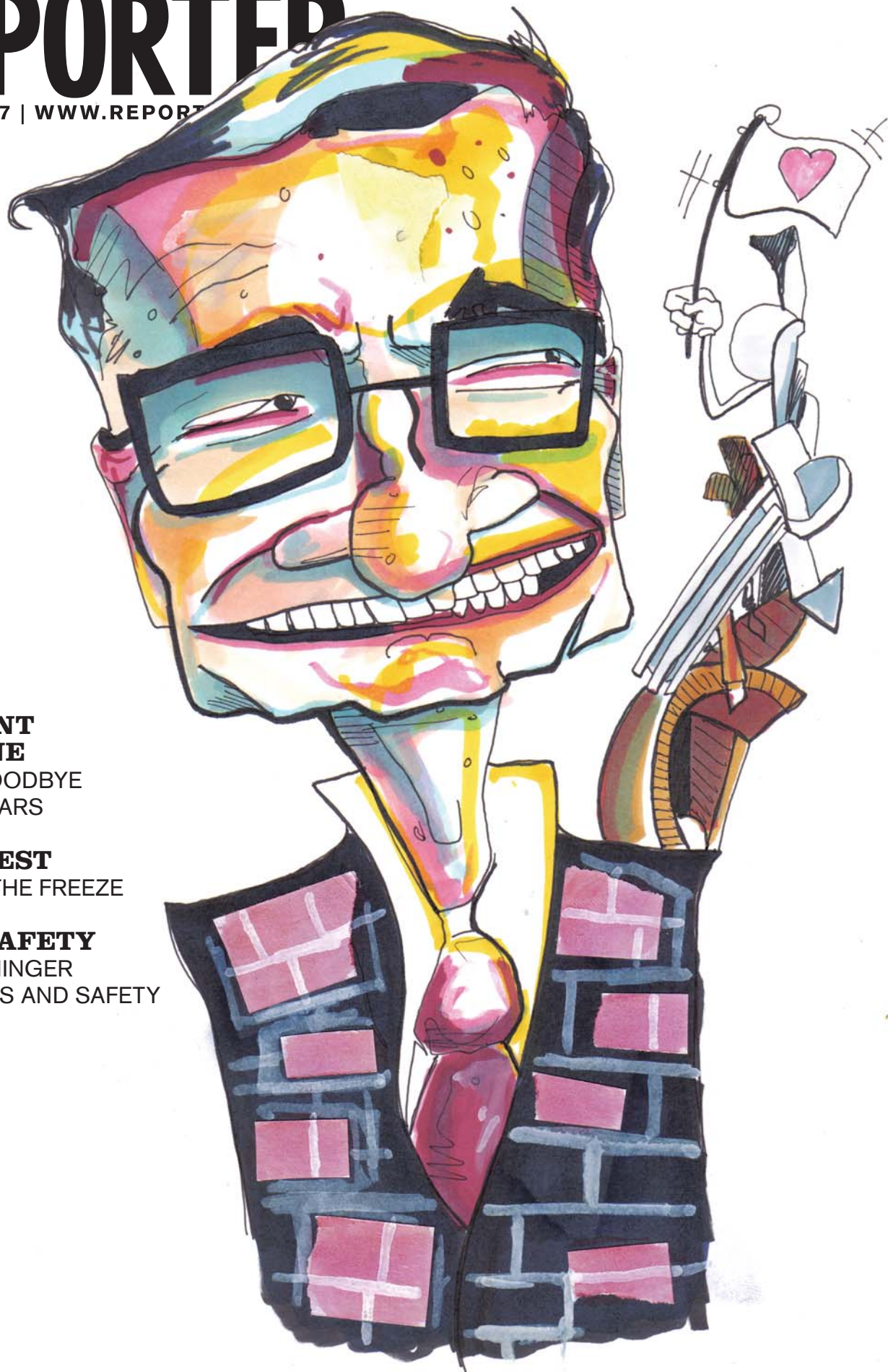


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Editorial

Political Perchants

The primaries for the 2008 presidential elections have been ramping up in the past few weeks. Given that both mainstream parties held their first debates of the campaign season in the very recent past, this statement should be no great surprise to anyone.

What happened during these debates? Exactly what you'd expect. The Republicans went on and on about the value of our "God-loving, family-oriented" society. The Democrats, of course, sang a slightly different tune about how it's time for a little "change, change, change." Neither debate sparked much actual debate; the candidates, by and large, refused to acknowledge the complexities of policy-making.

It all boils down to sheer dogma, represented by a neat little list of bullet-point binary questions: Should women be allowed to abort their babies? Should same-sex couples have the right to marry? Should we pull our troops out of Iraq? Should we allow illegal aliens some sort of amnesty?

You already know the answers. It all seems so simple; the Republicans all answer "no" and the Democrats all answer "yes." Any deviation from this basic platform is a pitfall. Need an example? Try asking Rudy Giuliani about his views on reproductive rights and you'll find yourself face-to-face with a suddenly incoherent, uncomfortable, and stuttering old man.

Public policy is rarely as simple as these questions suggest. For example, say that the future President of the United States abolished all abortions on his first day in the Oval Office (never mind that pesky separation of powers; we're speaking hyperbolically and hypothetically here). Conservatives might start a wave of cheers, but what happens after the initial parade ends?

The obvious answer is also the correct one: More unwanted babies will be born. Chances are reasonably good that many of these kids will either be put up for adoption or be raised poorly by unwilling parents. The short-term effects are thus two-fold: 1) The orphanage-bound children will put a strain on public funds, and 2) the neglected kids will contribute to an increase in crime. How will the government deal with these potential problems, which were spurred by its initial and dogmatic outlawing of abortion?

One choice is to raise taxes and devote the extra income to funding orphanages and police forces. But raising taxes is *not* a conservative ideal. Aha! We've found a contradiction. Other options? Stop the problem at its source by promoting more extensive safe-sex education. This, too, strays from the current Republican support of abstinence-only programming. Aw, shucks. A third option? Encourage gays to adopt the abandoned kids by granting them marriage rights. But, allowing homosexuals to form their own families is even worse than raising taxes or giving out condoms in the conservative world. We appear to be approaching a wall.

The idea here isn't that Republicans are evil and wrong; a similar example could easily be constructed for the Democrats. No, the problem is that our penchant for easy answers has promoted a series of political Perchants in the form of "issues," each one squawking up a storm and distracting us from what we should be looking for—genuine thought. We need a leader who knows how to take that momentary pause, a leader who knows how to collect appropriate data from a variety of sources, look it over, and *carefully* weigh the pros and cons.

We need a leader who is willing to admit that our problems are too complex to be solved by sound-bite-sized answers, a leader we won't find in our country's current political climate.



Jen Loomis

Editor in Chief



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Workers clear land allong Jefferson road to make way for College Town May 1, 2007. Photography by Dave Londres. Cover illustration by Greg Caggiano and Bryan Williams.

In response to David Spiecker's article in the April 27 issue of *Reporter*, the RIT/Gallaudet Sports Weekend Committee would like to point out several errors in the article:

1) A student, Julie Mason, was interviewed. This serves as disappointing, seeing how Mason had nothing to do with the sports aspect of the Weekend, which was covered by Mr. Spiecker's article. This gives the impression that Spiecker cannot distinguish the difference between Brickfest, which is the Saturday night party (which Ms. Mason partook in) and the Sports Weekend.

2) On the subject of interviewing, Spiecker did not interview anyone from the committee, nor did he interview any of the coaches, players, or referees. While he is not under any obligation to do so, we felt he could have least illustrated that it took eight months of hard work from a spectacular committee to ensure the success of the Weekend.

3) Spiecker notes in his article that the Weekend slogan was "As mama tiger said, bring home the bison head." This is incorrect. The Weekend slogan was "Our Turn. Our Turf. Our Trophy."

4) What Spiecker mistook for the Weekend slogan was actually the phrase on the athlete/committee tee-shirt. He also erred in that area: It should have been "Because Mama Tiger Said, Bring Home the Bison Head." Forgive our nit-picking, but one of our graphic designers, Ernie Roszkowski, worked countless hours on the tee-shirt design until it reached perfection. There were 146 athletes wearing Ernie's design, as well as 15 committee members. The fan tee-shirt also bore the Weekend slogan. How Spiecker overlooked all this is beyond us. It is also downright insulting.

5) RIT women's racquetball forfeited, not men's racquetball.

The aforementioned statements were to point out the mistakes noticed by the committee upon reading Spiecker's article.

Now, from my perspective alone, the complete and utter disregard of the presentation of the article saddens me. I expected more sensitivity and recognition of the hard work and effort it takes to uphold this annual tradition, especially given that Spiecker himself is a prominent member of the deaf community here at RIT. The coverage of the Weekend in the article, in fact, minimized what is truly a unique event between the respective universities and their communities. Given Spiecker's recent appointment as next year's NTID Student Congress Vice-President, I can only hope that he puts more thought and care into what will be Gallaudet/RIT Sports Weekend 2008.

Respectively yours,
Greg Beattie, Assistant Chairperson
RIT/Gallaudet Sports Weekend 2007

I'm the vice president for the new Invisible Children club on campus. I saw the article about IC in the most recent issue of *Reporter*! It was quite a surprise! However, I did notice a problem. In the first sentence, it says that 50,000 people are abducted every year. That statistic is false. At least 50,000 people have been abducted over the 21 years that the war has been waged (according to an interview in the *Invisible Children: Rough Cut* documentary). So, if you could include a correction in the next issue of *Reporter*, that'd be great.

Thanks,
Matthew Woyak

I wanted to respond to the editorial "Let Reason Hold the Reins," largely because of some misinformation given and expressed in a manner I find disrespectful.

I am a Resident Advisor. There was a mandatory meeting called the day after the Virginia Tech shootings. Dr. Mary Beth Cooper addressed us all and offered a few words about the RA who was killed at Virginia Tech, and offered a few words of gratitude to the RAs here at RIT.

There was a moment of silence that I suppose was "expected" or "required," if you want to put it that way. I personally didn't feel I was being subject to wild fits of "paranoia" or "compulsion" or subject to any kind of grieving.

Moments of silence are moments of respect and reflection.

After the meeting, there was a candlelight ceremony. All the RAs were told that they could go if they wanted, and could leave if and when they wanted. There was no compulsion. I saw a number of people leave.

I, along with many others, chose to stay. We stood in a circle, some linked hands. I personally felt a peace and bonding there.

Whoever the editor's informant was about the meeting obviously did not feel so. And that's okay too, but I feel that there is far too much complaining being printed on these pages and being spoken and thrashed around in the air. Can't we just be grateful for some of the wonderful opportunities we have to rejoice in what we have?

Sasha Senger

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WAIT A SECOND... IS THAT A SEGWAY?

by Ben Foster
photography by Andrew Ong



Public Safety Officer Drew Miltsch talks to students in the Infinity Quad Thursday, May 4.

Chris Denninger, the director of Public Safety, beckoned me into his office and, as is always the way with these sorts of interviews, we shook hands and exchanged pleasantries. He wanted to know where I'm from, and as we discussed the geography of Wisconsin I started to sit down, but he stopped me. Before the interview proper, he's going to teach me how to ride one of Public Safety's two brand new Segway Personal Transporters.

First you balance the contraption, then without pulling or grabbing the handlebars, you step up. So far so good. Then it's a matter of leaning forward and pulling back to go forward and backward. To turn the thing, all that's required is gentle pressure on the handlebars. They had me riding in a couple of minutes, and it wasn't hard, certainly a lot easier and less painful than learning to ride a bike. I am sure I looked ridiculous and

uncomfortable (I'm not sure if its possible to look graceful on the back of a Segway, but they'll certainly get you from point A to point B). Of course you probably didn't start reading this article to learn how to operate a Segway and I certainly didn't go into this interview expecting to learn. The primary question on my mind, and on the minds of most RIT students, is how much did these contraptions cost? And why did Public Safety bother? I didn't even get to sit down before I was presented with both answers.

The Segways cost \$5,200 a piece. Public Safety was working on securing a homeland security grant to cover some or all of the costs but, when that didn't work out, they wound up asking the administration to cover the costs. Denninger stressed that the purchase of these machines was in no way related to the recent tuition increase and that Public Safety had been looking into this technology for years.

In Denninger's opinion the Segway is the perfect piece of equipment to patrol our campus with. He points out that the core of the RIT campus, the Quarter Mile, and the hub of buildings on either end of it, are actually pretty inaccessible to officers in cars. In his mind, the Segway allows a mounted officer on campus to get anywhere else on campus far more quickly than would be possible on foot. In addition, Denninger likes the increased visibility that the Segway gives his officers. It allows an officer to be out on campus for prolonged periods of time without becoming fatigued, and this increased exposure could potentially result in a greater level of interaction between the officer on campus and the general population. Denninger was also quick to point out that RIT is hardly the first place to decide to adopt the Segway. Across the nation, airports, malls, and police departments have all found uses for this strange piece of technology.

Of course the bottom line remains, are Segways worth the cost? Denninger and RIT's administration have clearly answered yes. In a response on his "Ask the President" website, President Simone stated that in addition to gas savings from using the electric Segways instead of vehicle patrols, "RIT's carbon footprint will diminish due to patrol vehicles being driven less, resulting in lower emissions into the environment."

Time will convince students one way or the other. Responsiveness and integration with the campus community are clearly the fundamental goals; whether or not they are successful will ultimately depend on how RIT chooses to use this technology rather than on the technology itself. •

SEGWAY V. MAN		
	SEGWAY	MAN
Max Speed:	12.5 Mph	20mph
Max Distance:	8-12 Miles	A Marathon Is About 26 Miles
Speed At Max Distance:	12.5 Mph	11.6 Mph
Zero Turn Radius:	Yes	Yes
Stairs:	No	Yes

RIT'S GAMBLING POLICY

by Casey Dehlinger with reporting by Jean-Jacques DeLisle

After four weeks of intense debate in the Student Government Senate, RIT's gambling policy was finally approved on April 20, 2007 with a vote of 7-6. According to GCCIS Senator Damian Kumor, who voted against the policy, "There were probably a few reasons why it was such a close vote, the first is that many [senators] still were not sure about the policy. The second is that some [senators] liked the one presented the previous week, but wanted one or two lines changed in it. The third is that some were skeptical of the reasons for the policy because, at the first presentation of the policy, they talked about gambling addiction. This made the policy look like a reaction to a problem for a small group of students."

When asked whether the gambling policy was intended to emulate New York State law or curb gambling addiction, Vice President of Student Affairs Mary-Beth Cooper responded, "The policy and our stance will be to do both—stop what is illegal that has been happening on our campus, as well as help curb problem gambling. We did a recent survey with RIT students, and there is data that shows 20% of our students have bet more money on gambling activities than they ever planned to, and that 23% of students have bet money for the purpose of trying to win back money lost. Fourteen percent participate in sports wagering. When you do the math and look at real numbers, this is disconcerting."

One question and misconception brought up by the SG senators—and other students at large—is the fate of students who harmlessly play a couple hands of poker in their dorms at night. Cooper insisted, "The policy is primarily focused upon three components: possession of gambling devices, curtailing lotteries (which are against NYS law without a license), and pro-

moting forms of activities that involve gambling." She further explained, "Playing cards are not considered gambling devices, since cards can be used for many types of games. We are not looking to go after students who are playing cards in their rooms. We are more focused on students running gambling pools, tournaments for money, and on large scales that promote gambling."

Kumor disagrees with claims that the policy merely emulates state law. "I do not have a problem so much with there being a gambling policy, but I do not think we need a policy that is stronger than NY State law. I researched online what the law for gambling was, and I felt that this policy went beyond what I read," he said.

Kumor continued, "If you go to www.gambling-law-us.com/State-Laws/New-York/...that site lists 'A person is guilty of promoting gambling in the second degree when he knowingly advances or profits from unlawful gambling activity,' which is a bit different than our policy, as the real law would allow for groups and students to promote a trip to a casino, whereas the policy passed will probably stop this from happening."

Cooper maintained, "Students need to be looking at both NYS law and NYS Racing and Gaming Board criteria...both govern what is acceptable and not in NYS. You will see how extensive they both are, and that our policy is not harsher than what is listed for both. One...can result in criminal offense; the latter in civil fines and penalties."

Now that the policy has been passed by Student Government, it is up to Public Safety and Student Conduct to enforce it, regardless of how students interpret the policy, or the law. •

**Gambling:
Possession of
gambling
devices,
operation of
lotteries
and/or the
promotion of
gambling is
prohibited.**



BRICKBEAT

RIT Announces Eisenhart Award Winners

by Adam Botzenhart

For the past 42 years, RIT has been rewarding faculty excellence with the Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching. This year, three faculty members received the award: Dr. Stan Hoi, associate professor of finance; Professor Roberley Bell of the Foundations Department in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, and associate professor Keith Whittington, of the Department of Information Technology in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Potential recipients are first nominated by students, and later undergo review by a committee consisting of both faculty and students. In addition to recognition, the award also entails a cash grant of \$2,500. The formal presentation of the awards will take place on Friday, May 25, during academic convocation. •

Helvetica Documentary Comes to RIT

By Chris Tosswill

The limitation of a word is only the creativity of the writer or designer using it. Though for some, it's not about the message the words form, but rather the form of the letters themselves. The typeface used in a piece can set the tone or mood. "In the design world, the use of Helvetica is almost a religion," explained Cristina Stoll, second year graphic media major.

The documentary *Helvetica* discusses the contemporary uses of its namesake, the sans-serif typeface Helvetica, running the gamut from Helvetica's style to its psychological impact. It also includes a number of interviews with big names in the design world, such as Hermann Zapf, a legendary designer who's responsible for fonts such as Palatino and Optima.

After *Helvetica*'s May 11 showing in Webb Auditorium, there will be a question and answer session about the movie and the world of type as a whole. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the typeface.

RIT's screening of the new documentary is largely due to the work of two College of Imaging Arts and Sciences students, Stoll and third year print media major Bryan Yeager. Each heard about the movie independently, and they both started looking into bringing it to campus. After finding out that they were both working toward the same goal, the pair teamed up and gained the support of the School of Design and the School of Print Media.

The event has been in the works since the fall and coincides with a number of other design events at RIT, including the aforementioned visit by Hermann Zapf, who may be visiting the United States for the last time. He will be part of events at the Cary Graphic Arts Library. "It will definitely be a 'type' week," said Stoll.

The tickets for the general public are sold out and the tickets for students are all but gone as well. For more information about the documentary, check out: www.helveticafilm.com. •

RIT Museum Opens at the Library

by Joe McLaughlin

photography by CoCo Walters



The RIT Museum, newly opened on the third floor of Wallace Library, has a large collection of prints, posters, photographs, and artifacts from RIT's history, and the exhibit on display now focuses on student life on campus through the years.

A section of the third floor of Wallace Library has been designated the RIT Museum, and now displays items from RIT's archives. "I wanted to have an exhibit space so people could see what we have here," said Institute Archivist Becky Simmons. The museum formally opened March 27.

The material is made up of items from the archive's three collections: the RIT Collection, the RIT Art Collection, and the Deaf Studies Collection. Simmons explained, "The goal of the first exhibit was to celebrate RIT's focus on students." Items now on display include both educational and extracurricular pieces. The oldest piece in the exhibit is a Mechanical Architecture Drawing exam from 1885. Other pieces include a receipt for tuition (\$30.50 for a semester) from 1896 and a student's domestic science notes from the early 1900s.

The exhibit also includes many pieces related to clubs and sports, including a jersey of the RIT football team from 1978 and a wool wrestling singlet from the then-Mechanics' Institute. Student Government records, WITR schedules, and the records of the first Deaf sorority on campus are also on display. In addition, museum visitors will find a 1961 letter to new students about parking on campus. Simmons said that this was included "because some things never change."



The RIT Museum also has online exhibits on Wallace Library's website. Among the current online exhibits are "The Story of SpiRIT the Bengal Tiger," which covers students in 1963 getting together and buying a tiger to be RIT's mascot. According to Simmons, the Institute plans to change the exhibits once every six months. The next exhibit will be about presidents of RIT, and will premiere in October. •

RITFORECAST

compiled by Govind Ramabadran

SGSENATE WEEKLY UPDATE

by Govind Ramabadran

Saturday 12 MAY	<p>SLT Mini Olympics</p> <p>Outdoors: Baseball Field, EPB Quad, Sol Quad. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Several team-based competitions held throughout the day. Sponsored by Student Life Team. Cost: Free.</p> <p>24 More Hours of RIT</p> <p>SAU Fireside Lounge. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Short pieces written, directed, and produced in 24 short hours. Sponsored by RIT Players. Cost: Free.</p> <p>Islam's War on Terror</p> <p>Ingle Auditorium. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Lecture by Imam Kaashif Khan geared towards non-Muslims to dispel notions that Islam promotes terrorism. Cost: Free.</p> <p>Handamation</p> <p>LBJ Panara Theatre. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Performance blending dancers, visual theatre performers, and live and taped video artists. Cost: \$5 students, faculty and staff, \$7 public.</p> <p>CAB Saturday Night Stand-up Presents Joshua Seth</p> <p>Ingle Auditorium. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. Comedic hypnotist and mind reader Joshua Seth performs courtesy of College Activities Board (CAB). Cost to see hilarity ensue: only a buck.</p>
Sunday 13 MAY	<p>Ultimate Frisbee Tournament</p> <p>Outdoors: Behind Gracie's. Noon - 7 p.m. Fundraiser frisbee tournament sponsored by Kappa Delta Rho. Cost: \$20.</p>
Monday 14 MAY	<p>Seneca Park Zoo Cookout</p> <p>Outdoors: Eastman-Kodak Quad. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hamburger and hot dogs will be served to help raise money for the Seneca Park Zoo's expansion. Sponsored by Life Sciences Club.</p>
Wednesday 16 MAY	<p>Meet the Authors and Artists: Signatures Magazine</p> <p>Wallace Library, Idea Factory. 3:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. An opportunity to meet the authors and artists behind <i>Signatures</i>, including art displays and poetry readings. Cost: Free.</p>
Thursday 17 MAY	<p>BCG 90 Block Party</p> <p>Outdoors: BCG 90 Quad. 9 p.m. - 11:45 p.m. Block party in the Gleason quad. Cost: Free.</p>
Friday 18 MAY	<p>RIT Voice and Piano Student Recital</p> <p>Ingle Auditorium. 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. End of quarter recital for students of the Applied Music: Voice and Applied Music: Piano classes. Cost: Free.</p> <p>Breaking Benjamin Concert</p> <p>Gordon Field House. 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Breaking Benjamin performs, in addition to supporting performances from Three Days Grace, Puddle of Mudd, and Red. Cost: \$34.50.</p>

MSO E-board Amendment

An amendment was introduced into the SG by-laws, stating that no one will serve on more than one executive board of a major student organization (MSO), including the SG Cabinet, to prevent conflicts of interest. The SG Senate agreed to table this issue until next week due to procedures on new business introduced at Senate meetings.

Mural Policy

The Senate discussed the issue about chalk drawings on buildings, and Blonski believed it was an issue mainly of a good drawing versus the Institute policy on graffiti. Jon Berman (COS senator) brought the issue to the Senate after being approached about it and will be working to revise the policy.

Financing Religious Conversions?

Berman also raised concerns that an SG-financed concert, sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, was held to gain new converts. He introduced an amendment to the Standing Orders of the SG Finance Committee that stated that they won't fund events that involve religious conversion. Adam Weissman (KGCOE senator) said there should be a distinction between conversion and recruitment, the latter of which groups do at events. SG President Lizzie Sorkin confirmed that the Finance Committee asked the right questions about the event and wondered how they can assume the event was for conversion. The issue was tabled to next week.

Old Business

A revision was made to the club recognition procedures to explicitly grant the Club Review Board the power to approve or deny clubs, with appeals sent to the Senate. For legal reasons, the policy was also revised to grant the Vice President of Student Affairs that same power. The issue will be voted on next week.

Another amendment was introduced, creating the position of an MSO Liaison to aid MSOs, just as the Representative-at-Large aids the student clubs. However, unlike the Representative-at-Large, the MSO Liaison would be a cabinet-level position. Damian Kumor (GCCIS senator) suggested revising this amendment to prevent overlap between the two positions. Weissman believed it was unfair that the Representative-at-Large is a staff position and the MSO Liaison would be a Cabinet position, given that both positions would perform parallel duties. The issue was tabled to next week to continue discussion.

Miscellaneous

Tim Wallenhorst (RHA) was nominated Senator of the Month for continuing negotiations with RIT Food Service in an attempt to extend hours for the eateries on campus.

Thanks to Kumor's efforts, the SLC will now have hours extended to 1:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday next year.

ROCK THIS BITCH

AT RIT



by Caroline Martin

photography by Todd Carlson

I managed to secure a spot right up against the front railing, right next to the interpreters. By forming alliances with the groups of students around me, I knew that if I needed to go to the bathroom at any point in the show, I would be able to come and go without being elbowed in the face. That's the sort of thing you have to do when you go to the major concert at Springfest.

Sara Bareilles

Sara Bareilles, a cute solo singer/songwriter/pianist, opened just after 8:00. She brought her camera onstage with her, recording the crowd, obviously delighted by the turnout. She greeted the crowd and started right into "Love Song," her single which you can listen to (along with many others) at www.sarabmusic.com. Although her music falls very much under the pop category, her voice has a certain quality to it that makes it feel like it might not be.

Flurries of notes were thrown on to the stage from the crowd, complimenting Sara's choice of wardrobe and lip gloss. Sara flitted around the stage to collect them and bring them back to her keyboard. "You're pretty, will you marry me? Yes/No. Meet me at Infinity Quad after the show," she read one out loud and giggled. She spoke softly to the crowd, welcoming us to make a closer connection. "The answer is yes."

Black Violin

Black Violin, a three-man mix of hip-hop and classical violin, made their way to the stage. The DJ in the back started getting the crowd riled up, thumping out bass so strong it could change the rhythm of your heart. Once the two violins started playing, I could only imagine how epic their set would be. Two classically trained musicians could do so much with modern music, maybe even changing the way we look at music today.

The problem was that for twenty minutes, it was all the same. The DJ spun out the recognizable hip-hop samples and the violins played the melodies and harmonies with very few variations. It was interesting, but not incredibly impressive. DJ TK shouted "RIT" and "Black Violin" so many times I came to assume that was all he knew how to say.

But then, after the monotony, they redeemed themselves with some "stank on classical." The bass stopped and the lights went low to just soft white lights on the violinists. Bows in hand, eyes closed, they suddenly turned into completely different people as they started playing classical music.

And for the first time, the crowd went wild. You could hear the intricacies and subtleties of the violins that you couldn't hear with the bass before. They started adding in different rhythm and expanding their harmonies, exploring the song. Finally, they added the bass back in and it all came together and somehow made sense. They thanked the crowd and left us to wait for Ben Folds.

Ben Folds

The wait was significant, expected, and totally worth it. All the lights in the Field House went down, save for a few cold blue lights. The first few synthesized notes of "The Final Countdown" came on to announce the entrance of Ben Folds. He bounced up on stage with his new bassist and drummer, gave a wave, and started right into "Trusted."

The crowd was much more cohesive by this point, everyone enjoying what they had come to see: A 40-year-old guy playing piano and singing about realizing your place in the world, messy break-ups, bitches and hos, and ballads of characters we will never meet. The man knows his songs and understands music theory so well that he can improv most of it and have it sound better than the recorded versions. He makes bashing a piano with a stool sound good.

Ben Folds isn't just a great musician or lyricist, either. He's a brilliant performer. He plays with his crowd, threatening to play the infamous

14 Hz "Brown Note" on his synthesizer. After demonstrating 18Hz and 15Hz, he went into "Narcolepsy," replacing his lyrics with, "I should warn you, you'll shit your pants...nothing hurts when you shit your pants." Towards the end of his set, he took off his shoes and socks and played piano with his hands and synthesizer with his toes. Many people in the audience had never heard Ben Folds before, but the show was good enough that you didn't have to know all the words to enjoy it (although it didn't hurt).

His performance was seamless, barely pausing between songs to allow for applause. The crowd hardly had a chance to yell to him, but that didn't stop the screams of "Free Bird" and "Rock This Bitch." Years ago, when fans would yell "Rock This Bitch," he would respond, "I'll tell you what I'm gonna do, I'm gonna rock this bitch" and proceed to improvise a song. RIT is now on the list of Rock This Bitch venues, with a song about Java's that goes like this:

RIT

RIT

I went to a coffee house

Right next to the music conservatory

And they gave me some food

And they didn't charge me

And they gave me some coffee

And they didn't charge me

And when I was broke, I needed it more

And now that I'm rich, they give me coffee

But I appreciate it

Because they make very good coffee

And I think that it is the coolest coffee shop

because everyone's not so fucking sour like

they are at other coffee shops

Well God damn

Rock this bitch RIT

Rock this bitch RIT

We're gonna rock this bitch here at the Field

Afternoon Delight

Earlier in the afternoon in Webb Auditorium, RIT's very own Surround Sound put on Afternoon Delight, the perfect concert for the stereotypical RIT student. It was geeky, silly, intelligent, and really fun. Afternoon Delight featured Paul and Storm opening for Jonathan Coulton, but the three guys occasionally helped each other out with the performances. Surround Sound opened up with an a cappella tribute to Star Wars and sang during the break. Paul and Storm roused the crowd with songs about pirates while Jonathan Coulton switched over to zombies and giant squids. Sadly, they won't be touring around New York again for a while, but you can find a lot of their songs on YouTube.

House at RIT

I wanna see the sign language person say shit
SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT (x15)

Amused by the sign for the word "shit," he made his drummer and bassist pretend to keep playing, and make no noise and then have everyone sign "shit" in sign language. "If there's anyone here who is hard-of-hearing, they'll really appreciate this because we'll all be having the same experience," he grinned while the entire audience pulled their thumb out of their closed fists over and over again.

The crowd's energy peaked just when it was supposed to, built up by the last few songs. At the end of his set, Ben Folds walked off the stage with his shoes, socks, and a black bra in hand. •

SPRING FEST 2007



I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

~~We need a~~
We know how the
carnival rides
work...

Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

there is spring

Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

We all need a weekend
of fun - feel like a kid
again.

Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

It makes students
feel they aren't in
Hell for a weekend

Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

it make us feel like kids AGAIN

Thank You!



I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...

We need to celebrate
sunny days!



I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
its fun
 Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
its another reason why the parking lots are closed
 Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
It brings the campus together!
 Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
by Spring Quarter, I'm too poor to afford my own food.
 Thank You!

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
people go crazy once it hits so
 Thank You!



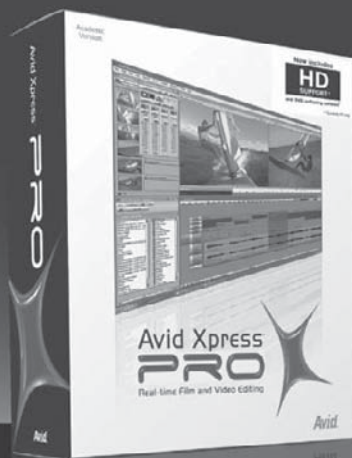
- ① THIRD YEAR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR, CHRIS WONG, AND FIRST YEAR COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MAJOR, KAI-WAH, SACKY NG, SHOOT BASKETS IN THE SAV DURING SPRING FEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 5.
- ② RIT STUDENT CAME TO SPRING FEST TO GET STUCK TO A WALL MAY 5, 2007.
- ③ FOURTH YEAR SOCIOLOGY MAJOR RAYMOND PAULTRE, THIRD YEAR COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MAJOR RICHARD BAILEY, AND FIFTH YEAR BIOTECHNOLOGY MAJOR ANNE FIGUEROA COMPETE IN THE 2007 NPHC STRAIL SHOW THEIR FRATERNITY, ALPHA PHI ALPHA, TOOK FIRST PLACE THIS YEAR.
- ④ RIT STUDENTS CAME OUT FOR THE SPRING FESTIVAL TO PRACTICE THEIR SUMO WRESTLING SKILLS. MAY 5, 2007.
- ⑤ THIRD YEAR MIS MAJOR TONY ETHANATHA (RIGHT), WAITS PATIENTLY WHILE BECKY VERBANIC OF BOBBY K ENTERTAINMENT REMOVES A WAX MOLD FROM HIS HAND IN THE SAV DURING SPRING FEST, MAY 5, 2007.
- ⑥ CODY WILLIAMS FIRST YEAR INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER CAME OUT FOR SPRING FEST TO TEST HIS STRENGTH ON THE IRON MAN INFLATABLE, MAY 6, 2007.
- ⑦ KATE DYSON FIRST YEAR INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER CAME OUT FOR SPRING FEST.
- ⑧ KATE DYSON, FOURTH YEAR BIO-TECH MAJOR, AND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS, PREPARES COTTON CANDY IN THE SAV DURING SPRING FEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 5.

I think Springfest is a part of RIT because...
students like free stuff and fried dough.

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STREAM OF FACTS
MAY 11

May 11, 1984 – A transit of Earth from Mars takes place; no one is there to observe it. Or so we've been lead to believe...

When "Believe" by Cher reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100, she became the oldest female artist to achieve this feat. She was 52.

52 is the atomic number of tellurium. It gives a greenish-blue flame when burned in normal air.

Tellurium was used as a chemical bonder in the making of the outer shell of the first atom bomb.

Originally conceived by dental surgeon Lytle S. Adams, the "bat bomb" was developed by the United States during World War II with the hope of attacking mainland Japan. These were, literally, bats with tiny incendiary bombs attached to them.

Japan is ranked second in the world (behind China) in tonnage of fish caught. It nets nearly 15% of the global catch.

Historically, "tonnage" was the tax on tuns, or casks, of wine that held approximately 252 gallons of wine and weighed approximately 2,240 pounds.

Wine grapes are grown almost exclusively between thirty and fifty degrees north or south of the equator.

The diameter of the Earth at the equator is approximately 12,793 km. The highest point on the equator is 4,690 m, on the south slopes of Volcán Cayambe in Ecuador. The highest point on Earth (Mount Everest) is located in the Northern hemisphere.

IBM researchers have recently assembled a simulated mouse cortical hemisphere (the functional half of a mouse brain) on a Blue Gene/L supercomputer. They then ran the simulation in 1/10 time.

May 11, 1997 – Deep Blue, the chess-playing supercomputer, defeats Garry Kasparov, and becomes the first computer to beat a world champion chess player.

QUOTE

"I like to think of my best moments on the job as quiet victories. Victories over what? Over the 'system,' over the various bureaucracies not watching over me, over my colleagues' indifference, over my patron's ignorance, over the very concept of horn-blowing pride."

Paul Wiener

HAIKU

by Brian Garrison

Dreams gang up on you,
attacking on the weekends.
sleep in with caution.

REPORTER

RECOMMENDS

BestHongKong.com. You can buy 1,000 LEDs for \$10! Granted, they are in Hong Kong, so the devastatingly high shipping has the potential to suck all the joy out of this fabulous purchase. But with some strategic group purchases to help defray shipping costs, think of all the fun you could have! LED throwies, anyone? (Note: definitely look this up on Wikipedia if you don't know what this is; it's sure to bring a smile to your face.)

CARTOON | by Alex Salsberg



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If you've never done one of these, this is how it works: each row and column should contain the numbers 1-9 once and each of the blocks should contain each number once too. The answer is on the website, go check it out!

JUMBLE

Simone's favorite musicians

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nray yntan
ezid erzan
ntoy teetnbn
ant gikn lceo
ocstt oljiipn
rimao alanz
ilbly etisckne

Hint: December 22, 2006, page 31... Finally, the secret stack of *Reporters* neatly archived under your bed will come in handy. If I hadn't just disposed of those extra 6,000 human hands I've been hiding under my bed, I'd totally put one in each magazine to high five you right now.

Answers: Don Hio, Vladimir Ashkenazy, The Four Aces, Ryan Tynan, Dezzi Amez, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Scott Joplin, Mario Lanza, Billy Eckstine

THE EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF RIT:

Before I Leave, Two Points from Albert J. Simone

by Antonio Castillo with contributions by Laura Mandanas

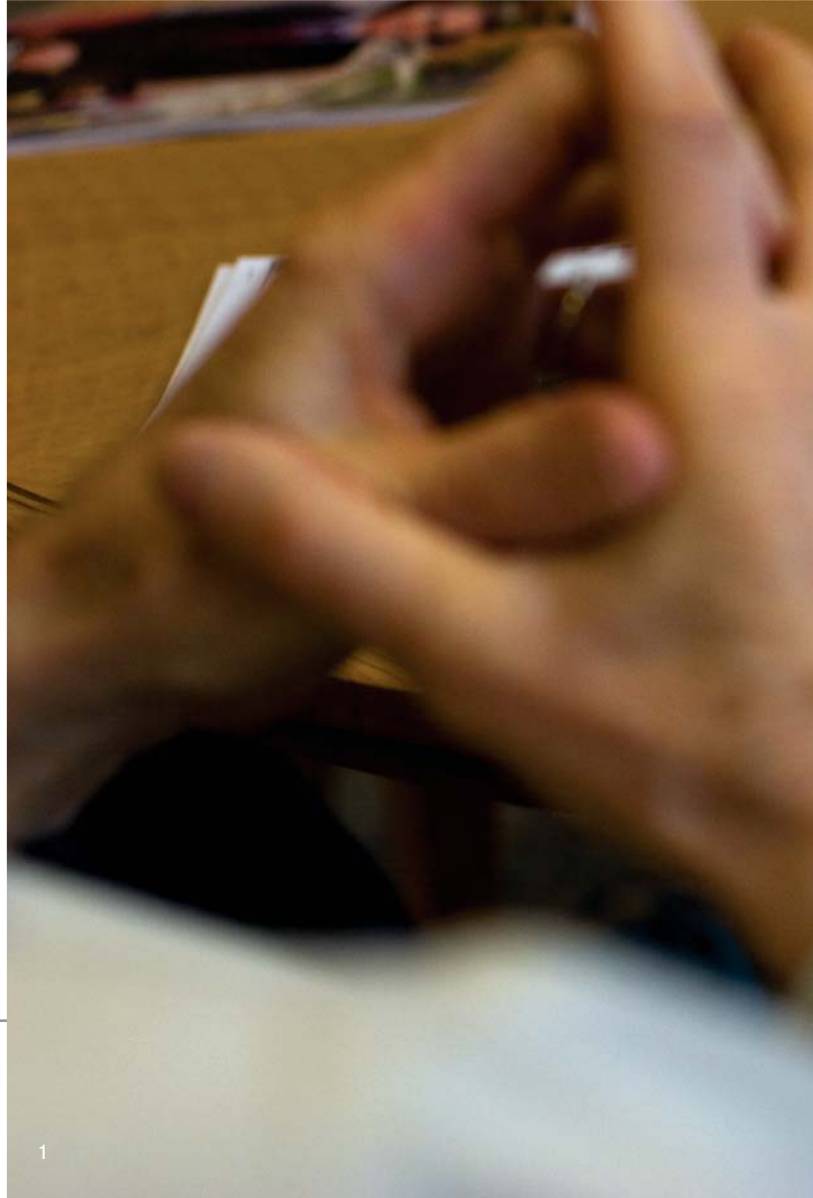
Any other president might have taken it personally when, in 1996, a *Reporter* article assailed the president for blatantly ignoring the voices of the students. Any other president might have ignored the signs—at his first academic convocation, a student stood up and said, “Dr. Simone, I *am not* social security number 295-50-[xxxx]...My name is John!” Any other president might have stumbled at the finish line—but under the stewardship of Albert J. Simone, RIT is poised to be a “Category-of-One” university.

Dr. Simone was a varsity athlete in college, which began a way of doing things that has yet to fail him. If the past 15 years of his presidency were a basketball game, he would have been a remarkable point-guard, setting RIT up to take a three-point shot at half-court, captivating the crowd, and winning the game. Dr. Simone wasn’t a basketball player in college though—he was a wrestler, who wrestled with challenging issues after his arrival at RIT in September 1992.

The campus in 1992 was very different than it is now. Students mistrusted the administration and complained vehemently about student services. NTID operated as a completely separate school—because past leadership was deaf—to the benefit of creating solidarity among its colleges. Faculty and staff were figuring out how to cope with a freeze on raises and budgets for the colleges with no change in sight. The problems of the past are now an echo today, muted by the vast number of bricks that have sprung up in the last decade. To Dr. Simone, of all of his changes and initiatives, none is more important than ensuring diversity is at the center of RIT’s growth to becoming a global university.

1. Diversity Matters

In a meeting with Dr. Alfreda Brown, RIT’s Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Simone intones that, “The Board of Trustees are committed to diversity; [diversity] is important if [RIT] is to succeed and be a Category-of-One university.” In their meeting, Brown asked the president how he received the Diversity Day event held on April 23 called



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1992

Simone takes office as the eighth president of RIT on Sept. 1.

1993

RIT Women’s Center established. Partnership with Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Japan launched.

1994

Disability Services Office established. Ten-year strategic plan, “Learning and Careers 2004,” adopted.

1995

Margaret’s House on-campus day care center dedicated.

"Reaffirming RIT's Commitment to Diversity." The president thought it was terrific. "I fundamentally believe you build quality from diversity."

There has been a struggle explaining to the Institute what Dr. Brown and her team hope to accomplish. Faculty and staff worry, "What if I'm not diverse enough?" in terms of their teaching methods or scholarship. The president believes, no matter what the concerns, it is critical to set a course and start making progress with this nebulous issue. Brown and Dr. Simone are still

grappling with an official definition of diversity, which goes to show there is still much to be done to acclimate the campus.

Four years ago, Dr. Simone held RIT's first conference on diversity and outlined his goals for the improvements that were critically necessary. Today, he says, "We need more women in our student body. We need more women on the faculty. We would like to have more faculty, staff, and students of color. We need to treat everyone with respect and dignity—that's the honor code...We have to live our honor code." Brown is RIT's first Chief Diversity Officer, a fact that the president warmly shares. ALANA (African American, Latino, Asian, Native American) faculty has increased by almost 150% since 1998; ALANA student and Asian and Indian students have accounted for 58% of the growth of new students since 1998.

The diversity conference was organized for the top 300 managers on campus to ensure that the goal Dr. Simone set four years ago has been taken seriously. Before he retires on June 30, the president is insistent that the message is out there: diversity is for everyone."

Being a global company was the topic presented by Bausch & Lomb, who delivered the keynote address at the conference. Dr. Simone remarked that RIT can be a global university, but we have a ways to go.

2. Global Culture

Prior to RIT, Dr. Simone was president of the University of Hawaii, "a truly global university" he remarks. There he signed approximately 100 faculty and student knowledge exchange programs. At RIT, a foreign exchange of knowledge is underway, but still in need of help. In bringing global learning to campus, Dr. Simone said, "One of the first things I thought would fit was KIT, the Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Japan. You know, [RIT] and [KIT]—it's perfect."

Dr. Simone's connection with KIT was made while at the University of Hawaii. In his first weeks as President of RIT, he took a group to visit the university in Japan. He beams that the two schools have had a close relationship and partnership for almost 15 years. The amount of study abroad offerings has grown to 150 programs in 20 countries since the KIT connection. Other accomplishments include RIT's American Institute of Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia, which opened in 1997. It currently enrolls 700 students each year, having started with only 175.

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1996

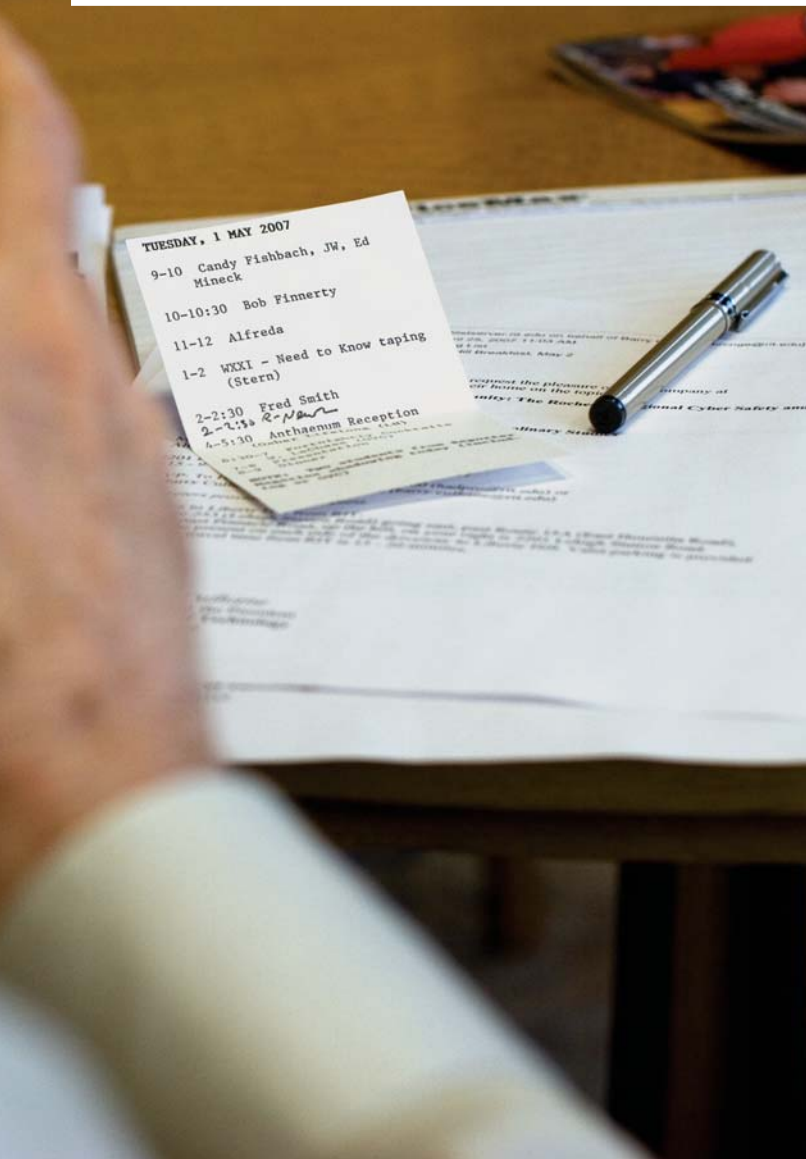
RIT launches nation's first undergraduate program in software engineering. College of Engineering announces the Kate Gleason Scholarship for women.

1997

Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies opens. RIT's American College of Management and Technology in Croatia opens. RIT varsity crew team formed. First Brick City Festival (now Brick City Homecoming) takes place.

1998

\$60 million residence hall renovation project begins. First in Class initiative is launched to foster partnerships with industry and government. Center for Excellence in Mathematics, Science and Technology, a major addition to the College of Science, is dedicated. Fiber optic cable network is installed in all academic buildings.



4:00am



Dr. Simone woke for the day at 4 a.m. and ate breakfast (glass of orange juice with fiber, bowl of cereal with a banana and milk—a total of 530 calories). Following breakfast, he worked out at his home gym where he has a treadmill, a set of weights, and an elliptical machine. For lunch, he has a protein bar and a glass of skim milk. For dinner, he has another protein bar and a glass of orange juice with fiber.

Dr. Simone plans to remain active at RIT even after retirement. He will live an hour away, and still have an office on campus. He'll also be in charge of community boards and faculty advisory boards. He's even considered teaching a class and plans to write books.

"I'm going to write a couple books. One deals with the concept of leadership, and one deals with challenges for higher education. I think I have something unique to say about the subject, having been the dean, vice president, or president of schools for about 47 of these years."



1999

RIT boathouse opens. RIT selected by U.S.A. Deaf Sports Federation to host U.S. Deaf Games. \$13 million renovation of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering begins.

2000

Construction begins on free-standing Greek housing. RIT forms partnership with scholarship commitment with Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection, a program for Rochester high school students.

2001

\$14 million gift from Paychex founder B. Thomas Golisano establishes the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center at NTID opens. RIT designated as a

N.Y. State Strategically Targeted Academic Research (STAR) Center; a \$14 million grant is received to build the IT Collaboratory. Crossroads, Housing Office of Alumni Relations, and The Hub Print Center, opens. Java Wally's coffee house opens in Wallace Library. E.J. Delmonte Corp. donates Rochester Thruway Marriott Inn, which is renamed RIT Inn and Conference Center.



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What's changed the most: "I think that I certainly feel much more comfortable with the campus as a whole, and the campus as a whole feels more comfortable with what's going on... When there's a new president, there's a certain anxiety: How's it going to effect the constituents?"

In the process, we had to change the physical campus...such as the recent addition to the College of Business, or that first addition to the College of Engineering. Couches and tables and places to sit and gather and talk. Java Wally's also creates the same feeling. Prior to these initiatives, there was none of that.

Everything was on the move. There was no place to stop and chat. There's nothing that makes me happier than to see students sitting at a table...maybe chatting with a faculty member."

His biggest challenge: "To gain the trust of the campus—to ease the anxiety that the campus felt at the time, and, in the process, to change the culture so that I was very clear to everyone that students are first, and that student success was very important. That we would support the faculty and staff any way we could so that they could work productively with the students, and that scholarship on the part of the faculty had to drive everything they are doing to serve the students.



5

On May 1, RIT's Athenaeum celebrated its 20th anniversary. The event was hosted at Liberty Hill, the President's home. Since taking the reigns as president, Dr. Simone has hosted a dinner for the Athenaeum at his home every year.

The atmosphere was inviting, with attendees engaging in satisfying conversation. As Dr. Simone moved in and out of the crowd, it appeared the evening was going according to plan, exactly as the president likes it. He has started and achieved a number of plans in his time, including a strategic plan, a capital campaign, and a Category-of-One goal.

Also occurring on that day was the 10th anniversary of RIT's American Institute of Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The next morning, Dr. Simone hosted his Liberty Hill Breakfast series. Event organizer Dr. Barry Culhane, executive assistant to the president, explained that the series is 11 years old. Out of 294 events, Dr. Simone has only missed four.

An evening gathering of the Fortnightly Club at the Genessee Valley Club, a group of prominent upstate New York leaders. Members include the conductor of the RPO, Al- bert Paley, and the Al Sigl Center's CEO, as well as presidents and vice presidents from RIT, the University of Rochester, and LeChase Construction, to name a few.

Rochester's most powerful leaders are brought together in one room, where a seat is saved for Dr. Simone. That night, Dr. Simone exhibited many traits that helped him throughout his presidency. His posture was supportive, as it has always been, to his colleagues, his campus, and his community.



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2003

North Star Center for Academic Success and Cultural Affairs opens as a resource for African American, Latin American and Native American students. RIT launches nation's

first Ph.D. program in microsystems engineering. RIT dedicates the Laboratory for Applied Computing, created with a \$1.5 million grant from New York state.

2004

Year-long celebration of RIT's 175th anniversary begins. Gordon Field House opens. Cross country relay team completes Coast-to-Coast Run, recreating a 1979 run commemorating RIT's 150th anniversary. RIT announces that the men's hockey program will join the Division I Atlantic Hockey Association.

Students need not travel across an ocean to get a one-of-a-kind learning experience. NTID offers RIT a rich infusion of culture that no other school in the world can boast. It is special to RIT as well as Dr. Simone, who was hired, in part, for his enthusiasm to learn sign language. "My wife and I knew about NTID before we came down here," explains Dr. Simone. "We introduced an ASL interpreting program at one of the community colleges in Hawaii when I was there. I learned some before I came here, but I didn't know too much about [Deaf culture]. My wife went to the library and got a book on Deaf culture and sign language and was reading it on the plane up to my initial interview."

It is shocking that other presidential candidates believed they could be so blithe towards a college that enrolls 1,200 students, but in fact they were. "When I came here and was asked [if I would learn to sign], I automatically said yes." His last year, in particular, has been filled with memories from NTID he says he will keep with him forever. The success of this year's women's basketball team is something he is very fond of, having celebrated their first winning season in 20 years. He is most impressed by the support and willingness of coaches and players to learn sign, which brought the team together. Everyone on the team learned sign language to communicate with the deaf team members, which he boasts could only happen at RIT.

"There are seven colleges on campus that do things that I've seen done and participated in at every other school I've been at," said Dr. Simone. "One [college] is unique, and that's NTID. There's no other university in the world that has a full-fledged deaf college with a budget of \$80 million a year; a deaf college that is an integral part of a major university."

NTID has given Dr. Simone much to deserve his

admiration, such as his current assistant Karen Barrows, who has served the president for nine years. Before Barrows, Dr. Simone's assistant was also from NTID. He especially will remember current Student Government President Lizzie Sorkin. "Of all the student presidents, she's the one that has come to me with the most serious problems...I never told any of them what to do, but we just talked it through."

Listen and Learn

After 15 years, how many students can say they came to know the man who affected their jobs, their education, their future? "Not as many as I would like," shares Dr. Simone. Before RIT, when he was a professor, he had very close friendships with the students. He and his wife entrusted the safety of their home and their children to former students. "They helped influence me in the way I thought about everything...the students really had a great impact on me." Rarely does someone from RIT rise to that personal level. Students may never know him personally, but his impact and presence is felt in all parts and at every level of the campus.

Dr. Simone has been a figurehead and policy maker these last few years. Barrows remarks that the most striking quality of the President is his decision-making process. "If you haven't met with him on an issue personally, or you don't have a close relationship with him, you truly do not understand the degree in which he grieves over decisions, especially the ones that affect the university as a whole." The recent Lisa Lampanelli outcry tested the president in many ways. He carried two opinions for that issue—one for what he wanted to do and one for what he felt he should do. For Lampanelli, he sought the opinions of others and then made his decision. Events, such as Lampanelli, show that the cam-

pus's redefining of the role that shared governance plays is a result of Dr. Simone.

The big decisions happen close to the students. Dr. Simone defers most issues to the deans and the vice-presidents. "I believe in delegation," Dr. Simone says. "The day-to-day important decisions are not made here," referring to his office. Instead, those who do reach his round table on the seventh floor of the Eastman building are items that deal with the budget, things that are strategic, or issues facing multiple groups on campus. His praiseworthy contributions include raising the Institute's annual budget from \$224 million when he started in 1992 to today's \$504 million. RIT's total endowment was \$189 million in 1992, and in 2006 rested at \$572.8 million. Over 15 years, enrollment went from 13,004 to 15,557 per year; faculty grew from 640 to 915 (for full-time), and the number of Ph.D.s offered started at one and is now 11.

Dr. Simone must consider campus issues every day—parking, diversity, the budget. "For him, everything that goes on here is something for him to consider; he's very much into the details," says Barrows. In meetings, he brings his own agenda items and expects his colleagues to have a list as well. "He can take 25 minutes of a 30-minute meeting with just his stuff," Barrows said. The manner in which Dr. Simone holds meetings may be the perfect metaphor for how he will be remembered. His presence is well known at RIT and in the community, but after spending a day interviewing the president, I'm confident he would want to be remembered as listening for 25 minutes and taking action in the remaining five. His respect for his team of administrators and for all of RIT's employees was conveyed quite clearly. "If I were doing it alone, I'd be one step behind. But because of them, I'm always one step ahead." •

2005

RIT hosts the Finger Lake Regional FIRST Robotics Competition with 33 teams from across the Northeast participating. Construction begins on \$12 million Center for Bioscience Education and Technology.

2006

IT Collaboratory building, a research facility focused on developing the next generation of information technology systems, opens. The E. Philip Saunders College of Business is named. RIT's eight-year fundraising

campaign, "Powered by the Future: The Campaign for RIT," concludes successfully with \$309 million in gifts and commitments. RIT's third Ph.D. program, this time in computing and information sciences, is

launched. N.Y. Wine and Culinary Center, a partnership with RIT, Constellation Brands, Wegmans Food Markets and the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, opens in Canandaigua, N.Y. CSD Student Development Center opens.



Pride in RIT Students

By Albert J. Simone
President
Rochester Institute of Technology

In a few weeks, I shall be completing 15 years as President of RIT. This has been an extraordinary time for me. I cannot express strongly enough the immense pride I have come to have for you—our RIT students.

Students are central to everything we do at RIT. No activity is more important than quality teaching. No outcome is more important than student learning. Student success is what motivates the faculty, staff, and administration.

RIT students have the opportunity to succeed in the classroom, with more than 250 degree programs—from the associate through the Ph.D. levels—from which to choose. Students have the opportunity to succeed outside of the classroom by becoming involved in the 156 clubs, 24 intercollegiate athletic teams, 29 fraternities and sororities, student-operated radio and TV programs, Student Government, and the award-winning *Reporter* magazine.

And our students do succeed. Within the past several weeks alone, we had the opportunity to recognize students at the Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Banquet, the Celebration of Scholarship Dinner, the Greek Award Banquet, the Senior Athletic Luncheon, and the Alpha Sig-

ma Lambda Dinner at Liberty Hill. Hundreds of students were recognized and honored at these events. Just three weeks ago, RIT took first place in NASA's Great Moonbuggy Race in competition with teams from the U.S. and Canada.

Most importantly, on May 26, approximately 4,000 students will graduate and receive their degrees. Each of these remarkable graduates is well positioned to continue to succeed along the professional, family, and community citizen paths they will follow after RIT. I could not be prouder of each of these graduates.

Over these 15 years, I have made many friends among our student body. Many of these friendships continue long after graduation and over a lifetime.

Some of these bonds have been formed as a result of interacting (sometimes agreeing and sometimes agreeing to disagree) through Student Government, Greek activities, club events, and *Reporter* magazine. I have enjoyed my once-or-twice-a-quarter one-hour RIT radio program "Just Ask Al," and my once-in-awhile appearance in the RIT ESPN Sports Zone Show. The dozens of weekly discussions on the "Ask the President" website have challenged me.

Joking with catering students as they serve Liberty Hill breakfast and dinner guests—sometimes as early as 5:00 a.m. (breakfast start-up) and as late as 1:00 a.m. (dinner clean-up)—has led to interesting and relaxed relationships. Competing directly (and physically) with students in softball, stickball, and broomball hockey has provided a different dimension. Student picnics and serving coffee and donuts on opening day in my golf cart in September bring special memories.

I want to thank *Reporter* magazine for giving me this opportunity to express my genuine gratitude to all of the RIT students over the many years—those whom I have had the privilege of getting to know well, as well as the others whom I only have been able to admire from afar. You have taught me much and helped me to learn and grow. You have enriched my professional and personal life in many ways.

I could not be prouder of who you are, what you have accomplished so far in your lives, and what I know you will achieve and contribute in the future.

Good luck. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

2007

● President Simone retires on June 30.

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101 REASONS WHY WE LOVE RIT

SG 2007

Ritchie! Don't deny it, you've thought about tackling the mascot. **Quarter system, quarter mile, but no quarterback?** What we lack in co-eds, we make up for in co-ops! **Intramural sports, aka bragging rights!** I'll make money when I graduate. At least that's what I tell my parents... **A hot Terrapin from Java's on a cold day.** Research & extracurricular opportunities. **You're guaranteed to find people playing frisbee in the quad the second the temperature goes above 50.** You can Go Greek, Go Geek... or both. **Ice storms have given us newfound hope!** Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's. Enough said. **Bricks.** They've even earned us a spot on Jeopardy! Corner Store and Sol's. Where else can you go in Rochester at 11pm? **NTID Performing Arts, because hearing people need interpreters, too!** Wildlife: deer, squirrels, and cats... oh my! **Wallace Library Archives: getting down with RIT history.** Free parking... when you park where you're supposed to! **Career Focus.** Apparently, the point of all this is to get a job. I think we can agree, that we are all a little quirky. **Passion for learning: Hey, those Yoga classes really come in handy...** Unite & Identify. Give SG a couple of years, we'll be able to make a really spiRITed sentence! **Social Diversity.** The same thing gets real boring after a while. **CAB:** our number one source of entertainment. **A dry campus surrounded by wetlands.** Oh, the irony. **Chocolate on Ice:** Cool and delicious. **WITR:** home of the largest vinyl collection in New York state. You can walk around the Infinity Loop like forever. **Art kids with portfolios on windy days.** Small class sizes! **Orientation Assistants, here for your orientation assistance!** On-campus jobs. Get overpaid to be a labbie? Yes, please! **The RITreat: a place to go that isn't surrounded by computers or books.** Random \$10 surveys: good for two cups of coffee from Java's! **OCASA ski trip & coffee breaks.** Arch-less architecture, yet we still win awards! **Mrs. Yang, that nice lady who serves Chinese food in the SAU.** MyMail & MyCourses. My oh My! **Wines of the World!** Where else can you drink underage and call it education? **Special Interest Houses:** where similar majors means a whole lot of fun. **Pool hall.** **Beats going to the library between classes.** Snow. Yeah, "snow" way we're closing this winter... **The woods behind Gracie's.** Midnight Breakfast: \$2 for all you can eat. **The road under the bridge on the quarter mile flooding and people swimming in it.** State of the art engineering labs and highly engineered art studios. **Varsity Sports.** Yes, there's more than hockey. **Mainstreamed Culture.** **SLC & Field House,** all for \$6 per quarter. Accessible Professors. Get your mind out of the gutter. **Hands-on learning.** Refer to previous. Late night Ben & Jerry's, another reason not to sleep. **The Sentinel, lovingly known as that big, rusty thing outside the SAU.** Reporter's Distorter issue.

Orange & Brown. Don't just wear it, BE orange and brown. Vending machines and the card swipe. Honestly, who needs cash? **On-Campus housing: the real OC.** Corner Crew & D1 Hockey, \$4. Seeing a little kid mock the other team in the penalty box? Priceless. **The Quarter Mile.** If I had a quarter for every time... Murals in the tunnels. Portfolio building! **Java Wally's: RIT's #1 source of couches and caffeine.** Wireless internet & OC3 connection. Not exactly helping the social life... **The film and photo cages: where you can borrow more than you are worth.** Spirit Week: sandwiches for the poor and pizza for us. **All you need to see after a rough day is children from Margaret's House walking around campus, and you feel better.** Residence Life & the RAs. Bless their souls. **Greek Row.** You know, those mansions next to Riverknoll's laundromat. Socialists trying to sell newspapers on the quarter mile. **The HUB: everything you love about Kinkos, minus the kink.** Reporter. The only 4-color weekly college magazine in the country. **Concerts.** Even the Deaf people go! You pimp your ride? We customize our majors. **Interfaith Center.** Naps in the Library. No one else minds your puddle of drool; they've done it too. **Gracie's, your kitchen away from home, for the first three weeks.** With 165 clubs on campus, who needs to go downtown? **EVR.** Okay, just kidding. Discounted software. Keeping our students safe from the MPAA and RIAA, one bundle at a time. **The Genesee River.** Not the Nile, but home of our kick-ass Crew teams! Global Union's Unification, where international cultures come together. **Red Barn: home of the rock addicts.** NSC's Pulse Happy Hour. Perfect for spirit: Just because you can't drink it, doesn't mean you can't show it! **ESPN Sports Zone.** Yes, some people like sports more than video games. Did you know that the SAU is haunted by the ghost of Nathaniel Rochester? Apparently, NRH wasn't enough for him. **BACC Fashion Show, the climax of extravagance.** Everyone knows everyone, or that's how it feels on Facebook. **The kids that wear shorts and/or no shoes in the middle of winter.** Do Stuff for Stuff Challenge. Where you do stuff, for stuff! **The lazy river.** Come on, who else has that? **SPOT Coffee,** for grad students and art students alike. **SpringFest: of course we're going to celebrate it!** RIT: building our future, now with more buildings! **SG BBQs.** Hey, it's better than Gracie's. 100+ Majors, with great ones like Game Design and ASL Interpreting. **Pizza in the engineering building.** Feeding future millionaires. Fish tanks in the Idea Factory... all those ideas swimming around! **Getting paid for your class notes.** Mechanical bells that ring on the hour. Who needs the Hunchback? **Free hugs.** Hey, it's better than being poked. **Mud Tug:** an excuse to get dirty for a good cause. **Crime Watch and RIT Rings: Just better words for gossip.** Our very own, Al Simone! 🐾

WORD ON THE STREET

COMPILED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY BELVEDUDE

Q: What are you giving Al Simone for a retirement gift?



"An acre on the moon. They're 19.95 lire each."

Mike Ford

Alumni



"Walk-in humidor."

Kyle Nikolich

Fourth year New media



"Send him to Florida."

Colin Doody

Fourth year New media



"A segway scooter."

Jason Swart

Fourth year New media



"Moonbuggy."

Jay Yoon

Third year Hotel and resort management



"A tiger."

Lynette Fernandes

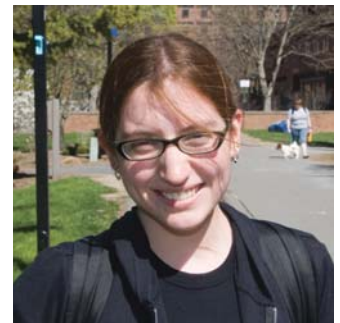
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"A keg party, I'd wanna be there to watch."

Regan Burns

Fourth year Graphic design



"Something orange and brown."

Stephanie Milstead

First year Computer science



"The semen trees."

Tess Ambrose

First year Mechanical engineering



"A Taz t-shirt."

Neil Bloem

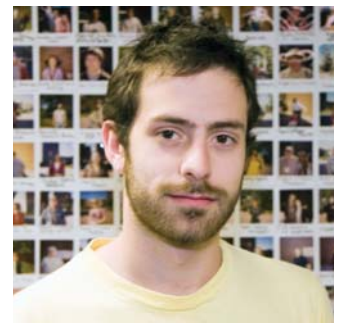
First year Advertising photography



"A nice greeting card."

Tremaine Jiggetts

Third year Electrical engineering technology



"Grover Cleveland's Presidential Time machine."

Matthew Belvedere

Third year Fine art photography



WALK  **TO CURE DIABETES**

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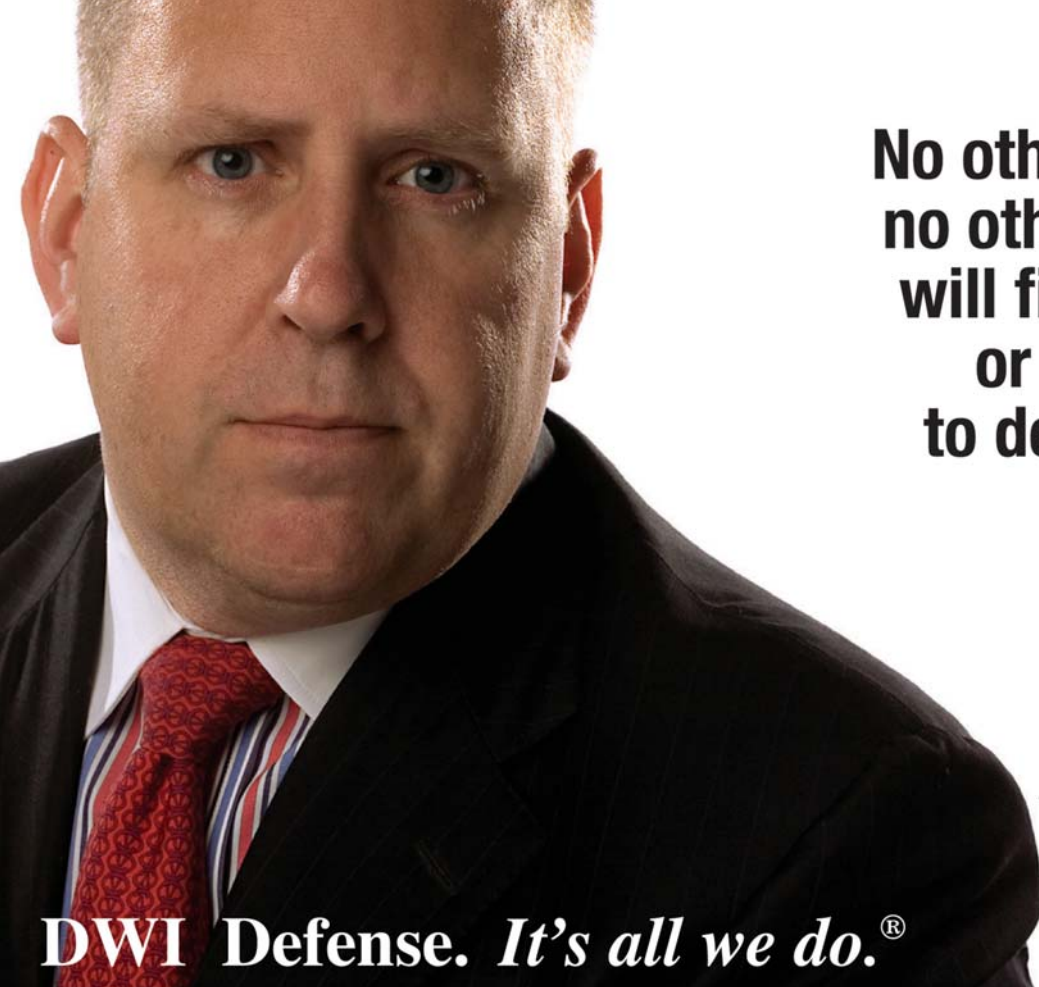
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Men's Baseball

RIT vs. Keuka, doubleheader

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01// Jeff Bibbons singles in the fourth inning to advance Kyle Desrosiers to second base. Bibbons had a single and struck out once in three at bats. RIT won the game 10-0 after losing the first game 12-9

02// Corey Langtry pitched five innings with a 0.00 ERA in the second game against Keuka College.

03// Josh Rodems is tagged out while sliding into second base in the fourth inning of the second game against Keuka.

04// RIT Tigers celebrate their victory over Keuka College.



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03



3 STARS

SPRING 2007

by Chad Carbone

photograph of Nikki Taylor by Eric Drummond

photograph of Joe Schember by Tom Schirmacher

photograph of Jacob Tuller by Ryan Randolph



Nikki Taylor

Major International business

Year Senior

Sport Softball

Position Centerfield

Hometown Oswego, NY

Nikki Taylor has been a dervish for the softball team. Her speed has been an essential part of her strong year and the team's success. She hit over 0.500 during their Florida spring trip and has barely slowed down since. She leads her team in batting average (0.402), on-base percentage (0.444), sacrifice bunts (11), steals and steals attempted (13-14), and is in the top three of every other hitter category. She's a solid two-hitter, getting on base so the heavier hitters can knock her in for runs.

Her fielding has been an important element in her game as well. She has 47 putouts and two assists in the field, showing her range on the field and that she can still throw the ball well. Head Coach Kristina Mamon points out, "[Taylor] has been outstanding both offensively and defensively for us this season. Her speed in the outfield and on the bases is a key factor to her success."

She's done all this after off-season shoulder surgery. Needless to say, she's recovered very well, performing at a level higher than last year before her injury, when she was batting 0.275. She proved that she can bounce back, motivating those around her, as she is one of three seniors and one of the team's captains. Mamon added, "She has been a key motivator for our team both on and off the field. She is an extremely hard worker and leads by example."



Joe Schember

Major Graphic media

Year Junior

Sport Tennis

Record Singles 9-2, Doubles 9-6

Hometown Erie, PA

Joe Schember has become an important member of this year's men's tennis team. It wasn't until this year that he actually earned a spot in the lineup, but his skills have developed at an astounding rate, proving the quality athleticism and drive necessary to place him in this "star" category. "This is the first year [Schember] has stepped into the lineup, and in my opinion [he has] improved more than any other guys on the team," stated Head Coach Frank Solome. "He has matured as a tennis player, and gained an understanding of point construction, execution, and succeeding under pressure."

Coach Solome cites Schember's strong drive as the basis for his success this year. "He is a fair team member, able to accept any position and consistently perform at his best level." Schember has also been able to accept his role on the team as a journeyman, pairing with four different partners during the year.

"He demonstrates sportsmanlike qualities day in, day out with his teammates, opponents, and myself," continued Solome. "He was able to turn on his tennis towards the end of the season, performing at a higher level than I had ever previously seen from him. He went undefeated in the Empire 8 Championship tournament, helping his teammates make it to the finals."

Above all, the most impressive element of Schember's performance is his ability to overcome his potentially restricting heart condition, which requires the use of a pacemaker. The fact he can play at a high collegiate level is astounding. Solome added, "I am truly proud of all that [Schember] brings to the team, both talent-wise, and personality-wise. He is an example of an athlete that many people can truly look up to."



Jacob Tuller

Major

Year Junior

Sport Lacrosse

Position Defense

Hometown Corning, NY

Jacob Tuller has been downright stingy. The pre-season All-American took the field as a returning captain for our Tigers lacrosse team with his strong play in the defensive backfield. "[Tuller] is a strong and fast defender who is excellent when he handles the ball," said Head Coach Gene Peluso. "He plays hard and is a smart player who [always] gives his teammates and his coaches a hard fought game day."

For these reasons, Tuller is often matched up with the opponent's attacker to shut him down and maintain control of the game. Peluso added, "He is the last line of defense on the field, and he is an important part of our 12-3 10th nationally ranked team."

As a captain of the defensive unit, Tuller has truly excelled, and it shows in his play. The Tigers' defensive outing against Utica, when Tuller led defense and allowed only two goals the entire game, is a prime example of what he brings to the field. He performs and leads others by example. These accomplishments have been adding up as this junior has been a first-team All Empire 8 Defender the past two years, an honorable mention All-American 2006, and a pre-season All-American 2007.

Tuller will be back next year to captain the defense for his third year, and is expected by Coach Peluso "to be the best defensive player on the field."

RITRINGS

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Tuesday 2:55 p.m.

Hey RIT Rings, I was walking down the Quarter Mile today and I saw an InterVarsity event, sponsored by SG, and went and looked it up. InterVarsity admits on its website that it's an evangelical organization committed to turning people to their particular religion. I didn't know that my tuition dollars and the money that comes from what I put in to SG goes to having religion pushed down my throat.

Tuesday 3:03 p.m.

Hey Rings, I just wanted to say that I went to Pitch-A-Tent on Friday and it was one of the most fun times I've had at RIT. So how is it that, like, barely anyone was there?

Tuesday 7:31 p.m.

Yeah, here's what I think right now: Where the [kcuf] is [Public] Safety, because I just watched a guy blow through like three stop signs out by G-Lot and they're not protecting anyone. We should take away their Segways and then watch them race.

Wednesday 11:18 p.m.

Hey RIT Rings, I just wanted to complain about a [Public] Safety officer who just went to a resident who was playing a reasonable level of music and told us "we're going to have to turn our [ginkcufrethom] [tihs] down or she's going

to come back and shut it down." I just wanted to know how appropriate they are supposed to be to the students. So, once again, [Public] Safety is screwing us over instead of doing their jobs.

Friday 3:04 a.m.

Hey, I don't understand why [Public] Safety has such a bad rep. I got into a spot of trouble to-night; my car landed in a ditch and I needed to get it towed out. [Public] Safety was extremely polite in this matter. I had to take a sobriety test for the sheriff's office and the [Public] Safety even gave me a ride back to my place. So props to them, I'm going to [tuo eno bur] and then go back to sleep.

Friday 8:12 a.m.

Hi *Reporter*, I am reading your April 27 issue on recycling and once again, graph problems. What is this *Reporter*? I think maybe you should take a data analysis course of some kind.

Friday 1:31 p.m.

I'm just taking a look here at the latest issue of *Reporter*, and it's great that RIT beat our rival college in the sports weekend section. The only thing I have to complain about is that the person who wrote the article said that the other college scored six points within the inning, when referring to softball, and it is not points, it's runs,

actually. He mentioned runs in the previous sentence, but he mixed it up in that next one. That actually kind of bothers me.

Friday 9:31 p.m.

Hi *Reporter*, I just wanted to let you know that I just finished a thousand piece mosaic puzzle of Marilyn Monroe.

Friday 10:14 p.m.

Reporter:

I have seen the light,
And the light is bright.
I'm going to fly the kite,
On another night.
Alright?

Saturday 12:01 a.m.

Hey *Reporter*, just wanted to say that these people who live below me who just got their party busted by Public Safety; there's nothing like payback and it sure is a [hitcb].

FACEBOOK GROUPS INACTION

by Joe McLaughlin

illustration by Erin Wengrovius

*Congress shall make no law...abridging...
the right of the people to peaceably assemble.*
—from the First Amendment to the
US Constitution.



In the wake of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, quite a few groups despicably began to try to “spin” the tragedy to further their own ends. Wacko lawyer Jack Thompson started claiming that video games teach people to kill, the gun control lobby started planning to pass reactionary gun control laws, while the pro-gun lobby started planning against them. But perhaps the worst of these opportunists is the Westboro Baptist Church.

For those of you lucky enough to be unfamiliar with the group, they basically hate everyone. They’re most famous for showing up at funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq and protesting with signs that say “Thank God for Dead Soldiers” and “God Is Your Enemy.” Lesser known are their stances on homosexuality, religions that aren’t the Westboro Baptist Church, live theater, and professional football. According to them, anyone involved in any of those, as well as pretty much everyone else, is going to hell.

Pretty much everyone agrees that these people are scum. The Southern Poverty Law Center calls them a hate group. The Anti-Defamation League calls them racists. The Patriot Guard Riders is a motorcycling organization that shows up at funerals of soldiers (at the request of the families) and forms a barricade to keep protesters away from the ceremonies. They were formed to counter Westboro.

So everyone agrees that it was a bad thing when Westboro announced that they would show up to protest the funerals of the victims

of the Virginia Tech shootings. Soon a flurry of groups started on Facebook. When I checked for this piece, there were eight separate groups with 6,419 total members that claim to be specifically protesting Westboro’s protests. But are they really?

Let’s think about this for a second. If you’re at a Facebook group, you most likely already agree with its message, whether you’re going to join or not. In other words, there’s no chance of your group changing anyone’s mind. Sorry.

Let’s take a slightly different example. I really, really don’t like the RIT Socialists, which is a club on campus that exists to further socialist causes. (I’m picking the campus group I disagree with the most because it doesn’t matter whether you, or I, or anyone else for that matter, agrees with the message the group is putting out.)

The RIT Socialists are the people who stand outside Gracie’s and try to sell *The Daily Worker*, a socialist newspaper, to people on their way out. They also bring in socialist speakers for events. But what they mainly do is stand there and try to convert people to socialism.

There’s a bunch of things going on here. First off, if the socialist is effective, he’s furthering his goals by making the other person a socialist too. But let’s look at the positives. Even if the talk turns into a shouting match, there’s some enlightened debate going on, at least until someone invokes Goodwin’s Law. Also, the socialists are exercising their First Amendment right to free

assembly, and both people are exercising their First Amendment right to free speech.

On the other hand, a Facebook group isn’t really assembling. You’re not doing anything to further any message because you’re not coming into contact with anyone that disagrees with you. Having “One Million Strong For <Insert Issue Here>,” like so many Facebook groups try to do, is not going to change anyone’s mind.

There are a lot of groups that actually do things, both here at RIT and in general. Just here on campus, we’ve got groups covering a wide range of causes, from protecting the environment to convincing people to use the Linux operating system instead of Windows. These groups all actually do things, but you don’t have to be a member of a group to do something. For example, when people heard about Westboro protests, they got in touch with their representatives in government and convinced them to pass stricter laws passed to ban protests within certain distances of funerals.

And, hey, I’m trying to convince you of something right now. I’m writing about my point in a magazine. Most magazines have a Letters to the Editor page. (This one does). Having your issue covered in a real magazine or a newspaper is going to do a lot more than whining to people on the Internet who already agree with you. This is America, and if you care about something, you have the ability to do something about it. But you have to do it. •

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved top and a white patterned necklace, is lying on her back on a thick, red shag rug. She is smiling at the camera. A portion of a grey couch is visible in the upper left corner.

Mine.

That's right. Farash means your own room. Your own fridge. Your own shower. Plus pools, tennis courts, fitness rooms, and 72 channels of free cable. Have a roommate? You still don't have to give up your freedom. We've got affordable two-bedroom apartments, too. Find your space at Farash.com or Time Warner channel 441.

