic side) with no problem.

One of the most common sets of directions given to new students by older ones is "It's in the big brick building on the right, you can't miss it."

RIT is one of only a few campuses in the world where the Greeks live on campus. This is due to zoning laws in Henrietta that prevented the Greek organizations from getting property off campus when the campus was originally built.

One of the most common annoyances in the Early Fall and the Spring are Stink Bugs. What you want to do is catch them in a cup and let them go outside. What you don't want to do is crush them. (They don't call them Stink Bugs for nothing!)

Contrary to popular belief, the campus is not lined up directly North-South.

There is at least one bicycle that has been on campus, chained to bike rack, for at least five years.

by Chris Conroy

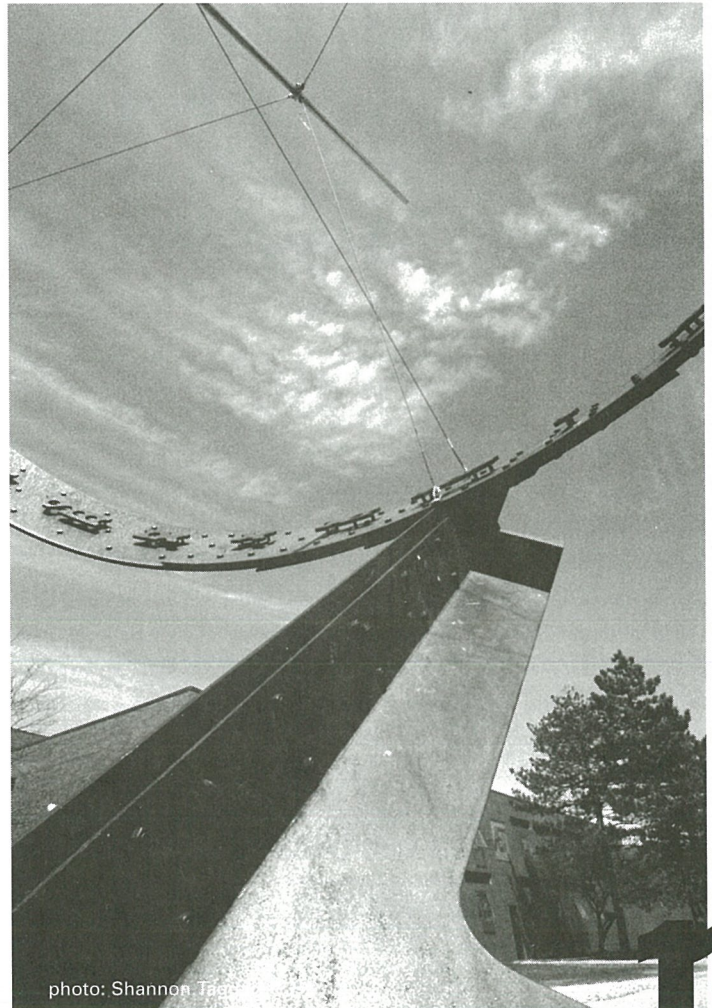


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The Greek Community at RIT comprises approximately 700 students and over 400,000 nationally. The Greeks at RIT have several governing bodies which they are members of.

Greek Council is the governing body of all Greeks on campus. They allow for the Greek community to come together as one organization to allow full representation of Greeks. They also plan many fun and educational activities, such as a series of educational programming in the Greek Life Series where a speaker is brought in to educate the community. Greek Week is a great activity to involve the entire campus and increase student spirit. The current president of Greek Council is Melanie Yanek.

The Intra-Fraternity Council (IFC) has been on R.I.T campus for 6 years, and was founded in 1991. Their main purpose is to organize the Fraternity community and promote cooperation and good relations between houses. They actively participate in their philanthropy, Pine Car Derby, and various other projects around the R.I.T. community. Their annual events include Fall Fest, and quarterly sporting events for all fraternities. The present president is Kappa Delta Rho brother Mark Diodato.

National Panhellenic Council (NPC) is an organization established to foster

recognize those Greeks who exceed in academics. Their major philanthropic events are the Adopt-A-School program, and members volunteer at School 37 once a week. Current president is Matt Medden.

GAMMA is a Greek organization which stands for Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol. There are 750 collegiate chapters across the US, and it was just formed on this campus in January of 1997 with help of current president Kelley Harsch. The main purpose of GAMMA is to increase education on alcohol awareness, promote safe drinking, and provide alternative events to drinking. Their annual events include participation in Safe Spring Break week, National Alcohol Awareness week, Greek Week Mocktail Bar, and Celebration of Community.

Greek Organizations

Alpha Epsilon Pi is a national social fraternity founded at the Washington Square Campus of NYU in 1913. The Rho Iota chapter has been on R.I.T. campus for 31 years, and are presently involved with the Adopt-A-Highway clean up of Lehigh Station Road. They believe that group living and cooperation can enrich your undergraduate life and assist you in the development of your personality to the fullest extent. Their present chapter president is Matthew Hylkema and he can be



intrafraternity relationships, to assist collegiate chapters of the NPC member groups, and to cooperate with colleges and universities in maintaining the highest scholastic and social standards. There are six campus NPC members on campus: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Theta, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Tau Alpha. Some philanthropies that they participate in are the MS Walk, AIDS Dance-A-Thon which benefits AIDS Rochester, and volunteering at the Dimitri House. Current president is Stephanie Roycewicz.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an organization that was established in May, 1930 at Howard University and is currently composed of eight National Greek letter organizations. Members of the RIT Greek Organizations include: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Lambda Alpha Upsilon and Lambda Phi Delta. NPHC was chartered on the RIT campus on December 18, 1993 and promotes interaction through exchange of information. Its stated purpose is "Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek-letter collegiate fraternities and sororities and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations."

Order of Omega was founded in the fall of 1959 at the University of Miami. The Epsilon Xi chapter was chartered 13 years ago on R.I.T. campus. The main purpose is to focus on the academic side of Greek life and

reached at 475-3690.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by black women. They were founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington D.C., and the Omicron Beta chapter of R.I.T. was founded on May 31, 1986. They are constantly serving the community and the college campus with programs such as Voter's Registration Drive, Operation Soap, Dental Hygiene Workshops, Rap-Around, Water Day, and many more. The purpose of Alpha Kappa Alpha is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic learning, to help alleviate the problems concerning black women, and to be of service to all mankind.

Alpha Sigma Alpha is a national sorority. Founded in Farmville, Virginia, November 1901, the primary purpose is to foster close friendships. They have four main aims are physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social development, all of which are important to living a well-balanced and fulfilling life. The Gamma Iota chapter of R.I.T. has been on campus for 33 years, and is involved with the American Cancer Society. Three weekend-long events that take place annually are their Winter Weekend, Spring Fling, and Date Auction for Special Olympics. Their president is

Anna Angle, and you can reach the house at 475-3590.

Alpha Sigma Theta is a local sorority founded on April 17, 1984. The qualifications they look for are leadership skills, good academic stand

ing, and involvement in activities. Their goal is to provide the opportunity for incoming women to meet others and establish lasting friendships. They have done much for the community and have had many social events that have become tradition.

Alpha Xi Delta national sorority was established April 17, 1893 at Lombard College. Their main purpose is to promote the betterment and well being in young women's lives in both education and social events. They have annual philanthropies that consist of an MS Walk, Alternatives for Battered Women Volunteers, Gingerbread House Making at the Eastman House, and an AIDS Dance-A-Thon. The R.I.T. Delta Lambda chapter was founded October 5, 1963 and currently have 40 active sisters, one chapter advisor, and one faculty advisor.

Alpha Phi Alpha is the largest black fraternity, as well as being the oldest black Greek letter organization - founded December 4, 1906. The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha pride themselves in carrying out the aims of the fraternity: "Manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind." Together with the brothers from University of Rochester, the Mu Sigma chapter at R.I.T. has a tradition of community involvement and service to the greater Rochester Area. They visit high schools and assist students on their decision to attend college, they provide guidance to children at a nearby correctional facility, and they help to feed the homeless. The Brothers uphold their motto, "First of all, service to all, we shall transcend all."

Rochester women. The chapter, founded in April 1984, upholds a Five Point model for programming, which includes "Women of Color and Power," high school outreach programs, and active involvement with the Science and Technology Enrichment Program (STEP). For the past three years, they have held an annual Sisterhood Week which focuses on the bonding of women and men through the accomplishments and concerns of the black community.

Kappa Alpha Psi is a national fraternity unique in the fact that they are members of both the National Intrafraternity Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. First founded as Kappa Alpha Nu, this was the first undergraduate college fraternity to be incorporated by African-Americans as a national body. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded January 5, 1911 and the Xi Epsilon chapter of R.I.T. was founded December 7, 1991. Through their volunteer programs, they hope to set an example for others to follow, who may not be aware of the need for volunteer work in our community.

Kappa Delta Rho is a national social fraternity and is proud to be the fastest growing fraternity in the country. Founded at Middlebury College on May 17, 1905, Kappa Delta Rho brothers are dedicated to working together and supporting one another in the interest of achieving each individual's highest potential in academic, social, and philanthropic pursuits. They strive to exemplify their motto: Honor Super Omnia - honor above all. R.I.T. chapter, Iota Beta, was founded May 10, 1990.

Kappa Phi Theta is a local deaf fraternity comprised of both deaf and hearing



Delta Phi Epsilon is an international sorority founded on the principles of developing interpersonal bonds of friendship that will continue beyond one's college experiences. They were founded March 17, 1917 at NYU Law School, and were officially chartered on R.I.T. campus May 13, 1994. They are involved with their philanthropies of Cystic Fibrosis, and Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders. Delta Phi Epsilon was formed "for the purpose of promoting good fellowship among sorority women to help in acquiring knowledge, appreciation, discriminating judgment and a true feeling of sisterly love through the interaction of sympathetic and friendly natures." The chapter president is presently Karen Faeth.

Delta Sigma Phi is comprised of hearing-impaired students sharing common goals, values, and pursuits. Their goal is to achieve a fulfilling college life and integrate the Greek community. The Eta Eta chapter was started May 1986 at R.I.T. and has grown rapidly to become a real brotherhood, enabling them to accomplish their goals. Delta Sigma Phi helps each of its members gain the most possible from their college education and is the prime reason for the existence of the fraternity.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service organization comprised of over 200,000 women devoted to sisterhood and service. The R.I.T. chapter, Pi Beta, includes SUNY Brockport, R.I.T., and University of

brothers, founded in May 1986. Their main purpose is to advocate the deaf community in general through community service and leadership. The fraternity, with present president Sean Gerlis, is involved with many philanthropic activities: MS Walk, Trike-A-Thon, Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up, Youth Leadership Camp, and assisting Rochester School for the Deaf host activities such as sports tournaments and fairs. The chapter has been at R.I.T. for eleven years, chartered in April 1987.

Lambda Alpha Upsilon is honored to be the first Latino-oriented fraternity serving to enhance the diversity of R.I.T.'s Greek system. Founded at SUNY Buffalo, December 1985, the brothers embarked on their mission to play an integral role in the lifting up of the Latino community on a social level. Lambda Alpha Upsilon has been on the R.I.T. community since April 17, 1993 and conducts many philanthropic events throughout the year, including a March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon, participation in Latino Awareness Week, a Big Brother-Little Brother program with area high schools, and continual development of a Scholarship Fund for Latino college students attending R.I.T.

The Gamma chapter of Lambda Phi Delta, New York State Sorority, is the first Latino-oriented sorority recognized at R.I.T. Chartered May 1995, the sisters would like to provide a foundation where Latino-ori

ented women can be recognized and represented. They offer diversity and variety in opportunities to enhance leadership, organizational skills, participation in community and philanthropic events, the freedom to express oneself in bi-lingual terms, and serve as a support group both academically and socially.

Phi Beta Sigma's motto of "Culture for Service and Services for Humanity" expresses the principles of brotherhood, scholarship, and service that the founders felt needed embracing. The national fraternity was founded at Howard University on January 9, 1914, and the Iota Phi chapter has been at R.I.T. for 19 years. The fraternity sponsors Bigger and Better Business for the purpose of encouraging the idea of thrift among minority groups and of stimulating the establishment of small business enterprises.

Phi Delta Theta is the fourth largest fraternity in the world. The R.I.T. chapter of this prestigious national fraternity has its chapter located in the NRH/Fish quadrangle. Founded December 26, 1848 at Miami University, Oxford, OH, Phi Delta Theta was built on the principles of friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. This dynamic and growing young chapter, chartered on R.I.T. May 15, 1984, sponsors a variety of programs which encourage the growth of brothers as students, citizens, and leaders. Strong athletic, philanthropic, and social activities enhance the college experience at Phi Delta Theta.

Phi Kappa Psi prides themselves on being a gentlemen's fraternity that strives to be a morally strong organization established for the good of the community, university, and men of all backgrounds and interests. The theta chapter has been at R.I.T. for 5 years, with the organization being founded in 1852 at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, PA. The main founding precept in the founding of Phi Kappa Psi was the joy of helping others. This can be seen by all of the philanthropic activities they are involved in: Soup Kitchen, Food link, Red Cross Blood Drive, Ronald McDonald House, Love Day, St. Ann's Elderly Homes, Adopt-A-School, MS Walk, Habitat for Humanity, and the Sojourner House. The present chapter contact is Mark Biscone, the public relations chairman.

Phi Kappa Tau is a national social fraternity. Founded in 1906 at the Miami University of Ohio, their brotherhood firmly believes that a fraternity is an invaluable asset to your mental, physical, spiritual, and social development. The gamma nu chapter of Phi Kappa Tau has been at R.I.T. for 35 years, and stresses the total man concept, which directly relates to getting a well-rounded education at an institution of higher learning, such as R.I.T. Current president Matthew Otrowski leads the chapter with their philanthropic event of the Hole in the Wall Gang. They look for interested young men with a desire to better themselves and their future.

Phi Sigma Kappa is a national social fraternity founded March 15, 1873 at the

University of Massachusetts. There are three cardinal rules in which the fraternity is based: To promote brotherhood, to stimulate scholarship, and to develop character among its members. These goals help to create an environment based on a variety of academic, social, and athletic activities. The upsilon tetarton chapter has been at R.I.T. for 37 years, chartered June 20, 1960. They are active in Greek Council and many areas of the R.I.T. community, participating in United Cerebral Palsy and Special Olympics, and the Santa Project. Current president is Eric Knight and can be reached at 475-3815.

Sigma Alpha Mu is a national social fraternity that has over 70 chapters across the country. Founded in 1909 at the City College of New York, they are R.I.T.'s newest edition, having the Delta Omega chapter chartered November 2, 1996. In accordance with their alma matter, they pride themselves in achieving the "highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity." Sigma Alpha Mu encourages its members to be active in campus life, achieve high academic standards, and make a positive contribution to the community, participating in their national philanthropy of Pediatric Aids, and locally with their annual pole sit to benefit Make a Wish Foundation. The current president of Sigma Alpha Mu delta omega chapter is Andrew Feigenson.

Sigma Nu is comprised of hearing impaired students showing their pride of brotherhood. They were founded at Virginia Military Institute, January 1, 1869, on an anti-hazing principle which still holds true today. The greatest strength of the Mu Zeta chapter is their diversity and their unity. Their main purpose is to believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, to serve in the light of truth. This is the life, the way, and the light of Sigma Nu. Their current president is Vince Sabino, and contact person is Mike Levitt.

Sigma Pi is an international social fraternity founded February 26, 1897. Their organization provides a diversified social life for its members, an active sports program, and involvement in numerous extracurricular activities. The beta phi chapter has been at R.I.T. for 36 years, chartered on May 14, 1960. Most importantly, Sigma Pi is a brotherhood: each member gains a lifelong bond of friendship upon initiation.

Sigma Sigma Sigma is a national sorority consisting of over 120 chapters across the country. Epsilon Psi chapter, chartered January 12, 1991, welcomes both deaf and hearing women to join the positive and unique experience of sisterhood. In joining Sigma Sigma Sigma, you become a part of a national organization which can offer you more opportunities for friendship, leadership, and personal/professional development. They believe loving, sharing, and giving are the rewards of working with others.

Tau Epsilon Phi was founded at Columbia University on January 10, 1910 (1-10-10).



Academic and Service Organizations

Alpha Chi Sigma was chartered on R.I.T. campus October 8, 1966. Their main purpose is to help others with their goals to the sciences and in the betterment of self, college and community. To produce friendships, and advance the sciences of chemistry through professional activities. They have a number of philanthropic activities in which they participate in, including MS Walk, St. Ann's Elderly Home, Boy Scout Merit Badge Day, Girls Scout Merit Badge Day, Soup Kitchen, Adopt-A-School, Friends of Strong, Science in Action Night, and National Chemistry Week. For more information, contact Mark Biscone at MJB3912 or Jason Guernon in his mailfolder in the College of Science.

Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity was founded nationally in 1925 by men who wanted an organization that would guide and inspire college-age men to good works, much like the Boy Scouts guides and inspires boys. The fraternity has since grown to 680 chapters all over North America. The chapter here at R.I.T. began as the R.I.T. Service Organization in 1962. The following year, the R.I.T. group became a chapter in its own right. They do community service in four areas, and have a lot of fun doing it. The areas include service to campus, service to the community, service to the fraternity, and service to the nation as participating citizens. The organization meets Wednesday nights at 9pm on the first floor of Kate Gleason Hall. For a current schedule, you can contact them at 2789 or APO@RIT.EDU. Current chapter president is Mark Insalaco.

Beta Gamma Sigma is a National Business Honorary Society. They were founded as a national organization in 1913, and established at R.I.T. in 1988. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest national recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or masters program in business management. A student must rank in the upper 5 percents of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class, and upper 30 percent of the masters class. While almost 300,000 students receive bachelors or masters degrees in business each year, only about 15,000 students are elected to membership in Beta Gamma Sigma. For more information, contact Alexandria Bordynski, or contact Marty Burris or Debbie Kingsbury in the College of Business.

Gamma Epsilon Tau originated in 1953 at the annual conference on Printing Education held in New York City. The Zeta chapter here at R.I.T. received its charter on October 26, 1955 when thirty students were sworn into brotherhood and sisterhood. Their purpose is to allow students of printing and publishing to meet and interact in both a professional and social atmosphere. They are a co-ed fraternity that promotes the betterment of the graphic arts. They participate in activities such as Love Day and Adopt-A-Highway program, in which they cleaned 2.2 miles of Scotsville Road. They meet Thursday evenings at 8:30 in the Neblette conference room in the school of printing. Current president is Shawn Rankins.

Their main purpose is "to live in the light of friendship, to walk in the path of chivalry, to serve for the love of service, to practice each day with friendship, chivalry, and service, thus keeping true to these, the three ideals of the founders of our fraternity." The epsilon nu chapter, chartered January 18, 1959 has four major philanthropic events : Love Day, ARC of Monroe county, Teeter-Totter with Alphas Sigma Alpha, and Soup Kitchen. The present president is Gerard McAvey, and you can reach the brothers at 475-3990.

Tau Kappa Epsilon is a national social fraternity, chartered on R.I.T. February 1973. In addition to competing strongly in all Greek League sports, the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are active in numerous campus activities and organizations. They share friendship and knowledge, as well as a dynamic social atmosphere. They were founded at Illinois Wesleyan University January 10, 1899, and are now one of the largest Greek organizations. To find out more, they can be reached at 475-4191.

Triangle fraternity is an organization that combines the ideals of social and professional fraternities to create an atmosphere that is conducive to outstanding achievement during your college years. They were founded April 15, 1907 and were chartered on R.I.T. campus February 4, 1967. Their desire for success in the highly competitive fields of science and engineering is supplemented by a full circle of academics, social, and service activities. Combines with a respected sports program, our activities provide a healthy, well-balanced college experience.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1920 on the Howard University campus in Washington DC by five women who encouraged the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs, promotion of service projects on college campuses and in the community, fostering sisterhood, and exemplifying the ideal of finer Womanhood. Since the inception, the sorority has expanded to encompass more than 500 graduate and undergraduate chapters throughout the United States. Chi Lambda chapter, chartered February 13, 1983, is constantly serving the community with programs such as Voter Registration drives, Baden Street Settlement Food and Clothing drive, Self Esteem workshops, Doves Day, and many more.

Zeta Tau Alpha is a national women's fraternity founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia on October 15, 1898. The iota psi chapter has been on R.I.T. campus for 8 years, with its chartering on November 4, 1989. The main purpose of the fraternity is to intensify friendship, foster a spirit of love, create such sentiments, perform such deeds, and mold such opinions as will conduce to the building up of a purer and nobler womanhood in the world. Their main philanthropies are the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Reasearch Foundation, and the ARC of Monroe County. The current president is Heather Marino, and can be contacted at HRM8701.



Student Government

Student Government assumes the leadership role as the voice of the RIT student body in Institute governance. We are committed to enriching education; protecting student rights; raising the level of student, faculty, staff, and administration interaction; and protecting academic freedom. The Student Government started in 1991. Previously there was the RIT Student Directorate. The meetings are on Tuesday 12:30pm to 2:00pm, room 1829 in the SAU.

The following clubs are all recognized by Student Government and often receive funding through SG.

ANIME Club

The RIT ANIME Club promotes the awareness of animation as an art form, with a specialization in Japanese animation. Animation is a medium, not a genre.

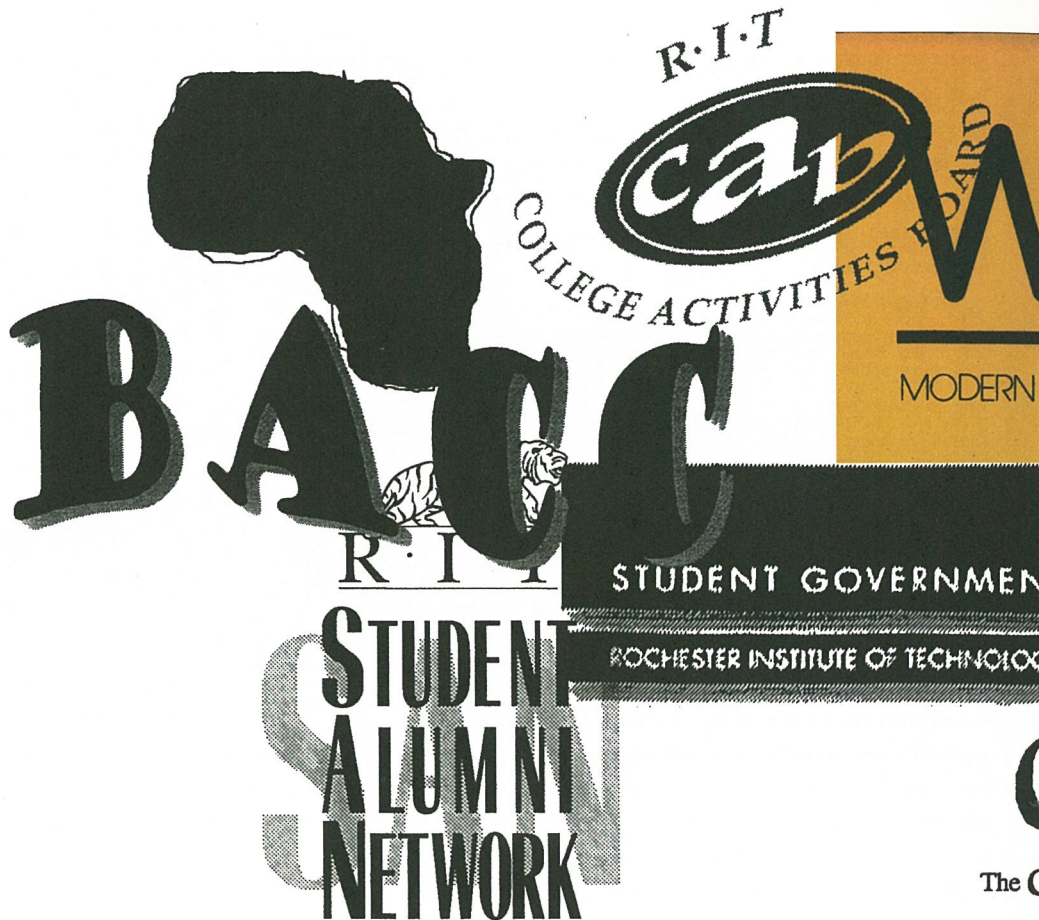
The club's illustrious four-year history began when a circle of friends, united in their love for Japanese animation, approached the student body with their proposal for world peace through shared popular culture.

The Anime Club meets every Thursday evening from 8pm to 10pm in room A-205 in the Liberal Arts building.

Alternative Student Fellowship (ASF)

ASF provides a safe social environment for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered persons, and friends of the gay community. It's focus is on Gay culture at RIT and its position in general in the Gay community of Rochester.

The Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Association (BI-GALA) was started back in the mid 80s. In 1993, the group changed it's name to ASF to accommodate its ever changing members and diverse RIT population. The ASF meets every Saturday night at 8pm and all meetings have Sign Language interpreters. For more information, contact RITASF@rit.edu or call 424.7709.



A.S.C.E. (American Society of Civil Engineers)

The purpose of ASCE is to promote the knowledge of civil engineering practices through guest speakers, community service, and other activities. It was started April 1975, founded by Prof. R. McGrath. It was developed to establish professional affiliation with the Rochester chapter. They meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm, room 09-3149.

Financial Management Association (FMA)

The FMA tries to bring together students interested in learning about investment and strategy. We are one of the few Finance Clubs to manage an accrual portfolio (about \$22,000). The organization has developed over the past 10 to 12 years. It was started in conjunction with the national organization. They meet every Tuesday from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in bldg. 12, rm. 1125.

Formula SAE

The purpose of the Formula SAE club is to design and build small Formula 1 or Indy Car style race cars. The vehicle competes in an annual competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers. We were developed out of the old mini-baja team and was started by Lynn Bishop in 1991. We meet every Tuesday night and Saturday mornings.

Friends of Veterans

The Friends of Veterans are dedicated to providing Veterans of Military Services and those persons interested on helping Veterans, with an environment conducive to study, service, and satisfaction, both at RIT and in the community at large.

After WWII, it initially began as a club called Veterans Group. In 93-94 a political struggle with a membership issue spawned the non-discriminative title of Friends of Veterans, where everyone on campus is welcome as a member.

They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Veteran's Learning Center in the basement of the SAU, room A-510, 5:30pm.

German Club

To promote awareness of German culture, history, and travel. To provide opportunities for practicing and improving German language skills. To provide a way for enthusiasts of German language and culture to socialize.

The German Club was first started in the spring of 1994, when Ladan Madresehee and Gretchen Fredericks (who have since graduated) collected signatures from interested students in German classes and became the first co-presidents.

The meeting times vary from quarter to quarter. Spring quarter, the club meets weekly, Fridays from 12 to 1. (For the exact schedule and locations see our Web page, www.rit.edu/~spasswww.) We also hold a weekly "Stammtisch" in the cafeteria for German conversation practice. To find us look for the German-flag placard on the table. This quarter, Stammtisch is Wednesdays at noon.

Hispanic Deaf Club (HDC)

The club is open for all Hispanic and non-Hispanic deaf/hearing students to learn about the cultures, the politics, the traditions, and participate in Hispanic and non-Hispanic brotherhood and sisterhood. The HDC was developed by a few NTID Hispanic students. It started last year, September 2, 1997.



more clubs that you can belong to.

Industrial Design Society of America (IDSA)

The RIT chapter of IDSA is a division of the National Chapter that has been developing and growing since the emergence of Industrial Design. Our purpose is to link students with the professional world and to create a strong networking opportunity. We provide students with a variety of information about industrial design that may not be provided in the curriculum, including job information, current events in industry, and exposure to the industrial design world through speakers and seminars.

We meet several times a quarter to discuss events and update information.

ITSO (Information Technology Student Organization)

ITSO provides a fun atmosphere where all students interested in Information Technology (IT) can meet, discuss, and improve their knowledge of IT related issues, such as the Internet, Multimedia, Networking, and programming. In the spring of 1993, Tom Freeland, an IT student, wanted an organization where students could get together and talk about IT. ITSO was born and today there are many students from various majors who participate. Their meeting times are Tuesdays at 1pm and Thursdays at 6pm, alternating weeks.

Latin American Student Association (L.A.S.A.)

The L.A.S.A. provides programs to stimulate the interest of students of all backgrounds. They also try to make a system of support and guidance for Latino students. As a student organization, their sole purpose is to educate and increase cultural awareness among all the students on campus.

The L.A.S.A. was founded in 1985 on the RIT campus. Latino students wanted to get together and share their struggles and accomplishments in college. L.A.S.A. meetings are every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Alumni Room of the Student Union.

Mini Baja Club

Their purpose is to design, fabricate, and compete in an all terrain vehicle. Races are held all around North America. The club was formed by three people who decided that they wanted the winning tradition of the RIT Mini Baja club back. They decided to start the club over again. Regular meetings every Saturday at 9:30am. Call 475-5102 for other meetings during the week.

Off Campus and Apartment Student Association (OCASA)

OCASA is a governmental and service organization aimed at meeting and assessing the needs of the off-campus students population. Any student who lives in the RIT apartments or is a commuter is automatically represented as a member of OCASA.

The organization was founded over the past two decades after RIT saw a need for greater recognition of the commuting students and the students living in the apartments. OCASA meets this quarter on Mondays at 4:00pm in M-2 in the mezzanine of the SAU.

PIERS - Peers Informing and Educating RIT Students

Their purpose is to educate their peers about health issues and various topics including sexuality, alcohol awareness, self-esteem, and bisexual-gay-lesbian issues. They organize events such as Safe Holidays, AIDS Week, and the recent Take Back the Night.

Mani Eghbali, the Health Educator from Student Health, started the program in August of 1993 as an outreach to the RIT community. She believes that college students will often listen to the advice of their peers on health issues before consulting a health care professional. There are staff meetings every Monday night from 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

RIT Model Railroad Club

The purpose of this organization is to promote the hobby of model railroading and to preserve the history of the Rochester area's railroads. The Model Railroad Club was founded in April of 1996 by Tom Rohatsch and Otto Vondrak. They saw that other schools had long traditions of model railroad clubs, and they felt that RIT needed a similar organization. Meeting times vary from quarter to quarter and with the members' schedules. For more information call 475-2227 or send e-mail to ritmrc@rit.edu.

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own club.***

Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Student Chapter 18

The purpose of SME is to promote professionalism in manufacturing. We accomplish this by giving students an opportunity to experience hands-on activities in the field of manufacturing. SME also helps students network with potential employers, compete in regional and national contests, tour production facilities, and attend presentations. SME Student Chapter 18 has a long history which predates RIT's Henrietta campus. The chapter was founded in December of 1957 and is one of the oldest active SME chapters in the world.

They meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm in room 1445 of the CIMS building (bldg. 78).

Student Alumni Network (SAN)

The RIT Student Alumni Network is a student organization founded under the RIT office of Alumni Relations. SAN was established to foster a feeling of loyalty and school pride among students, parents, faculty/staff, and alumni through various campus wide activities. These programs and activities are aimed at enhancing student life, establishing traditions and cultivating the attitude that RIT is a lifetime experience. Examples include pom-pom sales, sponsoring athletic events, co-sponsoring with the Alumni Hockey night and helping with graduation and convocation. For more information, contact Audrey LeRoux (x7416).

Student Illustration Guild

Their purpose is to create a community within the RIT illustration majors, a bridge between faculty and the students, and to bring the outside world in and RIT illustrators out. The organization developed to improve our major and the outlook on our major. It was started in the winter of 1995 by six illustrators who wanted to get people involved and organize activities dealing with illustration.

Meetings are on Thursdays at 1pm in bldg. 7A, rm. 3471.

Student Music Association

RITSMA's goal is to promote music by providing opportunities for performers and listeners alike. The club encourages a broad range of music in all concerts it sponsors on campus. RITSAM members also attend several concerts and Broadway shows throughout the year. Meetings are on Mondays at 9:00pm in the SAU, room A-130. Each meeting is interpreted and new members are always welcome.

Student Organization Services (SOS)

SOS was developed in the 1970's to help the transition of new students and parents to the RIT Campus. They are involved with Freshman move in day and providing "Spirit Kit" bags to incoming freshman students.

The Global Union

Their purpose is to promote understanding of diversity and develop a strong multicultural movement within the community, while providing a platform for expression for the International and Minority communities at RIT. As of March 24, 1997 the organization was recognized by Student Government as a club. The organization is brand new and we are in the process of building strong bases. Membership is open to anyone. Diversity is important.

Ultrasound Student Association:

We provide careers in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and other medical imaging careers. We seek to provide students the opportunity to meet other students and professionals in the field of Ultrasound, as well as participate in community service projects both on and off campus. For more information contact Tina LaRocca, 424-8466.

Other recognized Student Government Clubs include:

Amateur Radio Club, American Marketing Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Amiga Computer Users of RIT, Asian Cultural Society, Asian Deaf Club, Audio Club, Brotherhood Club, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Caribbean Student Association, Chess Club, Comix Guild, Ebony Club, Gospel Ensemble, Imaging Science and Technology, Information Systems Student Organization, Institute of Industrial Engineers, Interior Design Club, International Business Group, International Society of Optical Engineering, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Medical Illustration Guild, NYS Hotel Association, New-Traditional Student Association, OASIS, Organization of African Students, Physician Assistant Student Organization, Pre-Vet, Premedical Student Association, RIT Players, Rochester Wargamers Association and Guild, Science Fiction Association, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Society of Physics Students, Student Accounting Association, Student Dietetic Association, Student Environmental Action League, Student Social Work Organization, Technical Photography Student Association, The Latter Day Saint Student Organization, Travel and Tourism Club, and Vietnamese Student's Association.

get involved!

Interest Houses Special

There are seven special-interest houses on R.I.T. campus. Designed for those who like to share their interests, these houses offer a specific focus to residence-hall living and provide a way to tailor activities to a common group.

Art House is the oldest special-interest house on campus. Students who live in Art House gain the experience of working in a close-knit work-intensive community, as well as the sense of being a whole person by doing community service and other activities. They also offer off-floor associate memberships for students who want to use the private studio facilities located in Art House and be part of the activities without living on the floor. The house organizes and participate in many activities pertaining to art, as well as athletics, social programs, photography, and philanthropy. For more information contact Vinny Ng (VXN7096) or Justin Muggleton (JIM2430).

Community Service Clubhouse students care about the community to the extent that they make it a regular practice to volunteer for such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the Rochester Toy Library. They also have an atmosphere of pride, spirit, and closeness that exceeds most student's expectations. The house has a supportive family-like atmosphere with students of all majors and talents. Weekly house meetings help keep all members updated on projects and activities.

Computer Science House offers its members both extensive computing resources as well as a warm, friendly "family" atmosphere. House members operate their own computer network that includes several multiuser server computers

supplying network access to every room on the floor, in addition to the standard R.I.T. Ethernet connections. Three research and development rooms allow members to work on a variety of computer software and hardware projects. Students of all majors are encouraged to join. Those who wish to join will expand their technical knowledge and will benefit from the expertise of other members.

Engineering is demanding at R.I.T., but students will find it much easier while living at **Engineering House**, where help is always right next door. Designed for students with an interest in engineering, Engineering House promotes a close professional friendship with the College of Engineering's faculty. In addition, the study lounge provides a variety of computing technology, including a network server and several workstations.

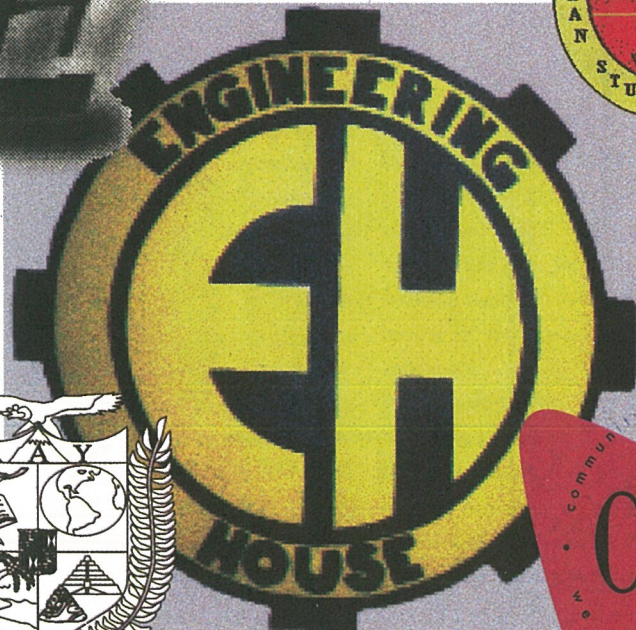
International House is located on the first floor of Colby Hall. They provide a living environment for International students and American students who wish to learn and promote a better understanding among many cultures. They attempt to help the International students adjust to America, and help the American students learn about other cultures. They were founded some time around 1977, and until the early eighties, they were an all male floor. After that point, they have maintained a 50/50 male/female ratio, and they try to maintain a 50/50 American/International student ratio. Meetings take place Sunday nights 8:30, but since they are a Special Interest House, people are free to stop by anytime they wish to meet the floor.

The purpose of **Photo House** is to promote interaction between photography and non-photography students, and to provide an atmosphere where students can exchange ideas, experiences, and knowledge concerning photography as well as other topics; to provide facilities for photographic work on the residential side of campus, to give interested students a chance and place to learn about photography,

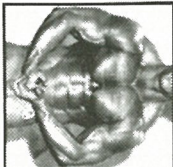
and to meet students with similar interests. The House exists only through the hard work of the members within it, each of whom contributes in their own way to the well-being of the organization. For more information, contact Ben Faranda at 475-4292.

Unity House provides an atmosphere where all students, African American students in particular, can live in an environment that fosters racial understanding and awareness of cultural issues through workshops, programs, and involvement in the R.I.T. community. Members have been active in the black student government, Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, and such organizations such as the National Society of Black Engineers, B-Strong, and Ebony Club. Members have also been involved in PRISM, a program to interest local youths in math and science, Black History Month, and the annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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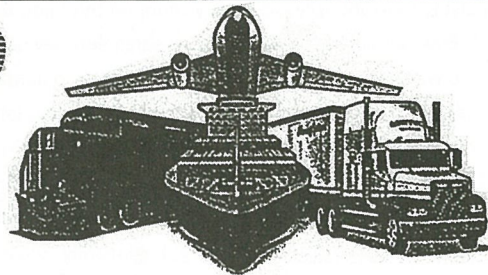
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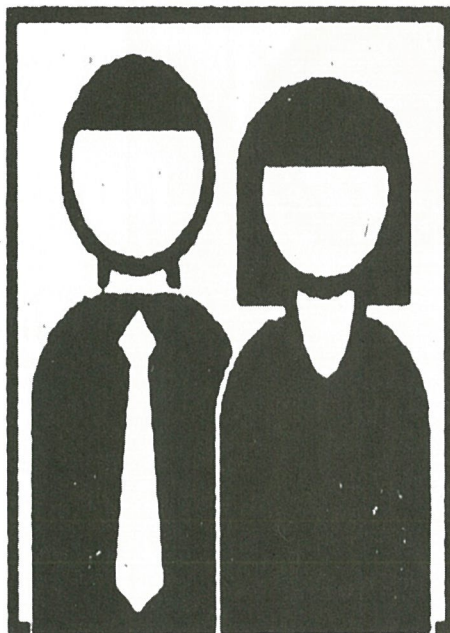
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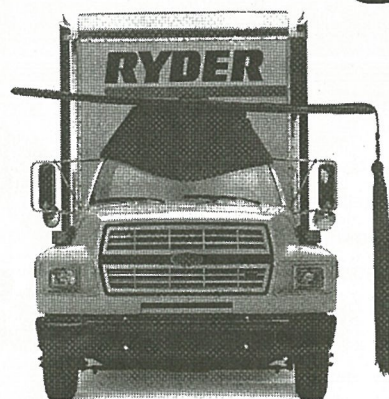
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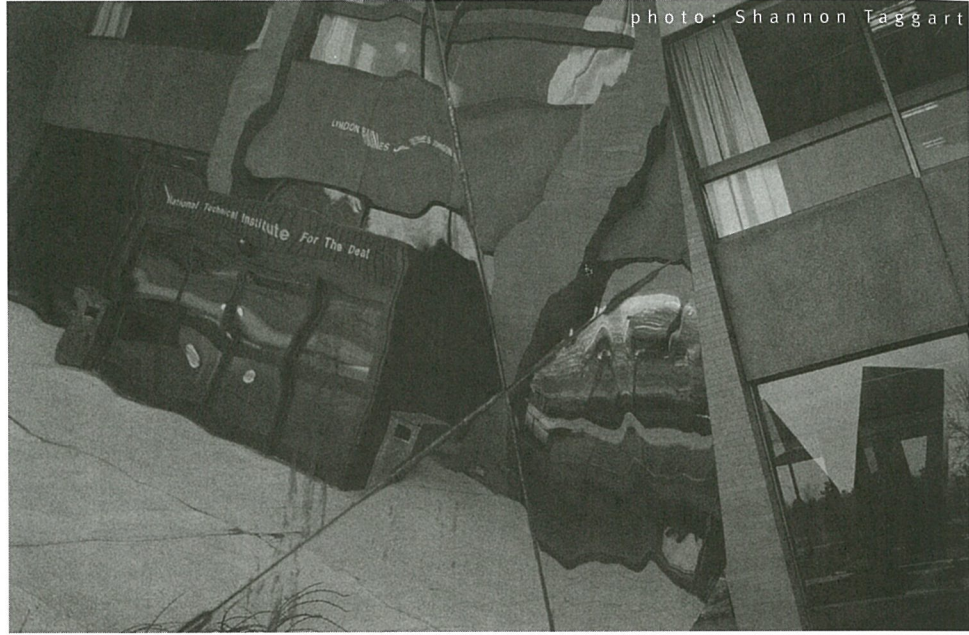
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On June 8, 1965, with these remarks, President Lyndon Baines Johnson established NTID—The National Technical Institute for the Deaf—under Public Law 89-36:

This institute will help meet the needs of hundreds of deaf young people, both students and adults, who want to be and can be trained for various technical occupations and placed in very useful careers. Deafness is not and need not be regarded as the handicap than men thought it was in the past. Given the opportunity to learn and to prepare themselves, the deaf can fill a wide array of useful and important positions in industry and professions throughout our society.

NTID is a post-secondary co-educational residential institution whose original goals were to provide technical education and training for deaf citizens, to prepare professional manpower to serve the nation's deaf population, and to conduct research into the economic, educational, communication, and personal-social accommodations of deaf people. Before NTID was established, Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. was the only institution of higher education for deaf persons in the whole United States. In June, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 89-36, which was the NTID Act passed by Congress. This Act provided for the establishment and operation of a National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). In 1966, Rochester Institute of Technology was named the sponsoring institution responsible for the establishment and operation of NTID. An agreement was then signed in December 1966 by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and RIT.

On February 1, 1967, Dr. Robert Frisina began his job as the first director of NTID. However, it was not until September 1968 that the first class of deaf students arrived at NTID. Robert F. Panara, who taught at Gallaudet College before NTID was established, became the first deaf professor at RIT. The NTID Robert F. Panara theater is named after him.

In the beginning, students enrolled at NTID had a hearing loss of 95dB and 97% of them sustained their hearing loss at birth or prior to the age of three years. This has changed a lot today as NTID strives to accommodate students whose hearing

loss is 60 or 70dB. Most of the faculty members during the early years were hearing. This has also changed today, as many deaf graduates got teaching positions at NTID and at RIT. Another development has been the admittance of deaf international students from countries such as Canada and even Africa and India. Recently there has been a move to limit the admittance of international students to 10% per year, many deaf internationals have succeeded at NTID and RIT's other colleges.

This year NTID is thirty years old and still going strong. Many new developments have taken place, such as the recent hiring of Dr. Davila, who is deaf, as the vice-president of NTID. Recruitment of more new students has also increased and the deaf population on the RIT campus is growing. Many deaf students have been successful, and there's no doubt that President Lyndon Baines Johnson broke the barrier that many deaf people had faced before the establishment of NTID. With new leadership and dedication from its supporters, NTID will definitely continue to be a success story for many years to come!

By Margaret Kangai

All you ever wanted to know about sports

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R.I.T. has many opportunities for athletes to enjoy their college experience by participating in athletics. They have three newly added varsity teams: Men's and Women's crew and Women's lacrosse. The other teams include:

Baseball
Basketball (M/W)
Crew (M/W)
Cross Country (M/W)
Diving (M/W)
Hockey (M/W)
Lacrosse (M/W)
Soccer (M/W)
Softball
Swimming (M/W)
Tennis (M/W)
Track & Field (M/W)
Volleyball (W)
Wrestling

The Men's and Women's Tennis team is currently coached by Ann Nealon (x6562) and has 12 members. Her goals include "to prepare mentally for individual matches and to play with confidence and consistency."

Women's Basketball is coached by a rookie herself, Laura Hungerford. The sport became varsity in 1987-88 and currently consists of 13 players. Their best record was 7-17, for the 95-96 year. She wants "to attract individuals who are eager to learn, play with aggressiveness, aren't afraid to make mistakes, give 100% of their ability and the motivation to make the team a winner." Their major tournaments include the Chase Tourney in January. It became varsity in 1987-88.

Men's Basketball is coached by Bob McVean, who is no rookie to the game. One of their best records was this year (96-97), at 24-4. They currently have 17 players and are looking "to win the Conference and National Championships." One player

who will not soon be forgotten is Craig Jones—1984 points career scoring leader.

The 25 members of the Baseball team are coached by Rob Grow and assisted by Ben Lanning and Ron Bellonzo. According to Grow, "They have no best record," and would like "to continually improve the program and be the top team in the region." As far as outstanding players, Chris Hawthorn broke the school records for career wins (Pitching) this year (96).

If you aren't the athlete that likes to compete in the National tournaments, then club sports are for you. Once again, RIT has plenty to offer:

Alpine Ski Team (M/W)
Badminton (M/W)
Bowling (M/W)
Equestrian
Field Hockey (W)
Lacrosse (M)
Outing Club (M/W)
Rugby (M/W)
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball (M)
Water Polo (M/W)

The Alpine Ski Team is a fun, moderately competitive way of spending the winter.

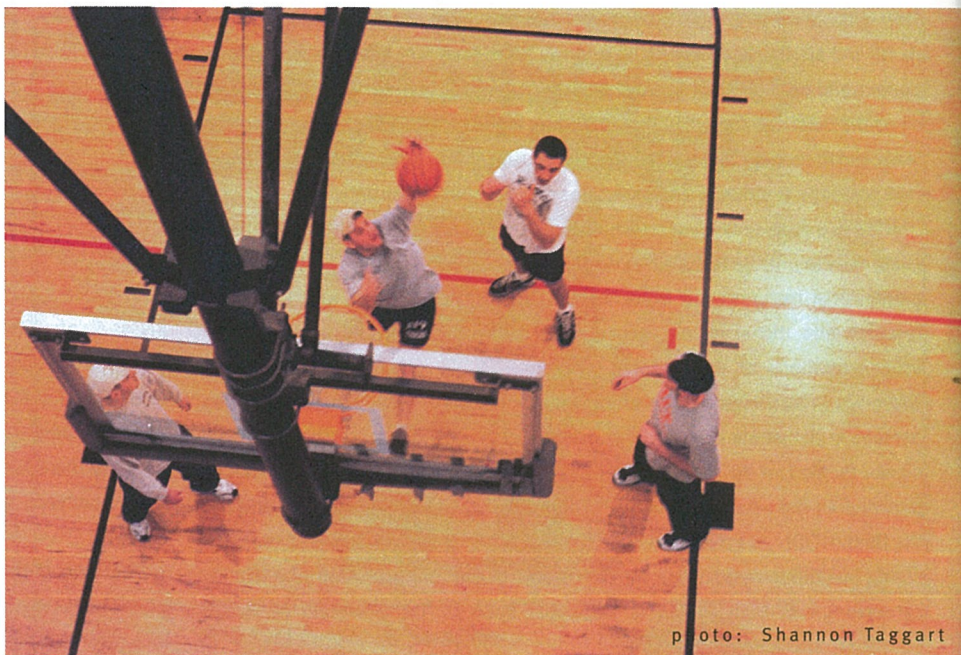


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The club gives ski buffs a chance to be part of a team and represent RIT in collegiate ski racing competitions. It allows people a chance to meet others with the same interest in racing and work together as a team.

When the season begins, the team practices twice a week in giant slalom and slalom gates for the upcoming races. There are collegiate ski races every weekend for five weeks during the winter quarter. The team competes against ten other schools at each meet. If the team does well enough, they can continue on to the

Regional competition at Waterville Valley, NH, and compete against some of the best college teams in the East.

To mission of the Bowling team is to compete in intercollegiate bowling nationally with other schools. They travel anywhere from Kansas City to Baltimore, and in doing so, they get RIT's name out there as a competitive school to beat. They participate in approximately eleven tournaments throughout the year.

The club was developed in the mid 70's by a few students. RIT was actually the runner-up for national champion in 1978. The Bowling team practices two nights a week at Olympic Bowl. There are also bowling tournaments on the weekends.

The Equestrian team likes to have fun! Members take weekly riding lessons and can also compete at Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) horse shows. The team was started at the end of the 1995-96 year. RIT became a member of the IHSA this year and competed throughout the year. They placed 12th of 18 schools at the year's end.

The members meet with the coach at planned times for riding lessons. New members are welcome. Other than lessons, meetings are planned and held whenever necessary. For more information send e-mail to Niki May, nrm5398@rit.edu

The RIT Outing Club runs weekly caving, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, white water rafting, and cycling trips. The club rents out equipment for people interested in planning their own trips, and their ultimate goal is to give the RIT community the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. They meet every Wednesday at 7:30 PM

in the tunnels between Nathaniel Rochester Hall and Sol Heumann, room A220. If you'd like to rent equipment, the office hours are Wednesdays 8 PM- 9PM and Sundays 10 PM -11 PM. For more information, contact Josh at 424-1718.

The RIT Ultimate team's purpose is to travel and compete at several major tournaments across the Northeast and Canada. The team is 2 years old and has a roster of approximately 20 players. They have grown and become a serious competitor in the college series in the spring and the club series in the fall. They practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on the Sundays when they are not traveling to tournaments.

Last, but certainly not least, is the list of intramural teams that the Student Life Center offers. There are four divisions (I-IV) for most of the sports, which have a tournament at the end of each season. For more information contact Lex Sleeman at the Student Life Center.

- Basketball
- Golf
- Racquetball
- Roller Hockey
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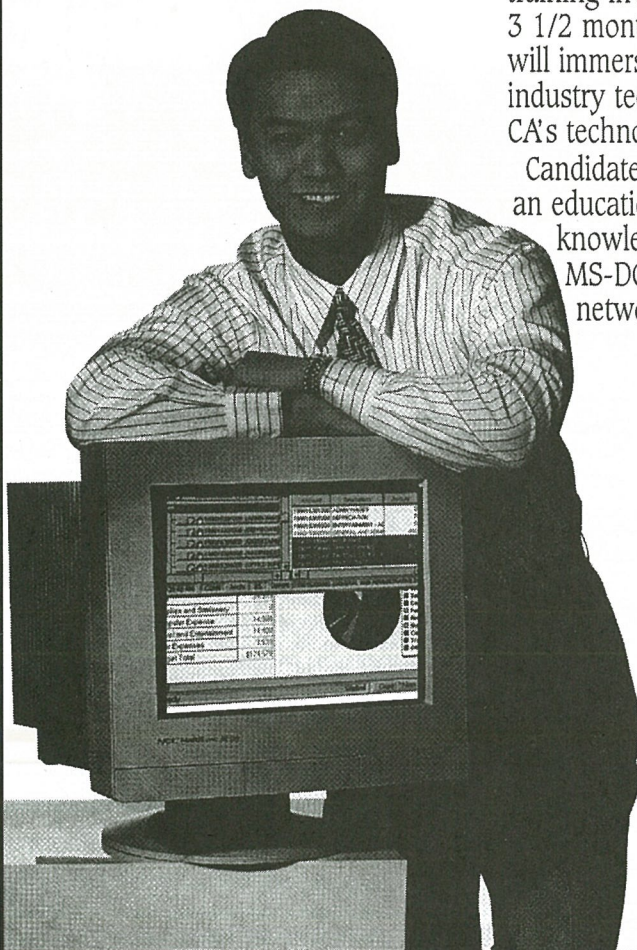
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No person can deny that the world of technology moves at a fast pace, leaving little or no time for reflection. The preoccupation with continuous progress causes us to overlook the very technology that we strive to perfect. More importantly, the people who design, develop, and implement the technology in our lives are too easily forgotten. The result is a sense of isolation that arises from the inherent competitiveness of the technology industry. To compensate for a lacking sense of community, numerous technology conferences, exhibitions and trade shows are held. However, fostering communication within the community is not the true objective of these "shows." Rather, companies approach these gatherings as promotional events where they try to outperform the competition with elaborate displays and advertisements for products that don't yet exist.

Consequently, the announcement of another technology exhibition could be met with little enthusiasm. With this in mind, the Information Technology Student Organization (ITSO) created the Info Tech Expo: not just another computer show, but a unique event that brings together a diverse community of information technologists. The Expo took place in the Student Alumni Union on April 18, 1997. "Diversity was a major theme for this year's Expo," says Expo '97 coordinator Darrell Newcomb. "We hoped to show the RIT community how information technology goes beyond computers." This was evident in displays for GenJam music software, and Kodak, who introduced new digital video, photography, and scanning products for consumers. In addition to Kodak, other well-known companies included Silicon Graphics, Inc. and Sun Microsystems. Both were demonstrating the 3D modeling and networking capabilities in their new lines of workstations. A representative from Xerox also attended, providing us with a presentation on Streaming Video technology.

A possible concern was that other exhibits would be overshadowed by the presence of such large companies. On the contrary, one of the biggest crowds was for the Angus Robotic Gargoyle, a student project. Trevor Krug, who coordinated the Expo with Newcomb, points out that "RIT has a lot of talented students and faculty from many different departments, and Expo '97 allows the rest of us to see that." To this end, participants from within RIT included the Center for Digital Media, VIA, and the Department of Information Technology, among others. Student organizations present included WITR, Engineering House, Computer Science House, and of course, ITSO.

Expo '97 allowed us to see for ourselves the talent that surrounds us, not only in the Rochester community, but within RIT as well. People are involved with technology as creators, innovators, or designers. It is important that they have the opportunity to share their knowledge and ideas; the Info Tech Expo allowed them to do just that. Recognizing the people behind the technology is important (as they are often forgotten), in that it generates communication between users and developers. Similarly, in the race to develop products that are faster, cheaper, and easier to use, it becomes all too easy to forget the needs of the end user; anyone who works with technology would agree. Acknowledging the relationship between developers and users promotes an understanding of what users want, and what the developer can deliver. ITSO members created the Info Tech Expo in the hopes of encouraging communication and participation from all members of the information technology community. Expo '97 provided that opportunity, while those who participated benefited from the experience.

by Venu Keesari

You can learn more about ITSO and the Info Tech Expo at www.it.rit.edu/~itso

Info Tech



Expo 97



Word on the street.

what clubs do you belong to and why?

It's an odd thing, really. You ask people if they're in a club, and they either say they're not in one, or they tell you they are, and start to give you way too many reasons why you should be too. Of course, this wasn't true for all the people. The sorority girls I talked with didn't seem too excited about the prospect of my joining.

Out of all the people I talked with (and I can assure you it was plenty), at least 3/4's of them weren't even in a club. Most said they were just too strapped for time, others said they've yet to find something they would want to be a part of, and a few just wandered away, lost in confusion. I don't know, maybe it's a tough question.

Some of these quotes are funny, others more serious, but none are profound. So, enjoy:

Rugby Club

"It's cool. You beat on each other for a couple hours, shake hands, and then drink beer."

David Bailey, 2nd year Applied Statistics.

Outing Club

"The club lets me get out and try new things with new people. We do a lot of rock climbing. As far as I can tell, climbing is really the only practical application for physics."

Steve Peterson, 1st year Computer Science.

Student Government.

"I'm able to help people out. I like that. We're sort of the link between the students and the administration."

-April Brooks, Student Government President, 4th year Packaging Science.

Zau Theta Alpha

"Philanthropy isn't really my thing, but when I do volunteer stuff with the sisters, it's usually turns into a good time. I suppose everybody has their own little niche.

Mine's Zau Theta Alpha.

Juliet Wong, 4th year Finance

RIT Crew

"People think getting up at 4:30 everyday to practice is crazy. It might be, but you just get used to it. It's worth it in the end."

Brian Marcais, 1st year Photography

Telepatathis Lachrymose (Weird, I know. It's the name of a band...)

"It's all about rhythm. Everything else sucks. But pornography is OK, too. Actually, it's more about pornography."

Joshua A. Fogel, 2nd year Photography

Vietnamese Club.

"It's nice being able to stay in touch with Asian culture. In fact, we just celebrated the Vietnamese New Year. It's important to me."

Duc Tran, 3rd year Electrical Engineering

"I've tried out different clubs and things, but just haven't found anything I'd feel comfortable being a part of."

Dachon Douglas, 1st year.

"I just got too much damn work to do!"

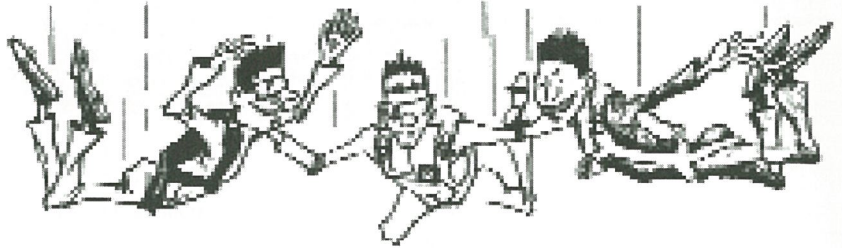
Julia Tidwell, 2nd year Painting.

"I prefer spectator sports."

Kyna Jones, 2nd year Fine Art Photography



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- Steph, I couldn't be happier than to have you as my Big Sister. Your little loves you lots! Sarah
- To the Zeta Seniors: Only a few weeks till graduation!!! I'm going to miss all you guys! ZLAM, Beth

Schedule of Events:

Friday, May 2

Talisman Movie: *Shoot the Piano Player*; 7 & 9pm in Imaging Science Aud. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1.

Bevier Gallery Reception: The gallery presents an exhibit of graduate thesis work for spring quarter. Reception from 5-7pm. Exhibit runs through May 14th.

Saturday, May 3

GRE Test: The GRE Scholastic Assessment exam will be given at 8am in the College of Science.

EMANON!!!: RIT's Spring Fest concert. Sister Machine Gun, A Tribe Called Quest, Fun Lovin' Criminals, and G. Love and Special Sauce plus ten other local bands. Other events include carnival rides, vendors and roving entertainers. Call CAB at x2509 for more information and listen to WITR 89-7 FM for giveaways and interviews.

Monday, May 5

Lunch 'n' Learning: "Effective Test Taking" 12noon-12:50 in Eastman Bldg. 01-2383. Free to students faculty and staff. Bring your own lunch!

Student Development Educators Program: Julie Bourne presents "Dorm vs. Apartment Lifestyles"; 4-5pm in Tower A Lounge. Call x6200 for more information.

Eyeful for the Soul: Weekly ASL literature show. 6:30-7:30pm in Tower A Lounge. Call x6200 for more information.

Tuesday, May 6

Deaf Day Celebration: The celebration begins at noon in the EPB quad and runs till 5:30pm. For more information contact Patti Durr at x6792 tty.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, May 8

Lunch 'n' Learning: "Memory Improvement" 12noon-12:50 in Eastman Bldg. 01-2383. Free to students faculty and staff. Bring your own lunch!

Veterans Health Fair: The RIT Friends of Veterans sponsors a health fair for honorably discharged veterans who are RIT students/faculty/staff. 10am-3pm in SAU Rm. A510, "Veteran Learning Center". For more information call Angela Bray at 475-5617.

NTID's Deaf Speaker Series: Byron Bridges an ASL Linguistics Consultant will visit NTID. For more information contact Patti Durr at x6792 tty.

Friday, May 9

Talisman Movie: *The People vs. Larry Flynt*; 7 & 9:45pm in Ingle Aud. RIT students/faculty/staff: \$2, Gen Public: \$3, children under 12: \$1. Also showing Saturday May 10. Closed captioned Saturday 7pm only.

Emerging Artist Concert Series: *Rhythm & Brass*, classical and jazz, 8pm in the Ingle Aud.; RIT students \$4, faculty/staff/off-campus students \$8, Gen. Pub. \$12 call 475-2586 to order by phone on Visa or MC.

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