



Gracies Dinnertime Theatre

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In the latest sweeping reform at RIT, President Sanders has updated the list of products that can be purchased with Dining Dollars. This policy came at an opportune time for RIT Administration, mere centuries after the invention of the steam pump (which is completely irrelevant to this article but it feels important to know in general). Thanks to our second anonymous whistleblower (our first whistleblower misunderstood the job description and became a sports referee) and their successful investigation, *GDT* have received the full document outlining the changes. For your convenience, we have included some of the most shocking new changes to the list:

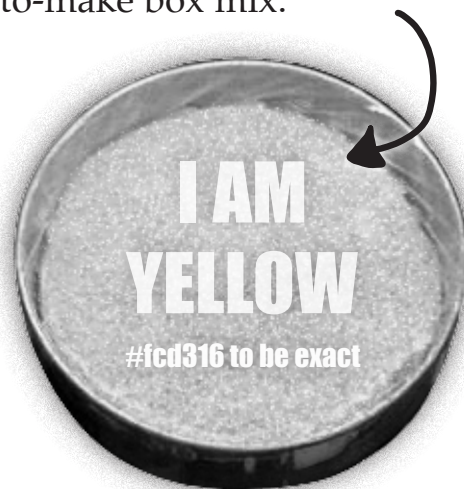
Cigarettes are IN. That's right, your monopoly money can get you a smoke! When pressed on this highly controversial decision, an RIT representative replied "this addition enhances our return-on-investment for the future generation of students hoping to acquire our exclusive RIT Health Insurance." It's worth noting that vapes are still unavailable, since they're "marginally less harmful." The representative also encouraged students to "take stupid risks," as your death means that RIT gets to keep your tuition money without needing to teach you.

Tide Pods™ are IN. After the viral "Tide Pod™ Challenge" in 2018, one leader at RIT was keen to capitalize on the flurry of interest. With a projected revenue of five trillion dollars from suckers who forgot to bring their own detergent and snacks, as well as eager students ready to try the challenge for themselves, it was a no-brainer. In fact, it was predicted to lead Dining into a profit for once in its existence. Unfortunately, due to the bloated bureaucracy and convoluted

command chains at RIT, the proposal arrived on President Sanders' desk eight years too late. But, it's here now, so I guess you should rejoice?

Frozen meals are OUT. As part of RIT's ongoing "war on bad food," RIT has strengthened the Gracie's monopoly on the dorm side of campus by eliminating these convenient and delicious dinners. This is just the latest of a series of policy changes. The campaign began in 2021, when RIT spent two million dollars to renovate Gracie's—just to reveal that they were making the food worse. The death of Sol's Underground in 2023 hinted at their nefarious intentions, and a follow-up assassination of (and suspicious revival of) the Commons in 2025 confirmed those fears. Frozen meals' exit from this list is the death knell for meals that can be stomached by RIT first-years.

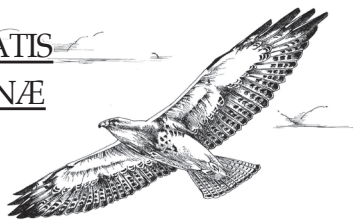
Yellowcake is IN. A program to supply RIT students with sweet and delicious desserts to fatten them up before the brutal Rochester winters was forced to pivot when sleep deprived supply managers purchased several kilograms of yellowcake uranium instead of the easy-to-make box mix.



U-238
Mix
Ready
to eat!

Internal memos illustrated RIT's quick thinking, as they touted the "20 million calories per gram" energy density of the

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radioactive powder. And with each gram costing only 20 cents, it was one of the most promising options for RIT to fill its coffers by cutting expenses.

Other notable changes include: flavored lube, packing peanuts, and teeth are IN; and food coloring, skim milk, and methamphetamines are OUT. If you want to know the truth (and think you can handle the truth), just email us at graciesdinnertimetheatre@gmail.com and we'll be sure to respond with RIT's justification. And one last thing: RIT Dining has finally installed the blunt vending machine at the gazebo, relenting to the pleas of stoners across campus. That's all we have for now from the GDT Newsroom. Stay tuned! 

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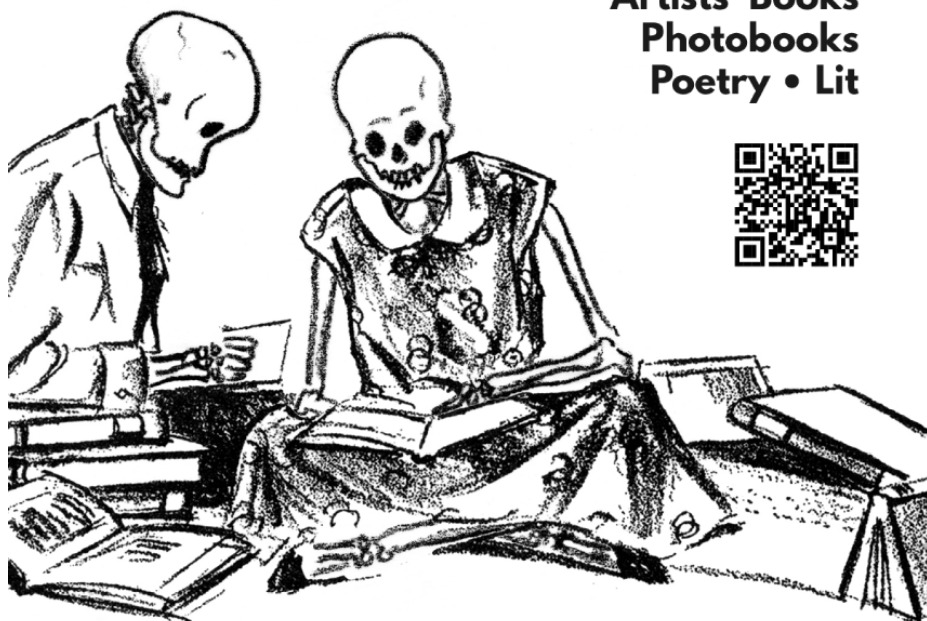
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Ten RIT FUn Fakts 4 Freshmen:

-by Rock Goblin

1. Sanders¹ (the new Carleton B. Gibson) sleeps in a gold plated coffin² on the eighth floor of Ellingston.³
2. The second stall of the women’s bathroom on the east side of the first floor of the Lowenthal building was out of toilet paper on the 24th of August.⁴
3. It is possible to borrow puzzles from the library.⁵
4. The Interlibrary loan system does not check if the books you’re requesting are actually for academics.⁶
5. Any mention of footnotes in Gleason is expressly prohibited for any reason other than academics.
6. The academic tunnel system includes a secret subway that allows one to get from dorms to the Red Barn in under five minutes.⁷
7. Professor office hours are not strictly for academics, and can be used as a good way to get free candy or yap at someone for a bit.⁸
8. Gracie’s⁹ has a secret pet rat that likes chin scratches.
9. Little birds like taking dust baths in the dirt outside of the lounge on the west side of the Lowenthal building.¹⁰
10. Gracie’s’ woods are a great place to experience vernal pools in the spring.¹¹ 

1 Formerly known as David C. Munson.[◇]

2 Hence the increase in tutition.

3 The academic building.

4 Don’t ask me how I know : (

5 As long as they stay on the first floor, where everyone can work on them (I think).

6 Read the entire expanse series that way.

7 However, there are no walking tunnels from dorms to the academic side.

8 I highly recommend going to office hours to yap— the profs will like you a lot more if you go.

9 The dining hall.

10 The one with all the windows.[†]

11 See *GDT* volume 35, issue 4: Regularly Scheduled Bullshit.

◇ It was an upgrade from the Munson Mahogany coffin.

† Windows put in place for optimal little bird viewing.



The Return of GDT’s

Samhain

Story Contest

1st Place: \$150

2nd Place: \$50

Submission Deadline:

October 21st, 2026

How to submit:

1) Save your work as a .docx or .rtf file.

2) Name your document with your last name as the file name (psuedonyms accepted).

3) Give us information to contact you.

4) Fill out the google form using the QR code above to submit your work.

Top submissions will be published in a special late-autumn issue.

All submissions remain the intellectual property of the author. Stories must be fall- or spooky-themed. Limit of 7,500 words (long-form) or 15 pages (for poetry).



Get Learnt

-by mighty_chondria

Hey kiddo, looks like you're spending an awful lot on tuition. Sometimes you've got to for a degree, but a lot of us older¹ folks have put together what we know and want to share. We even have it out on the web cause some stuff changes too fast for books to keep up.

I'll show you somewhere to look each week and hopefully the both of us can make each other a little smarter. If you want we could even use the site together, not so much homework as a test run.

This first week we're gonna celebrate autumn and try to get you out of the classroom a little bit. There's free food all around if you know where to look. Try and search up **FallingFruit.org** and it'll give you a map of your area. FallingFruit has naturalists and city-bound foraging enthusiasts marking the trees that have edible fruits. I'd scrounge Wikipedia for a cross reference and only try a little your first time. Just because the fruit is edible doesn't mean the leaf is and some stuff is only good ripened, so you gotta read or ask someone even with the site.

Your challenge this week is to try the website. Mark a plant you know or learn a new one. You might just get a good snack from it.²

Love ya,

mighty_condria 

1 Well, older relative to y'all, not actually old. Don't tell mom I called her older.

2 My favorite is Sassafras. Just look for a tree with three leaf types: football, mitten, and dino claw. Leaves smell like fruit loops and taste like peach skins.

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Additional learning: Hell's Kitchen, GDT's parent organization, measures time in years After Trinity (AT). You may have noticed that this issue was published in 81AT. Over the summer, we celebrated the new year on July 16th. This was the 81st anniversary of the Trinity test, the first detonation of a nuclear weapon in 1945 in New Mexico. 

—G.S.



In Memoriam

It is a popular opinion that “Dolly Parton could have written *Das Kapital*, but Karl Marx couldn’t have written 9-to-5.”

She had a lifelong habit of writing a song a day, and famously wrote two decades-spanning hits within an hour of each other.

Dolly Parton claimed to have come in second at a Dolly Parton Look-a-Like competition to a drag queen.

She also claimed without her wig and garish style, she was completely unrecognizable, and basically had a secret identity.

According to rumors, at the beginning on the first day of rehearsals for a tour, she would call all the workers to a meeting, lift up her shirt, and say, “OK, you’ve seen them. Let’s get to work.”

—Brian E. Barrett

DOLLY PARTON

Dolly Rebecca Parton Dean
January 19, 1946 – August 25, 2026



TIM CURRY

Timothy James Curry
April 19, 1946 – August 25, 2026



Tim Curry will be dearly missed. The British actor and singer had a long career across theatre, film, music, and voice acting. Notable roles include King Arthur (*Spamalot*), Pennywise (*It*), Rooster Hannigan (*Annie*), and Dr. Frank-N-Furter (*The Rocky Horror Show* and its film).

He will be especially missed by RIT’s Rocky Horror club, who have decided to dedicate their show later this month to him. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, which was also my first introduction to him, is an incredible film. There’s a reason it’s still performed live across the country 51 years later. Campy, yes. Bad, maybe. But it’s still one of the queerest films I’ve ever seen.

Curry is also the fourth actor from *Home Alone 2* to die this year. All I can say is: you took the wrong one.

—Anonymous

Peter Cullen was a voice actor beloved for voicing Optimus Prime (*Transformers* original show 1984–87, films and video games 2007–2023) for almost four decades. Other notable roles include Eeyore (*Winnie the Pooh*), K.A.R.R. (*Knight Rider*), Thaedus (*Invincible*), and Coran (*Voltron*).

“Be strong enough to be gentle.”

—G.S. & USS N.G King of Hearts

PETER CULLEN

Peter Claver Cullen
July 28, 1941 – August 26, 2026



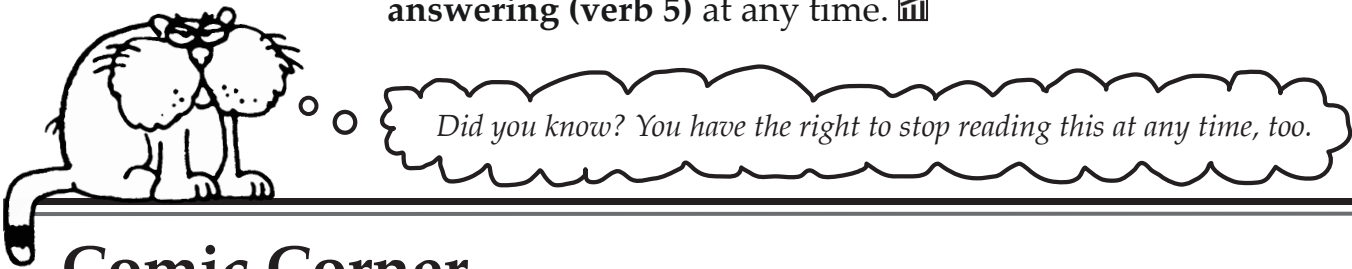
Miranda Warning

-by Basho P. Luddite

INTERACTIVE MAD LIB

Pick the following: five nouns, five verbs, one adjective, one preposition, one pronoun, one plural noun, and one adverb. Replace the bolded words with your chosen words. Use Wite-Out as necessary.

You have the **right (noun 1)** to remain **silent (adjective)**. Anything you **say (verb)** can and will be used **against (preposition)** you in a **court (noun 2)** of **law (noun 3)**. You have the **right (noun 1)** to **talk (verb 2)** to a **lawyer (noun 4)** for **advice (noun 5)** before we **ask (verb 3)** you any **questions (plural noun)**. You have the **right (noun 1)** to have a **lawyer (noun4)** with you during **questioning (plural noun verbed)**. If you cannot afford a **lawyer (noun 4)**, **one (pronoun)** will be appointed for you before any **questioning (plural noun verbed)** if you wish. If you **decide (verb 4)** to **answer (verb 5)** **questions (plural noun)** **now (adverb)** without a **lawyer (noun 4)** present, you have the **right (noun 1)** to stop **answering (verb 5)** at any time. 📖



Comic Corner

-curated by G.S.

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A Review: Chainmail

-by Rock Goblin



As far as fashion goes, I tend, like many of my peers, to reside in nothing but comfortable pants, old t-shirts, and various hoodies of unknown origin. So, having acquired a rather nice piece of chainmail, for reasons not relevant to this review, I decided to incorporate it into my wardrobe. Security aside, chainmail is somewhat of an investment, so, in order to educate others in similar positions as I, I decided to wear this piece for as long as I could stand, and then write a review to help further educate the public on the wearability of pieces such as this.

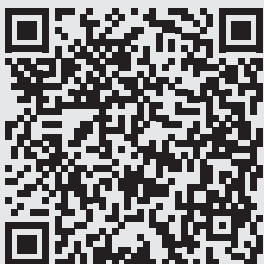
First, I must describe the piece that I am wearing. It is a shirt of solid copper, made with rings of a 1/2 inch diameter, in a four in one style of construction. The shirt weighs about 16 pounds, and smells of old pennies. As it is a shirt, the majority of the weight is placed on the shoulders, ensuring that one's posture must be perfect in order to prevent long-term back issues. When constructed, the artisan who made the shirt was somewhat depressed, and measured everything with the eye of an imbecile, making it so that the shirt is slightly too large for me, unless it is placed over a sweater or some form of bulky clothing.

With this in mind, the process of putting on, and taking off this shirt must be addressed. The shirt will easily go on. In fact, it seems as if it wants to go on. You lift it above your head, like any other shirt, and it gently conforms to your body. The issue arrives when it comes time to remove it from the person. In order to properly take it off, one must invert themselves, arms in "superman" position, and pray. Even then, it will cause some form of destruction, if not to the items on the floor, then to one's back.

My greatest gripe, however, is not with the discomfort of my now permanent item of armor, but its interactions with my furniture. Like much of the populace residing in close-to-R•I•T housing, my desk is outfitted with an anti-suicide chair. As an individual who likes to rock back in my chair, this already makes life difficult. However, now that I have 15 lbs of copper permanently molded to my torso, the weight distribution in my chair is such that if I even think about leaning back, I end up falling.

So, note to all who may be interested in purchasing and wearing chainmail. There are other options aside from copper, that may be much lighter, and much more comfortable to the person. Furthermore, the anti-suicide furniture in much of the area will take an initiative to knock you off, making deskwork near impossible. It will, however, make one impenetrable to all slashing attacks, some piercing attacks, and irresistible to the SCA nerds. Take my warning with the consideration it deserves; had I known that these issues would be present, I would have bought a smaller shirt. 🏰

Seeking advice?
Ask Susan!



She's been busy reading syllabi, but will be back very soon with answers.

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Limbo of Absence

-by Anonymous

Juggling school and work
Until May
Soon, I'll be doing nothing
Til January.

Laying my notebooks down,
Emptying my bags and
Taking my winter clothes home

My friends reunited
Even those who dropped out
came back to visit.

My family already moved in
Onto better things upstate
Voting via our group chat,
Exempt from the house's issues

Occasionally I hear from them
Until it was too late to come, and it was
Time to let a stranger live in my
deserted housing.

A stranger is living in my house too,
Living behind freshly-washed curtains
Ready to stay indefinitely.
Emptied the rooms just for her
A good thing, I'm told as
Day and night she watches.
You should know nothing changes.↓

↓ Just ask my department.

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weekly. Meetings are
also held weekly in
a mystery location.

