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Showering is Not a Crime

This year will be an interesting one, if you believe the words of Dr. William Destler (page 8) or the leaders of Student Government (page 4). Change appears to be promised. For me, though, RIT hasn't changed a bit. I lived here this summer, opting to retain residency in my trusty Perkins apartment, a space I've occupied since my second year on campus. While most of my summer has been lost in some sort of heat-induced haze, one morning sticks out in my memory.

It starts just like any other day: I wake to my alarm at 8 a.m., then again around 10 a.m., at which point I decide it would be downright absurd to sleep any longer. Sluggishly, I rise from my repose, brush my teeth, jump into the shower, then jump out again 20 minutes later.

I am half-dressed when the fire alarm goes off. A piercing noise fills my apartment. My adrenaline level spikes. I hurriedly finish dressing, slide on a pair of flip flops, and exit my apartment.

A Public Safety officer approaches soon after. He comes up and asks me in a snide, half-joking voice if I burned my breakfast. Slightly offended, I reply "no, I was taking a shower." He shoots me an incredulous look, then disappears inside my apartment.

A fire truck arrives. Two fire fighters, decked out in protective gear, come racing to the door and head into building. All three men emerge from my apartment a few moments later. They mumble something about my shower setting off the alarm and it being a hot day. Then, they leave. A week later, I receive a note from resLife:

"This letter is to inform you that our office has received Campus Safety Report #-----, which indicates that a fire alarm was recently activated in your unit. This report alleges that the alarm was activated due to a possible violation of fire safety policies... **Residence Life will not be taking action as a result of this incident...** Any fire related incident may result in a student being summoned for a student conducted hearing and a student found responsible... may be charged... up to \$200..." (emphasis theirs).

This story has two possible take-away lessons. The first is that showers are fire hazards, and you'd better stop taking them or else RIT may fine you \$200 for the water-based risk. The second—and also more likely—option is that even RIT's form letters are designed to treat its students like criminals. I don't know where the mentality comes from, and I don't believe it's intentional on RIT's part. All I know is that when my shower sets off the fire alarm, I get verbally slapped.

Judging from this week's feature, Dr. Destler knows that alumni donations are important. But does he wonder why RIT has such a hard time getting its graduates to give back? I have a theory. It's about incredulous looks and accusatory form letters. It's about being treated like a real live person, instead of another accident/crime/incident waiting to happen.

Am I the only student who's being systematically jaded here? If you've got a story like mine, send me a note at reporter@rit.edu. I'd positively love to hear from you.



Jen Loomis
EDITOR IN CHIEF

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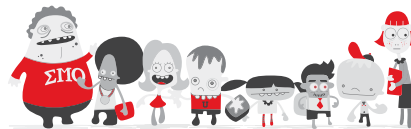
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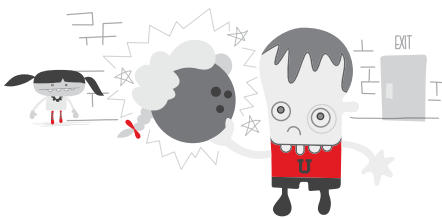
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A GOVERNMENT THAT GOVERNS

How Ed and Sasha Plan to Reshape Student Government



Ed Wolf was sitting in his lounge-turned-dorm-room during his sophomore year when he first decided he wanted to be president of Student Government (SG).

"I was sitting around complaining about everything wrong with RIT with my friends and it finally got to the point where I was like 'You know what? I could keep complaining or I could actually shut up and do something.'" Wolf hasn't stopped complaining, but he did do something, and last spring, along with now Vice President Sasha Malinchoc, he bested three other contenders and became the leader of the student body. Now Wolf, a fourth year computer engineering major from Newtown, Connecticut, and Malinchoc, a fourth year biomedical science major from St. Charles, Minnesota, are ready to make their mark—changing the role of SG on campus, facilitating RIT's transition from Simone to Destler, and asserting the voice of the students in everyday campus policy decisions.

Walking into the SG office in the Student Alumni Union (SAU) and looking around, little has changed from previous years. The orange and brown motif remains pervasive and in place of the "one word followed by a period" slogans of governments past—Unite. in 2005 and Identify. in 2006—there are now two words: Empower. and Achieve. But as Wolf and Malinchoc are quick to explain, this year's SG will be significantly changing its focus.

"We're getting out of the programming business. We're leaning more toward a governance—a proactive governance—where we're addressing real issues and simply not taking 'no' for an answer," Wolf explains. Malinchoc qualifies, "Dance for your Rent, the Superbowl Party, these are events that SG has done in the past and will continue to do. We still have a director of programming and we do see events as a way to improve the SG presence on campus. But we are trying to step out of that role and trying to focus on being a governing body and influencing changes on campus. The goal isn't to decrease programming on campus, but rather to

get [Major Student Organizations] and clubs working together to present great programs."

The changes Wolf and Malinchoc hope to make are many and ambitious. Among their list of over 20 goals are initiatives like setting up wireless internet in all of the dorms, providing a late-night busing service downtown, and, true to their spring 2007 platform, increasing the number of healthy foods offered at campus eateries.

In order to further SG's healthy foods proposal, Malinchoc has begun meeting with Director of Food Service Jim Bingham. "This became an initiative because you always hear about the expanding waistlines of our country and the health implications. College is a really important time in establishing a healthy lifestyle and our campus should do its best to facilitate healthy lifestyles," Malinchoc explains. Malinchoc wants healthier snacks in vending machines, cooking done with healthier oils and no-fat cheeses, and more nutritious entrees served across campus. To be sure, the initiative will face obstacles, "it's difficult because people say they want healthy food but then they don't buy them, or dining facilities will look into cooking healthy meals with the best ingredients but the prices are so high that no one can afford it," Malinchoc admits. Still, the healthy foods initiative is likely to be a focus of SG this year and a hallmark of the legacy Wolf and Malinchoc hope to leave behind.

Beyond food, Wolf and Malinchoc hope to affect long term change in the SAU. The duo is currently working with Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Cooper's office, Director of Campus Planning and Design Jim Yarrington, and an architect to solidify plans for an SAU/Clark Pool renovation project. The plan is to use the Clark Pool area to create more club space. "We're trying to get a space where students can hang out, work on club projects, and give space to students to have their club meetings and work on a regular basis," Wolf explains. Though plans are tentative, they hope to see construction begin on the project in the summer of 2008.

SG has already had their hand in a number of changes this year. Both Wolf and Malinchoc spent part of their summer at RIT and, during that time,

they not only welcomed Destler to campus but also helped put in place the RIT Readership Program that returning students might remember from a brief test run last spring. Copies of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* will be free for students to pick up on campus. Thanks to the work of last year's Freshmen Senator Matt Danna, who is now Representative at Large in the Wolf/Malinchoc cabinet, laundry machines in the dorms have also been replaced and are now free.

Finally, Wolf and Malinchoc have caused a bit of a stir among the RIT administration because of a letter with over thirty questions and observations, some remarkably blunt, that they sent to Dr. Destler. Included in the letter are questions and comments such as: "Why are we forcing students to live in 'expanded occupancy rooms' and lounges rather than build more dorms/housing?" and "The feeling is that RIT is a money-hungry institution and is constantly putting on a show for potential students rather than concentrating on the issues current students have. Anyone who sees and admissions tour knows its all bull." Wolf reports that the feedback from the letter has been generally positive and Destler is working on putting together a response. "People are glad that we're finally asking questions, and that we're asking the right questions," Wolf comments.

If there's one thing that both Wolf and Malinchoc are adamant about, it's that RIT students start to speak up, get involved, and take a stake in their RIT college experience. "Get involved. Be loud. Be heard," Wolf says, "Our door is always open and we're interested in hearing any student feedback and ideas... We're hear to *empower* students to *achieve* their fullest potential." Here, we find the tone of the 2007–2008 school year. •

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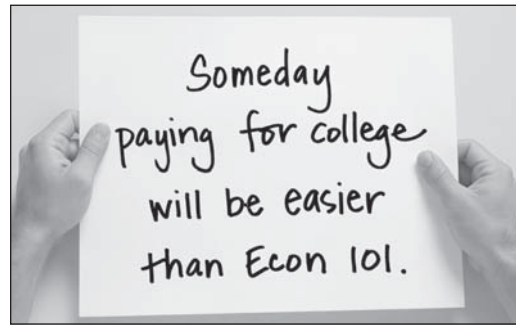
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RITFORECAST

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BRICKBEAT

Saturday 8 SEP	Welcome Back Party Fireside Lounge. 11 p.m.–2 a.m. We're back at RIT. Party. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha. Cost: \$5.
Sunday 9 SEP	Back in 1965, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development was established. Also, Michael Bubl� came into being.
Monday 10 SEP	Whiffle Ball and BBQ Outdoors: Behind Gracie's. 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m. Sponsored by Pi Kappa Psi. Play a casual game of whiffle ball and eat food that has been grilled and covered in BBQ sauce. Cost: Free. Audition: What the Butler Saw Building 60, Room 1510. 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Open tryouts for this "Benny-Hill-like" comedy. Both hearing and deaf actors and actresses are welcome to audition. Audition materials provided on arrival. Cost: Free. Bocce Ball Outdoors: Behind Gracie's. 9:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. After an invigorating game of whiffle ball and some BBQ, enjoy an evening game of bocce ball with the ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon. Also enjoy "delicious refreshments." Cost: Free.
Tuesday 11 SEP	Kanye West's latest album <i>Graduation</i> is released. Gannett Lecture: "Minds, Machines and the Cosmos: Is the Universe Infinite?" Webb Auditorium. 7 p.m. Janna Levin, physicist, theoretical cosmologist and author of <i>A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines and How the Universe Got Its Spots</i> presents her first of two lectures at RIT. Free and open to all.
Wednesday 12 SEP	Gannett Lecture: "Chaos and Black Hole Binaries" Building 74, Room 2060. 4:15 p.m. Columbia professor Janna Levin presents her second lecture. It is about black holes and chaos. Free. Audition: Macbeth Panara Theatre. 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Fair is foul, and foul is fair. Open tryouts—hearing and deaf. Materials provided on arrival. Ice Cream Sundaes & Twister Gleason Quad. 9:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Two of your favorite things. One night. The ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon bring you an hour of twisting and eating. Free and open to all.
Thursday 13 SEP	Thursday Night Cinema Series: Billy Madison Ingle Auditorium. 10 p.m. CAB presents the 1995 comedy starring Adam Sandler. Tagline: <i>To inherit the family fortune, Billy is going back to school... Way back.</i> Free pizza after the free movie.
Friday 14 SEP	Ska Fest The Ritz. 9 p.m. Watch Rochester's own: Mrs. Skannotto, Kevin Jones and the Other Tones, and Biting Midge. Price: \$1.

Institute Tax Return Reveals Large Compensation for Simone, Watters

According to RIT's latest filed tax return, former President Al Simone was paid a sum of \$1.2 million during the 2005 fiscal year, which constitutes the largest salary for that year. Dr. Jim Watters, the current Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and a former RIT presidential candidate, received the second highest salary in the amount of \$773,000. RIT's 2006 tax return won't have to be filed until the end of this year.

Both of these salaries are significantly higher than those of other RIT administrators; the next two highest salaries are \$409,000 and \$285,000—paid to James Miller, Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Career Resources, and Stanley McKenzie, Provost, respectively. Altogether, RIT's payroll for fiscal year 2005-2006 was \$183 million.

Simone and Watters' salaries were heavily boosted by unusually large deferred payments. According to Bob Finnerty, RIT's Chief Communications Officer, these deferred payments had been accruing for several years. The large payout, Finnerty explains, can be attributed to a change in the federal tax code.

Under the old tax code, executives for nonprofits could choose to defer a part of their salary for payment at a later date. The executive would do so at his own risk, as these deferred payments could be cancelled altogether if he left the nonprofit at any time.

RIT's current President, Dr. William Destler, is not on a similar deferred payment plan.

BACC Follows Through With Name Change

In response to concern and criticism, the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee (BACC)—one of ten Major Student Organizations on campus—has officially changed its name. Beginning this year the organization will now be known as the AALANA Collegiate Association. AALANA is an acronym for African American, Latino/a American and Native American.

"When BACC was chartered in the mid '80s, its primary focus was to serve as a medium for communication of culture between the AALANA students and the RIT community at large, as well as a liaison between Student Government and this niche of students," explains AALANA Collegiate Association President Alvin Roberts, third year hotel and resort management major. Although the organization has always been meant for all AALANA students, it has historically been governed primarily by African American students, who in the past have made up the largest portion of the constituency, Roberts explained.

Over recent years, however, this changed. "As the number of Latino American and Native American began to grow... we wanted to create a name that sends a message that is more inclusive and professional," Roberts outlined, "We wanted to get rid of the connotation that 'BACC' is just for black students." The organization will retain its mission statement "to foster and sustain an awareness of the AALANA community."

The AALANA Collegiate Association's next series of events will be held from September 15 through October 15, in celebration of Spanish Heritage month.

THE ARTIST AND THE ENGINEER:

DR. BILL DESTLER TAKES THE REINS AT RIT

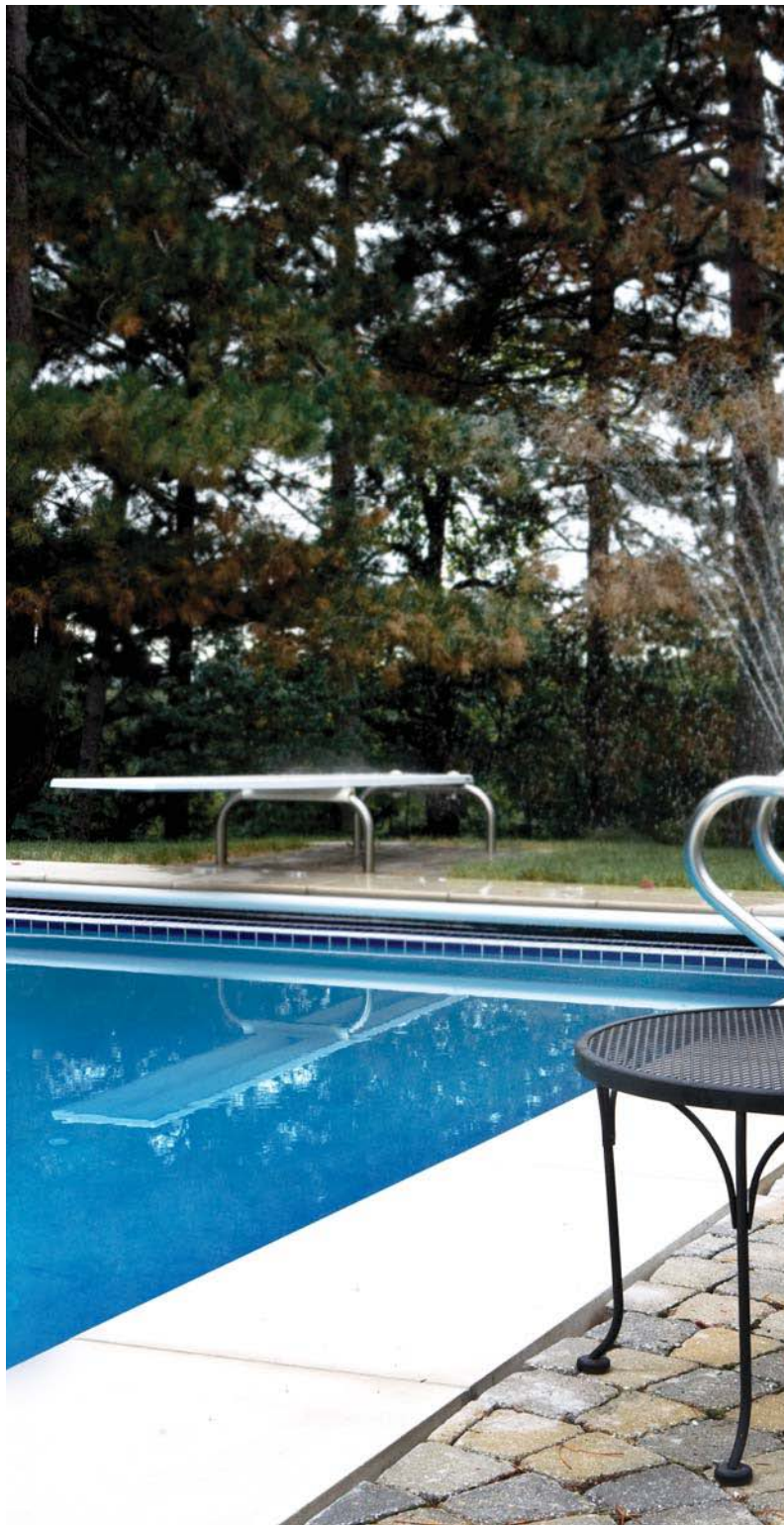
BY ANTONIO CASTILLO
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At the University of Maryland, William Destler was somewhat of a big man on campus. He cajoled with scholars, athletes, and administrators alike. His ideas typically started something new and exciting for the campus. When his students were troubled, so too was he. After spending 34 years at the school holding teaching positions and administrative roles, one would think that Bill was starting to finally feel at home. One wonders, what could alter the trajectory of a man set to leave a lasting legacy?

According to Dr. Destler, he didn't know much about RIT eight months ago. The RIT Presidential Search committee reached out to *him*, to broaden the pool of candidates. A brief look at his resume reveals why.

From 2001 to 2007, Dr. Destler was the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Maryland. Previously, he served as the Dean of the Graduate School, as Dean of Engineering, Chair of Electrical Engineering, was a professor in the College of Electrical Engineering, and a University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher. His professional career began with Maryland and, by everyone's account at the university, they thought Destler had taken up permanent residence. Not so. In his own words, Dr. Destler describes RIT as the one opportunity he's been waiting for:

"The more I learned the more interested I became. It was not your typical institute of technology. Yes, it had the engineering and science and technology programs, and a business program. You would expect to find those at an institute of technology, but it also had all these other amazing programs in the design arts and creative arts. NTID and media and imaging and animation and all kinds of interesting areas. I began thinking of it as a place that could be turned into a center for innovation and creativity. I brought my wife up and she liked the place and all the pieces kind of fit together."





An artist himself—Dr. Destler plays the banjo and guitar and has an astounding collection of both—it seemed as if he and RIT were two of the same. Both split in half: one part engineer, one part artist. Each highly focused on innovation and entrepreneurship—uniquely quirky once you get to know them. The affable charm that exudes from Dr. Destler is likely the secret to his popularity at Maryland and will probably be his herald in Rochester for as long as he chooses to stay. “Somehow, all the creativity going on might be rub-
bale offable into the business and engineering side in a more synergistic way and start to encourage the creative and innovative process,” Destler said.

RIT is half the size of the University of Maryland, but Dr. Destler thinks that’s a good thing.

As an outsider, Dr. Destler is very observant of the luxuries other colleges do not provide. While many students would rather divorce themselves from all of the bricks that make up the physical campus, the President reminds us to be happy it is relatively new. “At Maryland, 80% of the buildings are more than 50 years old and they had a deferred maintenance program.”

In his opinion, “Any institution that is not building is going backwards. You’ll want to pay attention to your existing structure, but you’ll always want to add to your existing capabilities.” Again, another match made in heaven. As any photography student will attest to, RIT is never “posing for the camera” very long. An aerial snap shot of campus today will not be accurate in six months because of the never-ending expansion.

Even though RIT is growing at such a steady rate, and change sometimes slows progress, the President believes it will be easier to get things done here than it was in Maryland. Coming from a public institution, Dr. Destler has seen tuition rates change at the whim of the economy. “In a public institution, the amount of money you get from the state varies from year to year, so it makes financial planning very difficult,” he said. Since RIT is a private institution, Destler feels more in control of the school’s destiny. He believes if you attract students and treat them well they’ll return for their second, third, fourth, or fifth year, thus earning the school the revenue it needs to operate the institution. It sounds nice, but RIT has been suffering a retention problem for several years now. Experts have been brought in to analyze the leaky vessel of student retention and internal surveys have been conducted with no silver bullet in sight.

In the past, it has been anyone’s best guess on how to steer RIT into more ideal conditions. Perhaps Dr. Destler’s award winning record and unflinching hope is what the Presidential Search Committee saw in him eight months ago. He is a man with innovative ideas and a knack for mak-

ing them work. While at Maryland, Dr. Destler founded programs similar to ones RIT has been kicking around for years. Maryland’s Gemstone program is the smarter, more attractive cousin of RIT’s Honors program. At Maryland, students from several disciplines elect to take on additional coursework for the opportunity to collaborate with their peers in other colleges. In a team structured setting the Gemstone students choose a global topic such as energy conservation, poverty, or the rising temperature of the planet and produce award winning solutions that they can pocket in their résumé or portfolio once they graduate.

After speaking with a former Maryland graduate who told Dr. Destler he would have been better prepared had the University of Maryland offered classes in entrepreneurship, Dr. Destler created the Hinman CEO Program. RIT has Venture Creations, a small, narrow corridor for students to think up new business ideas which resides off the main campus. Maryland has a whole dormitory space dedicated to budding Larry Pages and Sergey Brins, with strong ties to the businesses around the university. He’ll tell you he’s always been in it for the students and it’s easy to believe him. He built his programs at Maryland not out of the fame and fortune of community leaders, but from the direct request of the students. Instead of telling someone what they want, he went to find out for himself what the community will rally behind and then crafted a program that would make the University of Maryland’s students better than most. It is the engineer / artist in him that makes him think in uncommon ways and develop a very reliable plan of action.

In his two months as President he’s already marked a few spots on campus as “my favorite, so far.” One of those being the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, which he calls “a really remarkable place.” The sustainability research coming out of CIMS is what the new President labels as cutting edge. He’s also taken a particular interest in the work of RIT’s imaging scientists to revive old manuscripts such as the Dead Sea Scrolls. He says, “These old documents have tremendous historical value. Those kinds of things fascinate me.”

Though Dr. Destler has a great deal of work ahead of him, he is most grateful for the efforts of his predecessor, Dr. Simone. “One of the things that I’m not inheriting is an institution in trouble. It’s been well managed and the budgetary situation is good.” Were the situation different, however, Destler would be well-equipped to deal with it; an institution in distress is not unfamiliar to him. Immediately upon assuming the role as the University of Maryland’s Provost, the state reduced the campus budget by \$80 million. Decisions had to be made about where the spending would be cut at the university. He was careful to try and not eliminate existing programs, but says overall, “it was a challenge.” Of RIT, Dr. Destler believes the school can expand its reach nationally

and that his vision agrees with the one Dr. Simone embarked on when he created the Strategic Plan. Dr. Destler shares in Dr. Simone's commitment to making RIT a Category of One university.

The similarities between Dr. Destler and Dr. Simone may end there. In fact, some of the issues that Dr. Simone considered a closed case may be revisited by the new administration. Sports programs and the quarter system have always been contentious issues, and with a new man at the helm who likes to get to know his surroundings, one can be sure Dr. Destler will be asking questions. The University of Maryland Division I sports program is a large part of the college experience for its students and while at Maryland Dr. Destler knew its benefits and its pitfalls. He noted that RIT is a rather large institution to *not* have more DI sports. The question, in the President's mind, is can you do it and still maintain your academic standards? He wants to make sure that the outcome of adding more sports would make everyone proud.

One aspect of campus that is in need of overhaul lies outside of the classroom walls. The first great labor that the President has adopted is to build a strong connection with the alumni. "Typically, the alumni are the key element in supporting the institution, especially in bringing in support for the institution in addition to tuition dollars," he explains. Only 8% of RIT alumni contribute to the university, and that's a very low figure—even for a state institute. He is scheduled for about 30 trips out to meet alums. In his opinion, it is imperative that we make that connection and RIT has not connected well over the years. We have 100,000 alums who are living, with 30,000 in the greater Rochester area. The President doesn't love to travel, which may explain why he spent 37 years in Maryland, but he's going to do what it takes to address this problem.

One final task on his plate is the looming, and possibly cursed, problem with retention. Maryland's undergraduate graduation rates were a problem, and Dr. Destler spent a lot of time working on that, and it's a problem at RIT. "We have to get familiar with and we need to work on it. The quality of undergraduates attracted to RIT is very similar to those at Maryland. You should graduate at least 80% of them in six or seven years if you take a co-op, and RIT is well below that." He wants to figure out why and take steps to ensure that we don't have students fall through whatever safety nets we have.

Of safety nets, the president may be concerned with students falling through the cracks, but voices none of his own. What is he unsure of? What are his weaknesses, since we've all had time to read over his strengths? Answers will come from his actions, and from the connection he makes to the RIT community, and especially from his interactions with the student body. We are, after all, the future alumni he wants so adamantly to court. •

DESTLER ON RIT

ON RETENTION

"It's an issue. I need to understand what is affecting our retention—what has been successful, what hasn't? We need to look at every aspect. Student affairs---what is it like? Do they have enough time for a social life?"

ON THE CO-OP PROGRAM

"Done right. Great! It's one of the largest programs in the country. It's a tremendous way to build connections with the corporate sector that few colleges or universities have. Love it"

ON THE QUARTER SYSTEM

"I'm really a bit worried about it, because it's hard to have an academic common market with other institutions in the area. If you want to take a course at the U of R, they're on the semester system. On the other hand, we know it has an advantage for the co-op program... I need to learn more about it."

AT YOUR LEISURE THINGS, STUFF, AND PEOPLE, TOO...

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW ROCHESTER...

1. Over the summer, full time students not currently enrolled in classes are capable of using which services on campus?

- a. the library
- b. the Student Life Center
- c. both a and b
- d. neither a nor b

2. Which man suspected of being the infamous serial killer Jack the Ripper lived in Rochester for a while?

- a. Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward
- b. Montague John Druitt
- c. Francis Tumblety
- d. George Chapman

3. How many stripes does Ritchie have?

- a. 8
- b. 14
- c. 32
- d. 50

4. Last spring, a play put on by NTID was cancelled after one performance for what reason?

- a. It was deemed too controversial by former President Al Simone.
- b. An actor was injured during a choreographed fight scene.
- c. Their performance space lost power unexpectedly due to College Town construction, and all other stages were booked.
- d. The performance space was usurped to be used as a press conference area for the unexpected amount of media that showed up to cover the arrival of Lisa Lampanelli.

5. True or False? RIT used to sponsor an event in which students competed by drinking a shot of beer every minute.

- a. True
- b. False

ANSWERS: 1) a 2) c 3) b 4) b 5) a

QUOTE

Jean Cocteau, when asked what one thing he would take from his house if it were burning.

"I'd take the fire."

HAIKU

by Casey Dehlinger

This is the last one.

There will be no more haikus.

Any suggestions?

REPORTER

RECOMMENDS

Googling your RA. You can either get on their good side with a couple of discreet conversation starters about their unearthed talents (in hopes that they'll look the other way when they catch you trying to use an illegal toaster) or you can tell them whose floor it really is by making snide allusions to the skeletons in their digital closet the next time they try to tell you that you're polluting the silence of study hours.

CARTOON | by Alex Salsberg



SUDOKU

Difficulty: Very Hard

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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

Programming Languages

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WORD ON THE STREET

COMPILED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY BELVEDUDE

Q: What improvements would you like to see at RIT?



"Good weather all the time."

Olesya Zakiullima

International business, Grad student



"More fountains!"

Elvira Zalyaleeva

Finance, Grad student



"Coke Machines instead of Pepsi."

Ege Bilgen

Studio fine arts, Grad student



"More trash receptacles."

Thomas Blake,

Environmental science, First year



"A fully wet campus."

Chris Bajorsky

Biomechanics, First year



"Make the Sentinel into a waterslide."

Tom Henry

Computer engineering, First year



"Hovercrafts."

Susie Keenan

Biology, First year



"Paint the walls."

Ben Reeves

Computer engineering, First year



"Moving walkways like in airports."

Carl Hoffman

Mechanical engineering, First year

RIT RINGS

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HEY FRESHMAN!
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WITH THOUGHTFUL
COMMENTARY

Friday 1:31 p.m.

Yeah, I like how parking services has the time to walk to the far end of UC to just ticket people who were here even though there are plenty of spaces available, and yet they walk around right past an abandoned car, that doesn't belong to anyone, and they have never gotten a ticket. What the hell *Reporter*?

Friday 1:46 p.m.

Hello RIT Rings, I would just like you to know that I'm sitting outside on this lovely Friday afternoon waiting for the bus to go back to the RIT Inn. Well, I was so inclined to read your articles that the bus just passed me and now I'm just sitting here not on the bus. So, maybe you should stop making your articles so interesting, then maybe I would be home right now. Thanks, have a good day.

Friday 11:05 p.m.

RIT Rings, what the [procreate] is going on? I am not an alumni, I took some time off and I am making \$100,000 a year but I am coming back to finish things off and RIT still sucks. The carnival is boring and there are no girls here. I am making so much more money and I don't think I even want to finish my degree. God, RIT sucks. Why am I here?

Friday 11:23 p.m.

Once again, I am calling from my BlackBerry.

Thank you RIT for giving me a good education. I am never going to pay you back for this EVER again. I love my BlackBerry. There's one girl with eight guys. Wow, go RIT.

Friday 1:07 a.m.

Listen up RIT Rings, we're in [Sri Lanka] right now. This is the [excrement]. This is my birthday, I am 19 years old, and we're going to talk to you for a little bit.

Saturday 4:04 p.m.

I am taking a [kid down to the pool], and it smells so [sacrilegiously] bad.

Sunday 12:45 a.m.

Hey RIT Rings, how you doing? You better publish this or I will hunt you down and I don't know. If you don't put this in the *Reporter* right now I am going to do something that is so, so many adjectives are running through my head. You'll probably have to edit so many of them. Just you wait.

Friday 6:44 p.m.

Hi RIT Rings, I don't know if you guys tape these over the summer or not, maybe you do stuff like that. Oh man I got a text message. I just wanted to say that all you other RIT people that are at your homes this summer you should go out and play some laser tag. It's good for your health,

its good exercise and it's like so much fun to get these little children, covered in highlighter, kicked out of here for calling you names because you suck at laser tag or you're too big to play.

Wednesday 11:10 a.m.

This sucks, I'm in an airport, and I've been in an airport forever. I just want to leave the airport but I cannot. They said that there is just no crew for my plane. This is sad because I have already been traveling for twelve hours and originally I was only supposed to be traveling for a total of 26 hours. Now, the total travel time will equal about 48, maybe. I don't know I haven't done the entire math yet. It's a really, really, long time. I am bored out of my mind and I can't go to sleep because I'm by myself. There's no place to eat and I can't even find a vending machine. I can't even find a bathroom or water fountain.

Thursday 10:49 a.m.

Hey Rings, I just came back from the comedian from the first day of WOW week and the closed captioning would not write curse words, yet you could hear the comedian cursing. So, what the [eff]? Deaf students aren't allowed to hear curse words because? So, someone should get on that and write [effing] curses on the [effing] closed captioning. •

SICK OF THE "SICK OFS"

by Geoff Shearer

illustration by Grag Gaggino

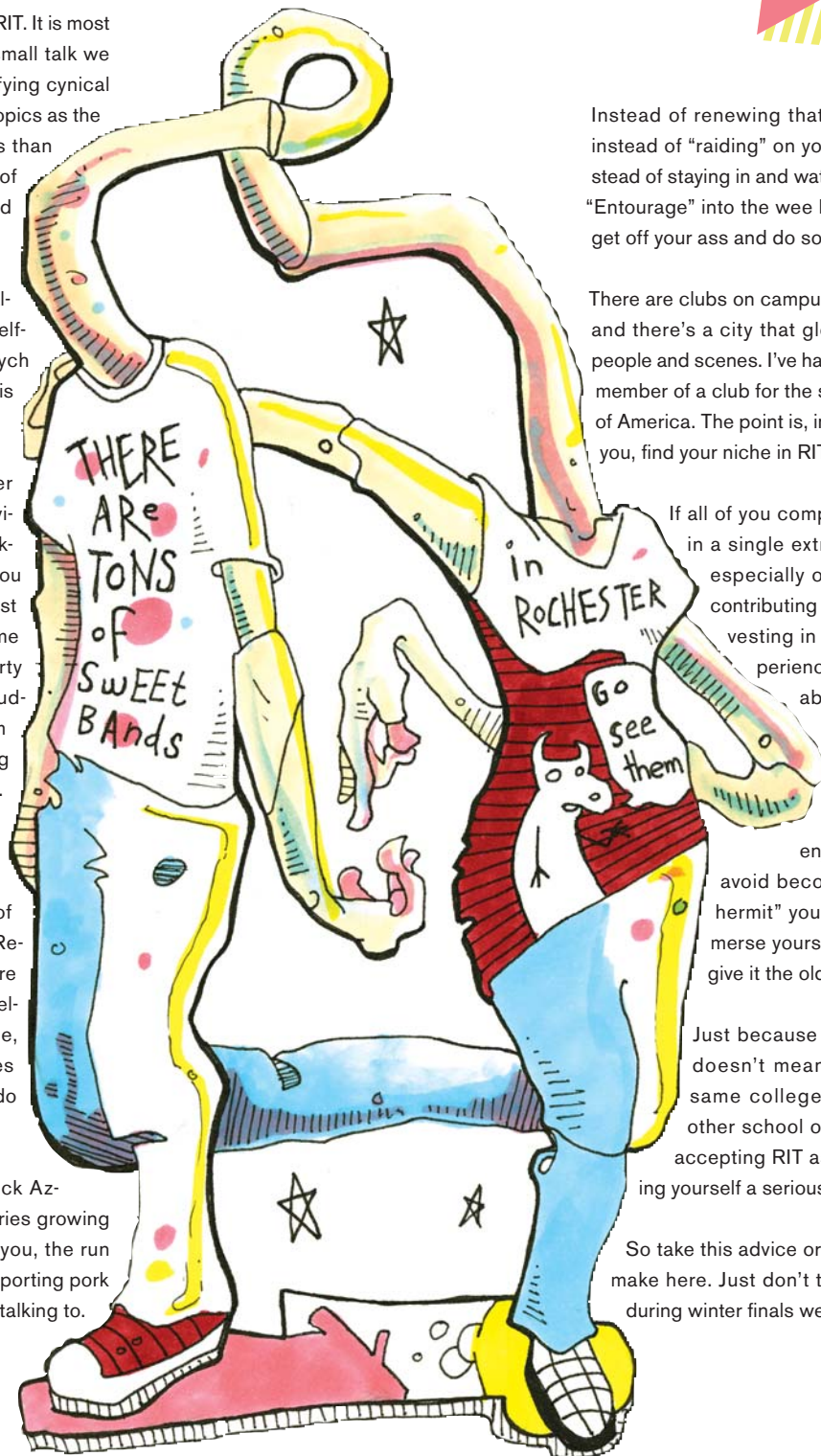
I am sick of people who are sick of RIT. It is most sincerely disheartening that the small talk we share with strangers here is a unifying cynical dredge on such wholly unoriginal topics as the ten week quarter system, the less than temperate seasons, and the lack of things to do as an RIT student and Rochesterian.

Not to be your obnoxiously overzealous OA all over again, but it's a self-fulfilling prophecy (thank you, Psych 101!) of sorts; this school and city is what you make of it.

Too often students complain over the lack of raging parties and activities for those under the legal drinking age to partake in. Suck it up, you didn't choose RIT for the parties, just like you didn't choose to save some serious tuition at a state-funded party school. While your high-school buddies are drunk-dialing you from school, you'll probably be working your ass off getting ready for finals.

Although your first instinct is to curse the heavens above in disdain for your complete and utter lack of college celebration thus far, nay! Rejoice, for without your torment there would be no glory, nor reason to celebrate. But when the work is done, for the love of all things that makes college that idyllic time in your life, do something about it.

Ye of the 70th level gnome warlock Azeroth, you of winter woes and worries growing just around the corner, and even you, the run of the mill, die-hard couch potato sporting pork rinds and sweatpants—it is you I'm talking to.



Instead of renewing that Xbox Live account, instead of "raiding" on your Saturday night, instead of staying in and watching seasons 1-4 of "Entourage" into the wee hours of the morning, get off your ass and do something.

There are clubs on campus, sports, intramurals, and there's a city that glows with interesting people and scenes. I've had a roommate that's a member of a club for the straight-razor shavers of America. The point is, in whichever way suits you, find your niche in RIT and Rochester.

If all of you complainers got involved in a single extra-curricular activity, especially on campus, you'd be contributing to an environment, investing in your own college experience by being proactive about it. School spirit can't be bought, nor can the ideas of fun or excitement, and if you're going to enjoy yourself here and avoid becoming the token "RIT hermit" you might as well go immerse yourself in it all, or at least give it the old college try.

Just because we're a tech school doesn't mean we can't have the same college experience as any other school of any other size, and accepting RIT as anything less is doing yourself a serious disservice.

So take this advice or don't, it's your life to make here. Just don't tell me how cold it is during winter finals week. •

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