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Editorial

Let Reason Hold the Reins

We live in trying times.

The headlines in last week's papers say it all: "It is Something that Affects us all" (Washington Post), "Shooter Plotted in Silent Rage" (LA Times), "Virginia Tech Shooting Leaves 33 Dead" (New York Times).

It's hard to imagine what was happening in Cho Seung-Hui's mind when he let loose that first barrage of bullets, what thoughts filled his head while the gun in his hand was still smoking. Violence of that magnitude, cast against the backdrop of reality, is haunting to breathe in. And the question on everyone's mind is: why? Why did this happen? It seems more and more like we're all grasping for some reason, some explanation for this tragic act.

What we should be grasping for is *reason*.

More headlines: "NBC Bashed for Airing Virginia Tech Killer's Rants" (Los Angeles Times), "Virginia Tech Gunman's Family Under Police Protection" (USA Today), "Killings Spur Delicate Gun Debate" (Chicago Tribune).

We're getting paranoid. We always get paranoid. Our history, both recent and distant, is dripping with tear-soaked overreactions. Columbine, Pearl Harbor, and 9/11 were all national tragedies whose aftermath's were characterized by gross amounts of discrimination, over-bearing and hastily-enacted laws, and a general emotional mess created by the people *en masse*. Already, there is talk of hatred towards South Koreans and new gun-control legislation, not to mention the pressure that's being placed on the media to simultaneously stop reporting the tragedy and to provide up-to-the-minute details on the grieving families.

We're experiencing and exploiting the widest range of emotions we can find, right here at RIT. Need an example? How about the "mandatory mourning" session forced upon all RA's on April 17? It was a candle-light vigil, attended by people who were made to grieve. Emotional reactions are natural, but compulsory ceremony dishonors the dead. And let's not forget the demonization of Cho; we've made him into a devil with our Facebook groups alone, lashing out with pure hatred towards a man we've never known.

A tragedy has occurred, certainly, but we need to remember that the tragedy belongs to the victims of Virginia Tech. They need us right now. They need us to stay strong, to remain level-headed, because they certainly can't bear that burden themselves. They have enough to worry about at this juncture, legitimately overwhelmed with emotion; we need to grip our *reason* for their sake, as well as our own.

President Simone has sent many messages to the student body as of late, each and every one of them a firm and friendly reminder that "we all must remain vigilant." Let us not forget, amidst the grief and anguish of this shooting, that paranoia is not a solution. We need to doubly vigilant, both against future attacks and against our own heightened awareness.

Did Matt Hackenburg (page 7) have a diabolical use for his guns? No evidence suggests that he did. We as a student body should be careful in how we treat this young man when he returns to campus. The timing of his incident was poor; we should not hold that against him.

In that vein, Ben Franklin has some powerfully relevant words for us: "If passions drives you, let reason hold the reins."



Jen Loomis

Editor in Chief



During Men's baseball practice, Pitcher Nick Rappa, a fourth year Mechanical Engineering major, makes a great catch as he fills in for first base. Photography by Ryan Randolph. Cover illustration by Greg Caggiano.

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I can't believe you're comparing your life of Dungeons and Dragons-based ridicule to the political and social struggles of women, African Americans, and homosexuals. The social impact of women voting, blacks going to schools, and homosexuals getting married far surpass your right to love Star Wars. Honestly, no one really cares that you're "different" and like to play Magic, just like a million other people.

Aside from the scientific research, the vast majority of homosexuals at least claim to have been born that way. Your choices of recreational activities and dress are of your own doing. No one is forcing you to play "WoW" or watch StarTrek.

If you feel you need to censor yourself around your "normal friends," then they're not your friends. If you want to embrace your "nerdness" and not be ridiculed, hang out with other people who play Halo and dress up as hobbits. Don't

put yourself in situations where you know you're going to get your feelings hurt. There are plenty of other nerds you can befriend at this school.

Adding to that, I hardly think having "eyes rolled" and told that you're wasting your life on games can really compare to being beaten and killed.

Also, for someone with homosexual friends, you certainly are a little insulting of their plight. Referring to their rallies and protests as being oxymoronic, "I don't want to shout how proud I am of being different, yet demand to be treated as if I weren't," is not exactly what someone who "understands the trials of the gay community" would say as a sympathizer.

I'm sorry if your lunch money was stolen when you were in elementary school. But comparing being "discriminated" against for your lifestyle of watching anime to the serious struggles of women, African Americans, homosexuals, and other minorities is sickening and insulting. Stop crying, get over it.

Margret Donahue

I'm going to keep this short and simple; I don't understand your censorship policies. I know people have expressed confusion over this before because of the difference between the RIT Rings page and the rest of the magazine, but I found a discrepancy in the RIT Rings of your April 13 issue. Why would you censor the word "fuck" but not "faggot"? I'm not offended by either, and I'm all for free speech, but please be consistent. If you edit calls to avoid offending people because of strong language, than you should make sure that you are censoring everything that may be offensive language; either that, or don't edit anything. All I'm asking is that you be consistent or provide an explanation if you aren't going to be.

Thanks,
Ali Smith

Ali,
The editing staff at *Reporter* agrees with you completely. To clarify: our policy is to censor mindless and needless obscenities from ANY page in our magazine, not just RIT Rings. We do, however, print obscenities that can be justified contextually within an article, taking into account the tone and intent of the piece.

Given the above policy, the word "faggot" in that particular edition of RIT Rings clearly should have been censored. Thank you for pointing out the discrepancy; we will do our best to avoid such inconsistencies in the future.

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STUDENTS PROTEST LGBT DISCRIMINATION: A DAY OF SILENCE

The protest is as simple as it sounds:
don't speak.

with reporting by Mich Gerson
photography by Tom Schirmacher

The Day of Silence, a national lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) protest, was started in 1996 by a group of students from the University of Virginia. Since its creation, the movement has grown considerably; this year, it's estimated that over 400,000 students from over 5,000 different schools and universities participated in this silent protest.

Among those 400,000 were a number of students from RIT, including Jeremy Spencer, the vice president of the RIT Gay Alliance (RITGA) and fifth year computer science major. "I think [the Day of Silence] is a wonderful way to bring LGBT and their allies together in showing support for our community," said Spencer. "RIT, or at least RITGA, has done it every year that I have been here, and I've tried to participate every time."

This year, the Day of Silence at RIT was marked by a first: gay rights activist and reality TV show star Wes Culwell was brought in as a speaker by the RIT Stonewall Project, a gay rights initiative started earlier this year by the director of the Center for Campus Life Mike D'Arcangelo.

Why have a speaker commemorate a day of *silence*? It seems counter-intuitive, but the trick is to keep the dates straight. Mr. Culwell delivered his speech on April 17, a full day before the protest actually began. "Wes' speech was meant to kick off the Day of Silence," said David Guetzlaff, last year's LGBT Community Senator and fourth year professional and technical communications major.

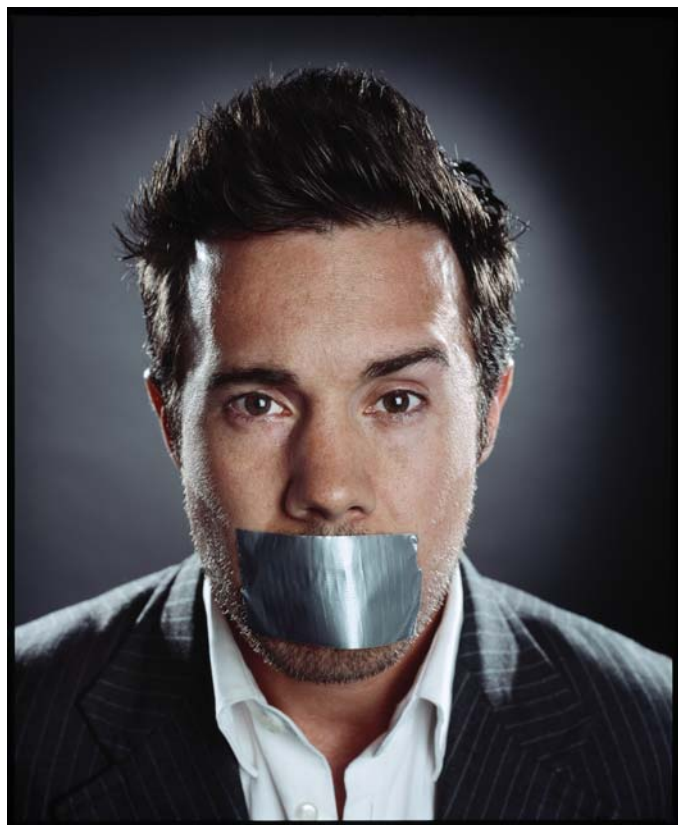
During his speech, Culwell spent some time laying out reasons to protest. Specifically, Culwell cited three major concerns for the LGBT

community. The first, of course, is gay marriage rights. The second, he says, has to do with the gay porn industry, which is trying to piggyback on the political movement. "Sexual liberation will get us nowhere [politically]," he said, adding that in order for either movement to succeed, they have to remain separate from one another.

The last issue that Culwell touched on was HR 284, a new bill that extends the protection of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act to sexual minorities. "No one is supporting it right now. We need to contact our politicians to get it backed."

But, sometimes, you have to focus on fixing the little things, too. "Imus was fired for saying 'nappy ho,' but you hear 'faggot' on national television every day," Wes said in a private interview. He went on to cite that around 94% of gay students hear words like "gay, faggot, and dyke."

Culwell's appearance was met with mixed reviews. "It was nice," said Spencer, "but at the same time, those that came were people who were already planning on participating in the Day of Silence, so it was more about 'ooh, that guy from the telly is here' than about getting more people to participate."



Amanda Souza, the president of RITGA and second year biology major, had this to say about the turnout: "It could be something bigger...it could have been more well known on campus. People really didn't seem to notice." Still, she was adamant in defending the concept. "When people read the cards we hand out [that describe the protest], people realize how much discrimination we face."

Guetzlaff, however, disagreed with the impact the protest had on the RIT community. "I don't think RIT students take it seriously," said Guetzlaff, citing that "one of the main issues with the recognition of the Day of Silence is that LGBT students at RIT would rather settle for passive acceptance. They classify RIT as 'good enough,' and don't fight for equality on campus. Just because RIT is not a violent campus doesn't mean it's accepting...people not getting beat up is not the same thing as equality."

At the end of the day, Culwell agreed. "Breaking the silence is as important as having the Day of Silence...it's our responsibility to step-up, blog, get out, get online, and speak out." •

Want to hear more from Wes? Check out his blog at www.wesculwell.com!



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ZTA Raises Money to Fight Breast Cancer

by Veena Chatti

Zeta Tau Alpha's 'Think Pink' week began with a bang, with the Quarter Mile flooded in pink posters. Hallie Schiff, Vice President One in charge of programming, explained, "This is our fourth annual Think Pink week. It started to really make a huge bang and create awareness on our campus and to raise money."

According to Schiff, all 39 sisters are involved, including alumnae who wish to help. In particular, they have received help and donations from women-owned businesses around the city. "We presented them with information about our fundraiser. We asked for sponsorship in our attempt to create awareness throughout the city as well," Schiff said. Meanwhile, on campus, the pink posters exhibit to passersby the number of young breast cancer victims and the need for awareness.

"This year, we are really making an effort to paint this campus pink," says Schiff. The emphasis is on spreading the word and making everybody aware, and the goal to raise \$10,000 to donate on behalf of Zeta Tau Alpha. "Breast Cancer has touched everyone in some way, and we have been working extremely hard to help end the fight against breast cancer."

When asked about the chapter's future plans for this campaign, Schiff replied, "We are looking into having a sponsored dinner for administration next year, such as the RITZ dinner—except a lot smaller—to raise money for the cause." ZTA has roped in Rochester's mayor as well, and is working towards community awareness even beyond the walls of our campus. They have requested assistance from on-campus organizations such as Residence Life, Student Government, OCA-SA and President Simone.

The campaign for awareness is not limited to one week. Schiff said that on April Fools' Day, the sisterhood raised awareness with "Don't be a fool, check yourself," hanging self-examination shower-cards on the heads of all showers in the dorms; they also distributed information

pamphlets and calendar reminder stickers. ZTA has also educated itself regarding the disease. "We watched the movie *Conquering Cancer*...so we all are more educated about the cancer we raise money for," says Schiff.

Worldwide, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, more than 211,000 in American women are expected to be diagnosed in 2007 and it is estimated that 43,300 will die. •

Donations can also be made online at www.firstgiving.com/thinkpink

A New Neighbor: Tech Park Development

by Jean Jacques DeLisle

RIT, being a tech-oriented university, is a hub for technological business in the Rochester area. To facilitate this expectation, RIT bought a large amount of land nearby, dubbed it the RIT Technology Park, and sold it off to innovative businesses offering technological operations and services. North Forest Office Providers (NFOP) is one such company. It is a full-service commercial real estate provider located in Western New York, sporting office complexes in Buffalo and even several in Rochester. It is also going to be a new neighbor to RIT, after purchasing eight acres of land with the intent to build six office facilities, providing much-required office space to small and budding businesses in need of flexible and inexpensive leases.

NFOP is planning on starting construction fall of 2007 and will have their first office building completed by the following June. Each single story building will have either four or six separate offices, and each office will contain an individual rest room, electrical service, conference room, and kitchenette. The timeline for final construction is six years, and by then NFOP hopes to have several successful tenants who contribute to the RIT community by offering job opportunities to RIT students and entrepreneurs.

NFOP currently has a facility at the University of Buffalo that has done well, and the hopes

are that RIT's facility turns out as good or even better. •

You can look into NFOP at their website, <http://www.nforest.com/index.php>

Moonbuggy Team Wins NASA Competition

by J. S. Ost

RIT's Human Powered Vehicle team—better known as the RIT Moonbuggy team—took first place in NASA's 14th Annual Great Moonbuggy Race, held at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama on April 14. High school and college teams in two divisions tried out their moonbuggies, built to similar specifications as the original Lunar Rover Vehicle first used during NASA's 1972 Apollo 17 mission.

Two drivers propel the six-member teams' moonbuggies around a half-mile course of simulated lunar landscape, complete with 'craters,' 'lava ridges,' and 'moon soil.' The vehicle itself must fit into a 4' x 4' x 4' cube, be powered only by the drivers, and meet several additional design specifications. During the first phase of the competition, teams' assembly times for these packaged moonbuggies are recorded. Then they have two chances to run the course, with the assembly time added to the faster run for the team's total time.

This year's victory comes as a significant turnaround for the RIT team. Last year's moonbuggy, which they finished building right before the competition, entered the race without any prior testing. As a result, various components failed, leaving the team in last place and unable to finish the course. Though several teams were unable to complete their runs this year, RIT sailed through with a top total time of 4 minutes, 38 seconds; the closest runner-up clocked in at 4 minutes, 47 seconds. •

For more information on the moonbuggy team, visit www.rit.edu/~hvp/team.

(Right) Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha pass out free pins and ask for donations to help benefit Breast Cancer research and awareness during Think Pink Week on campus. Photography by Coco Walters.

RITFORECAST

compiled by Govind Ramabadran

SGSENATE WEEKLY UPDATE

by Antonio Castillo

Saturday
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Tora-Con

Student Alumni Union. 7:30 p.m.–1 a.m. Anime Club's annual convention including AMV contests and showings, a dance party, industry guests, panels, vendors, video games, and more. Cost: Free.

Sunday
29
APR

30th Annual RIT Spring Juggle-In

Clark Gym. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Third and final day of three-day juggling convention. Sponsored by RIT Juggling Club. Cost: Free.

Monday
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Professional Development Series Workshops

SAU 1829 Room, Fireside Lounge. 5 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Two workshops on learning professional networking and proper dinner etiquette. Sponsored by the North Star Center. Cost: Free.

Tuesday
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MAY

Today is May Day. Go wild and crazy. And while you're at it, go save a rhino, since it's also Save a Rhino Day today.

Wednesday
02
MAY

Silent Auction

James E. Booth Building 7A, Lobby Showcase. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Unique hand-made glass art and decorative functional wares displayed in lobby showcase to be bid upon in silent auction.

Thursday
03
MAY

RIT World Music Ensemble Concert

Ingle Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. End of quarter concert for the RIT World Music Ensemble. Cost: Free.

Friday
04
MAY

CSSA Talent Show

Webb Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.–midnight. Talent show for RIT students to perform in, with prizes awarded in the form of VISA gift cards. Sponsored by Chinese Student Scholars Association. Cost: \$5.

Gambling Policy

Dr. Mary Beth Cooper answered questions about the proposed Gambling Policy. Fresh from another round of revisions, the policy states: "Gambling: Possession of gambling devices, operation of lotteries and/or the promotion of gambling is prohibited."

Damian Kumor, GCCIS Senator, admonished the policy, describing it as, "The worst one ever proposed," and went on to ask, "Is a deck of cards a gambling device?" Dr. Cooper said a reasonable interpretation will be made with the policy. The senate passed the policy by a vote of 7-6.

ASL Presentation

Freshman Senator Matt Danna made a presentation with COLA Senator Stephanie Lendhart advocating for an ASL minor and concentration within COLA. Danna explained that seating for current ASL classes is filled before first and second year students are eligible to register. Offering more classes would correct a societal problem that Danna and Lendhart perceive exists among students: hearing and Deaf/hard-of-hearing students have very little interaction. In attendance was Dr. Kist, COLA Dean, who stated the college has approved a Deaf studies concentration and is working with NTID to increase class offerings.

Club Review Policy

Senators and cabinet members discussed changes to the Student Government by-laws pertaining to the club approval process. There is no formal process for a student group to appeal the denial of club status. One suggestion is to have an appeal system that would empower the Assistant Director of Campus Life to confirm or deny a club's appeal.

ELECTION RESULTS

SG-PRESIDENT

1,021 Ed Wolf/Sasha Malinchoc

0800 Kyle Shradel/Alvin Roberts

0753 Amy Christian/Jacob Yundt

0320 Damian Kumor/Jon Berman

NTID STUDENT CONGRESS-PRESIDENT

0143 Mia Sanchez/David Spiecker

SG-SCOB SENATOR

0168 Carlos Cornejo

0154 Jennifer Chow

SG-KGCOE SENATOR

0302 Adam Weissman

0264 Nathan Confer

0080 Corey Mack

0038 Cory Gregory

SG-COLA SENATOR

0106 Stephanie Lenhardt

SG-CAST SENATOR

0045 Daniel Martin

SG-NTID SENATOR

0012 Scott Bailey

SG-COS SENATOR

0193 Jawad Tawakali

0016 Ihudiya Ogburu

SG-CIAS SENATOR

0394 Caitlin Yarsky

SG-GCCIS SENATOR

0289 Paul Solt

0246 Steve Staurovsky

SG-WOMEN'S SENATOR

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I know this great little place....

by Evan McNamara

photography by Megan Rossman

Most people assume that gourmet food must taste better than normal cuisine. Maybe the small portions are fashioned to leave your taste buds yearning for more. Perhaps using a peculiar garnish is meant to confuse the sense of sight, while heightening that of taste. The substantial price, however, is often what leaves gourmet "connoisseurs" with an experience they won't soon forget.

I laugh in the face of gourmet food. I scoff at broccoli florets shaped into swans in favor of a pile of potatoes mashed beyond recognition. I hastily dismiss small servings, preferring instead a portion which will fill my gullet to the brim. To me, food has two simple functions: to satiate hunger, and to taste good. This philosophy is embodied in The Highland Park Diner.

The Food:

Displayed proudly on the inside wall of the diner is a sign proclaiming that they serve REAL mashed potatoes and REAL dairy products. Especially in these days of boxed taters with lackluster gravy, one would be wise to take advantage of this fact.

The selection is standard for any hometown diner. Breakfast is served daily until 3 p.m., which will surely please those who rarely awaken before noon. The most notable breakfast selections include berry pancakes, massive banana

French toast, and Belgian waffles served with fresh strawberries or peaches. The bacon here also deserves special praise. It tastes genuinely home-cooked and is always crispy.

If breakfast isn't your thing, there are still plenty of great items to choose from. Daily dinner specials offer portions that could feed a giant, complete with three sides. Also on the menu are classic comfort food favorites like home-style meatloaf, fried chicken, and good ol' macaroni and cheese. My personal favorite is the chicken fingers and fries platter. Fresh, crispy chicken fingers are served with some of the best French fries I have ever had. The fries are flaky, crispy, and light. They don't weigh you down with grease, the standard fare at most restaurants.

The diner also offers supreme soups. An amazing French onion is served daily, with other soups du jour making appearances throughout the week. Friday is when the diner's famous seafood chowder makes its appearance: A New England-style white chowder, the soup is rich, chunky, and a solid choice.

The Experience:

The Highland Park Diner is not hard to get to from RIT. Take W. Henrietta towards downtown, make a right when W. Henrietta ends into South Clinton, and follow that until the intersection of Clinton and Goodman. If you go after sunset,

you will be greeted by the charming glow of neon gleaming against the metal exterior.

The diner was originally built in the 1940s in nearby Albion, New York, and opened in its present location soon after. For a time, the diner served as an Off-Track Betting office, but luckily the diner was restored back to near-original condition in 1986. The art deco-styled interior has tons of character, and not nearly enough seats. The wait is usually less than five minutes, but on Sundays be prepared to wait at least 20. The staff is prompt and friendly, lending to an overall great dining experience.

I am certain that if you come to the Highland Park Diner with an empty stomach and a desire for quality comfort cuisine, you will not be disappointed. You will walk away with your hunger abated, gullet full to the brim, and a smile ear to ear, all the while scoffing at the idiot who thought it would be a good idea to carve a broccoli into a swan. •

The Highland Park Diner is located at 960 South Clinton Avenue and is open

Mon.-Thurs. 7a.m.-10p.m.

Fri. 7a.m.-11p.m.

Sat. 7:30a.m.-11p.m.

Sun. 7:30a.m.-3p.m., brunch only.



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TONIGHT THE URGENT RIOT

FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE RITZ

by Elizabeth Bermel

photography by Todd Carlson

The throbbing bass seemed to be modifying my heartbeat. The music and crowd were so loud, it was impossible to tell what the person next to me was yelling as he screamed at the top of his lungs. When I walked through the doors of the Ritz last Friday night, I wasn't quite sure what to expect, having never even heard of Tonight the Riot or Urgency; as soon as the bands began to play, however, I was easily lost in the rhythm of the music.

Tonight the Riot kicked off the evening with what initially seemed like a typical alternative punk performance. But when the audience began to clap to the rhythm of a cowbell, I began to suspect my initial assessment was incorrect. **Far from typical, the band's energy was contagious.** Guitarist Harmony Griffin was all over the stage, spinning and jumping about. Vocalist Daniel Wells's powerful voice and stage presence won over the crowd. Though he had come to see Urgency, Jesse Houghtling, a first year childhood education student at MCC, found that he enjoyed Tonight the Riot's performance. "I thought they were pretty good, actually," he said.

Despite the wild audience, the band seemed completely unfazed—they just wanted to play their music, relax, and have fun. By the time the second song finished, Wells was breaking a sweat. He breathlessly informed the audience that the band had no direction after the show and any party invitations would be graciously accepted. "[They] were good compared to other

times I've seen them," first year liberal arts major at MCC, Danielle Damico reported. "They involved the audience a lot. That was nice."

For their final song, Tonight the Riot played AC/DC's "It's a Long Way to the Top." The transformation from alternative punk to old school rock was so instantaneous and complete that it took me a moment to figure out what had happened. Drummer Greg Merante took over the vocals for this song and his voice suited it well.

If the audience was anticipating a similar performance from Urgency, they were in for a surprise. Vocalist Tim Knapp also had a strong voice, but in a very different sense. **It was the sort of subtle strength that sneaks up on you and keeps poking at the back of your mind until you acknowledge it for what it truly is.**

The response to this band varied. Said RIT Tech Crew member Tom Read, "They played well, I just wasn't a fan of their sound." Still, many others in the audience were longtime fans of Urgency. When Knapp beseeched the audience to sing along to one of their songs, many knew the words by heart. The sound of people singing along to a song they know and love soon filled the air. When the song finished, he politely thanked them for their support.

Said Knapp, "We had our flaws, but it was fun. We tend to over-criticize ourselves after a set." He then informed me that it was their first show

on a college campus. While the stage was initially awkward for him, he got used to it as the show progressed.

All in all, it was an enjoyable affair. Both bands had a sound unique to each other and their genre. While the size of the crowd was average for this sort of event and most were not RIT students, I left with the excited feeling of having experienced something pleasantly peculiar. •



Above: Tim Knapp, lead singer of "Urgency," performs at the Ritz April 20, 2007. Below: From right to left Erik Signor and Harmony Griffin of "Tonight the Riot" performs at the Ritz April 20, 2007.



BOOK REVIEWS: RANTING AND RAVING FOR RANT

by Casey Dehlinger

His name is Rant. His name is Buster. His name is Casey. He is dead, but more than dead; at the very most a god, and at the very least alive in a sort of subculture Elvis way. By the time he “graduated” high school, he had collected 24 gallon jugs’ worth of baby teeth. He can tell you what you ate for lunch three days ago by performing oral sex on you, and caused one of the largest epidemics ever. He is also the subject of Chuck Palahniuk’s latest novel, *Rant: An Oral History of Buster Casey*.

If you take the themes of Palahniuk’s previous seven novels, you can pretty much triangulate *Rant*. Instead of taking out their aggression in fight clubs, the characters crash cars into one another for kicks. Like in *Survivor*, the novel begins by informing you that your dear protagonist has already died in the embrace of flames and twisted metal.

Palahniuk has always played with the concept of rooting his novels in another medium. *Survivor* is a transcript from a plane’s black box recorder. *Haunted* consists of the short stories by occupants of a “writing workshop.” *Diary* is...a diary. *Rant* consists of themed chapters with blocks of text, perhaps 200 words long, each being the oral account of one of Rant Casey’s friends or enemies. Whether they’re talking about his life or his death, they rarely agree, and half the fun is knowing that someone is lying, or that they have been lied to.

The story is more or less split in three: the twisted small-town childhood of Rant, his adolescent voyage to the city and participation in “party crashing” (a nighttime game of tag, using cars), and speculations about his mysterious “death.” The first third is unquestionably the strongest and most entertaining, being the account of a childhood troublemaking prodigy that you can’t help but root for. The second act throws you into a dystopian not-so-future where the world has been segregated not by space, but by time. Although the concept is appreciated, the car-crashing gets a little tedious. The final third consists entirely of the reader trying to suspend their disbelief as Palahniuk takes you where you never thought you’d end up. That’s all I’ll say.

Rant, at its best, *feels* like a masterpiece. Weaving together some of the most original and engaging threads and concepts Palahniuk has produced, it *feels* like all of his previous books have been leading up to this pinnacle. However, its strands are interwoven too tightly, leaving some of its brilliant stories underdeveloped. I’d pick up a 400-page book of any of the thirds of this novel, but to sprint through each in 100 pages is like chugging a fine bottle of wine through a beer funnel. Given the space to breathe, *Rant* would be a masterpiece, instead of merely *feeling* like one.

Rant hits stores May 1. For the sentimentalists, a \$150 special edition version may still be available on Amazon.com.

Hardcover: 336 pages

Publisher: Doubleday

Price: \$14.97 at Amazon.com



SEND IN THE CLOWN GIRL

by Casey Dehlinger

If Margaret Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale* was written with the surreal tongue-in-cheek dystopian humor of Douglas Adams, the dramatic predictability of Andre Dubus III, and the rampant similes of a successful high school writer, you would get Monica Drake’s first novel, *Clown Girl*, a recently published book that Chuck Palahniuk holds in high esteem (he wrote the flattering intro to the novel).

Endorsements aside, the novel’s protagonist, Nita, goes by the name “Sniffles” for her professional career as a clown. Stuck in the ghetto of Baloneytown, she and several other clowns fight to stay afloat while maintaining their reputations as “artists” instead of giving in to clown fetishists (coulrophiles, for the language-savvy) and taking “one on one gigs” that pay exceedingly well.

Although the novel does a great job of creating a parallel universe where clowns run rampant while coulrophiles hunt them down, Drake’s prose tries a little too hard to be poetic, which only slows down the narrative. However, despite its slow pace and predictable plot twists, there just may be enough originality and humor thrown at the reader to make the novel worth picking up, such as scenes where Nita applies clown makeup at a high school prom, only to realize that the “prom queens” are wearing more makeup than she is. •

Paperback: 336 pages

Publisher: Hawthorne Books

Price: \$10.85 at Amazon.com

STREAM OF FACTS

APRIL 27

April 27, 1861: The writ of **habeas corpus** is suspended by President Abraham Lincoln in response to riots, local militia actions, and the threat that border slave state Maryland would secede from the Union.

In November of 2001, **habeas corpus** was again compromised when President Bush was given the power to detain non-citizens suspected of terrorist connections and hold them indefinitely without filing any sort of legal **charge**, holding a court hearing, or allowing detainees a legal consultant.

“**Charge**” is another name for Benzylpiperazine, or BZP. This recreational drug is **banned** in the United States, but is legal in Canada and many other countries.

Despite the widespread support of free speech in the United States, there are many **banned** books ever year. For example, children’s book *The Lorax* by **Dr. Seuss** is made unavailable in some places because it’s known as an allegorical political commentary.

Dr. Seuss wrote most of his books in anapestic **tetrameter**.

The first line of “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” uses dactylic **tetrameter**, the *opposite* of anapestic tetrameter. Dactylic rhythm goes “DUM da da DUM da da” **rather** than “da da DUM da da DUM.”

During Chuck Moore’s development of the Forth programming language, colleague Elizabeth **Rather** became the second ever **programmer** of the language; she is now a leading expert.

Ada Lovelace is popularly credited as history’s first **programmer** for her notes specifying, in complete detail, a method for calculating Bernoulli numbers with Charles Babbage’s early mechanical general-purpose **computer**, the analytical engine.

April 27, 1981: The **computer** mouse is introduced by Xerox PARC.

QUOTE

Neil Armstrong
“It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn’t feel like a giant. I felt very, very small.”

HAIKU

by Brian Garrison
no squeaky chalkboards—
we get the wet-dog-scent of
dry-erase markers.

REPORTER

RECOMMENDS

Plants n’ stuff. Remember back in first grade when you learned about photosynthesis? Plants essentially eat the sun, transforming energy from sunlight into sugars and starch and oxygen, which we aerobes need to breathe. If you want to get real wild and crazy, go plant a tree; Captain Planet would be proud. If you’re like the rest of us dorm-dwellers and apartment-renters, at least go buy some potted plants or something. However you go about it, I guarantee you’ll be able to breathe easier knowing that you’re saving the world and all.

CARTOON | by Alex Salsberg



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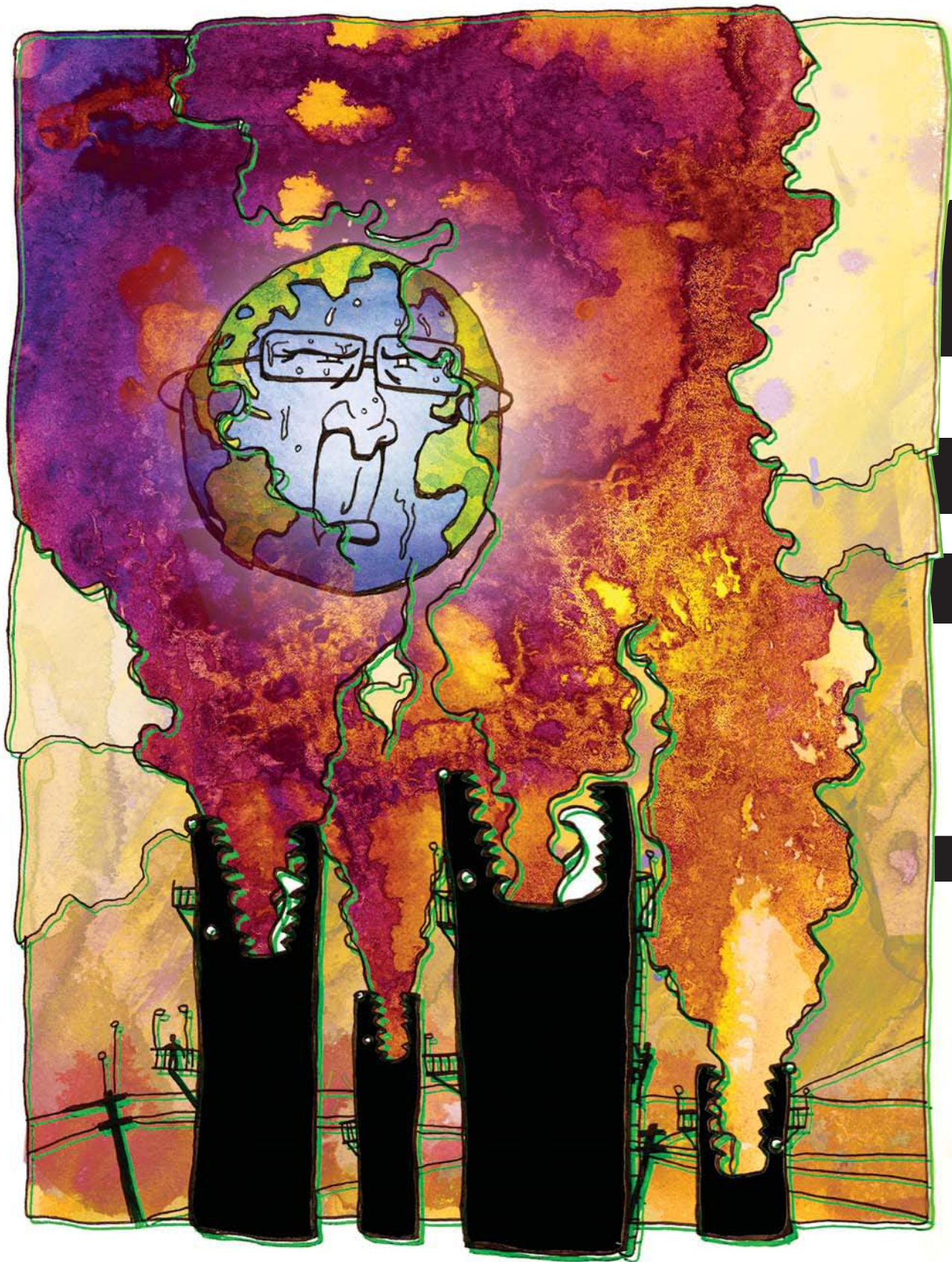
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JUMBLE

Star Trek Races

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- Irlit

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GLOBAL WARMING

WRITTEN BY LIZ KIEWIET/ ILLUSTRATION BY BRYAN WILLIAMS

FLORIDA WILL BE UNDERWATER IN LESS THAN A CENTURY...

SOUND UNBELIEVABLE?

When Hurricane Katrina rolled in during fall 2005, the U.S. took a devastating blow after failing to prepare for what scientists were predicating as one of the worst storms ever. This Level 5 hurricane warned the world of what horrors are to come with the advent of warmer temperatures across the globe. Scientists warned that Katrina was just the beginning. Could they be right?

IPCC: INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The IPCC was founded by the United Nations in 1988 with one purpose: To evaluate the risk of climate change brought on by humans. Since its creation, the IPCC has completed three reports. The third report will be made public in May 2007 and there is a fourth one in the works (aptly titled the Fourth Assessment Report). The reports are broken into three categories: 1. scientific evidence that global warming is actually occurring and what caused it; 2. what is going to happen in specific areas in the world; and 3. what can be done to help reverse the effects.

In its first report, the IPCC points out that increases in temperatures has been perpetuated by the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations, mentioning that over 50% of this increase is due to human fault. The report also details that an increase of 1.5-2.5 degrees Celsius could result in the extinction of 20-30% of global plant and animal species, and that temperatures could rise by four degrees Celsius by the end of the century. RIT En-

vironmental Science Professor and advisor of SEAL (Student Environment Action League) Joshua Goldowitz says that while global warming will have some serious effects on the world, it won't be the end of the world.

"I feel that with the appropriate technology and with huge advances in lowering the amount of greenhouse gases, we can reverse the trend and lower the amount of emissions," says Goldowitz. "Eventually, the excess CO₂ in the atmosphere will be absorbed by the oceans."

.....HOW CAN GLOBAL WARMING BE PREVENTED?.....

The short answer: it can't. According to the IPCC, there is no way to reverse the effects of global warming that have already begun. By capping greenhouse emissions, however, the effects of global warming can be lessened.

Says Goldowitz: "We need to determine how much [CO₂ and methane] the industrial world is pumping out in the atmosphere now and capping it at that level. Even if we'd cap it at that level, the IPCC says that's 80% higher than what it needs to be."

The third report that the IPCC will be releasing details some of the ideas for reducing the effects of global warming. "There are some pretty crazy ideas out there," Goldowitz remarks.

VERY LARGE VOLCANOES CAUSE THE GLOBAL TEMPERATURE TO DROP BY A COUPLE DEGREES DUE TO THE ASH THEY RELEASE INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. THIS ASH NATURALLY REFLECTS SUNLIGHT.

IDEA 1: MAKE AN ARTIFICIAL VOLCANO TO PUT ASH UP INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

YOU CAN FREEZE CO₂ INTO A SOLID FORM.

IDEA 2: FREEZE CO₂ IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND SINK IT TO THE LOWEST DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN, WHERE IT WOULD STAY IN SOLID FORM.

The best solution, according to Goldowitz, would be to stop greenhouse emissions entirely.

.....THE US: A BAD ROLE MODEL?.....

The U.S. puts out more greenhouse gases than any other country. "The reason we put out so much contamination is because we produce so much in terms of [manufacturing]," explains Goldowitz. "The whole world doesn't really know how to produce goods and services without contaminating the environment."

China will soon surpass the U.S. in greenhouse emissions as their manufacturing sector continues to boom. They currently face issues with the environment. Seven of the ten most polluted cities in the world are found in China (according to a World Health Organization report published in 1998). Acid rain falls on 30% of their land. In addition to this, China faces many issues with its water quality, with over 50% of the lengths of major rivers in North China rated as 'poor quality.' As a result, China struggles with finding enough safe drinking water for its people.

Goldowitz explained that because of these pressing issues, China has started to look towards the U.S. and Germany, the world leaders in environmental management and control, to help them address their issues.

But the U.S is not as bad as a role model as we may think, Goldowitz mentioned, saying, "future companies that are starting to industrialize can look at [the previous industries'] mistakes and skip those steps; just jump to the better step of a more green industry." Africa is an example, where they do not use land lines but instead employ cell phones as the standard for communication. By eliminating land lines, African countries have limited their dependence on copper for creating telephone wires.

Goldowitz added, "But we do have the technology. If we were to really jump on it and put all of our incredibly brilliant scientists and some government money towards it, we could probably overcome a lot of problems we're creating. [However], people want to get what they can while they can, and it's easier. Our whole way of life (suburban sprawl, big houses)—it was all developed when energy was cheap...we developed these habits, and now it's really hard to break those habits."

.....THE EFFECTS.....

In their second report, the IPCC detailed what they predict will happen within each continent. Within North America, days will start to become warmer, with more frequent hot days and nights (and, obviously, fewer cold days and nights). There will be an increased intensity of warm spells and heat waves. Also, events like Hurricane Katrina will become more frequent, with heavy precipitation events occurring regularly.

Generally, areas that receive a lot of precipitation will receive even more as temperatures continue to rise. Areas suffering from droughts and lack of precipitation will receive less precipitation. Water availability will reduce in regions supported by melt water from mountain ranges. These regions, worldwide, support 1/6 of the world's population.

According to the IPCC, "Approximately 20-30% of plant and animal species assessed so far are likely to be at increased risk of extinction if increases in global average temperature exceed 1.5-2.5C [2.7-4.5F]." The combined global land and ocean surface temperature for March was the fifth warmest on record (1.10 degrees F/0.61° degrees C above the 20th century mean). But Goldowitz notes that, "Biologists have figured out, or estimated roughly, how many different species have ever existed on earth. You can say that extinction is completely natural and expected. Almost every species that ever existed on Earth is extinct."

Sea levels will increase as glaciers continue to melt from the increased temperature. The IPCC predicts that if there is a partial melting of the glaciers over Greenland and the West Antarctic, sea levels will increase 13-20 feet. If the entire glacier over Greenland melts, the sea will rise by 23 feet; if the entire glacier over the West Antarctic were to melt, the sea would rise by 16.5 feet. Goldowitz added that the reason why water levels rise so dramatically is due to the fact that when the global ocean temperature rises, the water expands.

...RIT: FRIEND OR FOE TO THE ENVIRONMENT?.....

According to Goldowitz, RIT has been doing a good job dealing with the environment lately, making sure that the wetlands surrounding RIT are protected from run-off from the vegetation during a new construction project. SEAL, the student environment club created in 1993, conducts a wetland cleanup each year, pulling faculty, students, and staff together for a good cause. And each year they are surprised by their findings: bicycles, car engines, roofing tar, a couch, and empty motor oil cans have been found in the wetlands.

RIT is surrounded by one of the most important types of biomes—or ecological systems—where many amphibians, birds, and fish breed and raise their young. The run-off from construction projects or the motor oil being dumped in the wetlands cover and smother eggs of fish and amphibians. "If you don't have the wetlands, you lose a lot of species. A lot of wetlands have been filled in—more than 50% of the wetlands that have existed in the US have been filled in," says Goldowitz, "If the wetlands are gone, [the species] are gone."

Wetlands aren't the only place that RIT focuses on, however. Jan Reich, interim director for Facilities Management Services, says one of the biggest issues FMS deals with is energy consumption. This year they budgeted almost \$14 million for gas and electricity. Therefore, it behooves FMS to look for ways to reduce RIT's energy consumption. Some of their tactics include: more efficient lighting systems, occupancy sensors to turn off the lights in rooms, as well as window film and low-energy glass for new buildings (which helps reduce solar gain).

FMS has also been aggressively purchasing different types of utility vehicles to service the campus. According to Reich, FMS currently owns four electric cars that are licensed to be on the road. In addition, gas-powered work trucks have started to be replaced by electric utility vehicles, which, according to Reich, have several benefits. "Not only do they save fuel (therefore reducing our dependence on gasoline), but they have an added benefit—you can drive them up closer to the buildings where service is needed. We buy them with heated cabs and locked utility boxes on the back, so really they can be used all year long."

Finally, FMS has been participating in biodiesel research with CIMS (Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies) to power two biodiesel vehicles. "We're eventually going to be *producing* the biodiesel for them," says Reich.

.....THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.

No, it's not the end of the world as we know it. Still, scientists and politicians encourage that global environmental change needs to start *now*, and every single effort helps.

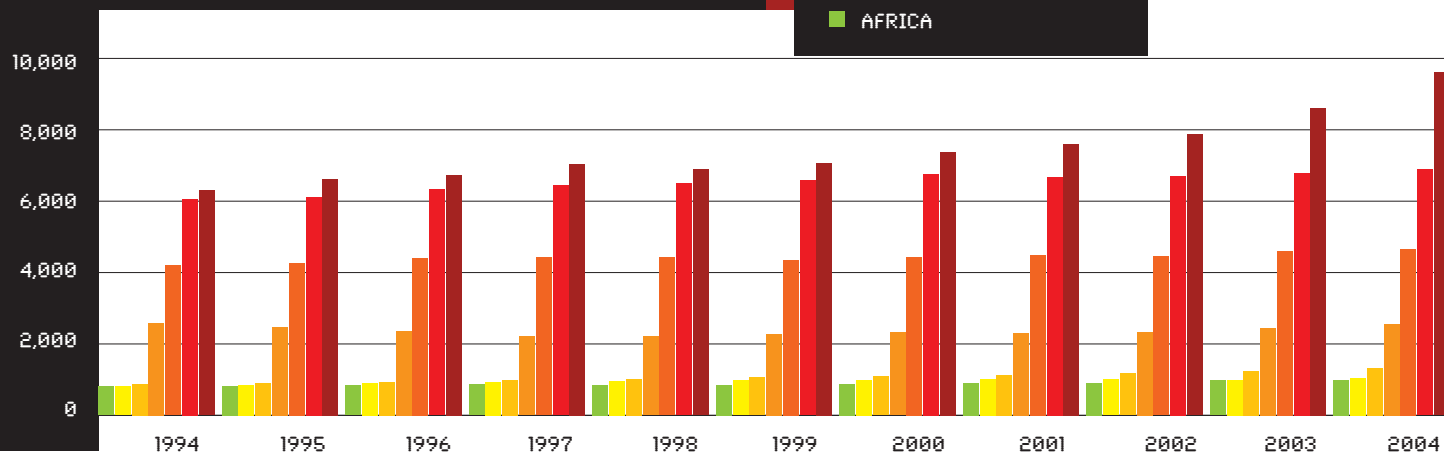
There are a plethora of websites out there for anyone wishing to learn more about what they can do to help the situation on global warming, including www.climatecrisis.net and www.stopglobalwarming.org •

HOW CAN I HELP?

GOLDOWITZ ADVISES:

- LOWER TEMPERATURES IN BUILDINGS DURING THE WINTER...
- USE LESS AC DURING THE SUMMER. "WEGMANS DID IT...IF THEY CAN DO IT WE CAN DO IT," GOLDOWITZ ADDED...
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- BECOME INFORMED. GO SEE THE MOVIE "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH." ONCE OUT IN INDUSTRY, RIT STUDENTS CAN TRY TO ENACT A CHANGE—WHETHER ITS' IN INDUSTRY, POLITICS, OR IN A SOCIAL CONTEXT...

GLOBAL CO2 EMISSIONS



NOTE: NUMBERS GIVEN IN MILLION METRIC TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE.

REFUSE, REDUCE, AND RECYCLE AT RIT

WRITTEN BY GOVIND RAMABADRAN

RIT recycled 26.06% of the 3,554 tons of waste it produced last year—that's 924 tons. "We recycle everything we can think of," explains Megan Soriano, FMS recycling administrator and fourth year finance student. But where do these 924 tons of reusable rubbish come from?

It's toners, ink cartridges, cardboard, containers, electronic waste, and the like. "We currently compost organic waste on campus [tree branches, leaves, and pine needles] and use them as mulch for the Nature Trail," said Soriano. Contrary to what some believe, "Our custodians do not mix trash with the recyclables—they are still separated, but the custodians have to wheel it to the dumpsters outside, like they are putting the trash in with the recyclables," Soriano explained. RIT's current trash contract enables them to save up to \$60,000 with their recycling efforts.

Local environmental regulations, however, prevent RIT from composting or recycling everything. "We currently do not compost food waste from the RIT Eateries due to health regulations," Soriano comments, but she has heard of the food materials being composted by the various environmental science classes. Monroe County regulations state that most plastics—like milk jugs, drink containers, detergent containers, and things of that nature—can be recycled. Items such as Nalgene containers, yogurt containers, and butter packages are not recyclable by Monroe County law. Plastic bags and other shopping bags are not recyclable, but Soriano recommends re-using them, since they would be useful for shopping again, and "they're great as trash liners."

Since 2002, RIT's goal has been to recycle 40% of its waste. While a rate of 26.06% falls short of that goal, it is a "significant increase" from where they were, according to FMS Interim Director Jan Reich. "And there's a lot of recycling that we do that isn't included in that," Reich added. "All the wood pallets for our [shipping and receiving] department are all recycled. Lots of construction debris is recycled. Metals and things like that from our garage operations to just metals that are produced from our normal maintenance operations—they aren't figured into the [percentage] either."

The Institute has planned several initiatives to increase recycling efforts. Soriano plans to start things off by finding more effective recycling bins

for the quarter mile. "There are only a handful of spots where you can recycle your containers in the RIT exterior environment, so we're going to try to standardize that by having recycle-specific bins alongside the trash." For those living in the on-campus apartments, Housing Operations and ResLife are finalizing a deal with FMS' trash contractor to supply dwellers with recycle bins, adding to internal apartment furniture and making transport of recyclables easier and more convenient.

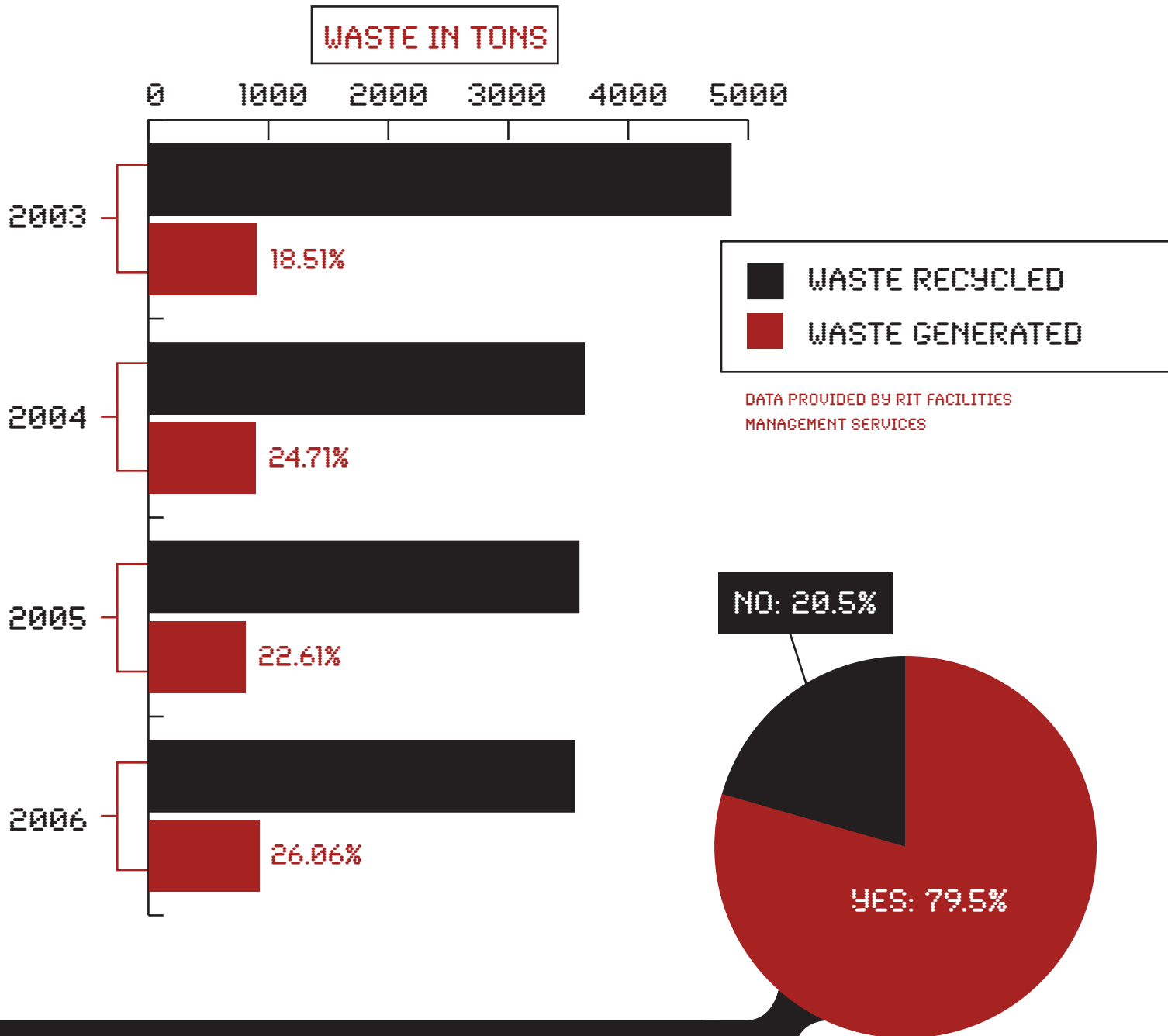
During finals week, the Animal Advocacy Group will collect reusable items at various collection sites around campus at an event called "Clutter for Cats". These items will be re-sold at a garage sale, with proceeds donated to Caring Hearts for Cats, a Rochester non-profit animal care group. Earth Month, in conjunction with Student Government, faculty, and staff, will also be used to help raise recycling awareness at RIT. "We try to get [everyone] involved by thinking of ways to 'close the loop,'" said Soriano. For instance, she suggests the simple effort of configuring your printer to print on both sides of the paper.

Soriano also urges students to watch where they throw their trash. If a recycling bin has regular trash mixed in, then the entire contents will be treated as trash instead of recycled. Look for blue paper bins for recycling paper and paper materials, such as cardboard. The green bins are for aluminium cans, certain plastics, and bottles and glass materials. Special white bins are marked for depositing ink and toner cartridges from printers, copiers, and fax machines. As for recycling various electronics like computers, monitors, and printers, the Student Environmental Action League (SEAL), in conjunction with FMS, holds special days each month to assist students in recycling electronic materials, which could release hazardous waste if not disposed of properly.

"Recycling is an opportunity for you to make a difference," commented Soriano. "We provide this opportunity, and the RIT community can take advantage of this. If done right, it can lead to higher recycling rates, which helps RIT overall in preserving resources and protecting the environment."

For more information on RIT Recycling, or to know what is recyclable, visit <http://www.facilities.rit.edu/aboutus/departments/recycling>.

RIT WASTE AND RECYCLING



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"Did you see that movie
Funny Face?"

Alex Baker

Fourth year Advertising photo



"More cowbell."

Wojtek Mysliwiec

Fifth year Mechanical engineering



"Ethanol 85."

Anubhad Thorat

Second year Mechanical
engineering technology



"Sponges to soak up moisture."

Sarah Rogers

Second year Industrial design



"Dumpsters on Mars."

Randi Powers

Second year Industrial design



"The 3 R's."

Betsy Richman

Second year Industrial design



"Bring back the glaciers."

Derek Mansen

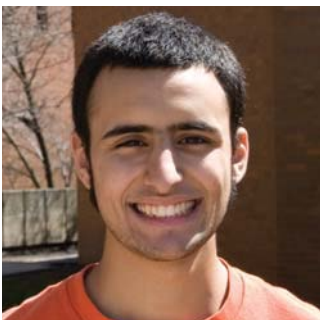
Second year Software
engineering



"Less Aquanet."

Sarah Mesh

Fourth year Multidisciplinary
studies



"The return of Slush Puppies."

David Ortiz

Fourth year Electrical engineering



"End of Humanity."

Andrew Davidson

Third year Film



"No smoking."

Ramesh Perera

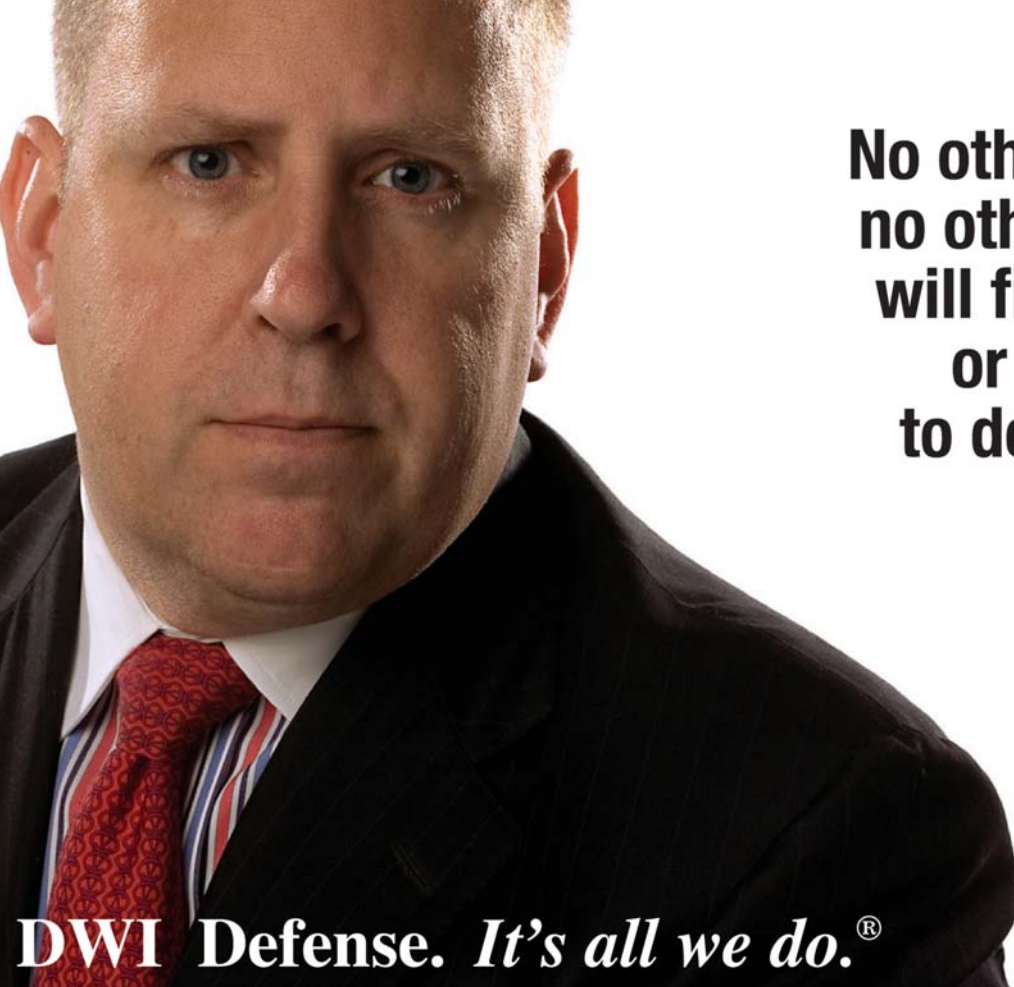
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"Al Gore for president."

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A swimmer in a yellow cap with the number 2 is captured mid-stroke in a pool lane. The water is a vibrant blue, and the swimmer's arm is extended forward. Lane lines with blue and white floats are visible in the background and foreground.

RIT/GALLAUDET SPORTS WEEKEND

by David Spiecker

photography by Matt Bagwell

This past weekend, it may have seemed the population of Deaf people on campus doubled overnight. There's a perfectly rational explanation for it: the age-old tradition of sorting out the rivalry between RIT and Gallaudet University, a Deaf and hard-of-hearing Liberal Arts College located in Washington D.C. Every year, students from each university vie for the traveling trophy that can only be won in a grueling day full of athletics. ►►

A contestant swims in the women's 50m freestyle race on Saturday.



“IT GIVES PEOPLE A SENSE OF UNITY, A FRIENDLY RIVALRY. IT GIVES PEOPLE SOMETHING, A PURPOSE TO GET TOGETHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER,”
SAYS JULIE MASON, A FOURTH YEAR INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR STUDYING THEATER AT RIT.

RIT/Gallaudet Weekend, the competition is a fierce tradition. RIT and Gallaudet alternate hosting the event every year. The weekend started with a pep rally that officially began the competition on Friday April 20. Competition at the pep rally wasn't athletic in nature, but consisted of two straight hours of school spirit. Students took center stage, trying to engage the audience at the Clark Gym, which was split in half—decked out in orange and brown on one side and blue and yellow on the other. The official motto for this year's weekend, as said on hundreds of t-shirts given out to athletes and fans alike from RIT: “as mama tiger said, bring home the bison head.”

At the pep rally, each university introduced their athletes to the audience and teased the crowd with a preview of the upcoming entertainment. Athletes dressed in school colors flashed assorted parts of their bodies and shouted out cheers in a defiant show of team spirit.

Perhaps the best part of the pep rally was the exchange of insults aimed at the mascots along with the audience's cheering or booing. A joke told by Matt Dans, pep rally chairperson and third year RIT graphic media student, kicked off the insult-the-mascot part of the pep rally, which went something like this: “I did some research on Wikipedia on the bison. Gallaudet has been saying that the bison could impale the tiger anytime. So I read the article, and it says the bison's a big animal with a particularly big head and only grazes. In fact, the head's so big, it's unable to actually ram things with its horns—the only alternative left is to turn around and kick with their puny back legs.”

With everyone still fired up from the pep rally, a new day brought fierce competition. Saturday would be a long day for most people with matches starting at 8 a.m., the last event starting at 5 p.m., and an assortment of events classified as individual sports or team sports happening throughout the day.

THE EVENTS

The women's indoor soccer match started out very slowly, with players feeling out the strengths and weaknesses of their opponents. As the game went on, RIT started to score goals and kept the momentum. The game ended with RIT winning 3-0. The fans had a hard time trying to watch the game—some were shoed off the raised indoor track overlooking the game, and the rest tried to watch through the white mesh of the dividers.

The men's softball match gathered a better fan base, considering the rare moments of extraordinarily beautiful weather in Rochester. RIT hit off the game with a great start, scoring three runs. Gallaudet answered back, however, scoring six points within the inning. Undaunted, RIT finished with a victory, 14-9.

Swimming didn't go as smoothly as the other events did. As the athletes arrived to warm up and prepare for the races, they quickly realized there wasn't anyone to facilitate the game. After



01//RIT's Marc Villaverde, a second-year Lab Science Technology major, waits for a throw from the last remaining Gallaudet player during last Saturday's dodgeball game in the SLC.

02//Michelle Koplitz, a fourth-year biotechnology student, comes up for air at the start of a women's 50m contest.

03//RIT Alumni Aaron Mowell takes a shot during the first half of a co-ed water polo match.

some time, compromises made to the rules, and rearranging of the team members, the games began. For most of the competition—consisting of the breaststroke, backstroke, and the butterfly stroke—RIT had a solid lead, in the end winning both the men's and women's division. Overall, the athletes had fun; chatting with each other, exchanging swimming tips and enjoying their time with support from their fans from both universities.

The men and women's volleyball matches gathered the most fans, with people sitting around the court as well watching from above on the mezzanine near the entrance to the SLC. The volleyball game was a heated match, with RIT and Gallaudet trailing each other in points. Eventually, Gallaudet emerged victorious in both men and women's games.

The basketball games were held off-campus, at Rush Henrietta high school so that Clark gym could be reserved for a big party. The shindig, which is called Brickfest when RIT hosts the weekend, is traditionally when the winner of the traveling trophy is announced. (When Gallaudet hosts the weekend, the party is called Rockfest).

After the sporting events ended, no animosity existed between the rival universities as everyone celebrated a weekend of friendly competition, especially given the great weather. RIT emerged victorious in the final total for the entire event. Many people, athletes and fans alike, enjoyed the weekend as it gave people a chance to come together. •

	RIT	Gallaudet
Team Sports		
Men's Basketball	33	44
Women's Basketball	48	23
Men's Dodgeball	4	0
Women's Dodgeball	3	1
Men's Singles Racquetball	Forfeit	Default
Men's Doubles Racquetball	Forfeit	Default
Women's Singles Racquetball	2	1
Women's Doubles Racquetball	2	0
Men's Indoor Soccer	3	0
Women's Indoor Soccer	3	1
Men's Softball	14	9
Women's Softball	11	1
Men's Swimming	Win	Lose
Women's Swimming	Win	Lose
Men's Volleyball	15	25
	25	21
	9	25
Women's Volleyball	21	25
	25	22
	9	15
Men's Wallyball	26	24
	26	24
Women's Wallyball	25	13
	25	14
COED Water Polo	12	7
Individual Sports		
Men's Badminton	15	7
	15	0
	15	5
Women's Badminton	Default	Forfeit
Men's Billiards	Loser	Winner
Women's Billiards	Loser	Winner
Men's Bowling	Winner	Loser
Women's Bowling	Winner	Loser
Men's Chess	2	0
Women's Chess	Forfeit	Default
Men's Darts	Default	Forfeit
Women's Darts	2	0
Men's' Foosball	2	0
Women's Foosball	Forfeit	Default
Men's Ping Pong	Winner	Loser
Women's Ping Pong	Default	Forfeit
Men's Tennis	Winner	Loser
Women's Tennis	Loser	Winner
Total Points (Calculated from wins)	206	149

01



02



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TRACK & FIELD

RIT vs. SUNY Brockport
04.21.07

photography by Megan Rossman

01//Fourth year student, Nate Lowe, races ahead during the men's relay.

02//First year mechanical engineering major, Matthew DeRosa, received third place in the men's triple jump.

03//Fourth year biochemistry student, Trisha Sliker, finished second place in the women's 5,000 meter run.

04//Pole Vaulters Mike Herb, a graduate student studying public policy, and Stephanie Matuszewski, a fourth year biotech student, got engaged on Saturday, April 21 at the SUNY Brockport Invitational. They met while pole vaulting at RIT four years ago, and Herb felt it was only appropriate to propose during a meet.



RITRINGS

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Monday 5:27 p.m.

Hey there, *Reporter*, I just read your newest edition and I read the article "No Work for You." I have to say, I don't know who this person is but they need to learn to conduct an interview in any matter. Now, I'm a fifth year student and I got, count them, 10 interviews based off of the job fair. Now, it wasn't because I wore a jacket or a tie, in fact I did, but maybe your writer needs to get a job or talk to some companies. Do some better research. I personally spent over six hours researching the companies I was interested in, figuring out exactly what they were hiring for and then had a gimmick for them to remember me by. Maybe that's why you didn't get the interview. And stop giving this bull[] advice to people to "stop going to the career fair because it is a waste of time." It's only a waste of time for people who don't go in prepared, have a good attitude, and can crack a joke and smile. If you can't do that you're obviously not going to get a job and I personally wouldn't hire you. Stop belittling the job fair. These companies come to the school for you.

Monday 10:55 p.m.

RIT Rings, what the [] is going on? Why is the internet down? It was down almost all weekend and now it's down again and I'm trying to do homework and I can't. We're one of the most technical schools in the country, so called, and we don't even have the Internet. Riverknoll has internet; why don't we have internet?

Thursday 9:10 p.m.

I just want to say your "the views expressed on this page are not endorsed by this page" is a load of bull[]. As soon as you guys start to edit [], [], those kinds of words, you are taking some kind of credit for what's on the page. Therefore, when you publish, like [], you are endorsing that word. When you come to the conclusion that [] and [] are unacceptable when they have no derogatory meaning to a specific group, then I don't see how you can publish [].

Thursday 9:54 p.m.

Hey *Reporter*, I don't want to be the [] here but I am not a big fan of Sudoku and I'm not very good at them. This week the stuff is pretty hard and all the numbers are already there. I solved it man, yeah.

Thursday 10:19 p.m.

In your recent issue with the Tiger Baseball you really upset my friend with the Red Sox comment. In full honesty, I love you for it. Go Yanks.

Thursday 11:06 p.m.

Hey RIT Rings, It's about 11 and I'm looking at your April 15 issue and I hope you realize that the Sudoku is entirely filled in already! I know you did this on purpose *Reporter*, but it's not funny. What am I going to do in class? It's not okay, I need something to keep my mind occupied for at least an hour. Now my mind won't be occupied at all!!! I'm upset. I'm distressed. I'm tired.

Thursday 11:27 p.m.

George Bush hates black people.

Friday 2:11 a.m.

Okay, *Reporter*, if it was you and two other people left alive on Earth as the sole representatives of the human race, would you rather it be two people of the opposite sex, or one of each?

Friday 7:33 a.m.

Dear RIT Rings, I'm reading your most recent issue and on the last page I see an article that says "Geekdom," and in the picture there is a guy holding up a Nintendo controller. I just wanted to let you guys know that the start button is actually on the right side. I thought everybody knew that.

Friday 9:26 a.m.

Hey I'm reading this week's *Reporter* and I thought you guys should notice that the start and select buttons are backwards in the picture. Just giving yourself a heads up so next time you want to call yourself a geek, look it up.

Friday 8:24 p.m.

Hey RIT Rings, you're really bad about putting the right names in the *Reporter*, even though the school barely realizes we have a women's lacrosse team, you could at least look at the roster online or something. You might want to correct that.

The Gospel of Global Warming

by Adam Botzenhart

illustration by Caitlin Yarsky

"There's a message in this... Ultimately, this is really not as much a political issue as a moral issue. If we allow this to happen, it is deeply unethical."

– Al Gore, on Global Warming.

I'll be the first to admit that I have no idea if global warming is or is not actually occurring. More than that, if it is occurring, I have no idea if human actions really have anything to do with it. I do not know the science behind global warming. But I do know that none of this, really, is about science at all. The phenomenon of global warming, whether real or not, is a moral necessity in the modern world.

Global warming is a black market morality that has arisen as a necessary response against greed, consumerism, and industrialization from a godless academia. After abolishing all limits, after boldly proclaiming that "everything is permitted" and "to each his own," Icarus has fallen back to earth. In short, the earth is warming because we need it to be warming. The temperature is rising because we need greed and economic exploitation to be wrong. The ice caps are melting because there needs to be a limit on the gross consumerism and materialism rampant in America. And polar bears need to be drowning, lives ultimately need to be at stake, because we need our limits back.

When Alexis de Tocqueville visited America in 1831, he observed our "taste for material well-being" and immediately recognized the potential danger of democracy in placing "a multitude of mediocre fortunes" within the reach of all. It is not surprising that he found the sole guard against an unbounded and limitless materialism in religion, in a Bible that teaches: "store up your treasures not on earth." It is because of this that Tocqueville warned: "When any religion whatsoever has cast deep roots within a democracy, guard against shaking it; but rather preserve it carefully as the most precious inheritance... do not seek to tear men from their old religious opinions and substitute new ones for fear that... the soul, finding itself for a moment empty of belief, the love of material enjoyments will come to spread through it and fill it entirely."

After rejecting all religions, after dismissing God, after moving "beyond good and evil," this is the situation we find ourselves in now. Suddenly, we need evil back. And evil has re-emerged in the form of human-generated CO₂ filling the atmosphere, trapping heat, ultimately causing, as Al Gore puts it, "the most dangerous crisis we have ever faced, by far."

It no wonder that the message global warming prophets like Gore preach is one of repentance, of acknowledging your environmental sins and finding salvation in "going green." The language is apocalyptic and the rhetoric is undeniably religious—Gore speaks of a "Day of Reckoning," a time fast approaching where we will have to pay for our environmental transgressions. Luckily for Gore, whose Tennessee mansion consumes 20 times the electricity used by the average American home, we even have a modern "absolution," as *TIME*'s Charles Krauthammer points



out. Celebrities, such as those at this year's Academy Awards who "went green," are able to wash their hands of their carbon emitting jets and lavish lifestyles by purchasing "carbon credits"—not reducing their carbon emissions by one ounce, instead simply purchasing environmental atonement.

It's a strange time in human history when one's decision to drive a Hummer is a moral transgression, but barbaric abortions and unnatural unions remain morally indeterminate. If global warming is a legitimate moral issue because it poses scientifically demonstrable damage to society, how about adultery, which studies show is causing real harm to our communities and society—breaking down trust and reciprocity, destroying families, leaving husbands, wives, children, whole communities bitter and broken? Here is a real threat to our society: our inability to commit, to keep our word, to put aside our selfish desires. Why is it easier to focus on the composition of our atmosphere than the health of our homes?

In the face of widespread relativism, after rejecting religion, modern man finds himself knowing greed is wrong with absolutely no clue or rational backing as to why. It is unfortunate that we need the great swindle and new religion of global warming, of a faux "Day of Reckoning," to provide that rational backing. It is unfortunate that we need an imagined crisis to instruct us as to how we ought to live. •



Spring festival

Friday May 4

water balloon launch
SG Barbeque
formula race team car reveal
carnival
talent show
pizza wars
car smash
Super Troopers

Saturday May 5

lambda wet down
live music
roller hockey meltdown
GU kite flying competition
tie-dying
breakdance showcase
step show
novelties
60 second caricatures
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wing wars
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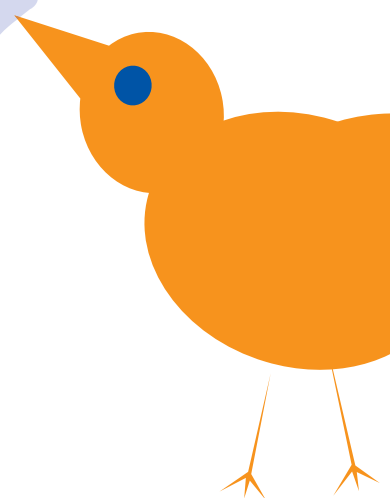
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