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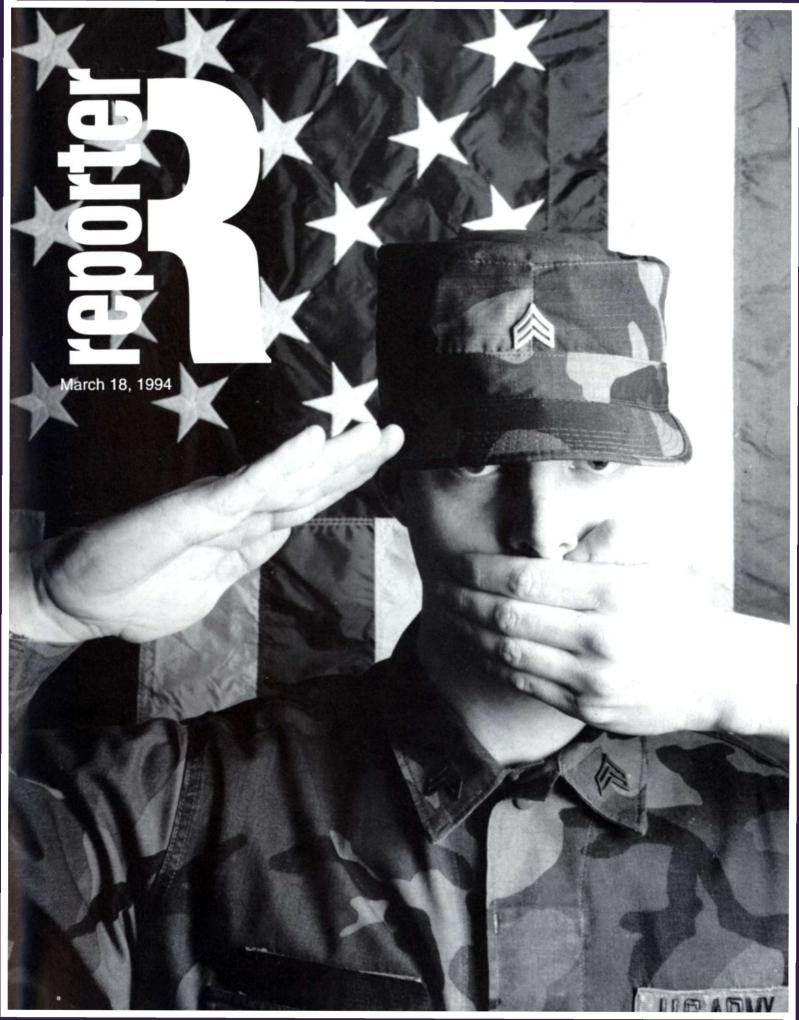
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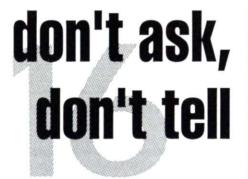
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Freedom of Voice

So much has been said in the past few months about school spirit and lack there of, that I felt my first editorial ought to portray an undeniably positive aspect of RIT. Before I do that, however, I would like to introduce myself as the new Editor in

Chief of REPORTER magazine. My name is Gary Peters; I'm a senior in the Illustration Program of the Fine Arts Department. I have been a part of the REPORTER staff over the past year as a cartoonist, a writer, a production staff member, and most recently Managing Editor. Slightly before spring break, Reporter held elections for EIC, and I was chosen to

take the position from my predecessor, Robert Wescott.

So now that I have introduced myself, I'll explain the best experience I've had here at RIT. It seems often that REPORTER has come under fire as being anti-school spirit, or anti-Greek, or anti-school administration, even anti-Gracie's. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the single thing that REPORTER is against IS a very one-sided "anti-anything" attitude. We try very hard to present issues in a fair and unbiased manner.

However, there are times when the opinions of student writers and readers have caused some people to label REPORTER Magazine as "anti-this" and "prothat." As a publication, we are subject to endless public scrutiny and so, when expressing our opinions we expect a certain amount of criticism. To publicly express your opinion takes a great amount of courage, and particularly thick skin. So, I encourage our readers to make one simple distinction whenever possible. Please understand that REPORTER can no more take a single opinion, than can the entire campus adhere to one viewpoint. I am not saying you personally need to accept everything we print. Certainly, I would encourage anyone with an opinion, and the signature to back it up, to utilize our letters to the editor page or even join our staff.

There are often times that I question whether school spirit would be as low as it seems to be, if people were aware of some of the opportunities available to them on campus. REPORTER is indeed one of the more visible organizations on campus where specific viewpoints can be expressed, but we are far from the only

I would encourage anyone with an opinion to utilize our "letters to the editor" page

means. Through organizations like Student Government, BACC. RHA, WITR, CAB, Greek organizations, and others, students not only are able to participate and become involved, they are also able to affect change. It takes very little energy to complain about spirit, tuition, budget cuts, or anything in general. The real test is to act. Many people seem to

think that somehow, through complaining, things will improve. However, instead of fostering change, complainers may simply be fostering a sense of misery.

The most positive aspect of RIT, in my personal experiences, has been belonging to an organization dedicated to campus concerns and issues that affect all of us in the RIT community. Yes, RIT does have more than a few shortcomings for many of us, but trying to improve those flaws not only leads to more positive aspects, it makes you and your organization positive aspects in the process.

> Gary Peters, Editor in Chief

A Misguided Struggle

In honor of women's history month I present the following:

For years we have fought. We battled crime, we combated discrimination, and we struggled towards acceptance. We won the right to vote, achieved positions in senior management, and seemed to finally have it all.

And while we fought, others were fighting too. While we were conquering voting rights, Blacks rallied for them. While we were crying for equality, the handicapped cried too. And while we were searching for safe and affordable housing and education, Latinos and children searched also. Yet, we did not help them.

We fought alone. And we thought we had won...until now. Now we have all that we have fought for. Yet, we have lost the one struggle that is the summation of all our efforts. And we can not win this one alone. It is the battle for respect.

We can not win respect for merely ourselves. We can not be satisfied because "it doesn't effect me." It does. Until there is universal respect and self admiration there will be no genuine peace. Without a basic standard of human rights there will be no genuine successes and there will be no genuine equality. Without that basic premise no battle is ever truly won.

So I urge you not to reflect on women's history month as a time to appreciate the battles that have been won—for clearly the challenge is not over. Do not use it to glorify the role of women in America and the great strides they have taken in society. Do not use it to express pride in your gender or to champion a cause that lies dormant 11 months of year.

Fight for universal equality. Engage all races, sexes, creeds and lifestyle choices in the fight against violence. Champion for respect over equal employment opportunities. For from respect comes true opportunities. And then erase women's history month from your calendar and make it human history month. Look back on the past and search for a way to achieve universal respect. And move forward towards a solution rather than the temporary antidotes we have achieved in the past.

Kathleen M. Cole, Executive Editor

The Soul of a Man

(part II)

The Soul of a Man Gives you comfort and security In a world full of hatred And bolsterousness and scrutiny.

The Soul of a Man Gives him true dedication Gives him true aspiration Gives him true education.

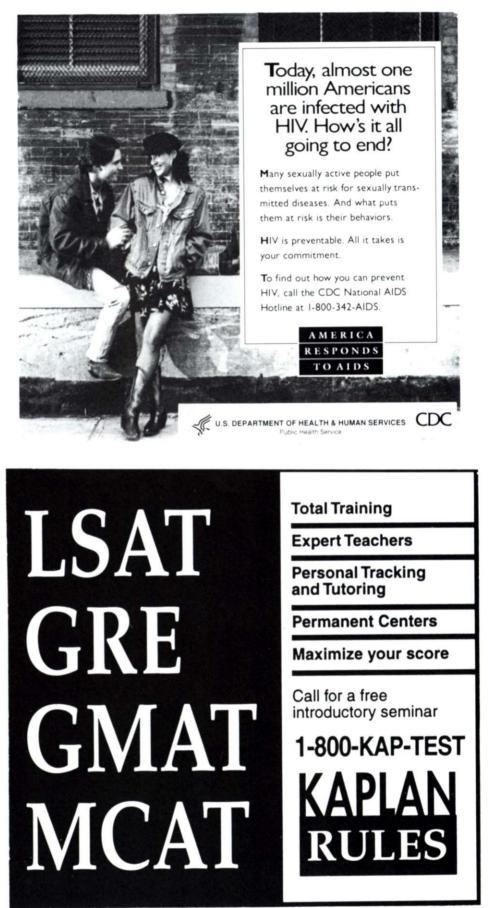
It is the root of his drive Towards excellence and superiority It is a strong protective shield Against vulnerability and inferiority.

It gives him true love In the sense of liberty It gives him true respect That speaks louder than words.

The Soul of a Man Gives him true sanity In a world gone mad It keeps him from vanity.

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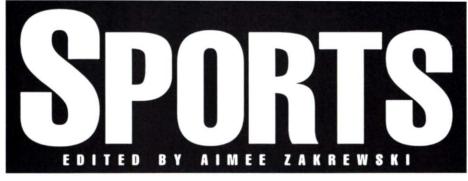
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Men's Basketball

After finishing the regular 1993-94 season with a 17-8 overall record, the Tiger Cagers went on to qualify for the ECAC tournament for the third straight year. RIT won their first ever ECAC title last season.

Seeded fourth, RIT went on to face third seed Elmira College. The Tigers took a quick 6-0 lead and held on to the intermission to keep ahead by three. Charlie Bartlett pitched in 15 of his team-high 21 points in the first half. Elmira came out on fire in the second, exploding on a 25-11 run to take an eleven point lead. Time ran out for the Cagers, ending their hopes for a second ECAC crown.

Three members of the squad received all-conference honors. Bartlett, a junior, was named first team. He led the conference in field goal percentage, shooting .596 from the field. He also broke the school record for blocks earlier in the year. The old record was 158. Bartlett now has 161. Senior Todd Paulauskas was named to the second team, leading the Tigers in scoring with a 16.0 average. Attaining honorable mention honors was Senior Sam Allen, averaging 13.9 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. Ending the sea-

son with an overall 17-9 record, the Tigers look forward to next year. Coach Bob McVean graduates four seniors from the squad, but retains nine veterans, including Bartlett.

Women's Basketball

Three members of the women's basketball team have been named to the Empire Athletic Association (EAA) All-Conference honorable mention to cap off the 1993-94 season.

Nikki Beall, Maggie Gulley and Karen Provinski represented RIT. Beall, a senior, averaged 8.1 points and 2.5 steals per game. Gulley, a sophomore, led the team with 11.1 scoring average and pulled down 5.0 rebounds per game. Provinski, also a sophomore, averaged 7.7 points and led the team in rebounding, averaging 7.1 per game.

RIT finished with a 3-20 overall record. They were 3-11 in the EAA and finished in seventh place, with wins over Alfred, Rensselaer, and Clarkson.

Wrestling

With Mike Licata and co-captain Pat Albro leading the way, the RIT wrestling team faired well in 1993-94. Under the guidance of Coach Earl Fuller and Associate Ron Gross, the Tigers improved their showing in the RIT Invitational placing tenth. RIT returned to the Claude Sharer Tournament and placed fifth.

Licata (190) and Albro (142), the team's only seniors, took third place honors in the Empire Collegiate Conference Tournament, and advanced to the NCAA Division III championship. Licata was 1-2 at the nationals and Albro was 0-2. The Tigers tied for 53rd place. Licata finished the year with a 10-7 record, while Albro was 15-15. Brian Pintagro was off to an impressive start at 118 until sidelined with an injury. Pintagro posted a 12-4 mark and was recently named a Scholar All-American along with Heavyweight Chris Merkel.

RIT sent nine wrestlers to the NCAA Qualifier. In addition to third place finishes by Albro and Licata, Merkel placed fifth and a fourth place finish by freshman Jay Jakubowski.

At the New York State Championship, Coach Fuller was cited by the Wrestling Coaches Association for his 46 years of service to wrestling.

Women's Swimming

The Lady Sharks concluded their 1993-94 season with an overall 2-7 record, posting wins over Buffalo State and Mansfield University.

Kerry McInerney led the team with 193.75 points for the year, with Freshman Nicole Cinco following behind with 178.85 points. Both swimmers will return for the 1994-95 season.

Men's Indoor Track

On March 11-12, the men's indoor track team competed in the 1994 NCAA Division III Men's Indoor Track & Field Championship in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

RIT tied for ninth place, out of 40 schools, with Bridgewater College, University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Moravian College. University of Wisconsin-

New Face in the Crowd

Say hello to Mary Cook, a native of Waterloo, NY, who has just been named assistant softball coach at RIT.



softball coach at RIT. No stranger to the RIT scene, Cook served as volunteer assistant last year. A full-time physical education instructor at Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD), Cook has been

coaching sports for seven years. For the past three years she has coached softball at RSD, and also served as soccer assistant. Other coaching stints have come at Brockport, Wheatland-Chili, Spencerport and Eastridge High Schools.

In addition to coaching, Cook's duties at RIT include recruiting and scouting. "Mary is an excellent motivator. I have total confidence in her," says Coach Dugan Davies. "We're looking forward to an exciting year."

Come see the new assistant in action as RIT competes at 3:30 p.m. in their home opener.

La Crosse took first, notching its sixth NCAA Division III indoor title.

Earning the points for the Tigers were Senior All-Americans Kevin Collins and Tom Peeples. Collins placed second in the 5.000 Meter Run behind North Central College's Dan Mayer. Mayer set a new NCAA Division III time, while Collins followed behind with a time of 14:28.66. Peeples held on for fifth in the 55 Meter Hurdles.

The runners get set for outdoor competition after returning from Florida. The RIT Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 with action beginning at 12:00 noon. Good luck Tigers!!

Men's Hockey

The RIT hockey team lost to SUNY Fredonia this past weekend in the NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Tournament. The Tigers qualified for the nationals after defeating Canisius College in first round

two minutes later, Gary Masocco put Fredonia ahead 3-2. Marc Staley got RIT's third goal at 17:54. There was a scramble

West title.

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Women's Hockey

Paced by senior Lisa Gentile and Sophomore Marie Signor, the women's hockey squad concluded their season with an overall record of 4-12-0.

Gentile led the team with 16 points (five goals, 11 assists), followed by Signor with 15 points (10 goals, five assists). Senior Shantel Gammie and Sophomore Missy Priebe each added six goals and eight assists for 14 points.

The icers graduate two seniors and return seven veterans for next season.

> "Sports" contributed by Jim Rush and J. Roger Dykes

around the net before he put it home. The blue Devils outshot the Tigers 18-8 in the final stanza. With the tie, Saturday's game was going to decide who advanced and who went home.

action, and rivals Elmira College for the

Empire College Athletic Conference West

title. Facing Fredonia, the teams played to

a 3-3 tie on Friday night and on Saturday,

the Blue Devils took it to the Tigers 7-0 to

advance to the national semifinals on

March 18. Wisconsin-Superior is the host

school and they will face Salem St. in one

game while Fredonia will take on

a goal by senior captain Jay Murphy at

the 3:19 mark of the first period on assist

by Jasen Wise and Dan Augustyn. Mike

Lowe got Fredonia on the board at 14:02

of the first. Craig Conley and Jeff Lupu had the assists. Andrew Jaffe put the

Tigers ahead in the second period at

15:24 with an assist going to Shawn

Randall. The Blue Devils came out flying in

the third. Marty Diamond got the equaliz-

er at 3:41 on the power play. Less than

On Friday, RIT jumped to a 1-0 lead on

Wisconsin-River Falls in the other.

Saturday's game was over before it started. Fredonia jumped out to a 2-0 lead two minutes into the game. They never looked back. RIT managed only two shots in the first. The Blue Devils scored three times in the second and twice in the third to round out the scoring. The Tigers totaled 21 shots for the game.

RIT finished the season with a 20-8-2 record and the ECAC They advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1989, when they finished second to Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

SPORTS NOTES

In a defeat versus Alfred State, Nicole Cinco took first in the 100-yard Butterfly and the 100-yard Breaststroke. Dina Martin took first in the One-Meter Diving competition, and Deana Mallo, Carrie McVean, Debbie Jones, and Jody Thomas placed first in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay.

Pat Albro took first in the 142 pound wrestling class and Nestor Varona claimed victorious in the 177 pound weight class in the RIT wrestling defeat versus SUNY Cortland.

For those interested in playing Women's Soccer, indoor soccer will begin on Feb. 7 at the Clark Gym from 10:30-12:00pm. For more information, contact Coach Abby Steele at x7373.





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Student Assaulted

On March 7 at 7:10 p.m., a female RIT student was jogging alone through B lot, near the dormitories. Two unidentified males approached her in a compact car and asked her if she wanted a ride. After she continued to jog, one of the suspect chased her on foot, knocked her down, and injured her. Both men then fled in the car. Campus Safety and the Monroe County Sheriff's Association are investigating the incident.

One of the suspects is a white male, six feet tall, 200 pounds. On the date of the incident, he was wearing a dark ski jacket and a dark baseball hat.

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact the Campus Safety Department at 475-2853/TDD 475-6654.

Jenkins Receives Provost's Award

Keith Jenkins, assistant professor in the Professional and Technical Communications Department, was honored by Thomas Plough, RIT executive vice president and provost, as the 1993-1994 recipient of the Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty who have taught three years or less in their pursuit of excellence in teaching and leadership in the campus community.

Dr. Jenkins has been teaching at RIT since 1992. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is this year's faculty-in-residence. He has also provided "faculty at your service" programs to help students; he has founded a club in which students discuss stereotypes and "isms," such as racism and sexism; and he has sponsored intercultural dinners where students from his class prepare and share foods from their ethnic backgrounds. Upon receiving the award (a framed certificate and a check for \$1000) Dr. Jenkins said, "I am very honored. I will always make sure that my students receive the very best I have to offer."

Minority Career Fair

On Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Minority Alumni Advisory Committee (MAAC) will present "Career Focus '94" in the Student Alumni Union. It is free and open to the public.

RIT alumni, area college students, and anyone interested in career opportunities are invited to attend MAAC's eighth annual career fair. The fair's emphasis is placed on African-American, Hispanic, and physically-challenged recruitment by Fortune 500 companies and local/regional companies. Among them will be AC Rochester, Digital Equipment Corporation, IBM, 3M, New York State Department of Transportation, Rochester Gas and Electric, and Xerox. For more information, call 475-2587.



"Shanty Town" Helps Homeless

From March 9 to March 11 several Alpha Phi Omega members, including Jamie Grimes, Alex Polomski, Rich Savacool, Danielle Stolman, Nathan Cahill, and Jordan Neuringer, found themselves shivering outside Clark Gymnasium in the Rochester wind and snow with little more than cardboard boxes to shelter them from the elements. These students were participating in a drive to raise money and increase awareness for homeless people.

Alex Polomski was a little surprised at the success of the drive. In three days, they raised close to \$400 in a small, tattered cardboard box left in the middle of the causeway that connects the academic buildings to the quarter mile.

As expected, Polomski found the experience to be "cold and miserable," and they had a few run-ins with the campus snowplow at night. Thinking of the homeless, he reflects, "I couldn't do this all the time. I couldn't do what they do."

Under Milk Wood

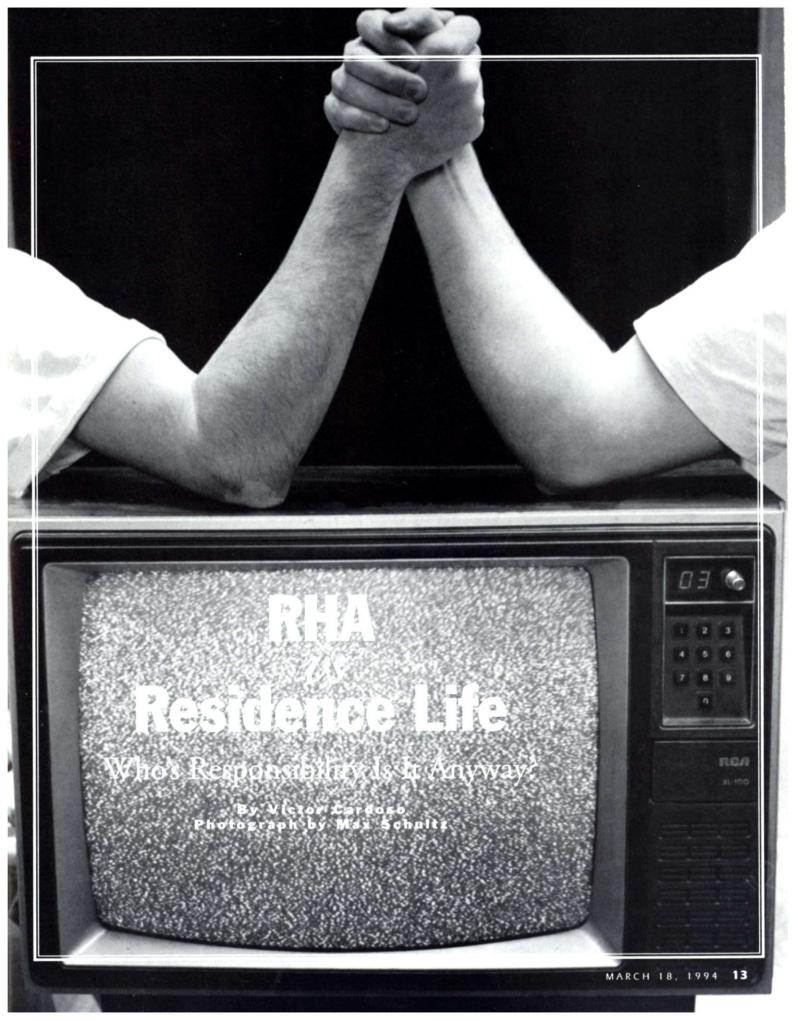
The National Theater of the Deaf (NTD), a touring group from Chester, Connecticut, will present Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 19, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20, in the Robert F. Panara Theater, located in NTID's Lyndon Baines Johnson Building. The presentation provides a humorous peek at life in a small Welsh fishing village.

"Under Milk Wood" has been praised as one of the most direct, funny, and loving accounts of what it is like to be alive. The troupe's unique dramatic style, which blends sign language and spoken words, is suited for both deaf and hearing audiences.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for all other audience members. They are on sale at the NTID Box Office, also located in the Johnson Building. The Box Office is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 475-6254 (voice/TTY).

Humanized Technology

Two graduate industrial design students, lan Westad Cunningham and Mehmet T. Ergelen, recently earned one of 10 Awards of Excellence in an international competition sponsored by the Goldstar Corporation. They invented Argus, a small three-part device designed to free the blind from canes and guide-dog waiting lists. It uses satellite and ultrasonic technology to detect objects in front of and close to the user and gives audible directions through an earpiece which is worn on eyeglasses.





VERY FEW YEARS, A TIME comes for every student organization to sit back and evaluate its own performance how it has met the students' needs, and its own needs as well. It happens that as times change, so do problems. And

as problems get more complex, their solutions get no simpler. Such a time has come upon the Residence Halls Association (RHA), and the decision it faces could very well leave the students at a loss and put it at odds against one of the most important departments of the Institute. "RHA needs help." These are the words of Dave Beamer, governor of the Sol-Heumman-Gibson (SHG) quad area government, a sub-group of RHA. "Our budget can't afford it anymore." What he is referring to is a problem that has been ripping the student organization apart for the past five administrations: how to care for the residence halls' 45 televisions, or whether to care for them at all.

Every floor in the residence halls is supposed to be equipped with a working television (except Ellingson-Peterson-Bell (EPB) halls, whose TVs are federally funded). It is a service RHA took upon itself in the late '70s to serve those students who did not have a TV in their room. The more familiar scene, however, is one of a dilapidated, old set which barely works or no TV at all. The responsibility for all these televisions falls into the hands of one Residence Services Director in RHA (a position which now, like many times before, is vacant), who is paid \$20 a week in order to ensure all sets are secured properly and in working order.

This was not always a problem at RIT. In the 1970s, when RHA made the decision to provide floors with televisions, the devices were not seen as an essential part of life. TVs were a luxury that not every student could afford to have in their room. Thus, being a student government, RHA started providing this service. Residents were grateful for it-and careful. They knew another would not be provided if it broke. In contrast, today's students call the RHA office repeatedly, with insults and aggravation if their televisions are gone or don't work. They seem to believe that RHA has a strict obligation to make sure the sets are working. What they fail to understand, however, is that RHA has an obligation only because it chooses to have one, and if the Executive Board voted to remove all TVs in the residence halls (except those in the EPB quad) the sets would be gone in a week. And there exists no organization or person in all the institute to make RHA return them.

"Our situation is rather bleak," comments Ralph Gaboury, President of the Residence Halls Association. "Currently, there are about five floors that do not have a working television, or any television whatsoever. However, I asked the RHA Executive Board to approve \$2000 to purchase six new 20" Sony Triniton televisions for those floors. Hopefully, we will be able to get those TVs onto the floors within a couple of weeks. Residence Life and Physical Plant will be helping us to secure and move them. However, this is only a short term solution to the problem." There is an often-made assumption that Residence Life, which provides furniture and microwaves, also provides floor TVs. This however is not the case, and some have begun to wonder if that should be changed.

It is true that students no longer see a floor TV as a luxury. It is a necessity, and with that change in the definition, RHA has begun to reevaluate its role in providing a service to the dorms. Already over their budget in many areas, RHA no longer sees itself fit to even fulfill that role. As a student government, the organization's primary responsibility lies in representing the students to the RIT community. When it started to take upon itself the burdens of what should rightly have been provided by the Institute, it began to interfere with RHA's efficiency and resources.

"The bottom line is that RHA is only a volunteer student organization," Gaboury states. "We get a small stipend, but compared to the number of hours everyone here puts in, it would amount to probably 75¢ an hour. RIT should not expect us to provide 45 floors with televisions. We have the money, but we just do not have the manpower to deal with it." He explained that NTID provides all of the televisions for EPB quad. They have a full and parttime paid staff that purchases and maintains the TVs for that quad, while RHA has one appointed student that takes care of three quads. "There's something wrong with that logic," he says. "There is no logic in it."

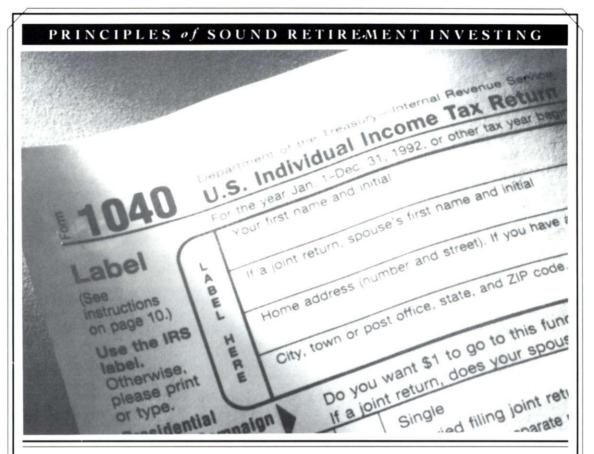
Discussions have taken place on whether better organization of the position could alleviate the problem. Too many variables, however, enter the situation. RHA can only pay a student \$20 dollars a week for that position, and that would require restructuring the positions, dividing the responsibilities, purchasing tools, enlisting people who knew how to repair televisions, building a repair shop, and yet all that would still leave the organization having to buy TVs for the floors. Even if RHA decided to send the sets out for repair, those costs would rack up as well. Many believe this no longer sounds like a volunteer organization's responsibility. More than once, however, the student government has approached Residence Life with the intent of transferring responsibility to them. Under negotiation now is Residence Life's proposal to take the responsibility, but bill RHA for the TVs and any other associated expense.

"In order to keep things running smoothly we do need more help," says Natalie Summerville, SHG Finance Director. "It's almost as if RIT is taking advantage of RHA." And it sounds just like that. Residence Life is constrained by budget cuts this year, as is almost every department in the Institute, but what about last year when admission was up? The student organization wonders why that department has never come to RHA in order to help with the problem. And they think it's fine to take the job with access to funds that should rightfully go to supplementing students through different services and programs. "I have a problem with that," Gaboury says. "A big problem with it."

The debate is coming close to being resolved, with the feasible option that RHA may simply get rid of the TVs altogether next year because they simply cost too much to service, both in money and time. The job requires a permanent staff member to organize TV repair and replacement, not one that changes every year (or less), and someone who is paid adequately for the job. If the Institute still views televisions as a luxury, then perhaps students *should* be responsible for bringing their own. If, however, televisions are viewed as a necessity, as RHA sees it, Residence Life or some other department should make sure they are apart of the Institute's role.

If student organizations are required to fill every deficiency the Institute has, perhaps Student Activities should start paying them salaries they deserve.

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n February 10th, another forum was held in Ingle Auditorium on the issue of whether or not to allow ROTC to stay on campus. One side, supported by Student Government and the Faculty Council, supports a resolution for RIT to do the following: 1) notify the Department of Defense that ROTC's practice of excluding homosexuals is inconsistent with RIT's hiring and admissions policies and practices; 2) notify the Department of Defense and all ROTC programs at RIT that

such programs will be given five years to comply with RIT policy, after which all noncomplying programs would be suspended; and 3) inform, through admission literature, all potential and entering students that non-complying programs will be suspended after a given date. The other side, supported by ROTC and the College of Applied Science and Technology, opposes the suspension of ROTC from RIT's campus.

In the following pages, Reporter interviewed four people with a tremendous interest in the outcome of this debate: Dean Wiley McKinzie of the College of Applied Science and Technology (the

college that houses ROTC); Dr. Timothy Engstrom, the Vice-Chair of the Faculty Council; Major Kenneth Way, a fifth year RIT student and a battalion commander in ROTC; and Craig Woodward, an RIT student and the president of Bi-Gala, RIT's gay and lesbian organization.

The two policies in question are RIT's policy on hiring and admissions and ROTC's policy, which is based on the Department of Defense (DOD) policy, on homosexual service in the military. RIT's policy states:

"RIT will admit and hire men and women, veterans, and persons with disabilities, individuals of any race, creed, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, or marital status, in compliance with all appropriate legislation." ROTC's policy is to allow open homosexuals to participate on the participatory track, but not on the commission track. After college, the military chooses who is commissioned from the commission track. The DOD's policy states:

"Homosexuality is incompatible with military service. The presence in the military environment of persons who engage in homosexual conduct or who, by their statements, demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct, seriously impairs member can be removed from the commission track and placed on the participatory track.

ays in the military. Last year, after President Clinton was inaugurated, it was the hottest topic sweeping America. As the president pushed for total acceptance, people in and out of the armed forces debated the reasons and consequences of allowing open homosexuals to serve in

> the military. Some viewed it as a natural progression, from little to more acceptance. Some viewed the Department of Defense policy as discrimination which had to be stopped. Some hard-liners argued against changing the policy on the grounds that it would destroy morale in the service.

> On the RIT campus, one year later, that debate has reached an entirely different level. Now, Congressional law has imposed a *don't ask*, *don't tell* mandate on the military, a compromise of sorts that has left very few people satisfied.

> A new resolution, passed by both RIT's Student

Government and Faculty Council, represents the efforts of those people dissatisfied with RIT's relationship with the military. The resolution would ban ROTC from campus within five years, on the grounds that the policy of discriminating against homosexuals completely contradicts the policies and practices of RIT.

But what exactly is it that RIT is fighting? Does ROTC discriminate against homosexuals, or any other students, or do they have no other choice? Is banning an entire program from this school really consistent with RIT's ideals, and would it really help solve the larger problems that the entire country faces?

According to Dr. Wiley McKenzie, the Dean of Applied Science and Technology,

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hy the accomplishment of the military mission. The presence of such members adversely affects the abil-IT ity of the armed force to maintain discipline, good C; order, and morale; to foster mutual trust and confidence among service members; to ensure the an integrity of the system of rank and command; to facilitate assignment and worldwide deployment of service members who frequently must live and

service members who frequently must live and work under close conditions affording minimal privacy; to recruit and retain members of the armed forces; to maintain the public acceptability of military service; and to prevent breaches of security."

Currently, applications for ROTC do not ask applicants for their sexual orientation. If, however, it is deemed that a member is homosexual whether through words or acts, then that

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where ROTC is housed and administratively governed, ROTC does *not* violate RIT policy. He believes this despite their practice of banning homosexuals from the commission program.

"My interpretation is that they [ROTC] do not violate the policy of RIT. First off, there are two or three policies and they are inconsistent. Depending on which one you read, the policies talk about discrimination in terms of conditions of students, and the hiring of employees. ROTC does not admit students into RIT, so if you

phrase the argument that ROTC violates RIT policy, then I disagree with that. Now, yes, you could say it is inconsistent with what the intent is, but I don't find that a basis for throwing an external group off campus. So that's my stand, I don't think they discriminate according to our policies. The Department of Defense, well, actually Congressional Law, that's clearly discrimination."

ROTC is bound by the practices of the DOD, and they in turn are bound by Congressional law. Many feel this law unfairly discriminates. Even though this new law moves to better acceptance, McKenzie thinks that "in a

number of years we're going to see it [the law] moved towards broader acceptance. I just don't think that over night you can change the nation. Obviously you can't, because Clinton tried. I don't think such things, as throwing a 150 students off campus, is going to further any body's cause. And I think it's going to cause a lot of deprivation to students."

One hundred and sixty students, to be exact. One hundred and ten from the RIT campus alone receive scholarships from the government in excess of \$600,000 a year. RIT's budget for ROTC is only \$175,000, so there is about \$400,000 on the plus side for RIT.

Of the approximately 500 schools with an ROTC program, this issue, this debate, over the discrimination of homosexuals has impacted them all. However, only four have passed any resolution to ban ROTC.

Of course, there are tough situations that could arise. If a student comes to RIT on a full ROTC scholarship, works hard in the classroom and in his unit, and discovers after two or three years that he is homosexual, if he *comes out* with it, as many homosexuals are being prompted to do, he can be dismissed from ROTC, and lose his entire scholarship.

McKenzie responded to this possibility. "That's an unfortunate outcome, but the rules exist. There are a lot of reasons you can get your scholarship revoked: bad grades; changing your major; etc. The person has a choice. The person may be gay and say, 'Well, I want my education r. Timothy Engstrom believes in opportunity. As the vice-chair of RIT's Faculty Council, he supported the passage of the 1992 resolution to serve notice to ROTC that it is not in compliance with RIT's hiring and admissions policies and practices. According to Engstrom and others, this issue centers around RIT's responsibility to require that all campus-supported groups and organizations follow the same policies.

Some critics feel that those in favor of the

pending resolution are simply against having a military operation like ROTC on campus. Engstrom adamantly states, "This is not motivated by a desire to get ROTC off campus; this is motivated by a desire to stand up consistently for principle. We're not holding them accountable to anything that we're not holding all of RIT accountable for."

Engstrom compares this dilemma to the one that African-Americans faced many years ago. Although the experiences and histories of African-Americans and homosexuals are different, African-Americans were not allowed into the army sixty

years ago for very similar reasons that homosexuals are not allowed into the army today. It was claimed that their presence would disrupt the morale of the troops. Today, the DOD policy on homosexuals states, "The presence of such members adversely affects the ability of the armed forces to maintain discipline, good order, and morale."

According to Engstrom, just as it is unethical to allow discrimination based solely on the shade of one's skin, it is equally unethical to allow discrimination based solely on one's sexual orientation. Many believe a similarity is present in that race is hereditary and some consider homosexuality to be hereditary also. Both have been shown to have little effect on military performance; just as there are many high-ranking African-American officers, there are also many high-ranking homosexual officers. If RIT were to allow the DOD's policy to remain in effect on campus, then it would be allowing a violation of its own anti-discrimination policy.



r. Timothy Engst rom is the Vice-Chair of the Faculty Council, which passed the resolution to reco mend suspension of ROTC in 1992

and I need my scholarship, so I'm just not going

to say anything.' Clearly, it is one of those things in life that you wouldn't say is good. So I don't like that, I wouldn't want to see any student lose their scholarship, but to weigh that against the idea of not having 110 students coming here. I'm sorry that doesn't balance out. By and large I think the students who come into ROTC are good students, highly motivated, and hard workers. They do a lot of things which have reasonably high visibility, both in terms of community service and within the ROTC frame. This country was built on the concept of a citizen army. We've never developed a professional military class, and one of the reasons why we haven't is because we've had a strong ROTC program that is constantly pumping in a lot of the blood from the citizens. So, to me, this is one of the most important things ROTC does for us. It allows us to fulfill that social obligation to society. I think that not to do that, we're not doing our part."

"That Department of Defense policy is morally wrong, but I don't think we should be the scapegoats. They shouldn't cut off 160 people just to prove a point."

Currently, open homosexuals are allowed to participate in ROTC's participatory track. According to the ROTC's new *don't ask, don't tell* policy, in order to be allowed on the commission track, homosexuals must repress any and all homosexual "behavior and speech." This angers Dr. Engstrom and many others.

"Often the issue of homosexuality is treated as if it were a function of choice, a lifestyle," he

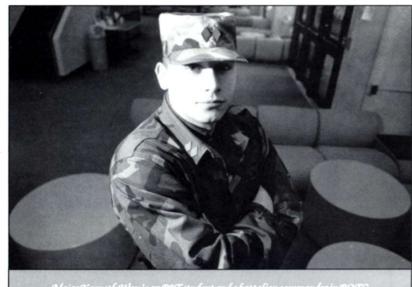
says. "If one chooses to be in the military, one's lifestyle is to be in the military; one's sexual practices whether gay or heterosexual are who one is—it's what you are." He feels that the DOD is demanding that homosexuals repress, not a choice or a lifestyle, but their very identities. This is inconsistent with RIT's efforts to create an inclusive, accepting environment as well as its policies.

Engstrom and other supporters of the Faculty Council's resolution would concede that ROTC's policy is generated by the DOD, and that ROTC has little power over the DOD's policy. However, for Engstrom and the most of the Faculty Council, this resolution is not about changing the DOD's policy; it is about reinforcing

RIT's commitment to its anti-discrimination policies. He understands that ROTC has little control over the DOD's policy, but he would point out that RIT has full control over its own policies and the policies of its individual departments and colleges. He argues that RIT has little choice in this matter—it must uphold its policies. He affirms, "We are not hurting ROTC. The Department of Defense is hurting ROTC."

For Dr. Engstrom, this is a relatively simple issue: should RIT uphold its anti-discrimination policy or allow ROTC to violate it? This resolution is not against the ROTC organization on campus; it is against the organization's discriminatory policies. The fact that ROTC has little control over this policy should not affect the fact that RIT has control over upholding its own policies by suspending any campus-supported programs or organizations that do not comply with its policies. Dr. Engstrom believes that "[RIT's] obligation is to all students equally, and that is the higher obligation that we ought to serve." A fter all the debating and arguing over the resolution to remove ROTC from campus, the people who will really be affected are the students. Kenneth Way, a fifth year student and a Major and Battalion Commander in ROTC, said a few words about his feelings on the effects of the proposal on the students.

First off, why do the students join ROTC?



policy is wrong? Way believes, "that the Department of Defense policy is morally wrong, but I don't think we should be the scapegoats. They shouldn't cut off 160 people just to prove a point. In the past, military leaders were afraid of homosexual acts affecting the mission. Then people came out of the closet and it's been proven that some of the best soldiers were gay, so, we took a step back and said this is just out and out discrimination. So Clinton came in with his don't ask, don't tell policy. The army has been so set in it's ways, where it's instinctive to be all hurrah, and go get'em, that it's basically a morale

There is obviously the scholarship, but many other factors can also influence a person's decision, especially Way's. "You get a lot of leadership experience [from] large group and small group activities. As a freshman, you're doing things immediately when you get to campus, and I thought that was something I could get involved with. It sounded interesting, and I won the scholarship, so I took it." ROTC is a collegiate program, but it's effects on the students go well beyond college. Some of the training [and] the courses that the students take help them manage their time better, organize a meeting, give professional briefings, etc. But the real lessons, the invaluable lessons, come from the discipline and the comradery of ROTC itself. "It gives me more self-confidence," says Ken, "You just feel like there's nothing you can't do."

But at what price? Does ROTC discriminate against homosexuals, and does that policy affect the decisions of the men entering the program. The answer is a resounding no. If homosexuals were allowed in the military, issue. That thinking has been re-evaluated by the current administration and is outdated, and *don't ask, don't tell* is a step in the right direction, but it doesn't satisfy everybody yet."

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sion," says Way, "And, I can't speak for every-

one, but I seriously think that, in general, it

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woulnd't be a problem."

So what the problem boils down to is this: should 160 students be punished for a law they don't believe in, and are helpless to control, or should the school wait for the natural acceptance of gays in the military, a goal that slowly being accomplished? What does ROTC offer the school and the students that should not be taken away?

Way believes the ROTC program, "does a lot for the people who participate in it, and it does a lot for the community. For the community, we help Dr. Simone, we do charity work, we do a lot of things that help out the community and I think the community welcomes us as much as we welcome being here. It's very mutually beneficial. For the people who participate in it, it offers a chance to serve as an officer in the United States Army, as opposed to the academies or different ways you want to do it. These people who participate in it develop training

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which helps them become a leader, organize their time and build confidence, and be able to speak in front of people. It just does a lot in five years, you learn a lot, and you're part of something."

Something which should not be dismissed so easily. To observe injustice in the system is obvious, but RIT should be careful on whom they place the blame. They should be very, very care-

ful. The careers and futures of 160 students depend on it.

s most people would agree, it is the student that is most affected by the Faculty Council's resolution. Few students understand the hidden effects of the DOD's policy better than Craig Woodward. He is gay. As a student in high school, he considered following in the footsteps of his grandfather and grandmother (both served in the military), but first, he had to ask himself a very tough question: "Can I hide who I am?" He decided that he could not deny his sexuality and dropped the idea of serving his country.

He has friends who have tried, though.

One friend made huge plans to go to RIT on an ROTC scholarship; it was the only way that he could afford RIT's tuition. He applied to both ROTC and RIT and was accepted. At some point, ROTC did a background check and discovered that he belonged to a few groups that were sponsored by the local Gay and Lesbian Alliance. They delved further into his personal life and discovered that he in fact was gay. Today, he is finishing up an Associate's degree at Monroe Community College, his plans for RIT were pulled out from under him when ROTC pulled his scholarship.

Another friend, a high-ranking officer in ROTC, became very uncomfortable hiding his growing awareness that he was homosexual. He confided in a fellow cadet, a friend. This friend told his sergeant. Soon after, this young man was informed that he was being released from his ROTC obligations because he was a homosexual. He was crushed. He had always seen the military as his future. He would get a degree and would go into the army. He lost his scholarship and his future in the military. He felt betrayed. Unlike the previous man, he had never engaged in any sort of homosexual "behavior". He was a virgin.

Other gay and lesbian friends in ROTC have not been discovered yet. Most hope that they won't be.

Craig sees benefits in allowing homosexuals to serve openly in ROTC. "When you're hiding who need additional funds can have their finances supplemented by RIT. In addition, ROTC is a part of the curriculum. The Department of Reserve Officer Training— Army offers several two and three credit courses which are only offered to ROTC members on the commission track.

On-campus groups, such as the Commission to Promote Pluralism, have



Craig Woodward is the president of Bi-Gala, RIT's lesbian and gay organization

this and repressing that, you can't work at a hundred percent. All of the gay and lesbian people in ROTC could give so much more if they didn't have to hide."

But Craig has conflicting feelings about this debate. "I have a lot of friends in ROTC, and I don't want to see ROTC kicked off campus," he says, "but for a group like ROTC, there are only a set number of things that we can do. There's not much that you can do to effect them except to stop them from practicing on campus." Basically, he feels that RIT must do something to maintain some sort of consistency between its own policies and the policies of its separate departments and colleges. He points out that "ROTC is the only group on campus that is allowed to discriminate right now."

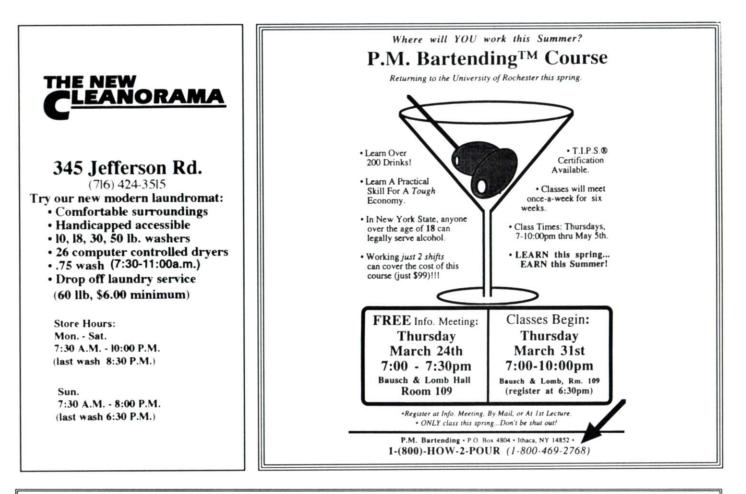
Some critics of the resolution claim that ROTC is really not part of RIT, and therefore should not be held to RIT's policies. But Craig and most members of the Faculty Council and Student Government would point out that ROTC is housed by RIT's College of Applied Science and Technology. Also, ROTC students devised alternatives to the Faculty Council's resolution. One alternative would be to mandate an educational course for all RIT students, including ROTC students, which teaches sensitivity towards minority groups. Another alternative would be to merge the participatory track and the commission track since the military goes through the process of choosing commissioned officers only after ROTC training. Little discussion has been initiated on these alternatives, however. "The problem is," says Woodward, "that no one is taking the entire [debate] seriously."

Woodward also under-

stands the analogy between the fight for African-Americans to enter military service and the fight for homosexuals to openly enter military service. Within this analogy, he sees hope for change. He remarks that changes were made in the same vein as the Faculty Council's resolution. The fight to integrate the military was started on the "grass-roots" level, by first making small changes that were consistent with the principle of integration. For him and some in ROTC, the Faculty Council's resolution is a small grass-roots effort to change a "greater evil."

What is so important about changing this policy? Woodward reflects upon the decisions that he was forced to make as a high school student. "How could I have hid for four to six years of my life? It's a ridiculous thing to have to do." -KERSTIN GUNTER AND MATT MCNAMERA -PHOTOS BY DAVE CARSON

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irtual reality, real-time, SPARC, and z-buffers were the buzz-words mentioned throughout the February 9th meeting of SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics). Professors, students, and other interested parties went to hear representatives from Sun Microsystems Computer Corporation and Computer Science House (CSH).

Barton Fiske, Sun representative and RIT alumnus, introduced the new SUN 10SX computer system. The workstation boasted high-end imaging and three dimensional graphics processing on

a photo CD capable, 24 bit (16.7 million) color system. Other advanced features such as Solaris 2.3 operating system, 80 megabytes of RAM (Random Access Memory), and a zbuffer accelerator card brought the total cost to a hefty \$30,000.

Fiske quickly proved the system's worth by demonstrating color separation techniques used in digital pre-press, real-time rotations, morphs (changes shape) and renders: a graphic designer's paradise. Due to



Transfer Protocol) site set up by CSH. More and more programmers have followed the trend of free software and shareware distribution on the Internet in order to facilitate affordability, portability, and improvement. "Part of our original objective was to create a freely distributed program to allow students and others to work with it easily," said the project coordinator.

Hensbergen would like to more see interdisciplinary involvement on the project. By opening VR LSD to groups and classes schoolwide, revisions and new modules can be implemented as

> a form of assignment or cooperational effort. The addition of the mailing list already has allowed CSH to create an open forum for the discussion and exchange of from ideas numerous interested parties.

> Flatware, another group of networking and graphics programmers, formed by CSH members Reay, Fleckinstein, and Brenden Tuck showcased the

Sun's primary focus on hardware, however, software for the new line does not take full advantage of the myriad of specialized features. Sun is currently working with third party software developers in an effort to change this trend.

Despite Sun's five-figure system, the most impressive presentation was that of the Virtual Reality Learning System Development (VR LSD) coordinated by Eric Van Hensbergen, third year computer science major and chairman of CSH.

Two years ago, Hensbergen's group had its humble beginning as an informal informational gathering for freshmen and upperclassmen. With the help of programmers Frank Barrus, Brendan Fagan, Pat Fleckinstein, George Hartz, Tad Hunt, Chris Meaker, Rob Reay, and Mike Williamson, the VR group expanded to immense proportions as a programming project largely designed and coded in their spare time. The group's goal was to create a low-cost network interface that was portable to a variety of computer platforms. "VR is the next step to interactive computer environments," Van Hensbergen said.

The project, drafted in the C programming language, was first implemented last July at the Montage 1993 exposition held in the Riverside Convention Center. Response was high and prompted programmers to rewrite the existing code in C++ including extensive documentation. A revised edition of the VR LSD project is due to be released March 19 on the Internet where it will be made available to the general public via an FTP (File

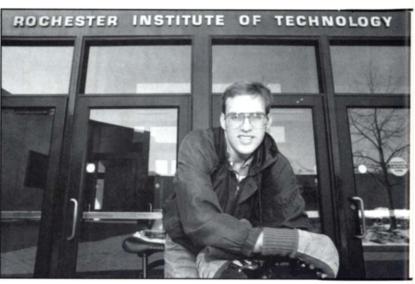
program Flatware 3D alongside the VR LSD demonstration in the Ross Building. Flatware was developed in an effort to surpass the quality of entertainment applications currently offered on the market. The audience was duly impressed. "We've been able to get speeds of up to 30 plus frames a second," Fleckinstein said. Professional computer animation found in arcades are displayed at rates of 24 to 30 frames per second.

From a dream of the future to the present, Virtual Reality Learning Systems and Flatware 3D have become entities with new visions of things to come. For more information on the project send electronic mail to vr-info-request@mail.csh.rit.edu. For more information on Computer Science House send mail to cshinfo-request@mail.csh.rit.edu.

-Alfred Penn

ON THE STREET

what's your opinion on the "don't ask, don't tell" u.s. military policy



" As long as they can do their job without any interference with the duties then I don't mind. Because during wartime they don't think being a homosexual they think about fighting." WILLIS HALL 4th year Applied Computer Tech.



"It's not a bad policy because it allows gays to be in the Military, without causing a big stink." **KRISTEN TOWER** Interior Design 1"year



"I don't really have strong opinion about it, but I **Don't really have** a problem with it, I think it's O.K." **TIFFANY NOBLE** 1styear Microelectronic Engineering



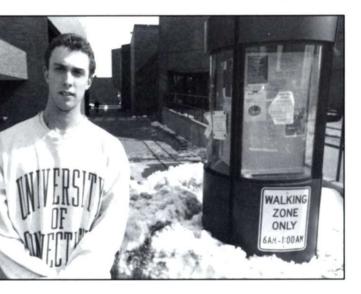
"It should probably stay as it is. It is not necessarily a good policy but it is probably the safest for those that are gay in the Military." MICHAEL HARTMAN 5th year Electrical Engineering Technology

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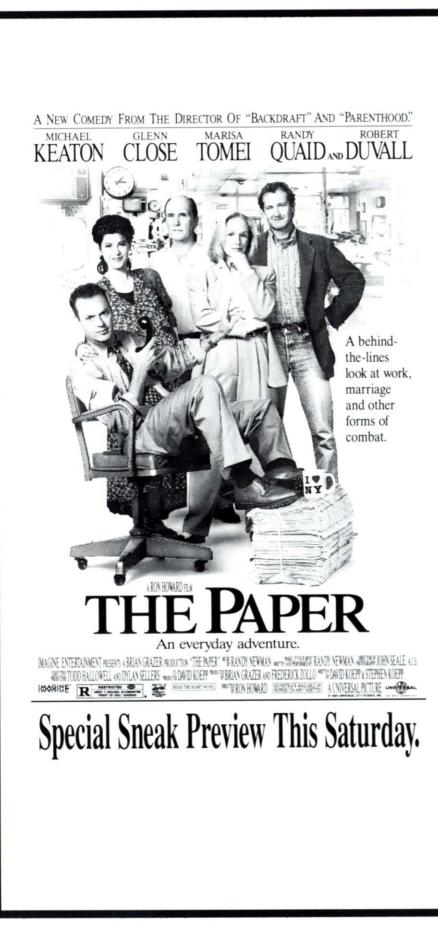
" It's no different than what anything was before, it is kind of ridiculous. I think that it was a big cop BECKY KLUS

2nd year Photo

" I think it's fine, I don't think it should be up to the government as to what people's sexual preferences are." PAUL KOBLEL 4th year Mechanical Engineering.



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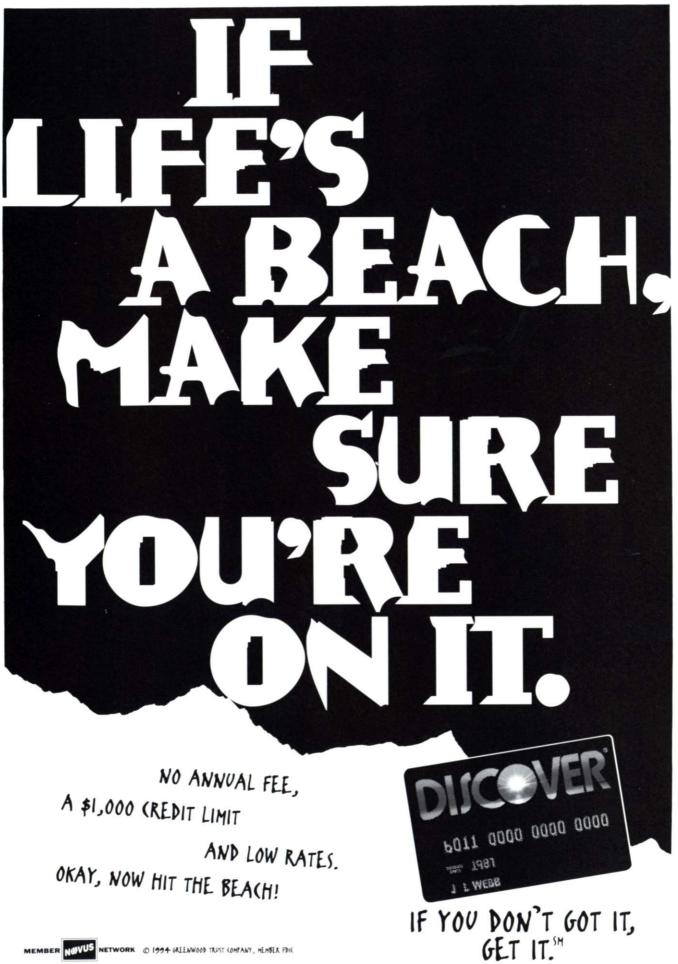
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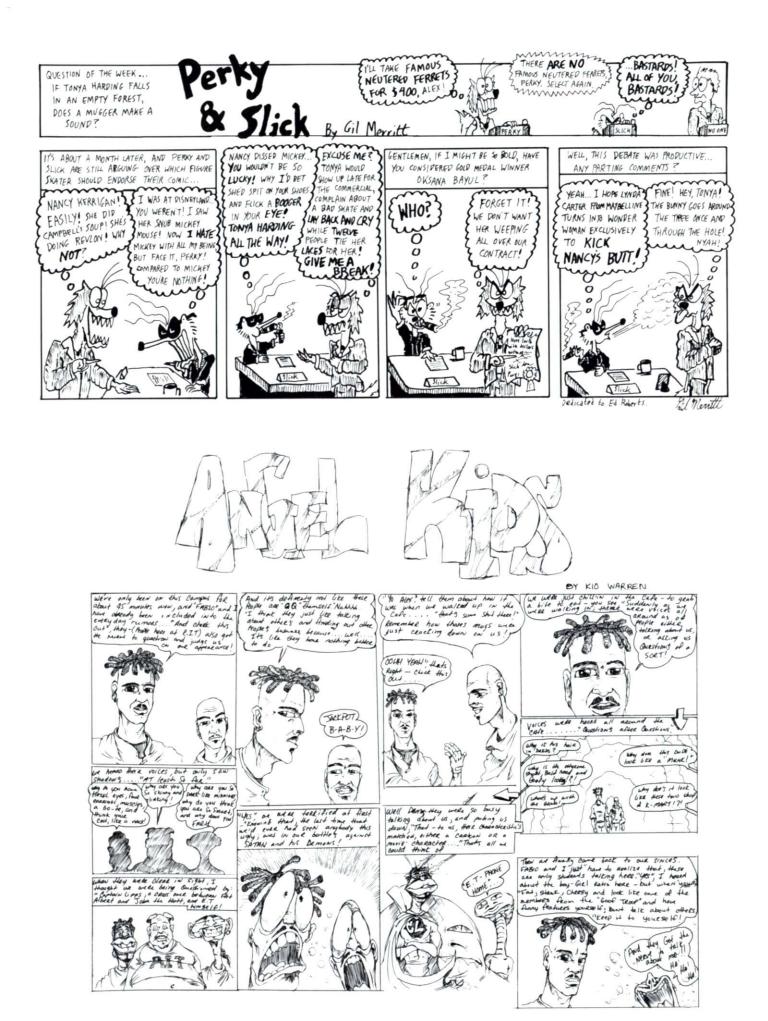
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PERSONALS

JTW—Nice to see ya' again, K! It's my Birthday!!Too bad I'm not Irish!!!(3/17) Michele Smoot-The Supreme G. Tool! JR- *Major League II*, baby!

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Michele Happy Belated Birthday-To Jennifer

Manousardis! Love, your big! Shells—Have a GREAT wkend! You deserve

it! Your roomies! To the beautiful Alpha Sigs—Have a wonderful Spring quarter!

SHAQUWIKWA- You owt/

Happy Birthday Chuckyl(3/10) mds Nancyl-Congrats on your initiation into PKP! You're the BEST! Your big!

Hey Thaddeus, Happy birthday!!! Your fellow SUE-Let's go eat lunch Piscean, MD.Smoot Blah, Blah, Siah-Swing it in and take control

of the love buns. The smoker. Can I dip my balls in it? You kids stop that! Gary—*CONGRATS! Reprostal!!*

OF THE WEEK

KRIS GRAY, a member of the softball team, has been named RIT's Female Athlete of the Week for her performance over the break.

At St. Andrew's, North Carolina, the Tigers compiled an impressive 4-2 record, defeating St. Andrews's three times and Queen's College once. Gray was the winning pitcher in all four games and was the leader on offense as she went 17 for 23 posting an astounding .739 batting average . She also scored a total of13 runs.

JAY MURPHY, a member of the men's hockey team, has been named

RIT's Male Athlete of the Week for his performance over break.

In his final regular season game for the Tigers, Murphy scored two goals and assisted on two others as RIT defeated UMass-Amherst, a Division I school, 5-3. His second goal of the night proved to be the game winner as the Tigers improved to 18-7-1 on the year. Murphy ended



up leading the team in scoring with 25 goals and 98 assists for 170 points, placing him eighth on the all-time scoring list.

JASON NICHOLSON, a member of the men's hockey team, has been named RIT Athlete of the Week for the week ending March 6. He was also named Rochester Area Athlete of the Week by local media.

Nicholson, a freshman goaltender, was named Most Valuable Player of the ECAC West tournament held at Elmira this past weekend. He stopped 80 of 85 shots for a .941 save percentage and a 2.50 goals against average. The Tigers beat Canisius 4-3 in the first round and Elmira 5-2 in the championship game for their first title since 1989. For the year, he is 7-2-0 with a .906 save percentage and a 2.62 goals against average.



THERE WAS AN OLD DUTCHMAN WHO LIVED IN SOME CLOGS. HE NEVER HAD KIDS, BUT HE TOOK IN STRAY DOGS.



Election Committee 1994-95 Election Calendar

Thursday, 10 February 1994

Applications for President / Vice-President running partners and College Senators become Available at Student Government Office in the RITreat

Monday, 14 March 1994

6.00 P.M. deadline for completed applications. They are to be turned in at the Student Office in the RITreat

Tuesday 15 - Wednesday 16 March 1994

All applicants will be verified for eligibility. Candidates will be informed by 9.00 P.M. on 16 March, 1994

Thursday, 17 March 1994

Election campaigning begins!

Friday, 18 March 1994

Kick-Off Party

Tuesday, 22 March 1994

All candidates will be introduced to the Student Government during the Senate Meeting held from 1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. in room 1829 of the Student Alumni Union

Thursday, 31 March 1994

Debate at 6.00 P.M., Place TBA

Monday, 4 April 1994

Election campaigning ends

Tuesday 5 - Wednesday 6 April 1994

Election Days

Friday, 8 April 1994

Open vote count, announcement of results and celebrations!

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