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The State of the University Address¹

Ray Wallace

Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Golisano, members of the Board of Directors, distinguished guests, and students: RIT this evening is a university called to great responsibilities. And we are rising to meet them.

As we gather tonight, hundreds of thousands of RIT Campus Safety's men and women are deployed across the campus in the war on poor driving. By bringing hope to the imperiled, and delivering justice to the disrespectful, they are making RIT more safe. (Applause)

Each day, Campus Safety personnel and Student Government officers are tracking driving threats; analysts are examining driving records; the men and women of our new Crosswalk Respect Department are patrolling our sidewalks and speed bumps. And their vigilance is protecting RIT. (Applause)

RIT students are proving once again to be the hardest working pupils in the nation. Morale at RIT is growing stronger. The finals' week relief you passed is working. (Applause)

Tonight, the members of the Board of Directors can take pride in great works of beautification and spending that skeptics thought highly distasteful. You're raising standards in construction, and giving our incoming freshmen a roof over their heads. (Applause)

We have faced some serious challenges together, and now we're faced with a choice: We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can operate under the illusion that disrespectful drivers are not speeding and sport utility vehicles are not a threat to us. We can continue a trend of increasing morale, raising standards for campus beautification and constructionary spending, and housing students, or we can turn back to ugly brick and requiring that students sleep on beds.

We've not come all this way — through tragedy and war — to falter and leave our construction unfinished. Students are rising to the tasks of studying, and they expect more construction from us. In their efforts, their responsibility, and their respect, RIT Students are showing that the state of our university is confident and strong. (Applause)

Our greatest responsibility is an active defense. It has been six months since the raised pedestrian walkways were installed. And it is tempting to believe the danger of disrespectful driving is behind us. That hope is understandable, comforting — and false. Disrespectful driving has continued all over campus. Disrespectful drivers continue to endanger our pedestrians. And by our will and construction they will be defeated. (Applause)

Near The University Commons, where this war began, we must continue to give crosswalk respect and campus safety officials every tool they need to defend our pedestrians. Tools like raised pedestrian walkways, gigantic speed bumps, and random stop signs. (Applause)

But these tools are not enough. We face a foe that hides his face behind dark glass and his license plate behind snow; a foe that will continue to drive disrespectfully. (Applause)

I have put together a proposal that would call for the construction... (Applause)

Call for the construction of slalom courses throughout RIT parking lots and road ways. (Applause)

As part of the offensive against disrespectful driving, we are also confronting the apartments and friends that harbor and support disrespectful drivers, and could lend sport utility vehicles and sixties muscle cars to them. Campus Safety, in conjunction with the Crosswalk Respect Department and with a grant from Eastman Kodak, has begun an aggressive campaign to compel these people to hand over the disrespectful drivers they harbor. Rochester Institute of Technology and our allies are determined: We refuse to live in the shadow² of this ultimate danger. (Applause)

The first to see our determination was the Department of Mechanical Engineering, who made the College of Engineering the primary training base of In'Solent speeders. As of this month, that department has a new code of conduct, requiring all fourth year students to get a job, getting them off campus. Respectful clubs are opening, and the students of the College of

¹As transcribed by a puce-pawed monkey on loan from the Isle of Rainbow Monkey Secretaries.

²Presumably, the President means this metaphorically, as (obviously) shadows are not a natural occurrence at RIT.

Engineering are back to studying. The young men and women of the College of Engineering are building a college that is courteous and proud and fighting disrespect — and RIT is honored to be their University. (Applause)

As courteousness takes hold in the College of Engineering, enemies of respect and discipline will do all in their power to spread insolence and disrespect. They're trying to shake the will of our university and our friends, but Rochester Institute of Technology will never be intimidated by crazy drivers and students. (Applause) The insolent will fail, and we at RIT will live in quiet respect. (Applause)

I know that some people question if RIT is really in a war at all. They view disrespectful driving more as a crime, a problem to be solved mainly with law enforcement and traffic tickets. With respect to our parking problems, some of the guilty have been ticketed and towed. But the matter doesn't stop there. The disrespectful were still training and plotting with other colleges, and drawing up ambitious plans. In light of our traffic problems, it is not enough to serve our enemies with traffic tickets. The disrespectful and their supporters declared war on Rochester Institute of Technology, and war is what they got. (Applause)

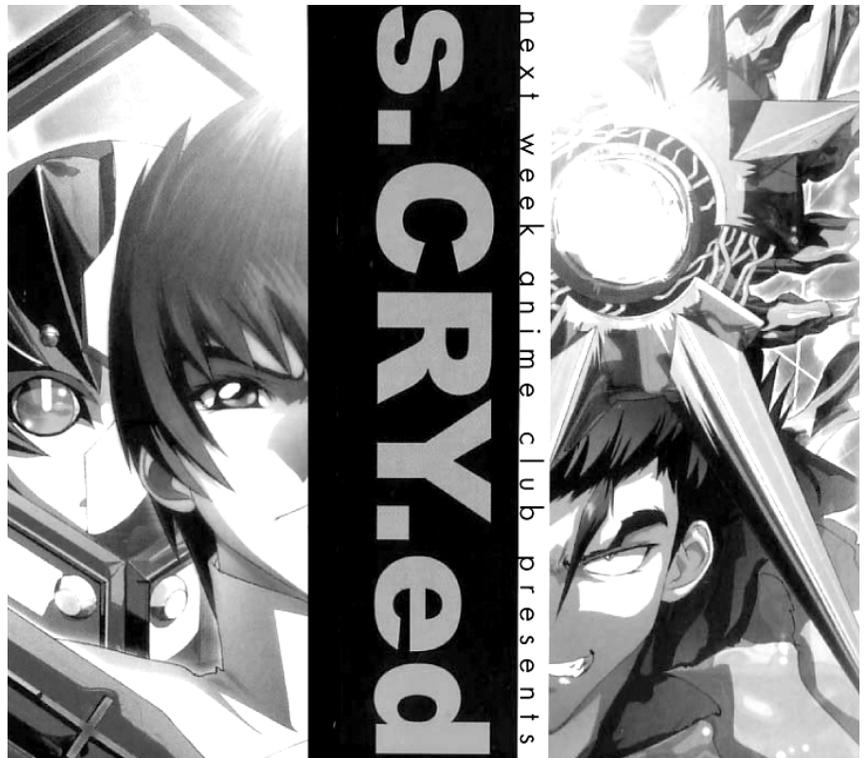
We also hear doubts that respect is a realistic goal for RIT, where courteousness is rare. Yet it is mistaken to assume that an entire campus is incapable of respect. I believe that the New York public school system has planted in every student's heart the desire to be courteous. And even when that desire is crushed by disrespectful driving, it will rise again. (Applause)

In the last few years, adversity has also revealed the strength of RIT morale. We have come through budget cuts, disrespectful drivers, ugly buildings, and the uncertainties of war. And because you acted to elicit donations from RIT's alumni, we were able to construct several useless but beautiful installations on campus; the Sentinel, the new court yard that my office overlooks, and the Eastman Kodak Staircase (complete with Eastman Kodak Handicap Ramp). (Applause)

A strong RIT must also value the tradition of graduation. I believe we should respect individuals as we take a principled stand for one of the most fundamental, enduring traditions of higher education. The Board of Directors has already taken a stand on this issue by passing my Defense of Graduation Proposal. That policy protects graduation as a ceremony involving students of real majors, and the School of American Crafts may not redefine graduation for the entire university.

Activist ombudsmen, however, have begun redefining graduation by student representative order, without regard for the will of the Board of Directors and myself. On an issue of such great consequence, the voices of responsible adults should be heard. If ombudsmen insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the students of RIT, the only alternative left to us will be the Student Government constitutional process. Our university must defend the sanctity of graduation. (Applause)

For RIT, the last year as been a time of both trial and triumph, and I congratulate you. But we must remain vigilant, for those who would seek to spoil our respectful, traditional university lurk around every corner. It is imperative that we do not give up our fight, nor our construction. May Eastman Kodak and Thomas Galisano continue to bless RIT. (Applause)



JOE CORNEA!

PUBLIC EYE!

by PETER J. LAZARSKI '04

YOU RUINED MY CAREER, MY CALIFORNIA HOME, AND STOLE MY BODY! WITH THE HELP OF MY MINIONS I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE!

YOU BLEW UP CALIFORNIA YOURSELF, YOU ASS!

I THOUGHT HIS HEAD WAS DESTROYED...

WHEN YOU ASSUME, YOU MAKE AN ASS OUT OF YOU AND ME.

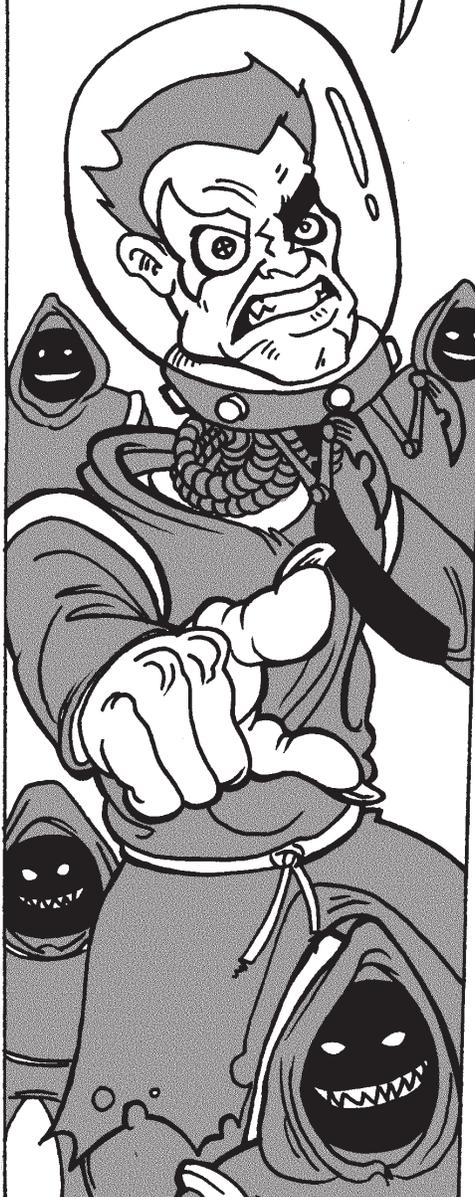
SUSPENSE

GUARDS. SIEZE THEM!

STUDENT GOV'T SOLD US OUT?! YOU LOUSY GODDAMN GOOD FER NOTHIN CHUDS!

TAKE THEM TO THE OPERATING ROOM - I WANT MY BODY BACK!

TO BE CONTINUED!



Whatever Happened to the Old *GDT*?

Whatever happened to the old *GDT*? You guys know which one I'm talking about. The one that used to bash IT majors every issue, that had more than ten total copies on campus, the one that I first read and then just HAD to get every following issue. Oh yeah, their funding was cut so that our tuition could go to bigger and better things (like student gaming/hacking/anime/porn/transgender/model-railroad/other-assorted-bullshit clubs, big ugly statues, and brick walkways and... etc.)

This year, on the other hand, most freshmen don't even know what the hell *GDT* is. Not like they're real people with constitutional rights, but they still deserve to relax and laugh once in a while. During my freshman year, if you didn't know about *GDT*, then the joke was on you! So when you're done with this issue, give it to some helpless freshman.

Don't get me wrong, I still love *GDT* (even though I don't understand the Joe Cornea cartoons) and obviously I still contribute. I'm just nostalgic. Mainly for the IT jokes. Why IT jokes? Well, because it's not a real major. In fact, anyone who downgrades to a major ending in the word-fragment "tech" forfeits whatever respect they may have once had. If you disagree with me, then submit an article and bitch about real students picking on you because you're a dumb-ass.

By Barnaba Bienkowski

There are also things to be said about cutty-pasty majors and macaroni-and-glue majors, but I'm not allowed to make fun of those because my girlfriend will slap me.

One thing that carries on that I really wish would just disappear is the ever-present joke about the RIT ratio. Yes, we've all heard this joke one too many times: "girls are like parking spots; either handicapped or taken. If not, chances are some guy just pulled out of 'em" etc. I'm sorry, but if you're complaining about it, then there's a legitimate reason you're complaining (like you're ugly, sketchy, pathetic, an IT major, psycho, or other assorted malfunctions). Many girls complain about the selection of guys on this campus, because all the fuckable ones are taken and/or gay. If you have anything funny to say about how dumb ratio jokes are, or other overplayed jokes/stereotypes on campus, then submit. If you have any jokes about the ratio then you're probably one of those dimwits who think fart jokes and fraternity stereotypes are funny, and you don't deserve to breed, let alone be published.

Well, that concludes my rant. And what is my point? SUBMIT, especially if you're funny or original. Because, unlike my shitty articles, people do want to hear what you have to say.

This Week's Chess Problem by Dmitriy Shnayder

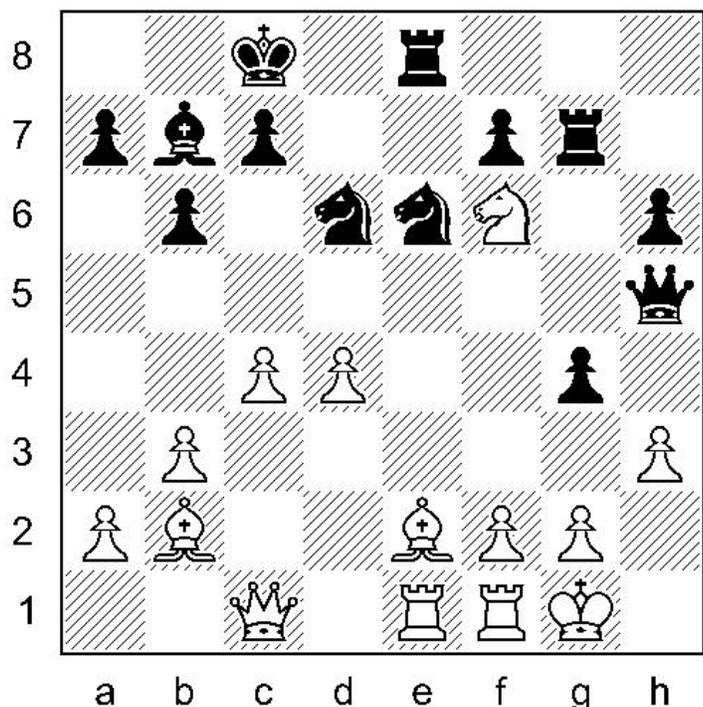
Challenge

In the diagram, can Black avoid losing the queen or rook by threatening the White king with the move 1. ... gxh3?

An explanation of the chess notation (how movement of chess pieces is written) used in the solution may be found on the website:

<http://www.michess.org/scholastic/notation.shtml>.

Solution on page 6



Hey, Who You Callin' an I-ron? Or, I Know it When I See it.

By Peter C. Gravelle

One of the many lesser-known stories¹ of the past few weeks is the alarming rate of suicide in the Army in Iraq. The rate of suicide in the Army is now at about 13.5 per hundred-thousand, which translates to 19 suicides in the past year in the Army alone, 22 in all the Coalition forces. This value is about 30% higher than the nationwide rate. Am I the only one who sees the irony here? Look, their job is to go and fight and die for our country, and they go and die by their own hand for themselves. It's almost as ironic as a doctor who smokes, or an EPA work-crew using a wood fire to keep warm.

“Key provisions of the Patriot Act are set to expire next year,” said President Bush in his State of the Union Address. Ironic, isn't it, that the party that prided itself on personal rights issues like the right to use your own money as you choose (a.k.a. low taxes) and the right to bear arms doesn't believe in the rights of the accused, or the sanctity of the privacy between librarian and patron².

I could go on and on about such behavior. Look at the media again. On second thought, don't, it might hurt your brain. In 2000, the media made Gore's unwillingness to show emotion an issue, and now, in 2004, they made Dean's readily-apparent emotion an issue.

It comes down to the same old game: Sell, Sell, and then, Sell Some More. The Media has to sell its ratings, so it can sell ad space. But now it has gotten to the point that, you know, while you're broadcasting, why not advertise *other* shows to up their ratings and therefore their cash value to the company? Like CBS and *Survivor* “news spots” or NBC and *The Apprentice*.

¹ I mean, the Media is busy covering *important* things, like Michael Jackson being a pedophile, or Howard Dean trying to rally his supporters, or Ben and J-Lo's break-up.

² Of course, neither party believes in Amendments Nine and Ten

³ Sorry, that's the evangelistic editor in me...

The list goes on.

This concept of selling oneself is so heavily embedded in our culture that I am still shocked that prostitution isn't legal. If it was legal, it could be regulated, monitored, and kept clean. But who wants a Bureau of Prostitution in their backyard? No one who does is worth listening to, right? They are just some sick perv. Sex is bad; didn't you pay attention in your abstinence-education class? Unless, of course, it is between one man and one woman, in the bonds of holy matrimony. Then sex is beautiful and wonderful and a Good Thing to do.

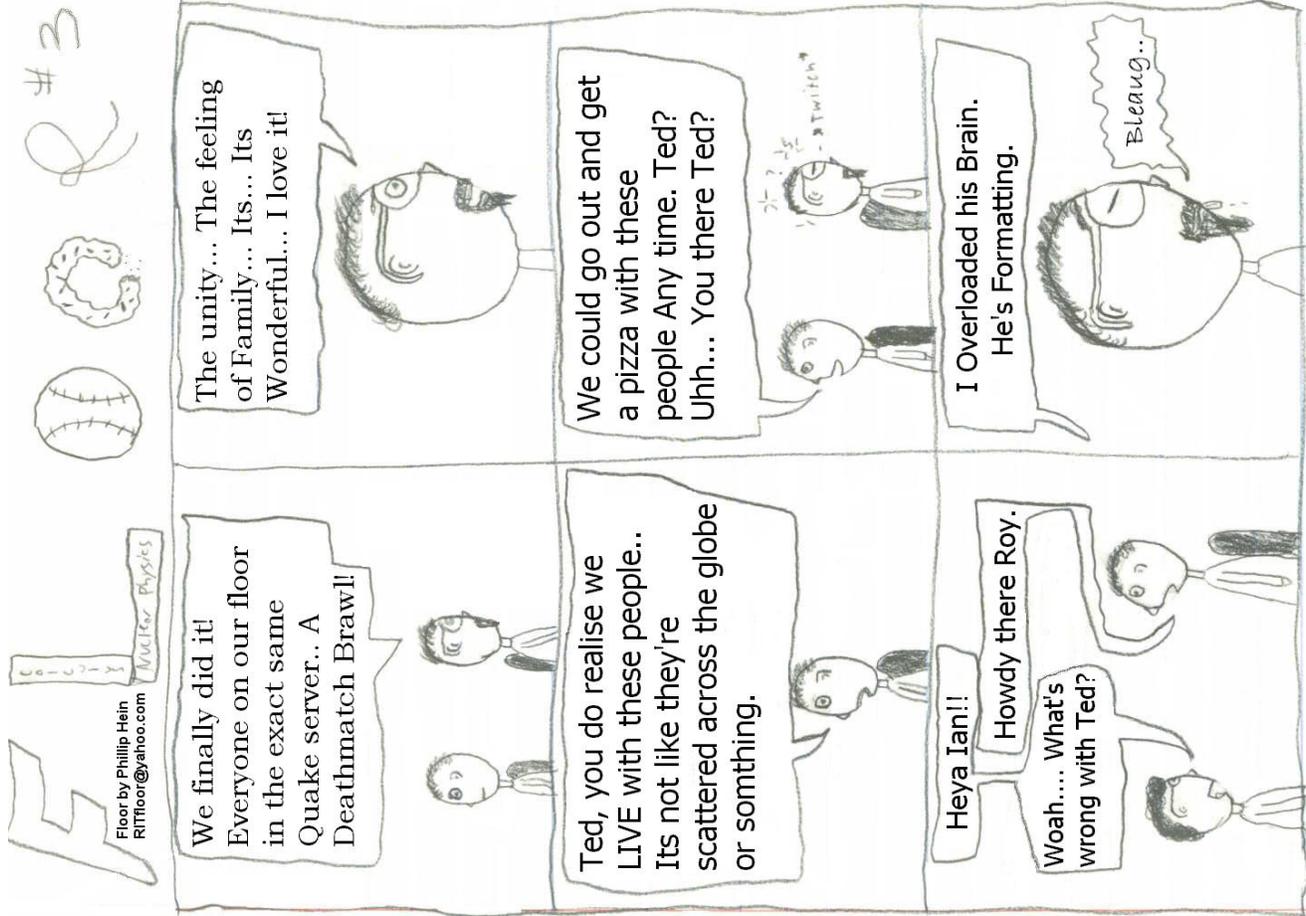
Which brings me to my question to you, dear reader: Is marriage a State institution or a Church one? If it is a State institution, then why should not the State change the rules as it sees fit? If it is a Church institution, why should the State give any benefits to it? Since the State already provides benefits to married couples, the choice is obvious – marriage is the State's job. Anything less is a direct violation of Amendments One and Fourteen. The First because if only one kind of marriage is allowed by the State, then if a particular Church decides to change its standards, then you, the State, are endorsing one religion over another, and that is *verboden*. The Fourteenth is the equal protection amendment, and if I need to explain how that affects the deal, you probably could benefit from a hell of a lot more schooling, if you could benefit from anything at all.

So I urge you to do two things: SUBMIT to *GDT*³ and also consider your beliefs – evaluate them for inconsistencies. Because everyone hates a hypocrite.

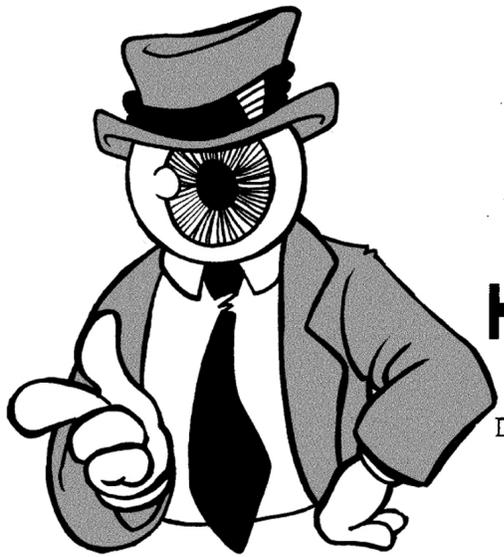
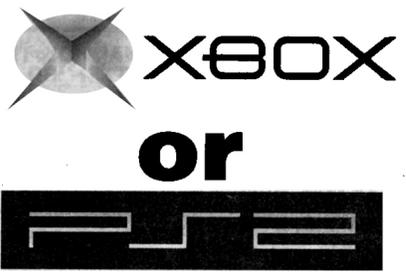
SUBMIT

Chess Problem Solution

No, but White has to be careful. It is possible for White to lose the game: 1. ... gxf3 2. Bxh5 Rxf2+ 3. Kh1 Rxf2+ 4. Kg1 Rg2+ 5. Kh1 Re2+ 6. Kg1 h2#. White should instead defend by playing 1. ... gxf3 2. Bxh5 Rxf2+ 3. Kh1 Rxf2+ 4. d5 Rxf1+ 5. Rxf1 Rf8 6. Bf3 Nc5, and White wins.



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